



Steven Gerald Ellis

December 21, 1946 - October 6, 2019

Steven Gerald Ellis, of Crawfordville, FL formally of Dyersburg, TN was born 21st of December 1946, passed away on Sunday the 6th of October 2019 after a short illness at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Frances “Billie” W. Ellis of Crawfordville FL; three daughters Oretta Gail Ellis of Dyersburg TN, Jackie Ellis Elliott (Rich) of Crawfordville FL, and Sheila Ellis Watson (Danny) of Dyersburg TN; as well as 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents Rudolph and Hilda Ellis and Bishop W. E. and Earlene Smith; son Jimmy Moore Ellis; and sibling Peter Ellis.

Steve was born in New York City, New York in 1946 to Dr. Rudolph and Mrs. Hilda Ellis. Steve attended and graduated from Dyersburg State Community College. Worked Colonial Rubber and Liberty National.

He is a Vietnam Veteran of the US Navy. Besides being a cancer survivor, he was a local member of the Crawfordville cancer group. Steve believed in giving back to his community by being an avid volunteer for multiple organizations such as coaching his grandsons in the little league tee ball division, a member of the Lions Club, a lifelong member of the VFW, a 20+ gallon blood donor, an avid balloonist, and received numerous awards for mentoring and volunteering his time at local and state correctional institutions. Steve was months away from his 10-year anniversary in the local Alcoholics

Anonymous division, in which he was a mentor and sponsor of others.

Steve will be greatly missed by many friends and family. Honorary pall bearers include Richard Hearn, Michael Breeding, Steven Grissom, and best friends and confidants Grady Gibbs and Bill Pike.

A small memorial was held in Crawfordville on Saturday, October 12th with family and friends. The services in Dyersburg will be held Saturday, October 26th at The Church of Jesus Christ, 815 South Main St., Dyersburg TN. Pastor Michael Dodd will be officiating. Visitation will be from 1-2, with service following. Immediately following, a military burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family requests that donations in Steve's memory be made to Crawfordville Alcoholics Anonymous division, Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center, or St. Jude Research Facility; as he cherished these organizations dearly.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, bevisfh.com)

Tribute Wall

Jackie Elliott

“ Jackie Elliott lit a candle in memory of Steven Gerald Ellis



Jackie Elliott - October 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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Miss you so much Dad...

Jackie Elliott - October 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ Steve was a regular at noon meetings. I don't know when he began going to corrections meetings, but I know they were very important to him, as they are also important to the community as a whole. When our members pass on, I learn things about their lives that I wish I had known sooner. Happy Trails to you Steve, until we meet again.

Linda Smith - October 10, 2019 at 08:24 AM

SW

Dad was never the bragging type but when I walked into his bedroom, his wall was full of every accomplishment all lined up and framed since he started AA for him to wake up to every morning as a reminder of how far he has come. He was so happy to help others as there were many that helped him.

Sheila Ellis Watson - October 14, 2019 at 04:10 PM

CP

“ Steve was such a wonderful guy. He was funny, caring, giving, and he loved his family more than anything. Everytime we saw each other there was always the Steve smile and hug. What a great loss for all of us. My memories will be the healing balm.



Chris Peppers-Duggan - October 09, 2019 at 06:28 PM



Jackie Elliott

Thank you, he was a great person.

Jackie Elliott - October 09, 2019 at 09:29 PM

GE

Thanks Chris

Gail Ellis - October 11, 2019 at 01:12 AM

TP

“ Steve was an inspiration to many people. My fondest memories are of seeing him walk up the ramp when I was ready to head home. I always stayed to hear his experience, strength and hope. He gave me the name "Purple Tracey" and called me that for 8 years. He always brought laughter and joy with him when he entered a room. I have the deepest respect for his sobriety and love of family. Sending prayers and comfort to all of the Ellis family.

Tracey Phillips - October 09, 2019 at 10:37 AM



Jackie Elliott

Thank you Tracy.

Jackie Elliott - October 09, 2019 at 05:25 PM

SW

Thank you Tracey. We have always been so proud of him and how he used his experiences to help others.

Sheila Ellis Watson - October 09, 2019 at 06:30 PM

GE

Thanks you

Gail Ellis - October 11, 2019 at 01:11 AM

GE

Thanks Tracey

Gail Ellis - October 11, 2019 at 01:12 AM

KM

“ *Steve was an inspiration to many in our local AA group. He encouraged me to take meetings into the womens prison early in my sobriety. He will be dearly missed!*

-Katie M

Katie M - October 08, 2019 at 08:34 PM

SW

It is so wonderful to know how much he inspired others. Thank you!

Sheila Ellis Watson - October 14, 2019 at 04:00 PM

TT

“ *So sorry about Steve!! We loved him and all the family!! May God bless all of you!!* 🙏❤️

Tommy/Peggy Johnson...Dyersburg, Tn - October 07, 2019 at 08:53 PM

JE

Thank you!!

Jackie Elliott - October 08, 2019 at 06:49 PM