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Eleanor Mae Whitfield

March 4, 1938 · November 14, 2026

Celebration of Life

Saturday, November 21, 2026 · Eleven o'clock

Grace Hollow Chapel

Millbrook, Vermont

Her Story

Eleanor Mae Whitfield, beloved mother, grandmother, teacher and friend, passed peacefully at home on November 14, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was 88 years old.

Born March 4, 1938, in Ashby Falls, Vermont, to Walter and Ruth (Lindqvist) Carrow, Eleanor grew up on her family's dairy farm, where she learned early that hard work and a good pie could fix almost anything. She graduated from Ashby Falls High School in 1956 and earned her teaching certificate from Castleton Normal School in 1959.

That same summer she met Henry Whitfield at a church picnic on the shore of Lake Bomoseen. They married in June 1960 and shared fifty-one years of marriage, raising three children in the white farmhouse on Orchard Road that became the gathering place for every holiday, birthday and Sunday supper.

For thirty-four years Eleanor taught third grade at Millbrook Elementary, where generations of children learned their multiplication tables and the joy of a library card. Former students still stopped her at the market to say thank you, and she remembered nearly every one of them by name.

Eleanor loved her garden, her quilting circle, the Boston Red Sox and a strong cup of coffee on the porch at sunrise. Her blue-ribbon apple pie was legendary at the Rutland County Fair, and her recipe box is now the family's most treasured heirloom.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry, in 2011, and by her brother, Thomas Carrow. She is survived by her children, Margaret (David) Ellison, James (Carol) Whitfield and Susan Whitfield-Grant; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy Pike.

“She opened her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.” — Proverbs 31:26

Order of Service

Officiating · Reverend Anne Marsh

Prelude	*"Abide with Me"*
Processional	*Family*
Opening Prayer	*Rev. Anne Marsh*
Scripture Reading	*Psalm 23 · Emily Ellison*
Hymn	*"Amazing Grace"*
Obituary	*Read silently*
Remembrances	*James Whitfield, son*
A Teacher's Legacy	*Former students*
Musical Tribute	*"In the Garden"*
Eulogy	*Margaret Ellison, daughter*
Closing Prayer & Benediction	*Rev. Anne Marsh*
Recessional	*"How Great Thou Art"*

Pallbearers

Daniel Ellison
Michael Whitfield
Ryan Grant
Thomas Pike

Honorary

Owen Ellison
Caleb Whitfield
The Millbrook Quilting Circle

Interment

Hillside Cemetery, Millbrook

A reception follows in the chapel fellowship hall.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

— Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1889)

Acknowledgements

The family of Eleanor Whitfield thanks you for your prayers, cards, meals and many kindnesses. Special thanks to the nurses of Green Mountain Hospice for their gentle care. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Millbrook Public Library.

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