



Dewayne R.V. Ellis SR

November 10, 1942 - February 4, 2022

Dewayne R.V. Ellis SR, of St. James, Missouri passed away at the Phelps Health Hospital

in Rolla, Missouri on Friday, February 4, 2022, joining his bride of 57 years, Judy Kathleen Ellis who paved the way to Heaven just 13 days before him.

Dewayne was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 10, 1944 to R.V. Mitchell and Irma (Grey) Ellis.

Dewayne left school in the 9th grade to help his single mother to take care of his young

siblings. They ended up in Missouri where he met the love of his life, Miss Judy Kathleen

Smith, who he wed on June 20, 1964. This union was blessed with two children. Dewayne

worked for Intercounty Electric as a lineman for over 38 years. Growing up in the fifties

he came to appreciate "good old rock & roll music", and classic cars, he was especially

fond of the 55 Chevy Bel-Air convertible. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed

hunting, and fishing, and camping with his family. He taught his children and grandchildren to swim-in the old sink or swim kind of fashion. Most of all he instilled in

his children and grandchildren to love unconditionally, to always tell the truth,

and to be respectful of others. He also taught them family supports family, he was always there for his family in so many ways; if you ran out of gas, if you had a flat tire, if you needed a little cash, he was the first call that you made. He adored his family and getting together with them was something he looked most forward to. Dwayne loved to eat, and holiday meals, especially Christmas, were his favorite time of the year. He was proud of the family that he and Judy raised. He was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. His finest quality was his patience, an inherent ability to listen, to absorb, and to offer a point of view based on quiet, measured wisdom. Finally, everyday of his 57 years of marriage, he taught his children, and grandchildren what it meant to be a great husband. He married his sweetheart, he adored her, he laughed with her and cried with her, and was totally dedicated to her. We bid farewell as we mourn the loss of a lively, and dignified soul, a soul that brought joy and fulfillment to many, and whose legacy will live on forever. Dwayne is survived by his mother, Irma Harrison, of Mission, TX; children, Delayne Lancaster and husband Bob, of St. James, MO, and R.V. Ellis, of St. James, MO; grandchildren, Rebecca Sandusky, Samantha Gaddy (Ryan), and Zack

Russell;
great-grandchildren, Lillian, Piper, Mason, and Ryker; sisters, Trudy Copeland
and
husband Buster, of Mission, TX, Davene Willhite and husband Charlie, of
Mission, TX,
and Vanessa Ellis , of Licking, MO; and a host of nieces, nephews,
extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, R.V.
Ellis,
stepmother, Hazel Ellis, sister, Brenda Whitley, and brother, Kenneth Ellis.
Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the
St. James
Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Mike Southard officiating.
Visitation will be
held at the Chapel on Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 5-7 PM. He will then
be laid next
to his beloved Judy, with Zack Russell, Samantha Gaddy, Rebecca Sandusky,
Ben Swan,
Jeff Copeland, and David Whitley serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary
pallbearers
will be Buster Copeland, Charlie Willhite, Bobby Lancaster, Ryan Gaddy,
Justin
Wantland, David John Harrison, and Chris Swan. Memorials in lieu of flowers
are
suggested and greatly appreciated to the Ellis Grandchildren College Fund,
cards are
available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dewayne R.V. Ellis SR*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dewayne and Judy were my neighbors. I live in the house behind them. I never met Judy, but Dewayne was the first one I met when we moved in. He was always so friendly to my daughter and I. He had a kind heart. Every time I went outside I made it a point to look over his way, his back porch faces the side of my house, often times he'd be outside with Lucy and Jose. We'd always say hello to each other and wave. He saw my many struggles trying to mow my yard with a push mower, that didn't like to cooperate for me. He'd tell me if he was able and still mowing his yard himself, he'd be sure mine was mowed too. He was just a very nice man. I still catch myself looking over his way, wanting to say hello to him and Lucy and Jose. I will miss them as my neighbors. I really wish I had had the chance to meet Judy, I have read so many kind words about her on facebook, I missed out on a wonderful woman. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm praying God surrounds your family with his amazing peace, that only he can provide, the one that surpasses all human understanding. Dewayne and Judy are once again together again in an amazing place that we can only imagine and dream of at this moment. Your family will be close to my heart and in my thoughts and prayers today and for the days to come. Big hugs from Dewayne & Judy's Neighbor at 615 Courtney Street - Sarah Skyles*

Sarah Skyles - February 11, 2022 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Best dad ever...and my super hero. I love you dad and miss you already.* 💔💔💔

Delayne - February 09, 2022 at 10:35 PM

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“ *Dudley Lightning Softball Club purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dewayne R.V. Ellis SR.*



Dudley Lightning Softball Club - February 09, 2022 at 09:53 PM