



Acknowledgment

The family of *Leon Valentino Ellison* wishes to express sincere thanks and eternal gratitude for every act of kindness shown to the Ellison Family during this very time of our loss. Every act of support, encouragement, prayers is much appreciated.

May God forever bless you in days to come.

The **LORD** is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the **LORD**
for ever.

— Psalm 23 —



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Memorial Service

For

Leon Valentino Ellison

Sunrise

November

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Sunset

December

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Tuesday, December 21, 2021

1:00 PM

Fayetteville Memorial Cemetery

Fayetteville, North Carolina

REV. DR. RONALD TALIAFERRO,

Associate Minister

St. Pauls MB Church • Pinehurst, NC

Memorial Service For
Leon Valentino Ellison
November 4, 1953 — December 1, 2021

- OFFICIATING *Pastor Kevin Pullam,*
Pleasant Mt. Gilead Baptist Church,
Ft. Worth, Texas
- SCRIPTURES READING *Revelation 21: 4-5*
- PRAYER *Dr. Samuel Norman, Sr.*
- SONG *"When I've Gone The Last Mile
Of The Way"*
- READING OF OBITUARY *Velveeta Eubanks*
- REMARKS BY FAMILY/FRIENDS
..... *2 minutes or less*
- INTERMENT OF ASHES
- BENEDICTION



Family will reconvene
at 7018 Wickersham (Cliffdale West)
Fayetteville, North Carolina

The Obituary

Leon Valentino Ellison was born on November 4, 1953, the oldest of three children born to Carrie Mae Manning. He joined the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and was baptized in front of Gray's Creek MB Church in 1969. Leon was a young member of the Mt. Calvary Senior Choir along with his good friend, Spencer Shaw.

Upon graduating from Massey Hill High School (1972) where Leon was active in Chorus, Band, Football and Track. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and retired in 1992. He continued in service to his country as a Department of Defense civilian working in the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul Korea for another 27 years. Val, as he is known by his family, had always been a public servant. He served as well as the Commander of the VFW for all of Southeast Asia, which include Korea, Thailand and the Philippines. He departed this life on December 1, 2021, four days before his mother's birthday.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories: his wife, Sun Ok Ellison of Pyeongtaek City, Korea; three daughters: Dr. Tamara Reynolds-Collins (Roger) of Madisonville, Louisiana, First Lady La'Tonya Pullam (Kevin) of Ft. Worth, Texas and Tsgt. Shannon Ellison of Pyeongtaek City, Korea; one son, Richard Lilliard of San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Reverend Elgett Floyd (Marjorie) of Aberdeen, NC; one sister, Tina Vanessa Ray (Bernie) (who

preceded him in death); one great aunt, Margaret Davis of Pine Level, NC; one aunt, Marion Joyce Norman of Fayetteville, NC; three uncles: King David Manning, Norman Evans and Samuel Norman of Fayetteville, NC. Leon's legacy consists of fifteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins (who were like brothers and sisters).

Leon (Val) will be missed by so many. He had touched people's lives all over the world! He is resting now from his labor, pain and sickness of this physical world. Sleep now in heavenly peace until we see you again.

