



Robert C. Ellis

October 14, 1928 - January 15, 2019

Robert C. Ellis of Saint Albans, West Virginia, departed this life on January 15, 2019. He was born on October 14, 1928 in Ottawa, West Virginia, to the late Robert Lee and Lucille Mahon Ellis. He graduated from Sherman High School in 1945 at the age of 16. He thereafter began his career at Union Carbide Corporation in South Charleston in the mail room. He received training and became a draftsman there and rose in the management and engineering ranks over a 41- year career until he was group leader of piping design engineering at the time of his retirement in 1986.

He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, receiving an Honorable Discharge as a Private First Class on October 22, 1954.

He joined the First Baptist Church of Saint Albans in 1962 and served repeatedly there as a deacon and trustee over nearly five decades.

He met Carolyn Sue Beane, the love of his life, in St. Albans in 1948 and married her on October 29, 1949.

He is survived by Carolyn, his devoted wife of 69 years who faithfully cared for him in his years of decline, their three children and spouses: Larry and Jennifer Andrews Ellis of St Albans; Teresa Ellis Taylor and Vernon Taylor, also of St. Albans; and Lisa Ellis Seel and Rhett Seel of Harrisburg, North Carolina; and by his grandchildren: Katie and Scott Ethridge of Teays Valley; Luke Ellis, of Cross Lanes; Caleb Ellis, of Charleston; Matt Seel, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jessie Seel of Harrisburg, North Carolina; and by his two great-granddaughters, Ava and Sophie Ethridge.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Katherine Barker of Charleston and Jeanette Poe of Saint Albans.

He was a loving husband and a wise and strong father and grandfather who worked his entire life for the betterment of his family. His Christian faith was genuine and profound. He deeply loved his family and rejoiced in their times together at home in St. Albans, by

the hearth in winter and on the back porch in summer, and on their trips elsewhere, to the lake and to the beach. He loved his church and was widely known and loved in the fellowship there.

In his youth he was a fine third baseman, playing on several teams in the industrial leagues in the late 1940s and 50s. He loved sports, especially baseball, and he toughed it out as a loyal fan of the Cincinnati Reds for seventy years. He was an avid golfer and fisherman. He loved poetry, from Shakespeare to Wendell Berry, and even in his last years could recite sonnets he had learned in high school.

The first and last words of his life are love. We are grieved in our loss and know that, this side of Jordan, we shall not look on his like again. Our comfort is in the promises of the Savior he knew and devotedly served - the promises of joyful reunion, everlasting life, and all-fulfilling love.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, January 18, 2019 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with the Rev. Joel M. Harpold officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Friends may call from 12 to 2:00 pm prior to the funeral service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers gifts be made to Hubbard Hospice House, West, In Memory of Robert C. Ellis, 4605-A MacCorkle Ave., South Charleston, WV 25309.

You may visit Bob's tribute page at chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Ellis family.

Cemetery

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV, 25177

Events

JAN **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans, WV, US, 25177

JAN **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I only met him once and that was in the last couple of years. I was very impressed with him and proud to have known him a little. I am so sorry Larry.

John Ed Kaneday - January 18, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert C. Ellis.



January 16, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert C. Ellis.



January 16, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Robert C. Ellis, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Marine Veteran, Robert C. Ellis, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner, WV Patriot Guard - January 16, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ Memories of Bob include worshiping God together at First Baptist, watching the Reds and the Mountaineers on TV, enjoying Trivia games, smiles, hugs, and watching him show his love to Carolyn and the rest of the family. I always told him I loved him as I was leaving after playing cards with Carolyn and other friends and he never failed to answer with "I love you, too" and a smile. I will always remember him as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and a man of God! -- Wanda Mack Collins

Wanda Mack Collins - January 15, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert C. Ellis.



January 15, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert C. Ellis.



January 15, 2019 at 02:50 PM