



Ellie Griffioen

December 21, 1937 - December 16, 2025

Ellie Griffioen, a faithful servant of God, was called home to her Heavenly Father December 16, 2025. Surrounded by family and friends, she passed peacefully from this life into the presence of her Savior, clinging to the promise that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). She often shared how temporary this earthly life was, and that eternity with Jesus was going to be so great!

Ellie was born in Alphen aan den Rijn, Netherlands, on December 21, 1937 to Arie and Maartje de Jong. Her family immigrated to California in 1949. Ellie and Gerrit Roeloffs were married in 1961 and they had 3 children together, Willemina, Johnny, and Arie. Ellie was widowed in 1967 when the kids were ages 2, 3, and 4 years old. Four years later, in 1971; Ellie married Willem Griffioen and the Lord blessed their marriage with three more children: Wendy, Maartje, and Sophia.

Ellie's home in Sierra Village for the past 25 years was a place to enjoy a cup of coffee and a homemade "Dutch" cookie with her children, grandkids, and friends. She continued to walk faithfully with the Lord and bless those around her with generous hospitality. Her door was always open to ALL who walked by.

Ellie is survived by her 6 married children-Willemina (Bob Diepersloot),

Johnny (Margie Roeloffs), Arie (Coralee Roeloffs), Wendy (Mike Vander Dussen), Maartje (David Lemstra), and Sophia (Danny Vander Dussen)-and by a legacy that speaks to God's abundant blessings: 29 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren, each a testimony to God's faithfulness "to a thousand generations of those who love Him." Ellie is preceded in death by her husbands, Gerrit Roeloffs and Willem Griffioen.

A memorial service will be held at Visalia Christian Reformed Church, 1030 S. Linwood, on December 23, 2025, at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sierra Village, 1 Molenstraat, Visalia, CA 93277.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

DEC **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Visalia First Christian Reformed Church
1030 S Linwood St,
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 625-0444
info@visaliacrc.com
<http://visaliacrc.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Henny and Nelly Binnendyk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellie Griffioen.

Henny and Nelly Binnendyk - December 22, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ellie Griffioen.



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“ Jack & Margaret Verbree purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ellie Griffioen.



Jack & Margaret Verbree - December 19, 2025 at 03:57 PM

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“ Jack & Margaret Verbree planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellie Griffioen.

Jack & Margaret Verbree - December 19, 2025 at 03:57 PM