



## Willie Edward Ellis

December 13, 1930 - February 5, 2015

Willie Edward Ellis, 84, of Fayetteville, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 13, 1930, to the late Jesse and Julie Soles Ellis of McColl, S.C. He received a Bronze Star as a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army. He was employed by AAFES as a cook at Fort Bragg Army Base Bowling Alley.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Nancy Scott Ellis; his sons, Willie E. Ellis Jr. and Michael Ellis; his second wife, Joan Mauldin Ellis; and two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his brother, Luther Ellis of McColl; his granddaughters, Nancy Ellis-Oxenford of Clayton, and Sabrina Lipford of Shelby; three great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Tula Satterfield of Emerald Isle, and Elizabeth Dale Mauldin of Norfolk, Va.; numerous nieces and nephews; and his companion, Anne Swann Bennett.

A visitation will began at 1 p.m. with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, in Sapona Road Church of God, 1315 Sapona Road, Fayetteville.

Willie loved flowers, but most of all, he loved fishing.

Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Edward Ellis*

October 09, 2023 at 04:46 AM



“ *Willie Edward Ellis*

October 08, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Willie Edward Ellis*

October 05, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Willie I am soooo glad you were a part of our family for 8 wonder years.  
We will miss you and all your stories; can't wait to see you again!!!!*

*Connie Vetell*

**connie vetell** - March 01, 2015 at 09:35 PM



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**connie vetell** - March 01, 2015 at 09:26 PM

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**Tommie Ramsey** - March 01, 2015 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Nancy Oxenford lit a candle in memory of Willie Edward Ellis*



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**nancy oxenford** - February 24, 2015 at 09:28 AM

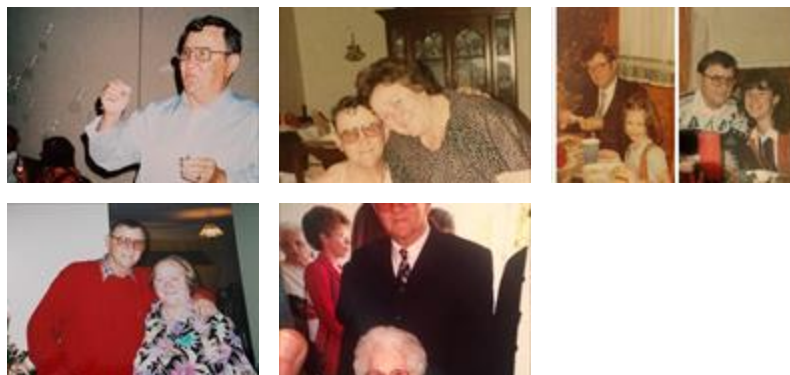
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“ Granddaddy was a fisherman plain and simple. I have NEVER in my life met someone who loved to fish the way he did! Me and granddaddy and daddy (Michael Ellis) would be up on the Surf City Pier ALL NIGHT! I was the official "coffee/hot chocolate runner for them. And if he started to get low on bait guess who had the honor of digging for sand fleas under the pier. Yup, me. I have slept on the Surf City Pier many nights while he and daddy would be dealing in spot left and right! Cooler would be so full you'd have to go the shop and get another! That is a happy memory from a happy time. He would have been a great-great-grandfather in a few weeks too as his great granddaughter Ashley is about to be a new mom. To Ms. Anne Bennett, though I don't know you I wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. This must be an especially hard time for you. Having to say goodbye to your sweetheart must be incredibly hard right now. I'm grateful you two met. Thank you for loving him and taking care of him. Im comforted knowing that my Grandfather didn't die alone, he had you. Looks like you have a lovely family and I'm sure they will help you through this hard time. God Bless you Anne Swann Bennett. 🌸

nancy oxenford - February 23, 2015 at 07:36 PM

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Karen  
Sanford

“ You've left us with many wonderful memories Uncle Willie. No one could cook up a fish fry like you and Aunt Joan. I remember watching all of those cowboy/western movies with you - you loved them so much. And the many trips to Surf City to fish from the pier.

You were always there to share in your nieces/nephews life events - graduations, weddings, birthday celebrations. You were much loved and will be missed tremendously.

Karen, Mike & Owen



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Karen Sanford - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 PM

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“ Uncle Willie we have missed your light hearted-ness and laughter and now we will miss it even more. You are now at peace with your first wife, your son (Micheal) and our beloved Aunt Joan. Give Aunt Joan a kiss for us. Rest in peace Uncle Willie.  
Love your niece,  
Georgette



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Georgette - February 21, 2015 at 06:36 AM

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**bruce** - February 20, 2015 at 10:56 PM