



T. R. Ellis

November 8, 1927 - October 25, 2019

Turner Ruben Ellis, known as T.R., (or “Tough & Rough” as he was fond of saying) was born November 8, 1927 in Webbers Falls, OK, the Son of Olen and Ruth (Harwell) Ellis. T.R. married Edna Manes in November of 1951, raised a family with her and after 41 years of marriage, they kept a very close friendship for the remainder of her life. T.R. later married Joan (Wynn) Ellis on December 28, 1992. They maintained a loving marriage until he passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday, October 25, 2019, at Saint Francis – Tulsa, with Joan by his side.

T.R. was preceded in death by ex-wife, Edna Ellis, a son, Sidney Dan Ellis, a stepson, Doug Wynn, two brothers, Eddie and Elmo Ellis, two sisters-in-law, Dorothy and Ortha Ellis, a grandson, Cody Cookson, and a great-great granddaughter, Sophia Dee Bass.

Left to cherish his memory are wife Joan Ellis, son Allen Ellis and wife Marsha; daughter-in-law Diane Ellis; daughter Brenda Bolding and husband Mark; son Brian Ellis and wife Elise, all of Muskogee; stepsons Greg Wynn and Kenny Wynn; ten grandchildren, Jennifer Barnoskie, Traci Bass and husband Jason, Staci Hoffman and husband Kelly, Amy Stairs, Matthew Ellis and wife Amber, Danny Bolding and wife Kelly, Kaci Ellis, Samantha Bolding, Ever Ellis, Evan Ellis and, sixteen great-grandchildren; Two brothers; George Ellis of Texas, and David Ellis and wife Pat of California; Along with numerous

nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, whom he also loved greatly.

T.R. grew up working alongside his family on their farm, while developing a strong work ethic, which stuck with him throughout his life. He was very enterprising and never afraid to take a risk. He left home at sixteen to join the Merchant Marines, serving in the Pacific during WWII. T.R. was always self-employed, spending his early adult life farming and then later moving into the trucking industry. He also had a great love for his country, often expressing the great beauty he observed while traveling through most every state in the U.S. He could be stubborn (which is a given when you are an Ellis) but he truly had a heart of gold and was incredibly generous – especially to those in need. Despite his stubbornness, he was quick to forgive and never held a grudge. He had a deep and abiding love for all of his Family, so much so that expression of his love often brought him to tears. T.R. was always an avid reader of the Holy Bible, reading it in its entirety numerous times throughout his life. He had a profound love and respect for God, and took great pride in being a Christian.

A family conducted memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday October 29, 2019, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Chris Emler officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Family conducted memorial service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
3008 E. Hancock
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *T. R. Ellis*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I delivered mail to T.R. at two locations. One was on S 40th St W, where he owned property with several small trailer houses. He was rarely there, and the mail was returned most of the time. He would come there and clean the area from time to time. I think he was helping those who lived there, but I'm not sure. The other was off of S32nd St W. I would take packages and articles that required a signature inside his business there. I remember talking with Sidney one time, as he was there with him. That was many years ago. I can never remember seeing Mr. Ellis when he was upset about anything, although I believe he was discouraged with the mess at the trailer houses he never fussed about it. My prayer is that God fill the family with His Comforting Spirit in the time that follows. JESUS LOVES YOU ALL!!*

L.D. Edwards - October 28, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of T. R. Ellis.*



October 28, 2019 at 08:48 PM

LP

“ I am Linda that was married to your cousin David, for 30 years. I have such many wonderful memories of seeing you kiddos as you were pretty young when David and I married in 1966. In fact Brian wasn't even born yet. When David was home on Leave from the Army he borrowed a pickup from TR so we could go out on a date. Well we were just south of Gibson St. on York when the Transmission Fell Out in the Street. TR, brought the wrecker to get the pickup and us taking me home. He was just laughing at the entire mess we were in. Your Mom and Dad were always very kind to me. When David and I bought our “Big Truck” so we could run with the experts, Eddie, TR, Denny, Runt and the list goes on... TR, was always very kind to me and helped us in many ways. Allen, Brenda, Brian and your families, I Love all of you, you will always have a special place in my heart.
I pray God will help ease your grief.
Linda (Page) Prater



Linda (Page) Prater - October 28, 2019 at 08:44 PM

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“ Stacy Dunn lit a candle in memory of T. R. Ellis



Stacy Dunn - October 28, 2019 at 06:37 PM