



Thomas L. Ellis

July 17, 1960 - October 27, 2018

Thomas L. Ellis, 58, of Murphysboro, passed away at 8:06 a.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Thomas was born on July 17, 1960, in Murphysboro, to Forest Ellis and Anna Mae (Whelchel) Ellis.

He was the former warehouse supervisor for NAPA and had worked there for twenty plus years.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church of Alto Pass and was a member of the church board. He loved the Lord. He enjoyed talking about the Lord and mentoring young married couples.

He played the piano and loved music. He had a group called the Joyful Spirits and later another one called the Overcomers. They traveled and performed all over Southern Illinois.

Tom married Mary "Penny" Pyatt on July 26, 1986, in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include one son Nathaniel Ellis of Murphysboro;

his mother Anna Mae Ellis of Murphysboro

three foster children Angela (Shawn) Gemmecke and their children, Michael McCubbin, and Lee (Breanna) Bell, Jr. and their children;

four sisters Betty O'Guinn of Murphysboro, Linda Ellis of Monticello, Arkansas, Judy Butler of Murphysboro, and Debbie Worthen of Warren Arkansas;

and one brother Elmer Ellis of Vergennes.

He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters Doris Pizarro and Barbara Ellis, and one brother Willard Ellis.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Carter officiating and burial at Jerusalem Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas L. Ellis*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Lifting you up in my prayers. Tom was a special person & is missed greatly.*

Gloria Canaley - October 27, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *I have so many great memories of Bro. Tom but the ones I cherish the most are when I was working at Carbondale Rural King. Every time I would see him he would tell me that he was lifting me up in prayer. Those were some tough days when I would cry and pray all the way to work because of what I would have to deal with while I was there. He never let me forget and I believe that his prayers made a difference. I know that God has me in a much better place of work now and I am so thankful for that blessing. I know God answers prayers. Many other prayers that Tom has prayed have been or will be answered in God's time. I am looking forward to seeing you again Bro. Tom. "I can only imagine" the wonderful time you are having in heaven with our Lord and Savior! Enjoy!*

Marcy Lindsay - October 31, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *Tom was a classmate of my husband and myself. He has always been a very considerate and conscientious man. He will surely be missed.*

Beth & Brad Clover - October 30, 2018 at 03:28 PM

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“ Dear Penny, My heart is heavy for your loss. You are in my prayers daily for God's comfort in your loss. Tom was a special person & will be missed by all. I'm glad that I know where he is & that I will see him again. I'm so sorry that I will not be able to attend the services but my prayers will be with you & the family. If I can ever help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me!

Gloria Canaley - October 30, 2018 at 12:14 PM

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“ Tom was my brother but he was also my first friend. I remember standing at the window waiting. For the bus to bring him home so we could play. He was always there for me. He taught me to drive he taught me many things. I will miss him always. LOVE YOU TOM!

Debbie - October 28, 2018 at 06:03 PM