



Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis

October 10, 2018

A great man of God, Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis, received his Heavenly reward Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Bill, as he was known to family and friends, spent his early years in the Cabin Creek area of WV and attended the community United Methodist church located in Dacota, WV. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Goldie Perry Ellis, who owned and operated the first Dairy Queen in Teays Valley; as well as his sister, Marie Ellis. He was a graduate of Hurricane High School.

Bill began preaching as a teenager whenever and wherever he was asked and was ordained in the Church of God at 16 years of age. A selfless student at Anderson University, he raised funds to assist college students financially when those students were unable to fulfill that obligation, often times sacrificing himself. He was eventually rewarded with his Doctorate of Divinity from Anderson's School of Theology.

He and Kitty met in Springfield, OH while he was preaching a revival. Following a 2 year courtship, sometimes by mail and short visits at the train station or airport due to his travels to share God's word, he and Kitty were married June 4, 1955. Upon his completion of seminary at Anderson University and prior to the birth of their children, Bill and Kitty evangelists

throughout the United States and as a preaching and singing team. They strove to uplift fellow Christians and win souls to Christ. They also traveled as missionaries to many Caribbean islands.

In 1964 Bill became pastor of Peoples Church of God, Decatur, IL and served this church for 25 years. He directed youth camps most every summer. A scholarship was established, the Bill and Kitty Ellis Scholarship Fund, to assist students from Macon county, IL in their attendance at Anderson University as a continuation of his earlier passion to help college students.

While living for a time in Anderson, he was associated with the promotional department of the Christians Broadcasting Hope (CBH) station. His motto, "The sun never sets on our missions" allowed for the Word of God to be preached and presented to millions of people throughout the world. Through this work, he has traveled five continents and preached worldwide.

In 1989, he and Kitty came back home to West Virginia where they continued in God's work through The Teays Valley Church of God. He has served as the state pastor of the Churches of God in WV. His final pastorates included congregations in Oceana, Smithers and Princeton, and he continued to preach in any and all churches he was asked.

A talented writer and author, he contributed regularly to the Putnam Herald for a number of years, and as a syndicated columnist, his works were published worldwide sharing his faith and distinctive knowledge and humor with his readers. Bill was also a charter Putnam County Rotarian and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Kathleen "Kitty" Ellis; daughter, Elizabeth Archer (Steve) of Alabama; son, Mark Ellis (Hannah) of Charleston; grandchildren, Stephanie Archer, Emily Hubbard (Tim), Megan Allen (Justin), John Archer, Brody Denney and Samuel Ellis; great-grandchildren, Lillie and

Carson Hubbard; brother, Eldridge "Whitey" Ellis (Pat) of Florida and favorite nephew, Dennis.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11am Monday, October 15, 2018 at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot which is just east of Rocky Step off Teays Valley Road with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt as well as other ministerial colleagues. Burial will follow in the family plot at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane. Visitation will be held from 5-7pm Sunday at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. You may also visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share your memories of Bill with the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to either Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., W., Charleston, WV 25387 or to the building fund of Teays Valley Church of God, PO Box 270, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Ellis family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Vernon Cemetery

2150 Mount Vernon Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526
(304) 757-7531
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Teays Valley Church of God
185 Connection Point
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Vita Hawthorne Banks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis*



Vita Hawthorne Banks - April 08, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ *I would like to express my condolences to the family. I always enjoyed the times that Rev. Ellis stopped by the office. He was always an encouragement to me with his infectious smile that he always had. He will truly be missed.*

Max Dent - October 29, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ *Kitty, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of one the best Pastor Friends I've ever had. In the very stages of my career as a Funeral Director, he as well as you , guided me along my journey as we served so many families over the years in Decatur , Il. I like so many others have so many wonderful memories. Please know, I have you and family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Randall L. (Randy) Earl
Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home's*

Randy Earl - October 15, 2018 at 07:01 PM

KE

Thank you Randy, for you thoughts and prayers. You were one of many friends in Decatur.

Kitty Ellis

Kitty Ellis - October 23, 2018 at 11:31 AM

DG

“ Sincere condolences to Bill's family. I'm a second cousin to Bill, he was an inspiration to my family. Bill and Kitty visited my deceased dad, "Stacy Ellis" (first cousin) often before his passing. Always smiling, talking about the good ole days and of course the Lord. He served the Lord well! Bill will be missed by many.

Sincerely

Deborah Ellis Goodwin

deborah ellis goodwin - October 15, 2018 at 03:02 PM

KE

Thank you Debbie for you kind message. When Bill attended Stacy's funeral, Bill could hardly walk. Time was beginning to end sooner than I thought.

Kitty Ellis

Kitty Ellis - October 23, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.



October 14, 2018 at 10:39 PM

HG

“ A good friend will be greatly missed and I always enjoyed talking to him and building his house. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

Howard Gregory - October 14, 2018 at 05:11 PM

KE

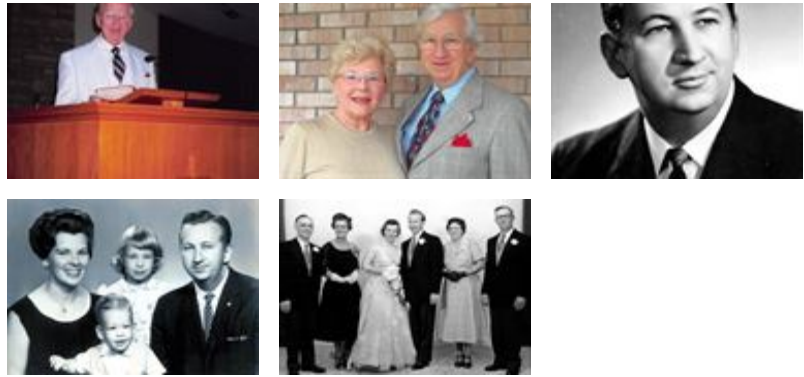
Thank you, Howard, You were a great friend to Bill.

Kitty Ellis

Kitty Ellis - October 23, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 14, 2018 at 10:43 AM

MH

“ Mark and Hannah purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.



Mark and Hannah - October 13, 2018 at 06:01 PM

BS

“ Brody and Sammy purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.



Brody and Sammy - October 13, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.



October 13, 2018 at 11:55 AM

CW

“ Pastor Ellis came to our church in Illinois when I was in grade school. He was a wonderful mentor who loved people of all ages and Jesus... He brought in numerous singers, speakers, and missionaries To help and encourage all of us!... From my age of 8 to 65, he never stopped being a pastor and a friend. I will miss you brother Ellis.

Cathy Pedigo Wier - October 13, 2018 at 11:22 AM

DW

Bill was one of a kind. He was my friend, my pastor, and my encourager through the years. Only God knows how many people will be in heaven because of his faithful ministry. He and Kitty were an unparalleled team. Maureen and I send our sincere sympathy and prayers. Bill - we will meet again !

Dale Williams - October 15, 2018 at 03:40 PM

RT

“ *Kitty our prayers are with you. Many beautiful memories of you and Bill at the Oceana Church of God. We will be out of town but we will be thinking of you. Much love, Kermit and Renna.* ”

renva I toler - October 13, 2018 at 09:36 AM

AH

“ *Whenever my husband and I met rev. Ellis and conventions and he was such a gentle spirit. Always looked forward to seeing him at a continental breakfast at our hotel. So sorry for your loss.* ”

Angie hargenrader - October 13, 2018 at 07:26 AM

SK

“ *Sylvia, Lisa, Luke and Kaitlyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.* ”



Sylvia, Lisa, Luke and Kaitlyn - October 13, 2018 at 01:09 AM

RK

“ *Pastor and Kitty invited us to their home shortly after visiting People's Church. We learned they practiced sharing for all new visitors to encourage, befriend, and share Christ with us. He loved our children from birth and even 20 years after we moved away, would greet us at seminars or camp meetings. A friend for all seasons, a true example of God's love in a modern world.* ”

Richard and Pamela Knowles - October 12, 2018 at 08:46 PM

WE

“ *Whitey, Pat, & Dennis Ellis purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.*



Whitey, Pat, & Dennis Ellis - October 12, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.*



October 12, 2018 at 04:09 PM

DD

“ *Bill was one of my mentors as a young pastor in Illinois. I learned so much about ministry in our many conversations while serving on his staff at youth camp and in Illinois Ministries. My last face-to-face conversation with him was several years ago in the Charleston, WV area. As always, he continued to inspire and encourage. I will always be grateful for his leadership and example. Now he can rest from his labors, for his works have followed him. Praying for Kitty and the family. Blessings! - Don Dennison*

Don Dennison - October 12, 2018 at 03:40 PM

RD

“ *Bill was always a strong supporter of the Church of God and gave himself to further promote the church as well as the kingdom of God. May God’s grace sustain Kitty and family. Grace and Peace, Dr. Ronald V. Duncan, General Director Emeritus, Church of God Ministries.*

Ron Duncan - October 12, 2018 at 01:03 PM

AM

“ *Albertville First Baptist Children's Ministry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.*



Albertville First Baptist Children's Ministry - October 12, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *Bill have I have so many memories of you, I will never forget, I know you are with our heavenly father keep smiling down on us I know you are at peace*

Pat Smith - October 12, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis.*



October 12, 2018 at 09:09 AM

BF

“ *Kitty. We are so sorry for the loss of Bill. He was a fine man and will be missed by many but he is due his reward and the Angels are rejoicing. Keep your eyes on Jesus for comfort . We are praying for you and your family. I*

Bob and sylvia weddington and Betty farley

bob and sylvia weddington and betty farl - October 12, 2018 at 08:49 AM

RL

“ *Bill was a very fine Christian man! He went to high school with my Mother(Bunny) my Uncle Kenny. I am thankful that we were friends and comforted to know that he lived a good life! Peace be with you Kitty at this difficult time. RIP Bill!*

randy lucas - October 12, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ *Susan Haynes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis*



Susan Haynes - October 11, 2018 at 07:01 PM