



Pastor Willie Joe Ellis

November 28, 1937 - June 17, 2025

Pastor Ellis was born November 28, 1937 in Adams County, the son of Mattie Stewart Ellis and Joe Ellis. He attended high school; and was employed with Fidelity Tire Company and owned a lawn care service until his retirement. He was the Pastor of Sixth Street COGIC in Ferriday, LA. In his spare time, he enjoyed pastoring, spending time with his family, and helping others.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Kelvin D. Ellis and Kenneth E. Green; grandmother, Jennie McCoy; grandfather, John Stewart; brothers, Alonzo Ellis, Bennell Ellis, George Fred Ellis, and Edward Ellis; and sisters, Louise Hill, Augusta Garmon, and Geraldine Craig.

Pastor Ellis leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Estelle Ellis; sons, Willie Joe Ellis, Jr. (Cheryl), Michael A. Green, Sr. (Vanessa), and Dr. Mark A. Ellis, Sr. (Mary); daughters, Yolanda E. Mullen, Vicki E. Hewitt (Donald), and Susie O. Ellis; brother, Aaron Ellis; sisters, Lessie Brown (Al), Linda Ellis, and Barbara Sims; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Natchez National Cemetery

41 Cemetery Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
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<https://westgatefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

JUN 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

New Hope The Vision Center
418 Morgantown Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Burial

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Natchez National Cemetery
41 Cemetery Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Tribute Wall

CL

“ UCFM Cheryl Lemar, to the family of Pastor Mark Ellis and his family. I am praying 🙏 for God to release his strength upon all of the family as you all journey through your hurt and pain. Weeping may endure for a night, heavenly Father release your joy in the morning.



Cheryl Lemar - June 30, 2025 at 06:28 AM

MJ

“ Marie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis



Marie Johnson - June 29, 2025 at 06:18 PM

MJ

Susie you and your family are in our prayers. Pastor Wilsonni Johnson Marie Johnson Jailynn Williams

Marie Johnson - June 29, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DM

“ To Dr. Mark Ellis and family, May God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, be with you during this time of grief. Your father is now at rest in His loving arms.

Demetris Butler UCFM church member - June 29, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MS

“ *Mr. & Mrs. William Patrick Sr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.*



Mr. & Mrs. William Patrick Sr. - June 28, 2025 at 12:30 AM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy to the Ellis family.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
With Love and Care,
Andre and Cynthia Young
United Christian Faith Ministries*



Cynthia Young - June 27, 2025 at 10:10 PM

DM

“ *Ellis Family, Praying for you all during this difficult time. Orlando and Danielle.
McKinley*

Danielle McKinley - June 27, 2025 at 10:49 AM

LL

“ Dear Ellis Family, You have my most heartfelt and sincerest condolences! I vividly remember Elder Ellis from when our churches (Murray Temple COGIC & Rehoboth COGIC) used to fellowship with each other. He will always be viewed as a great man to me because Elder Ellis did not only talk the talk, I am a witness that he also walked the walk! You all have my prayers and I am sending much love your way. My prayer is that God will continue to comfort you and give you peace as He has always done. I love you all very much!!



Lisa Lance Lewis - June 27, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.



June 27, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.

June 27, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MW

“ My condolences to Mother Ellis and family. May the Lord give each of you strength and Love in your time of grief. I love you all. Sister Ward, Marquita.

Marquita Ward - June 27, 2025 at 02:14 AM

MW

My pastor when I lived in Mississippi, Natchez sixth Street COGIC 💕

Marquita Ward - June 27, 2025 at 02:16 AM

RW

“ *Reatha Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.*

Reatha Wright - June 26, 2025 at 05:36 PM

JE

“ *Condolences to Willie Joe, Susie and families, from Jennifer Minor Johnson NN c/o83*



Jennifer - June 26, 2025 at 05:01 PM

LW

“ *Love Missionary Annie bell Washington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.*



Love Missionary Annie bell Washington - June 26, 2025 at 10:58 AM

FC

“ From David and Rebecca Crawley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.



From David and Rebecca Crawley - June 26, 2025 at 12:17 AM

FD

“ Condolences to the Ellis Family



Flece Johnson Davis - June 25, 2025 at 09:17 PM

TF

“ Temperance Garner And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis



Temperance Garner and family - June 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM

TF

*Sending our deepest condolences to Vicki, Lana, and Family.
Temperance Garner and family*

Temperance Garner and family - June 25, 2025 at 08:48 PM

JD

“ *Jessie Dorsey lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Jessie Dorsey - June 25, 2025 at 08:03 PM

TP

“ *Tena Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of
Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Tena Payne - June 25, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ *Maxine Railey sent a virtual gift in memory of
Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Maxine Railey - June 25, 2025 at 05:45 PM

LJ

“ To the Ellis family and surrounding friends of the Ellis family:

Mr. Ellis hired me I believe somewhere around 10th or 11th grade as a worker in his lawn service business. He employed my brother as well.

I vividly remember pulling up to his home and loading the vehicle with equipment prior to the day's work and after the day's work. I remember getting warm welcomes from Mrs. Ellis.

I purchased my first car with cash working for Mr. Ellis which one of his regular lawn service clients sold me.

I've seen so many sides of Mr. Ellis. I have seen him worship and praise God...preach the Word.

I've seen him laugh and smile. I can remember his stern interactions when he had to be as a business person whether it was with his employees or clients.

Mowing my own lawn, I text either my brother or James a picture of the yard and caption "Mr. Ellis would approve this."

I remember how we all tried to speak and act out how Mr. Ellis was around us....when he was not around us.

In the scorching heat, Mr. Ellis would drop melons and drinks in a cooler for us.

Mr. Ellis is a one-of-a-kind human being that has always had an impression on me from so many facets of life as a man, worker, and a God-fearing Christian.

Mr. Ellis will surely be missed. As it has never ceased, his wisdom and guidance will forever lead me.

Leroy Brown Jr.

Leroy Brown Jr. - June 25, 2025 at 04:01 PM

YL

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Vickie and her family.



Yolanda - Layne - June 25, 2025 at 12:33 PM

MD

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Vicki, Lana, and Family.
Monica and Madison Dean



Monica Dean - June 25, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and Prayers.

John T & Mary H McFarland - June 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

VG

“ Vanessa Gibson purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.



Vanessa Gibson - June 24, 2025 at 10:42 PM

ZA

“ *Condolences to Susie and the family.*



Zelda Argue - June 24, 2025 at 11:24 AM

YB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Yvonne Blanton Bell - June 24, 2025 at 01:13 AM

ED

“ *Elizabeth Dunham lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Elizabeth Dunham - June 23, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis.*



June 21, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Willie Ellis.

June 21, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Mr Willie Ellis



Yvonne Blanton Bell - June 21, 2025 at 03:07 AM



“ Rose M York lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis



Rose M york - June 20, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ Juanita G Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis



Juanita G Jones - June 20, 2025 at 09:59 AM

GF

“ *Glenda Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Glenda Ferguson - June 19, 2025 at 03:15 PM

RJ

“ *Rose Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Rose Jones - June 18, 2025 at 05:52 PM

LW

“ *Leonard & Alesia Wallace lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis*



Leonard & Alesia Wallace - June 18, 2025 at 08:30 AM

YB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr Willie Ellis*



Yvonne Blanton Bell - June 17, 2025 at 06:11 PM

WH

“ As you reflect on the life and legacy of Mr. Willie Ellis, we extend our deepest prayers. May you find comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). Though this earthly goodbye is difficult, we pray God will surround your family with peace, strength, and the assurance that Mr. Ellis now rests in eternal light and joy.

West Gate Funeral Home - June 17, 2025 at 04:21 PM

MN

“ Marie Norman lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis



Marie Norman - June 17, 2025 at 03:16 PM

GG

“ Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie Joe Ellis



Georgia Green - June 17, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LG

Sincere condolences to Mrs. Ellis and children. Elder Ellis and my dad were friends who always had a smile and kind words to share.

Linda Gooden - June 17, 2025 at 03:15 PM