



Ellis Bailey

June 28, 1941 - June 22, 2019

Ellis Bailey, 77, died June 22, 2019. He was born June 28, 1941 to the late Hagan and Hazel Sizemore Bailey of Baughman, KY.

He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University (BS 67), (MA 74). He taught math in KY, IN and SC where he retired from The School District of Greenville County in 1998. Ellis then worked in manufacturing at The Cryovac Division of Sealed Air Corporation, Simpsonville, SC, until his final retirement in 2010.

Ellis is a US Army Reserve Retired Master Sargent. His total service time of 29 years included the US Marine Corp, the Indiana National Guard and the Army Reserve.

He was a long term member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Community voluntary service included MOW, Rebuild Upstate, adult education tutor at Greenville Literacy Association and various schools attended by his grandchildren.

Ellis enjoyed outdoor activities where he participated in biking, paddling and hiking until his death.

Ellis is survived by Brenda Nichols Bailey, his loving wife of 20 years; sons, John Bailey and Brad Bailey (Jamie) all of Cornelius, NC; step-son, Donnie Ouzts of Taylors; step-daughter, Lesley Cannon (Tony) of Greenville; sisters, Kittie Bailey Sizemore, Barbara Bailey, and Ruby Bailey Charles; brothers, Hershel Bailey and Arvil Bailey; and seven grandchildren.

Ellis is predeceased by one sister, Lillian Bailey Ortenzi.

A celebration of life will be held 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at St.

Andrews Presbyterian Church, conducted by Pastor Jeff Gilstrap. Burial will follow in Graceland East Memorial Park, Simpsonville, SC.

Visitation will be held 1:00-2:15 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service at the church.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1860 Reid School Road, Taylors, SC 29687.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Graceland East Memorial Park

2206 Woodruff Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (ET)

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
1860 Reid School Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Service

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ I'm very sorry for your family's loss. I knew Ellis through Upstate Hiking. He will be missed. C. Trinkley

ctrinkley - July 02, 2019 at 06:36 PM

DR

“ I met "Mr. Bailey " in 1989 when I moved to Greenville from Memphis, Tennessee and began teaching at Northwood Middle School. Our rooms were side by side, and we enjoyed each other's conversations for several years. He was always courteous and friendly to me. I saw him several years after he left Northwood, and he was so HAPPY; he was truly enjoying life! You have my condolences.

Dr. Margie R. Reed - June 25, 2019 at 10:54 PM

BM

“ I met Ellis through a local hiking group in greenville....i was sorry to learn of his passing....he took a lot of interest in outdoor sites like lake conestee park....his legacy lives on

b mcnair - June 25, 2019 at 09:59 PM

KG

“ Thank you Ellis Bailey for your Service to our great Country. Sacrifice and dedication given from the heart. Rest in peace Soldier for our Country and Soldier of God 🇺🇸 ✝️



Kimberly Guillen - June 25, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellis Bailey.*



June 25, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ *We went to school with Ellis at Eastern Kentucky University in the 60s. He was a good friend and we are sorry that we lost touch. Then a few years ago we reconnected on Facebook. Deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Barbara and Danny Casey - June 25, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Ellis was my neighbor, friend, and fellow kayaker/hiker. I will truly miss him stopping to talk to me on his neighborhood bike excursions. He was a great guy who had a sense of adventure and encouraged me to explore this beautiful planet more. I also knew that he was a man of faith who loved his Lord and enjoyed the gifts every day brought. He also deeply loved his family and his country. I will miss Ellis but I was privileged to have known him. Brenda & family, please know you are in my prayers that God's peace will surround you and comfort you in the days ahead.*

David Faucette

David Faucette - June 25, 2019 at 08:01 AM

BE

“ Beverly lit a candle in memory of Ellis Bailey



Beverly - June 24, 2019 at 09:27 PM

JK

“ Brenda, this is Janice from Upstate Hiking and outdoor adventures. We thought that was "our ellis" and I wanted to say He brought us a lot of fun, good trips and loved his life. You and the kids and grand kids were so important to him. I cannot imagine what you are handling now but wanted you to know you and the family are in our prayers and thoughts. Here is my phone number and please call if I can help in anyway. 864-908-6950.

Janice Kelsay - June 24, 2019 at 04:54 PM

PF

“ Dear Bailey Family: I am so sorry to hear of this. MSG Bailey and I served together in the 3288th USARF School in the late 1980s. It was an honor to serve with such a fine and good person. My prayers are with you.
First Sergeant Pamela Fowler, USAR (ret)

Pamela Fowler - June 24, 2019 at 12:36 PM

ST

This is Sarah Tuttle I grew up at Baughman, Ky. My sincere condolences to the family.

sarah tuttle - June 26, 2019 at 07:35 PM

YM

Brenda and family, I just wanted to tell you how sorry I was to hear about Ellis. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you.

Yvonne McGee - July 02, 2019 at 08:22 AM

SA

I taught with Ellis at Estill County High. We commuted together with a couple more from ECU, and I never forgot that he said he was from Barbourville, Kentucky. It was 1967 and we both had just graduated from the university. He was a good math teacher.

Sharon Allen - April 17, 2022 at 10:23 AM