



William "Frank" Ellis

January 24, 1936 - November 4, 2020

William Frank Ellis was born January 24, 1936 in Greenbrier, TN to William Wesley & Beatrice (Williams) Ellis. His only sibling was a sister who was stillborn named Martha Lillian.

Frank served in the Army National Guard from 1956-1958, as a tank gunner. He spent many years selling welding supplies for Ash-McNeil. The 15 years before his retirement he worked for the United States Postal Service.

He married his beloved Sue Nelle, September 23, 1955. He adored her with his entire heart. The couple just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Together the couple had three children. Sue Ellen (the late Lester) Stites, Joseph Kevin (Tina) Ellis, David Frank (Stacey) Ellis.

His heart was the happiest when he was home on the family farm. He spent his time farming, blacksmithing and taking care of his animals. He loved to share these skills with friends, family and anyone who would listen. He was often caught bragging about his large and tight knit family, telling people what a blessing they were to him.

Their three children blessed them with 9 grandchildren, Rachel (Steven) Wilson, Joey Ellis, Rebecca (Chad) Clinard, Justin (Shandry) Ellis, Jesse (Danielle) Stites , Jeremy Ellis, Jason, Josh, Jared Ellis and bonus grandsons Derek (Kali) Adams and Justin (Kristin) Adams.

He was the proud great grandfather to 14.

Katie, Wes & Alie Wilson, Brooklyn Ellis, Nash, Noah & Ella Clinard, Tucker Ellis, Jasper & Theo Ellis, Kenzie & Kole Adams, Karissa & Jayden Adams.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3pm, Saturday, November 7th at Greenbrier First Baptist Church in Greenbrier, TN with Rev. Nathan Washburn officiating. The family will receive friends from 1pm until the time of service at the church. Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Greenbrier First Baptist Church
Hwy 41 South
Greenbrier, TN 37073

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ I knew Frank for many years. He was a teacher and a friend sharing his interests in history, horses, blacksmithing and anything old time. I only recently heard of his passing and send my condolences to Suenelle and the rest of the family. Ron Westphal

Ron Westphal - July 12, 2022 at 05:20 PM

LF

“ Lindy and Ronlin Foreman purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William "Frank" Ellis.



Lindy and Ronlin Foreman - November 06, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Frank" Ellis.



November 06, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William "Frank" Ellis.



November 05, 2020 at 08:44 PM

MB

“ Sue Nell and Ellen, Robert and I are so very sorry to hear about Frank's passing. I always looked forward to seeing him sit behind me every Sunday morning. We would always pester each other. I'm going to miss that. Please know we are praying for both of you and the family. Love you.....Mary Beth Barlow

Mary Beth Barlow - November 05, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Frank" Ellis.



November 05, 2020 at 06:20 PM

DC

“ Frank became a mentor to me through our mutual interest in Blacksmithing, and took me as an apprentice when I knew virtually nothing. He was patient and kind, always offering encouragement, with the occasional good natured sarcastic criticism. We worked, sweated and had a lot of fun in his shop and at different craft shows over the years. He taught me much about the craft of blacksmithing as well as life in general.
I will always cherish my friendship with Frank and Sue and look forward to the day when I see him again in God's promised land.

Doug Coutts

Doug Coutts - November 05, 2020 at 03:29 PM

SS

Frank was a mentor to me as I learned blacksmithing. He inspired me to be a better smith. This earth lost a very good man.

steve shafer - November 05, 2020 at 07:35 PM

BC

“ Frank and I were not exactly blood brothers but we were blood cousins (his mother and my mother were twin sisters) I loved Frank, we grew up together. We did everything together, from rubber gun fights, hedge apple fights, back in the day Sunday School classes used to do things like "possum", coon hunting to going swimming a the ole 3rd iron bridge on distillery road. You see there wasn't any such thing as i-phones, computer games, etc. For entertainment we would go over to his neighbor's house and watch Saturday wrestling. Gonna miss you buddy, cousins down here but brothers in Christ up there.
Bob Crain

Bob Crain - November 05, 2020 at 02:59 PM



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“ Frank Ellis was an awesome man. I remember staying with the family when I was about 10 years old one day during the week he would come home with his work truck and we would fill balloons with notes he filled them with helium and then we let them go into the air I enjoyed that so much. I will miss him and his great personality , I loved him

Gail Uselton Slater - November 04, 2020 at 10:52 PM