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Friday, December 12, 2014 at Crossroads Baptist Church, 10721 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33905. Local funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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LM

Leigh Miller posted:

I Google Mrs. Ellis every so often, waiting to see her beautiful, kind face again. Today at Greenfield Senior Living of Oak Ridge we had a Memorial Service for all of the residents that had passed away in 2014. I had no idea I would come across this day, of all days. I have missed her since she left Oak Ridge for Florida. She was a smart, classy, Southern woman. Juanita was my friend and I am proud to have known her. Leigh Anne Miller Greenfield Senior Living

January 30 at 12:30 PM

MW

Maida M White posted:

Richard and Family I didn't know of Juanita's passing till the 15. sorry I missed her service. Glenn and I went to visit her in Oakridge, Tn and took her to lunch I also did sewing for Juanita, she was a special lady. My sympathy is with your family. Maida White

December 15 at 7:25 AM

LG

Loyene (Tompkins) Guthrie posted:

Richard and Family So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. I have a lot of fond memories of your Mother also your Father was very dear to me. I would like to share a couple of memories: if I am thinking correctly, your Mother stayed with my family on Wysor Street in Muncie. My parents Lloyd and Thelma (Ellis) Tompkins took your Mother to (I believe Kentucky where your Father was stationed in the service) so they could be married. Mom and Dad loved both of them dearly. When I was a teenager, I visited with your folks several times in their beautiful home on HW 52. Your Mom will always have a special place in my heart. Loyene (Tompkins) Guthrie, Muncie Indiana

December 11 at 4:50 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Juanita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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