



Ellen Hammett

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November 15, 1929 – January 5, 2025

Ellen Lorraine Hammett, a beloved mother, wife, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home in Gulf Shores, Alabama, on January 5, 2025, at the age of 95.

She was born on November 15, 1929, in Lawrence, Kansas to William Taylor Johnson and Elva Van Nuys Hess. Ellen grew up on an Indian reservation, fostering a deep knowledge and lifelong admiration for Native American culture that remained close to her heart.

Ellen was a woman of many talents and passions. As a business owner and entrepreneur, she made her mark in Annapolis, Maryland, where she operated a successful yacht financing business. She was also a gifted piano teacher who shared her love of music with others.

In her leisure time, Ellen excelled in sewing, creating remarkable garments that reflected her creativity and skill. She was an avid reader, particularly of historical fiction, and an enthusiastic traveler, enjoying adventures in South America and across the United States. She made it a point to visit every state in the continental U.S. and Alaska.

Ellen's legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the family she cherished. She was preceded in death by her son Michael W. Hammett and is survived by her son, Mark E. Hammett, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Her family will remember her as a vibrant and accomplished woman who inspired those around her with her warmth, resilience, and spirit. Ellen will be deeply missed but forever celebrated in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Interment will be at a future date at the Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. She will be laid to rest next to her late husband, Air Force Lt. Col. Floyd E. Hammett. Memorials may be made to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.