



## Naomi Adora Ellis

January 11, 1936 - March 31, 2022

Naomi Adora Ellis, 86, of Orlando, Florida, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2022 at Advent South Hospice after a period of declining health. She was born January 11, 1936 in Blowing Rock, NC. She was the daughter of Jule Welch and Fannie Jaynes Tate. She completed high school in High Point, NC and attended nursing school at UNC Chapel Hill for a period of time.

While visiting her brother in Orlando she met and fell in love with a handsome young Air Force serviceman, William (Bill) Howard Ellis. They soon married and were stationed in several locations including Guam and Turkey before moving to Orlando. Naomi was a loving and devoted wife and an exceptionally tender and loving mother to her two sons who had muscular dystrophy. She was a good cook and made delicious hushpuppies and fresh orange cakes that her boys loved. She was a dear and faithful friend and neighbor.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Ellis, Orlando, FL; her brother, Dr. Russell Jaynes Tate (Anthea) , Vass, NC; and her granddaughters, Sushma Joy Ellis (24), Brookhaven, GA, Julia Faith Ellis (22), Clayton, GA, and Elena Grace Ellis (18), Clayton, GA. She loved her granddaughters very much and cherished their entertaining letters. Naomi also has many nieces and nephews who meant so much to her.

She was preceded in death by her sons, William Howard Ellis, Jr. and John(

Johnny) Russell Ellis; brothers, Jule Welch Tate, Jr. ( WWII Gold Star) and John Manson Tate (Dot); and sister, Elsie Katherine Aiken (Mack).

In addition to her family, the game of bridge was her passion. She taught bridge for many years at the Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Center and was and is loved by all of her students. Naomi had achieved the rank of Sapphire Life Master. Naomi was greatly loved by the Ellis family and especially enjoyed their fun times together camping and frying fish. Naomi held her close neighbors and friends near her heart. They are all very exceptional people and were greatly loved and appreciated by Naomi. Naomi had a great sense of humor and was loving, sensitive and feisty. She loved children and butterflies and the beautiful mountains of NC where she spent her childhood.

The family would like to thank Dawn and James Seng for their many acts of kindness and Dawn Gruener for the loving home care and attention she provided.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM, April 24, at the home at 149 Mercado Avenue, Orlando. This will be a relaxed and casual time to visit and share memories of Naomi.

The bridge club will have a special championship game honoring Naomi on April 22.

Donations in remembrance of Naomi can be made to the donor's charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Naomi was my bridge teacher and dear dear friend. To know Naomi was to love her. Her kind, loving, spunky personality radiated in everything she did. She became my bridge partner in the hopes of making a better bridge player out of me, I was a project. We both loved the Blue Ridge Mountains and enjoyed several trips together for her to visit her sister and I would go on to visit my home state of Virginia. During those trips I was blessed with meeting her sister, one of her nieces, her son Howard and his wife and her granddaughters. She loved her family and was so proud to call them her own. I will miss Naomi on so many levels, she was a wonderful friend, I loved her dearly.

*Brenda Tompkins*

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**Brenda Tompkins** - April 09, 2022 at 01:43 PM

NF

“ I was always proud to be named after my Aunt Naomi, a truly wonderful person. My Mother loved her dearly, as did all my siblings and I. I will always remember her ending every phone call with “I love you “. She will be missed!!! Special prayers to Uncle Bill, the love of her life. Naomi Jane Forbes

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**Naomi Jane Forbes** - April 05, 2022 at 05:06 PM

SB

“ So many memories and laughs. Aunt Naomi spent a long weekend with me in Atlanta. She was helping John clean his apartment. One night I boiled, yes boiled, hot dogs for dinner. When Uncle Bill called Aunt Naomi told him about the dinner I prepared and they just laughed and laughed. She and Uncle Bill always got a kick out of my cooking skills. She was such a sweetheart ALWAYS. She will be missed by many. Prayers for Uncle Bill. With love, Sharon Ellis Beckley

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**Sharon Beckley** - April 05, 2022 at 01:21 PM

RJ

“ My most sincere condolences to all my family, cousins and Uncle Bill. Aunt Naomi had the sweetest personality and loved everyone. She will be sorely missed. Especially by her remaking brother Russell Tate, Sr and nephew little Russ Tate. God Bless.

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**Russell Tate Jr** - April 05, 2022 at 12:15 PM

GM

“ Naomi was my Friday bridge partner in Orlando for over 20 years. She was kind, sweet, helpful, funny as could be, and very dear. We traveled to tournaments when she could - always getting back to the Asheville area. I miss her immeasurably. ❤️

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**Gloria Giles McCain** - April 05, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JE

“ We are very sorry to hear of Naomi's passing. She is now in a better place. she was loved by all and will be missed by all. Our prayers and thoughts are with all the family. James and Vernell Ellis

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**James Ellis** - April 05, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *My parents, Jim and Gloria Boman, lived just down the street from Mr. and Mrs. Ellis since 1954; my Dad was also in the U.S. Air Force. I grew up with Howard and John, enjoying many hours at their house as well as outings for miniature golf. I vividly recall when they put a pool in their backyard and we were always welcome to enjoy it with them. Mom (Gloria Boman) was a close friend of Mrs. Ellis and truly misses her everyday since they spoke often. Mrs. Ellis was a constant during my entire life — Mom and I wish to convey our deepest sympathy to her family and loved ones.*

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**Peggy Perry** - April 05, 2022 at 05:29 AM

DK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of my Aunt Naomi and am praying for Uncle Bill as well as our families during this difficult time. I will always cherish the memories of the times I shared with both of them!*



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**Dawn Kittrell** - April 04, 2022 at 04:07 PM