



## George David Ellis, Sr.

January 20, 1949 - October 2, 2025

Mr. George David Ellis, Sr., age 76, of Douglas, Georgia, passed away Thursday, October 2, 2025, at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Georgia, surrounded by his family following a recent illness.

George was born January 20, 1949 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to the late George Lemuel Ellis and the late Bithia Joiner. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp where he proudly served our country for 4 years during the Vietnam conflict and receiving the Purple Heart during his service. He was a skilled mechanic by trade working for many years for Anderson Pontiac. He also attended the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia where he earned his Correctional Officer Certificate while employed by CCA (Corrections Corp of America) in Nicholls, Georgia. He attended the former God's People Baptist Church.

George leaves behind his loving wife of 38 years, Mary Kaye Herring of Douglas, Georgia; 8 children: Anne Gay Tolentino of Pearson, Georgia, George David "Davy" Ellis, Jr. of Bushnell, Georgia, Lavada E. Copeland and husband Shawn of Douglas, Georgia, John Bradley "Brad" Ellis of Bushnell, Georgia, Jeffrey "Jeff" D. Ellis of Douglas, Georgia, Johnny F. Ellis and wife April of Ambrose, Georgia, Mark Anthony Ellis of Nicholls, Georgia, and Donny Ellis of Douglas; 6 grandchildren: Cody and wife Jessica, Hannah, Jamie, Kaylee and husband Matt, Mallorie and husband Ethan, Antyler; 8

great grandchildren; a brother, Wayne Ellis of Lenox, Georgia; 2 sisters: Maxine E. Griner and husband Raymond of Nashville, Georgia, and Pam E. Perry of Douglas, Georgia; along with a number of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A celebration of life will be held to honor George on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel with Associate Pastor Chris Sheffield officiating. His family will receive friends in from 2:00 PM until the time of service in the Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel. Inurnment will follow at a later date in the Herring Family Cemetery (AKA: Antioch Cemetery) in Lake Park, Georgia.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with George's family at [www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com).

Flowers will be accepted or you may also make a monetary contribution C/O Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. to assist the family with the cost of services.

George's arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George David Ellis, Sr.*



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**Ricketson Funeral Home** - October 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM

CJ

“ *We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. You and David are all in our prayers. I have great memories of fishing and swimming with him, my brothers and father at the river and other adventures. It was always good to see him when I returned to Georgia, both as a kid and an adult. Thinking of you all at this difficult time. With sympathy, T-Charles and Christine Joiner*

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**Christine Joiner** - October 08, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SK

“ *He was a great uncle, the first man I loved as a baby!! He was always there for me with all the many mechanic needs I had over the years especially in the beginning of my driving!! I love and will miss him, but know he is rejoicing in heaven with his mama!!*

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**Sandy King** - October 08, 2025 at 09:32 AM

DF

“ *Derek & Gina Fowler lit a candle in memory of George David Ellis, Sr.*



Derek & Gina Fowler - October 06, 2025 at 06:07 PM

CE

“ *David Ellis was a great father-in-law for 20 years and became a wonderful papa to our daughter Antyler Ellis..Not a man of many words but his smile said it all when we would walk in. He loved his family dearly and they all loved him. You will be truly missed.... R.I.P♥*

Caresse Ellis - October 04, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JF

“ *James Barrett and the ABS Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George David Ellis, Sr..*



James Barrett and the ABS Family - October 03, 2025 at 09:11 PM

GD

“ *I worked with David for several years.He was a fine ,fine man and close friend.kind a quiet in demeanor, awesome mechanic. I think the world of David and Kaye.*

Glen Davis - October 03, 2025 at 08:18 PM