



William T. Ellis

April 6, 1945 - January 1, 2025

William T. Ellis ("BILL") Ret. US Navy ABCS answered the master's call on January 1, 2025 in Jacksonville, NC. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 2PM at the Coastal Carolina Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC. Loved ones and friends are invited for visitation on Monday Evening, January 6, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Changing Hearts Ministries at 5393 Gum Branch Road in Jacksonville, NC.

William (Bill) Thomas Ellis, born April 6, 1945 in Kipling, NC to James Thomas Ellis and Mabel Kemp Ellis, Passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at Onslow Memorial Hospital Jacksonville, NC.

Bill proudly served 26 years in the UNITED STATES NAVY and held many jobs during his lifetime.

He is survived by: His daughter, Wilma Morgan: granddaughters Savanah and Madison Morgan: grandson Jackson Morgan (Cassandra): great-grandson, Wesley Morgan: Stepdaughter, Tonya Salazar (Victor): grandchildren, Logan Paschall and Kristen Goldstein (James): stepson, Alex Delacruz: grandchildren, Solita Delacruz-Ly, Cristallina Delacruz-Le, Benjamin Kim. Sisters, Judy Williams (Bobby) and Marilyn Essink, and Brothers, Ted Ellis and Don Ellis (Lee).

He is predeceased by his parents, James and Mabel Ellis; wife Edie Ellis; and grandson Harrison Morgan.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Rest in Peace, Bill. You were one of a kind and you are missed by all of your family and friends.
Marilyn, Judy, Ted, Don and family,
I am so sorry for your loss.
Love you all,
Mary

Mary Huffman Johnson - January 08, 2025 at 08:41 PM

ME

Thank you, Mary
Love you. Marilyn

Marilyn E. Essink - January 09, 2025 at 01:12 PM

ME

“ Dear Bill,

I can't believe I am writing this. I still can't believe you are gone. I miss you terribly. We had brother and sister issues but I love you.

You would come home on leave and buy us a

Pepsi. I ALWAYS had to go to the store for them but you knew, if you bought me one, I would go get it!

You would always tell the latest jokes that you had heard and would have all of us laughing!!!

You would come in my room and sing "I love to Singa" That song always got me up too!

I have always called you my oldest brother and always will.

I will see you again, I'm sure.

As a sister does a brother, I love you Bill.

I always WILL!

Your youngest sister(that's how you would introduce me to your friends),

Marilyn



Marilyn E. Essink - January 08, 2025 at 08:10 PM

KG

“ Grandpa Ellis's kindness knew no bounds, even when it landed him in a bit of trouble. We've been traveling buddies my whole life, so when I'd fly to NC for a visit, he'd always offer to give me a ride. The first time he drove me to the airport and said he'd much rather welcome me than say goodbye. My next trip, we arranged for him to pick me up from the Raleigh airport.



He was so thoughtful to come inside and greet me. We gave each other a big hug and he asked how my flight was. He was beaming with pride over his brand new truck and couldn't wait to ride home together. After five minutes, I realized we were walking circles around the parking garage. Forty-five minutes in, I could tell he was starting to get a little tired and frustrated. I found him a seat and offered to explore myself. Two hours later, with multiple check in's and the help of the airport, I found the truck!

He managed to park in a section that you must take very specific directions or you will never leave. When I pulled up, his worry melted away and turned to a chuckle. We really thought we were spending the night in that garage! So many silly memories like these, and I'll cherish them forever!

Kirsten Goldstein - January 06, 2025 at 10:42 PM

ME

Thank you, Kirsten.
Marilyn

Marilyn E. Essink - January 09, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William T. Ellis.*



January 05, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *I will never forget the kindness Bill showed to my family, myself and to others around him. He was a true friend and a blessing to us. I can only imagine the well deserved and joyous reunion he is having in Heaven. Until we meet again Mr. Bill. Love you and will definitely miss you.*

DIANE McDonald BORDEN - January 05, 2025 at 06:12 PM



*Thank you, Diane.
Marilyn*

Marilyn E. Essink - January 09, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Learning of Bill's passing was sorrowful. He's been in and out of my life since I was born and no matter how long it may have been since our last get together, he remained a true friend. His memory of all the trivial things that happened over time was impressive, if not a little embarrassing. Even after we'd both retired from the Navy, he would joke about things I'd done in high school, things I hadn't remembered till he brought it up. That was Bill though, he remembered. He remembered his friends and made every effort to stay in touch with each one of them. Rest in peace Bill, you'll be remembered and missed.*

Jerry White - January 05, 2025 at 01:44 PM

ME

*Thank you, Jerry.
You were a good friend to him!
Marilyn*

Marilyn E. Essink - January 09, 2025 at 01:16 PM

AP

“ *Thanks Bill for being a great neighbor and good friend. The neighborhood will not be the same with you missing. May you rest in peace in Gods hands*

Alton and Past Pierce

Alton E Pierce - January 05, 2025 at 01:37 PM

ME

*Thank you for the nice comments.
You were a great friend and neighbor also!
Marilyn*

Marilyn E. Essink - January 09, 2025 at 01:19 PM

KW

“ *You'll be dearly missed Bill. I'll never forget how you were there for me while I was going through Basic Training in Great Lakes. Just seeing a friendly, familiar face was enough to raise my spirits and your silly jokes always made me laugh. Our country owes you a debt of gratitude for your exemplary service in the Navy. Rest in peace my friend.*



Kevin White - January 04, 2025 at 02:19 PM

ME

*Thank you, Kevin
Marilyn*

Marilyn E. Essink - January 05, 2025 at 09:48 AM

ME

Thank you, Kevin.

Marilyn E. Essink - January 05, 2025 at 04:42 PM

ME

*You were a great friend that was so busy, as of late, getting him things in San Diego. Thank you so much for that Kevin. I know it was work but I appreciate it.
Marilyn*

Marilyn E. Essink - January 09, 2025 at 01:24 PM