



Robert Campbell Ellis

August 4, 1930 - July 30, 2021

Robert Campbell Ellis, 90, passed away Friday, July 30, 2021 in Pilot Point, Texas. Bob was born August 4, 1930 in Des Moines, Iowa to Robert LeRoy Ellis and Elizabeth Harriet Campbell. He was married to his wife, Waletta “Billie” Jean, for 64 years until her passing in September, 2016.

Bob graduated from Lincoln High School in Des Moines, Iowa in 1948. He joined the Air Force that same year and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served in Korea from 1950 to 1952.

In 1955, Bob graduated from Drake University College of Pharmacy in Des Moines, Iowa and practiced pharmacy for more than fifty years. He owned and operated Ellis Drug Store in Rock Island, Illinois for many years, as well as the Koffee Break, also in Rock Island, and Ellis’s Andalusia Café in Andalusia, Illinois.

Bob was active in a number of professional, fraternal, and charitable organizations. While president of the Andalusia Illinois Lions Club, he was instrumental in the creation of Lions Park in Andalusia. A long-time member of the Elks, Bob served as Exalted Ruler of the Denton, Texas Elks Club for two years.

Bob is survived by his children, Robert V. Ellis of Albuquerque, New Mexico;

Brice Bloom-Ellis and wife Ilene, of St. Louis, Missouri; Bradley Ellis and wife Grace, of Maunaloa, Hawaii; Marla Jean Gaby and husband Craig, of Pilot Point, Texas; and Amy Kaster of La Marque, Texas; fifteen grandchildren and twentyfour great-grandchildren; brother, Bill Ellis of Urbandale, Iowa; sisters, Barbara Burke of Iowa City, Iowa and Beth Olson of Grenada Hills, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert LeRoy and Elizabeth; wife, Waletta; brother, Bruce Ellis; and infant sister Brenda Ellis.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM, Monday, August 2, 2021 at Pilot Point Community Cemetery in Pilot Point, Texas. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation (<https://www.macular.org>), or the National Kidney Foundation (<https://www.kidney.org>).

Arrangements are under the direction of Charlotte Chism Waldrum and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Pilot Point Community Cemetery

601 N. Prairie Street
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Bob, Brice, Brad, Marla, Amy and families, So sorry to hear of Bobs passing. He was a GREAT man and a friend to our family for years. Bob and my Dad went to Drake University together. Bob took summer school, and graduated sooner than my Dad. Bob came to the Quad Cities and started working for Schlegels drug stores.,He recommended my Dad to Schlegels as well. Dad came to the Quad Cities the week after graduation with Schlegels generous offer, thanks to Bob!! Their friendship went on for decades. He left a great legacy behind. RIP Mr. Ellis.

Randy Heggen - August 04, 2021 at 05:24 PM

MA

“ Bob, Brice, Brad, Marla, Amy and families,
Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He and your mother were wonderful people. I enjoyed working for your dad at Ellis Drug and at the pharmacy at Oak Glen. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Jo (Grothusen) Anderson

Mary Jo Anderson - August 03, 2021 at 09:58 PM

DJ

“ WE are so sorry Brice and Ilene, our condolences, if you need anything please let us know. Paul and Diane Johnson family

Diane Johnson - August 02, 2021 at 06:08 PM

DE

“ Bob was my friend. Deb and I are neighbors of Bob the past 4 years. He and I talked a lot about everything. We even shared a couple of lunches together. Deb was always making him goodies that I would take across the street. We also prayed together few times. He even came to a couple of our outdoor services at Gracepoint. We will miss him a lot- he always had a positive spirit about him- even the last time we talked about a week ago. Bob is now “ dancing with the angels.” 👍❤️😎🙏
Dwayne and Debbie Edwards

dwayne and Debbie Edwards - July 31, 2021 at 04:34 PM