



James "David" Ellis

June 8, 1946 - June 14, 2022

James 'David' Ellis

David Ellis bravely gave up his fight with ALS on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. David was born in Walnut Ridge, AR June 8, 1946 to Ruby Crow Ellis and Rodney Ellis. He graduated from Hoxie High School and joined the United States Marine Corp and served in Vietnam. Upon returning to the states, he was assigned to Millington Naval Air Base and later farmed on his family farm before accepting a position with Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline in Bald Knob, retiring in 2001.

He was an active member of the Bald Knob United Methodist Church, Bald Knob Veteran's Wall and Museum, and Bald Knob Fine Arts Council. He was a past member of the Bald Knob Chamber of Commerce and the City of Bald Knob Planning Committee.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Jane Ellis of Bald Knob, his sons John (Jenny) and Gary, both of Conway, stepson David Helvering (Emily) of Appleton, WI, and sister Anna Short (Shirl) of Colt, AR. Also surviving are grandchildren Grant (Amanda) Ellis, Lauren (Austin) Childress, Addi Ellis, and great-granddaughter Elle Childress, all of Conway.

He will be remembered for his humor, laughs, and his love of life. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening. Donations in his memory can be made to Bald Knob Fine Arts Council, P O Box 531, Bald Knob, AR or Bald Knob United Methodist Church, Attn: Memorial Fund, P O Box 1240, Bald Knob, AR 72010.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia.

www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

GE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Gary Ellis - June 18, 2022 at 08:24 PM

JM

Well Dang! Another good friend gone. Semper Fi from two old Corpsmen. This world just got a lot more boring without you stirring things up. We'll see you on the other side. Love you Jane - if we can help, call us. John & Pauline

John Means - June 20, 2022 at 12:47 PM

AJ

“ Anita Jackson lit a candle in memory of James "David" Ellis



Anita Jackson - June 17, 2022 at 06:26 PM

BF

*John, Gary, Jane, and family-
We are so very sad to hear about David. We have many fond memories of him and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers
Bull and Betty Patterson and family*

Bill Patterson Family - June 17, 2022 at 10:17 PM

PL

“ I’m so grateful I met David before he got sick. He was one of the greatest men I’ve ever known....funny, friendly, so helpful, hard working & thoughtful. Prayers for Jane as he’s going to leave a huge void. I love you Jane 🥰

Pam Lunsford - June 17, 2022 at 04:06 PM

DH

“ Here is a few things I remember David doing:

- stopping at the bottom of an escalator to make you run into him.
- following directions too literally
- driving down a boat ramp to make you think he was driving into a lake.
- calling your answering machine to leave a prank message.

He once called my answering machine using a funny voice to inquire about a used mattress he said we had listed in the paper for sale.

There was no one quite like him. I’ll miss him.

David Helvering - June 17, 2022 at 02:28 PM

PG

“ Patricia Graham lit a candle in memory of James "David" Ellis



Patricia Graham - June 17, 2022 at 10:29 AM

LB

“ I didn't know David as well as a lot of people, but when we did recognize each other, it was as if we were old friends; my heart goes out to Jane, and extended family.



Leah Brooks - June 17, 2022 at 08:36 AM

MJ

“ MikeConnie Johnston lit a candle in memory of James "David" Ellis



MikeConnie Johnston - June 17, 2022 at 08:29 AM

KW

“ Have you ever met someone and loved them right away? Ever met someone and known you'd be friends forever? I loved Mr. David the minute I met him. His eyes reminded me of my Daddy. I could just tell that he was full of goodness and love. We exchanged corny jokes on the regular. When he lost his ability to speak, I stepped up my game and told some extras for him. I'm not sure he was excited about my jokes, but he laughed anyway. I know that no man is perfect, but David was a perfect friend to me. I will cherish his friendship forever. Goodbye, sweet friend. I'll carry the lessons you taught me about love, kindness, and selflessness with me always.

Kelly Wooten - June 16, 2022 at 03:08 PM

TP

“ David was a great guy. He always had a smile and something funny to say. I will always remember when I would be in Wal Mart, I would see him in the card section and I would stop and talk. He would say he was looking for the perfect card for Jane. Then he went on to tell me ,that cards were to high,so when he found the perfect one he would call her over to read it and then he would put it back. We laughed about that for a long time. He will be missed. Prayers for you all.

Terri Pate - June 16, 2022 at 09:51 AM