



Ellen Zollinger Schumacher

January 14, 1946 - February 3, 2025

Ellen Yvonne Zollinger Schumacher, 79, of Bartlesville, OK, formerly of Siloam Springs, AR, passed away on February 3, 2025, at peace and surrounded by her loving family.

Born on January 14, 1946, in Hammond, Louisiana, Ellen was the daughter of George and Dorothy Zollinger. Having grown up in southern Tennessee, Ellen also lived in California and Florida, where she met her husband, Douglas Schumacher. They married on January 10, 1979, in Redlands, California, and then started their married life together in Great Bend, Kansas. It was here where they had their two children, Sara and Andrew. As a family, they also lived in Minden, Louisiana; Grapevine, Texas; and Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In 2022, Doug and Ellen moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

In each of the places where they lived, Ellen was a committed member of the local Southern Baptist church. She was an incredibly gifted artist, weaver and interior designer. Not only did she do her own work but also, in every location where they lived as a family, Ellen started an arts ministry in the church, each of which flourished under her leadership. While in Siloam Springs, Ellen worked at John Brown University, teaching an arts appreciation course as well as drawing classes. She loved helping students to learn and understand the art they were seeing. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, leading Bible studies, teaching Sunday School classes, and spending time with her family.

Ellen is preceded in death by her parents, George and Dorothy Zollinger.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Douglas Schumacher; daughter,

Sara Schumacher and husband David Groves of London, England; son, Andrew Schumacher and wife Heather of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Georgia, Naomi, Hunter and Walker Schumacher of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; brother, Terrell Zollinger and wife Johnnie, of Campbellsburg, Indiana; nephew, Derek Zollinger and wife Teresa, of Noblesville, Indiana; niece, Nicole Dewar and husband Michael, of Campbellsburg, Indiana; sister-in-law, Ann Schumacher and husband Meir Shillor of Detroit, Michigan.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with a committal service to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, located in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be directed to the Manna Center (<https://themannacenter.org/product/donations/>). Ellen was a long-time supporter of their work and a regular volunteer when she lived in Siloam Springs.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Committal

FEB 10 (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery
2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

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“ Doug and family, we are so sorry about Ellen's passing. We know she will be missed but she will always be in your hearts. May God bless all your family at this difficult time and give you peace. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Steve and Retta Seger

Steve and Retta Seger - February 11, 2025 at 11:39 PM



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“ I am sorry for your loss. From the short time we have known Ellen, she was always a kind and gracious person. I know you took care of her and provided what she needed till the end. You, I am sure, pleased the Lord in caring and giving up many things for her. Blessings, bob

BOB D RYAN - February 08, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Zollinger Schumacher.

February 07, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ellen Zollinger Schumacher.



February 07, 2025 at 04:57 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Ellen’s passing. Ellen will be missed by many. She was apart of our Artists Fellowship for many years. We all appreciated her passion for the arts and her wealth of knowledge that she shared with our group. She also was kind enough to open her home in Siloam Springs for us to meet at on several occasions. May the Lord be with her entire family as they grieve, I pray for peace and comfort.

Todd Williams - February 07, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ I started to get to know Ellen when she joined the music faculty as a very knowledgeable art history teacher. Ellen was gifted with a brilliant mind and a passion for introducing young minds to the world of art from Antiquity to the present. I don't remember a single conversation that she inevitably didn't turn it around asking about my own professional life as well as my family life. In time I became acquainted with her husband, Doug eventually becoming good friends through our mutual love for golf. Doug would always be fondly talking about her incredible work as a professional artist. One day I finally had the opportunity to visit her studio and was awed by her work. Above all she was always of a mind that all creativity was from God as she dedicated her work always as a form of worship to the Lord. What a privilege it was to call her friend.

Paul B. Smith - February 06, 2025 at 10:44 PM

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My husband, Doyle, and I knew Ellen and Doug for most of our adult lives.

They have been dear, dear friends. When they lived in Great Bend, we got together often, eating Thanksgiving Dinners together and other meals, planning our home decors together, enjoying births of our children and grieving tragedies along side one another.

Ellen and Doyle, who pastored our church, enjoyed awakening the constituency to what they saw as God's involvement in art. Ellen thought up and designed an amazing tapestry representing the mission statement selected by the church, Jesus' "Great Commandment" "Love the Lord your God with all our heart, with all your soul and with all your mind"and also to "Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:37, 39.

Ellen also helped to design the two-story educational wing of the church, choosing the color schemes throughout!

We all remained great friends, visiting one another's homes for years, simply "picking up where we left off."

*She enriched our lives and God's Kingdom.
I will truly miss her until we see each other again!*

Carol Smith

Carol Smith - February 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM