



Ellis Center

March 4, 1940 - February 3, 2012

Ellis Leland Center, 71, died February 3, 2012 at his home.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late Ansel and Necie Howard Suddeth Center, he was a retired employee of Roadway Express where he logged over two million accident free miles and worked in the textile industry for 23 years. He was a devoted member of Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church, where he served in many capacities.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca Ann Byars Center of the home; three sons and daughters-in-law, Martin and Robin Center of Greer, James and Juana Yearwood of Miami, FL and Michael and Joanne Yearwood of Landrum; three daughters and son-in-law, Chris Peace of Bradenton, FL, Gail Tucker of Landrum and Paula Horton (Kenneth) of Taylors; a brother, Earl Center of Spencerville, MD; three sisters, Ruth Bruce of Lake Jackson, TX, Joyce Strange and Theresa Williams of Landrum; thirteen grandchildren, Hunter and Emily Horton, Luke Yearwood, Marita Holder-Torres, Michael Yearwood Jr., Traves and Kevin Center, Matthew Campbell, Haley Tucker, Stephanie Ball (Doug), Amy Peace, Jesse and Sarah Yearwood and one great-grandchild Brooklyn Ball.

Mr. Center was predeceased by a son, Dale Yearwood, two sisters, Ruby Rogers and Gaynell Turner and five brothers, Melton, Wilton and Alender Suddeth, Ansel Jr., Doynell and Esley Center.

Funeral services will be held 3:30 p.m. Monday at Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Vince Gainey, Dr. Walter Johnson and Josh

Slatten. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Twitty, Lance Farthing, Leland Dill, Junior Atkins, Jerry Henson, Jimmy Campbell and Louie Earl Farmer.

Honorary escort will be the Men's Bible class of Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday at Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church, Building Fund, 4005 Hwy 414, Landrum, S.C. 29356.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **5**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church
4005 N. Highway 414
Landrum, SC 29356

Service

FEB **6**. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellis Center* ”



The Wood Mortuary - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss you Daddy as time goes by I know I need to let go because you have so many things to see and do in Heaven and you would not want me to drown in tears. I am so thankful to have been your Daughter. You have taught me so much.

Remember when:

You and Mama were always first to volunteer to help with school parties even though you worked 3 jobs, 2nd shift in a textile mill, and weekends driving a truck and working in tobacco fields.

Remember when:

I was 10 and we lived on a long dirt road and you would let me sit in your lap and drive a car...yes without a license. That was lots of fun.

Remember when:

I was twelve and you and Mama would get off work at midnight come by the sitter's house to get me. You would pick me up like I was still a small child gently and never waking me all while my long legs were dragging.

Remember when:

You worked at the saw mill with your Brother and you would carry wood chips on the big transfer truck and I would get to go. That was lots of fun.

Remember when:

You and Mama bought me my first car, a straight drive and while driving it home you told me then you will learn to drive it quick. Take care of it and it will last you a long time. You showed me how to change the oil and what not to do if it ran hot. Thank you, Daddy

Remember when:

We had our first argument it was not pretty but I learned a lesson that I will never forget and in your gentle way I remember the stuffed animal and note you had on my bed when I came home from school the next day. Although we never spoke about it again it was a hard

lesson but I understood. Thank you, Daddy.

Remember when:

I had my first heartbreak over a boy and that was not pretty either but you were there to help me and carry me all the way through those tough teenage years. Thank you, Daddy.

Remember when:

We were planning my wedding; food, flowers, and all the things needed, you never said it cost too much or complained about anything. It may have been because you were happy I was marrying a wonderful caring Man and that I was 31 years old and moving out. Thank you Daddy.

As the years went by Emily was born and then Hunter. Thank you Daddy for being the best Papa ever!

Remember when:

We went to your first Doctor appt to discuss your cancer treatment. I am thankful to have been there through this difficult time to help in any way that I could. Thank you Daddy.

This past month as you lost weight quickly and I began to watch you tire easily it was hard to see but oh what a blessing to have been there for you as God gave us the strength he knew we all needed to help you Daddy. As your journey here was about to end in the early morning hours being there holding your hand and talking to you until your last breath whispering we will be okay Daddy...its okay over and over again. I miss you Daddy but its okay.

You have taught me to be the person that I am today: Gentle, Loving, kind, caring, helping others and so much more.

I will miss sitting beside you in Church on Sunday morning. Through the years you were always an encourager for me and your entire family to be in Church. I love you Daddy! I will see you again someday!###imported-begin###Paula Horton###imported-end###

February 11, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ *Paula, we are truly sorry for your loss. When I lost my mom and dad, it was like a bad dream. Just know we will see our loved ones again, and how great that will be. Some sent me a card that read (HEAVEN IS A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN WHERE WE WILL SEE OUR LOVED ONES AGAIN) This has always stuck with me and comforted me and I hope it will you. Robin Weeks and family.* ##imported-begin##Robin Weeks##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 09:15 AM



“ *To the family of Ellis, he will truly be missed. He was a friend and co-worker at Roadway Express. May God continue to Bless and keep you.* ##imported-begin##Buce Stenhouse & Family##imported-end##

February 05, 2012 at 06:16 PM



“ *Ellis was a good man and will be missed. My family and I will be praying for you and your loss.* ##imported-begin##Lonny Epps & Family##imported-end##

February 05, 2012 at 11:35 AM



“ I am so sorry for the lost of this wonderful man...he was always like a dad to me. Ellis and his wife Becky and their daughter Paula were my second family.....even though we got older and we were many miles apart, I knew there was not a day I couldn't pick the phone up and he was there for me..You will be so missed by your "Your Little Lisa"...as he always called me.....and all our memories will live on in my heart...##imported-begin##LISA ADCOCK##imported-end##

February 04, 2012 at 10:07 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. Lisa and I had planned on coming down this summer. We love and miss you all. My prayers are with you. Love to all, Ann##imported-begin##Ann Skipwith##imported-end##

February 04, 2012 at 09:58 AM



“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS,FAMILY IS IN MY PRAYERS MAY GOD COMFORT ALL THIS FAMILY##imported-begin##KATHY BROWN ROBERTS##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 10:48 PM



“ I'm so sorry I can't be there with you all during this sorrowful time. Please be comforted by knowing that Uncle Ellis is free from his suffering. I will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless you... Love you all, Denise##imported-begin##Denise Wofford##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 07:45 PM



“ We're going to miss you dear friend. Your faith and sweet spirit has been an insiration to Sandra and I and many others that knew you. May GOD welcome you with open arm. Welcome home "My faithful Servant"

We Love you and will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Don & Sandra Peterson##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 05:51 PM