



## William McConnell Ellis

June 18, 1937 - April 25, 2025

William McConnell Ellis, age 87, of Judsonia, Arkansas, formerly of Forrest City, died Friday, April 25, 2025, at The Blossoms at Oakdale Rehab and Nursing in Judsonia. He had been in poor health for the past several months.

Mr. Ellis was born June 18, 1937, in Wilson, County, North Carolina, and was the son of Edison Ellis and Winnie Boyette Ellis. He was raised on the family tobacco farm in North Carolina and then joined the United States Air Force, where he served for twenty years, which included serving in Europe and Korea. His second career was in Hotel and Restaurant management throughout the southeast United States for Holiday Inn. He retired in Forrest City, where he enjoyed golf and comradery with his friends at the Forrest City Country Club.

Mr. Ellis is survived by Pamela Ellis, along with her daughter; Kim Carter, and husband, Chuck, of Conway, Arkansas. Also surviving children, Tami Kemp Mason of Atlanta, Georgia, Tony Ellis of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and Wade Ellis of Pride, Louisiana, and nine grandchildren; Kymbr, Will, Nathan, Tarah, Tiffani, Kenzie, Gunner, Chloe, and Charly, and seven great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at The Blossoms at Oakdale and Arkansas Hospice for their compassionate care.

Mr. Ellis's wishes were to be cremated and his ashes buried in the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery at Birdeye. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.