



Larry Dale Ellis

October 8, 1948 - September 21, 2017

Larry Dale Ellis, 68 year old resident of Colcord, Oklahoma, died on September 21, 2017 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Born October 8, 1948 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, he was the son of Frank L. Ellis and Opal Marie Allen Ellis. Larry was a 1966 graduate of Colcord High School. He married Louise Brown on December 16, 1966 in Jay, Oklahoma. Larry served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with the 101st Airborne. He was a Vietnam Veteran and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medal. Larry graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He worked for the United States Postal Service in Colcord as a mail clerk and assistant postmaster. Larry was the minister for the Colcord Church of Christ for 45 years. He was active in the Colcord Alumni Association and was a longtime girls' softball coach in Siloam Springs. He was preceded in death by one son, Travis Ellis; two brothers, J.C. Ellis and Dennis Ellis; one sister, Paula Dean Ellis; and one son-in-law, Brandon Haley. He is survived by his wife, Louise Ellis; one son, Michael Ellis and wife Missy of Colcord, Oklahoma; two daughters, Becky Farris and husband Will of Colcord, Oklahoma, and Angie Goucher and husband Grant of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; twelve grandchildren: Emily Farris, William Farris, Matthew Farris, Allison Haley, Kaitlyn Haley, Zach Haley, Meegan Ellis, Michaela Ellis, Merrick Ellis, Destiny Smith, Miracle Lawrence, and Maya Lawrence; one brother, Dwaine Ellis and wife Charlotte of Jay, Oklahoma; three sisters-in-law,

Beryl Van Dyke of Decatur, Arkansas, Doris Swicegood of Colcord, Oklahoma, and Marlene Lawrence of Phoenix, Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at Hornet Arena, Colcord, Oklahoma, with Mr. Michael Ellis and Mr. Bruce Potter officiating. Burial will follow at Dickson Cemetery, Cherokee City, Arkansas.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Colcord Church of Christ, P.O. Box 25, Colcord, OK 74338.

Cemetery Details

Dickson Cemetery

Dickson Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Colcord Hornet Arena
Colcord
Colcord, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry was a good man, a man of God he will be missed very much by his family and his church and the community*

Jimmy Asher - January 18, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ *To all the family of Larry Dale Ellis, Please accept my deepest sympathies of brother Ellis' passing. I too recall what a wonderful job he did in officiating at my step-father's funeral - Ted Johnson, who preached at Gentry for many years, in February of 1979. His words were of much comfort. I did not know him as well as others, but knew of him and some of your family members. You have to have much comfort in knowing what a faithful Christian man he was. May God be with you all in this time of sorrow.*

Louise (Ward) Jennings

Louise Jennings - September 27, 2017 at 12:57 AM

AS

“ I received the heartbreaking news that Larry had passed. Heartbreaking because he wasn't just a minister, he was a friend, a rock to cling too when it seemed like everything around you made you feel like you were drowning in despair. It never mattered to him which church you were attending, or if you had ever even given him a moment of your time. If he heard you were hurting, or needed help, he made sure to give you all of his time that you needed. I cannot begin to tell you all the things he was to our huge family. He never saw our flaws. He just saw friends and I heard him say every time he oversaw the funeral of one of our family members, he felt like he was losing family too.

Larry Ellis was a man of God and in our small town, he was everything to everyone. He will be missed...he already is. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Alisa Scaper - September 27, 2017 at 12:04 AM



“ Mike Link lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis



Mike Link - September 26, 2017 at 05:01 PM



Prayers from all of the Link Family. Larry will be sorely missed by all.

Mike Link - September 26, 2017 at 05:01 PM

AP

“ A man of great strength and dedication.
A kind gentle soul.
A loyal servant.
One of Gods finest representation.
He touched so many people's lives and was such a great witness.
He will truly be missed by all that knew him.
Jeff and April Rich

april - September 26, 2017 at 02:17 PM

JE

“ I remember Mr.Ellis when my dad was I'll at home & went to hospice center.He was so kind and soft spoken with great incouraging words.Sympathy and prayers for his family.



Johnetta Edwards - September 26, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 25, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 25, 2017 at 07:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



September 25, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



September 25, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ *I met Larry here at siloam springs nursing and rehab, where I am a nurse. The comfort and joy he brought to so many of our residents was so wonderful to witness, I enjoyed speaking with Larry on many occasions and he always had a smile while walking down these halls. I have been to several services he has preformed and the way he spoke the sound of his voice made you feel all would be alright even in the saddest of times. Thank you Larry Ellis for your kindness and dedication to so many people, my condolences to his family for your loss and thank you for sharing this special man with all of us.*

Robin Garrett

Robin Garrett - September 25, 2017 at 05:12 PM

LB

“ Love, Beau, Tonya, Wyatt and Hank Boomershine purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



Love, Beau, Tonya, Wyatt and Hank Boomershine -
September 25, 2017 at 09:46 AM

TE

“ When you are blessed enough in life to have known someone like Larry and Louise, this time is so hard! I am not family by birth but married into his family when I married Tracy his nephew. From the first time that I met this precious family I felt honored to be family with them. Larry married Tracy and I in 1979. He was the kindest most gentle man I have ever known. His voice alone could calm the storms going on in my mind and heart! He made me know and believe that there is a God and that He loves me! He lived a life that served many well! So this home, this church, this community, this world has lost a true and faithful servant! God has welcomed His son home. I will remember and aspire to see the world as Larry did. May we all look at our brothers and sisters here on this earth as important people to our Father as Larry did! Larry may you rest in your Father's arms and know that we will try to be to the world what you taught and exemplified in your life and teachings. Dear Louise I know what you have given through his service to the Lord. The late nights alone with him at the hospital or any number of things. Thank you for giving Larry to all the people he touched. I know what you have given. You are a jewel and he was successful because of you and your support. Now we support you! My heart hurts for not only his family and church and community and world in his absence but I know God will see each of you through! To his children what wonderful people you have become! What a legacy you have been given! Love to you all!

Teresa Ellis - September 24, 2017 at 11:14 PM

CS

“ There aren't enough words in this world to describe how loved Larry was. He will always be loved in our thoughts and memories. Someday, when the healing truly begins, we will think of him with a smile instead of the tears we shed now. We will miss him always, but we will be with him again. That is our great hope and the thing that will get us through this. If anyone in this world deserves heaven and a crown, it is Larry. May God bless you with comfort at this difficult time. I'm always here for all of you. I love you all.

Connie Shappell - September 24, 2017 at 10:33 PM

CS

“ Connie Shappell lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis



Connie Shappell - September 24, 2017 at 10:21 PM

CB

“ Connie, Bryan, JimBill, and Brandon. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



Connie, Bryan, JimBill, and Brandon. - September 24, 2017 at 10:14 PM

CS

“ No words can adequately express the way this community loved brother Larry. How do you put into words how much someone means to you? This kind, gentle, loving man has helped me and brought me through the hardest times of my life. He will be forever missed in my heart, as well as many others'. It's not good-bye, it's "See you later". I know I will always be closer to my Lord because of the influence of Larry and his family in my life. God bless the family with comfort at this difficult and trying time!

Connie Shappell - September 24, 2017 at 08:13 PM

JW

“ Marsha and my heart goes out to Larry's family. He and Louise where friends through school and the remainder of our lives. Larry and the "boys" of the neighborhood had many pickup ballgames as kids. Larry was a great athlete in organized sports or pick up games. The Best of Larry although was his friendship, dedication to life, family, and God. He will be a loss to Colcord community but will joining a community of those who preceded him in heaven.

Jerry Wofford - September 24, 2017 at 06:07 PM

CE

“ Larry was Colcord's pastor. Neither denomination nor circumstance limited his love for people. His gentle voice, huge heart and sweet spirit was a comfort to many. So thankful to have known this man. Prayers for his precious family. His legacy will live on through you.

Carolyn Enyart - September 24, 2017 at 02:10 PM

ED

“ Prayers going up for the family. My mom and dad, Reuben and Dixie Spencer thought the sun rose and set in Larry. He was the greatest!!!! Loved his sense of humor. He will be missed.

Electa and Everett Dunn - September 24, 2017 at 01:41 PM

DL

“*Larry was a gift from God to the community. He spoke at almost every one of my family's funerals. He will be deeply missed.*”

Doug Londagin - September 24, 2017 at 12:35 PM

CM

“*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm.*”—
2 Thess. 2:16, 17”

Carolyn Mason - September 24, 2017 at 11:57 AM

CF

“*My prayers are with your family. He was there when anyone needed something even if they asked or not. Larry will always be in are hearts.*”



Candace Freeland - September 24, 2017 at 11:03 AM

KR

“*Kirk, Sonja and Lyndsey Raglin purchased the D elightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*”



Kirk, Sonja and Lyndsey Raglin - September 24, 2017 at 10:25 AM

TS

“ *Tutu Souza lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



Tutu Souza - September 24, 2017 at 02:23 AM

TS

Rest in Peace my friend.

Tutu Souza - September 24, 2017 at 02:24 AM

BF

“ *Our entire community and surrounding area mourns the homegoing of Larry. He was called on to conduct funeral services for many, many, many folk because he was the pastor who had grown up in our community and knew all of us. He was gifted for bringing comfort and peace to broken, sadden hearts time and time again. We all are asking ourselves - why? There are no answers except our lives are in God's hand. Bill & I learned that our ways are not always God's way and His way is best even when we don't understand. We certainly don't understand this situation but must continue to trust in God and know as believers in God, we shall see Larry and our loved ones again some sweet day. May sweet comfort and peace sweep over your souls at this difficult valley you are walking through. Our prayers and love to all of his sweet family. Bill, Jean and family*



Bill, Jean and Family - September 23, 2017 at 10:50 PM

SK

“ We lost such a caring person, Larry held service for several kin folks and friends and would help so much in helping heal broken hearts. He always waved when meeting on road and went out of his way to say hi and ask how you and family is doing. He will never be replaced.

Shawn kustanborter - September 23, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 23, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 23, 2017 at 04:31 PM

SL

“ Southside Ch. of Christ, Jay, OK Our great love! purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



Southside Ch. of Christ, Jay, OK Our great love! - September 23, 2017 at 03:19 PM

CL

“ Cheryl LaRue lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis



Cheryl LaRue - September 23, 2017 at 10:37 AM

CL

I am so sorry for your loss. I wished I could have meet him. But didn't know what to say. He is in God's hands now and flying high with others that has left this world to soon. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

Cheryl LaRue - September 24, 2017 at 10:20 AM

JN

“ I knew Larry as a child when we would go to grandma Spencer's house every summer. When we went to church on Sunday he always had an upbeat and scriptural message. He had a captivating personality and he never met a stranger. I have not seen him for many years but he made an impression on me that I will never forget. Huge loss to the church and the town of Colcord. God is in charge and he took Larry home. That is a fact. Jonathan Norman



jonathan norman - September 23, 2017 at 10:08 AM

TS

“ If a picture could be painted of a saint on earth it would be of Larry. I can see him shaking his head in disagreement but it's true in the minds of many. Our love to each family member and prayers for the coming days and years.

The Snell's - September 23, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



September 23, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *My heart goes out to your family. Mr. Larry was a great man and had a heart that was pure. He will be greatly miss by every one. My condolences to the Ellis family.*
Melissa Wood

Melissa wood - September 22, 2017 at 11:46 PM



“ *My heart aches for all of you. Larry was always there for everyone. I don't think he ever met a stranger and for his friends he always made you feel like you were just the person he wanted to talk to. I think Larry's voice gave him that warmness we all felt when in his presence. Louise my heart goes out to you. I love and respect all you and Larry did for the community and church you served.*
Cathy (Porter) Williams



Cathy Williams - September 22, 2017 at 11:32 PM

LA

“ Larry helped me in so many ways after my Uncle Tony and little brother died. He was a shining light at the end of a very, very dark tunnel. I know my favorite part about church should've been God and learning about the word, but Larry's hugs at the end of each service were what I looked forward to the most. I'm going to miss seeing your big smile at the door and hearing your laugh while you were hugging me with all your might telling me how good it is to see each other. Rest easy up there in the beautiful kingdom with all of our loved ones. Until we meet again.



Laney - September 22, 2017 at 10:06 PM

TS

“ The Snell's lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis



The Snell's - September 22, 2017 at 09:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 22, 2017 at 09:40 PM

GA

“ So sorry to hear of Larry passing I send love and prayers to the family.
I am Gaylene Bowles Crowder and remember when he was born. I was married to Wetsel Crowder and his mother was Stella Ellis Crowder sister to Frank Ellis.
Larry preached both Stella and Buff Crowders funeral. So have known the family of Larry
For many years. I lived in CA for many years after Wetsel passed.
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Gaylene Crowder rogers ar - September 22, 2017 at 09:36 PM

RD

“ I always enjoyed playing against his team & he was a good coach & a good person he will be missed dearly. I will always remember his smile every time I would see him no matter time of day he was always smiling.

Rhonda Dykes - September 22, 2017 at 09:23 PM

JB

“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis



Joe & Cheryl Burns - September 22, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



September 22, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ *Larry was such a kind and caring man. He sure brought me a lot of comforting words when I lost my Dear Husband. Just a great guy! May God Bless you All at this very sad time. Pat Boyle*



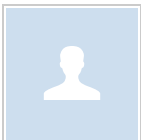
Patty Boyle - September 22, 2017 at 08:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



September 22, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



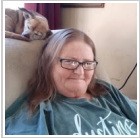
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DB

“ *Dianna Boyd lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*

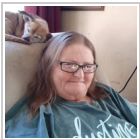


Dianna Boyd - September 22, 2017 at 06:56 PM



“ *Heaven gained a very special angel... My thoughts & prayers are with Louise and the rest of the family. May God bless you and shelter you in the days ahead. Larry was a very special part of so many lives! He will be greatly missed. RIP Mr. Larry*

Deb Woods Gehrke - September 22, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ *Deb Woods Gehrke lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



Deb Woods Gehrke - September 22, 2017 at 06:39 PM

BM

“ *Berl/carol Mcwilliams lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



berl/carol mcwilliams - September 22, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *Angel Winn lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



Angel Winn - September 22, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of a great man he will be greatly missed my condolence goes out to all of his family may god bless u all in this time*

Angel Winn - September 22, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Denise Tilman sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



Denise Tilman - September 22, 2017 at 05:19 PM



“ *Denise Tilman lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



Denise Tilman - September 22, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.*



September 22, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Ellis*



Liz Reading - September 22, 2017 at 03:59 PM



“ *I have no words to express the loss of my dear friend Larry Ellis. He was one of a kind He always had a smile for everyone. His love for God radiated in everything he said or did. I will miss seeing him at the post office when I go for my mail. We had some great visits for years when he worked there and then for years when I just ran into him there Someone said today he wasn't just the pastor of the church of Christ. He seemed to be pastor to everyone. How true that is. He just loved us all Heaven has profited from our loss today We will miss him so much. Rest In Peace Larry Barbara Gray*

Barbara Gray - September 22, 2017 at 03:56 PM

MS

“ Mike & Belinda Londagin Shetlar sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Dale Ellis



Mike & Belinda Londagin Shetlar - September 22, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 22, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Ellis.



September 22, 2017 at 03:01 PM

BA

“ Larry you will greatly missed you were such a kind caring man whether you knew them or not you will always a special place in my heart larry



Betty Allen - September 22, 2017 at 02:38 PM

LH

“ *There are no words to ease the pain. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Larry & Lana Hurt - September 22, 2017 at 02:30 PM