



## Eloise Ann Hehn

December 5, 1931 - December 5, 2018

Eloise Ann Hehn known by friends, colleagues and family as “Ms. Ellie”, has gone home to rest, after a lengthy illness. Born in San Antonio, Texas on December 5, 1931, she was the daughter of Henry and Margarita Fuentes. She arrived to Mississippi in 1967 when her husband, Merlin Hehn, was transferred to Keesler, AFB. Mississippi soon became home for them and their family, and the couple lived in Ellisville for 43 years.

Ms. Ellie started her professional career very early in life, as a teen model for fashion designers. After graduating from cosmetology school and working as a beautician she spent several years in watch repair and engraving before entering retail merchandising. For fourteen years, Ms. Ellie managed stores for Bill’s Dollar Stores in Ocean Springs and Waynesboro before she assumed the position of merchandise coordinator for Frank Martin’s Gibson Stores. During her career she was honored with many awards including American Business Woman of the Year for the Biloxi Charter Chapter of ABWA, and recognized as one of the top ten business women in the nation. Ms. Ellie was not only known for her professional leadership skills, but was also known as someone who never met a stranger and showed her love with a hug.

Ms. Ellie was a life-long Catholic and an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel. She was also a member of the local Moose Lodge and the VFW ladies Auxiliary, Laurel.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Merlin Dale Hehn, her father and mother Henry and Margarita Fuentes, and her brother and sister, Henry Fuentes Jr. and Vangie Solis.

She leaves behind her four daughters Terry (Bill) Livingston of San Antonio, Debbie (Steve) Chisolm of Dallas, Betty (David) Massey of Mobile, and Lizzy (Gary) Frier of Sarasota. She also had seven grandchildren, Mandy (Jeff) Pinkerton, Jenny Simmons, Melissa (Tim) Benedict, Sarah (Ray) Miller, Laura (Ryan) Beard, Eric (Lisa) Mayfield and Allison (Chris) Ray, in addition to 18 great grandchildren, and many loved nieces, nephews and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Saturday December 8, 2018, with visitation at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 12:00 noon, Reverend Michael Thornton officiating. Internment will be at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
833 W Sixth Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

DEC 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
833 W Sixth Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to Miss Eloise’s daughters and family. We always looked forward to her coming to the lab. She was such a fun, spunky person even when she wasn’t feeling very well. She will be missed.

*Becky Campo*

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**Becky Campo** - December 10, 2018 at 09:41 PM

RB

“ I will always remember you as we were friends so very long. You were so strong and loving and such a great friend Roy and loved you.

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**roy and janice beech** - December 08, 2018 at 01:45 PM

DG

“ Sweet Lady. Donna Gage Walmart Pharmacy.

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**Donna Gage** - December 08, 2018 at 09:39 AM

CH

“ Ms. Ellie was the First Person to Greet me when I went to work at Gibson’s.. She came back later to take a break with me. She was always a blessing to me and so many!! We All Loved Her!! Betty worked in the Offices at that time, too!! She was Quite A Lady and will Be missed. In Loving Memory of Mrs. Ellie Hehn, A Special Friend!!

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**Charles Hudson** - December 07, 2018 at 11:42 PM