



Norma Jean Ellis

January 8, 1949 - October 26, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Norma Jean Ellis

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Norma Jean Ellis, age 76, of Murphysboro, formerly of Vergennes, passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at Pinckneyville Nursing and Rehab in Pinckneyville, Illinois.

She was born on January 8, 1949 to Delmar and Ruby Jewel (Clover) Crow in Vergennes, Illinois. On August 13, 1968, she married Eldon Dwayne Ellis and spent over 40 years together until his passing in 2008.

Norma was a woman of strong Christian faith who loved the Lord. She was a very family-oriented person and loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchild. She enjoyed her flowers and gardening and particular enjoyed growing her vegetables.

Survivors include her sons, Eldon Dwayne Ellis, Jr. and Kevin Ellis; six grandchildren, Kaleb Ellis, Kendra Bowers, Dillon Ellis, Shelby Willoughby, Christa Willoughby, and Ryan Blair; one great-grandchild, Allie Bowers; siblings, Daniel (Elaine) Crow and Mary (Ronnie) Stanton; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her children, Traci Blair and Eric Ellis.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 31, 2025 at 11:00 AM with Rick Penrod officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Dutch Ridge Cemetery in Pomona, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorials be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Dutch Ridge Cemetery

Pomona, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Interment

OCT **31**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Dutch Ridge Cemetery
Pomona, IL

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Bull Moose Tube purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Norma Jean Ellis.*



Bull Moose Tube - October 30, 2025 at 03:54 PM

FF

“ *From the Blair Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Norma Jean Ellis.*



From the Blair Family - October 30, 2025 at 11:08 AM

TT

“ *I know this lady for a long time through the Ellis and clover family. She was a good-hearted lady she loved her kids and she loved Eldon before he passed.R.I.P. fly high above us all you've earned your gold wings spread them wide and sore through heaven the day you long awaited for.*

Timmy tolbert - October 29, 2025 at 03:20 PM

PF

“ *Papa Bruce Willoughby and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Ellis.*



Papa Bruce Willoughby and family - October 28, 2025 at 04:57 PM