



## Ellen Sims

September 30, 1929 - July 16, 2017

Ellen Vieter Sims, 87, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at her home in Brookdale Northwest Hills in Austin, TX. She was born on September 30, 1929 in Metuchen, New Jersey.

Ellen grew up in Metuchen and graduated from Caldwell College with a degree in English. She also did some post-graduate work at Rutgers.

At the age of 23 she decided to see the world and applied as a teacher in Italy. She taught in Livorno, Italy for several years and then moved to Germany to teach. There she met Edward E. Sims, Jr. in a night club and on their second date he proposed. They were married three months later in Basel, Switzerland. In 1960 they returned to the states and moved to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, D.C. where she taught second grade. In 1972 they moved to Auburndale, FL where they owned Lovey's Flowers and in 1974 moved to Winter Haven, FL. After a brief retirement, they got their real estate licenses in 1978 and opened Ambassador Real Estate. During her time in real estate, she was President of the Winter Haven Board of Realtors, President of the Women's Council of Realtors and District 10 Vice President of the Florida Association of Realtors. She was also a long-time member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a member of the Camellia Garden Club. She moved to Houston, TX in 1999 and moved to Austin, TX in 2013. She loved to read and her sense of humor was appreciated by all.

Ellen is predeceased by her spouse Edward E. Sims of Winter Haven, FL and by her son, Kevin Sims of Cocoa Beach, FL. She is survived by her daughter,

Tina Sims, of Austin, TX.

A funeral service will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 4311 Small Drive, Austin, TX at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 20th. Burial will be held at Rolling Hills Cemetery in Winter Haven, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Divinecanines.org, 2407 S. Congress Avenue, Suite E-401, Austin TX 78704.

Condolences may be left on Ellen V. Sims' online guest book at [distinctivelife.com](http://distinctivelife.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ellen Sims*

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**Leah C Denton** - December 10, 2018 at 05:13 PM

LD

“ *Tina, I just saw the obit for your mother and am so sorry to learn of Aunt Ellen's passing. Please contact me if you read this. I know it has been many years but would love to chat with you. Wishing you peace this holiday season. Leah*

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**Leah C Denton** - December 10, 2018 at 05:13 PM

GS

“ *Tina, Family & Friends,\nWhat a beautiful life your Mom had. Her sense of humor carried her through the best and worst of times. Even from her wheelchair, she could live, laugh, love! She got such a kick out of so many things, particularly watching baby Graham throw food on the floor for entertainment! I'll always remember how entertained she was by that! And of course, you were the love of her life and always will be Tina! She was so very proud of you at all times! Please know she is at peace in heaven and watching over you in every way. God bless you T! I'll write more later.\nLove, Gina & Family*

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**Gina Spessard** - July 20, 2017 at 09:14 PM

CU

“ *Tina,\nI am so glad to read the details of your Mom's life and what a Dynamo you were raised by. It explains a lot about what a great woman you are. I know you will miss her terribly.\nLove and hugs,\nCaren*

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**Caren Upshaw** - July 19, 2017 at 04:40 PM

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“ Dear Tina,\nMy deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. Knowing you just as little as I do, I know that she was a wonderful wonderful woman. May the fact that you know that she will be buried next to your dad and resting peacefully give you serenity and the course to follow in her light.\nLove and blessings, 'Carol Gambill' Roberts .

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**Carol Gambill Roberts** - July 19, 2017 at 03:27 PM

MG

“ Dearest Tina,\nEllen, was amazing...like you. I wish I had known her but see so much of her in you. She was a gift to all her knew her, much as you are to your many friends.\nI will make a donation in Ellen's name to her charity, [Divinecanines.org](http://Divinecanines.org), today. Again, my condolences.

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**M. Sonny Garza** - July 19, 2017 at 02:25 PM