



**RIP GRANDPA
WE LOVE YOU!**

The legacy that you leave behind is strong and rooted in faith, hope and love. We thank you God for such an amazing gift that you have given us. Your faith in God, love of family, support, and wisdom will live in us all today and always. We only can pray to continue to make you proud and vow to let your legacy continue in our hearts and actions. You may have left your earthly body but we will forever carry you in our hearts. The love that you had for us and that we have for you will never be broken. No more suffering Grandpa! You are free and you are now with God. You will forever live without pain and sickness and thru us all. Thank you for being such an amazing person, friend, confidant, supporter, coach, cheerleader, counselor, babysitter, cook, but most of all Grandpa! Until we meet again! Rest well!

**WE LOVE YOU!
Papa's Kids!**

Acknowledgement

The family of **Burl Ellis** would like to thank you for your prayers, kind gestures, calls, cards, visits, floral tributes and warmth shown during our time of sorrow. May God keep and bless all of you.

Services Entrusted To:
Woods Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

BURL
Ellis

SUNRISE: JANUARY 29, 1938

SUNSET: MAY 7, 2023

His Journey

Burl Ellis, affectionately called “**Sonny**” by his loved ones was born January 29, 1938, to the union of Annie Parks and Eugene Ellis, Sr. in Starkville, Mississippi.

He accepted Christ at an early age and loved attending church services.

After receiving his formal education in Starkville, he relocated to Chicago Heights, Illinois. He immediately found a house of worship joining Calvary Baptist Church. He served on the usher board and was a faithful member for fifty-five years.

He was employed by ARA Food Service Vending Hotel and Restaurant for thirty-eight years and was a member of local union #450. He worked at the Chicago Heights Ford Stamping Plant as the head cook and promoted to the position of head chef.

In 1967 he was united in holy matrimony to Kathryn Fulcher. To this union two children were born.

Burl was quiet loving man with a zest for creating delicious meals. He loved planning gatherings for family and friends especially on holidays.

Reading the Bible, playing card games and grilling was his passion. He was compassionate, faithful, and loyal son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. All of these words describe who **Burl** was and why he holds a special place in the hearts of his family and friends.

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, **Burl** departed this life to begin a special life in his heavenly home with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Burl was preceded in death by his mother Annie, father Eugene Sr., infant daughter Eve Lyn Joy, oldest son Burl Jr., brothers: Eugene Jr., Ulis, Willie, John, Saul, and Walter, sisters: Vera Mae and Melvina.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife Kathryn of fifty-six years, daughters: Tonya Lynn Mustiful, and Courtney Garcia; sons: Victor Ellis (Velvet), Terrance Ellis, and Corwin Ellis; grandchildren: Wesley Ellis, Victoria Ellis, Wise Ellis, Tyler Mustiful, Tayla Mustiful, and Lamont Jackson; brothers: Sylvester Ellis (Emma), AD Ellis (Mozella), and Robert Ellis; sisters: Louella Smith and Jean Ellis-Douglas; a devoted godson and goddaughter: Michael Walk Knight and Michelle Walk Bruce; special friends: Leon Shannon and Jesse Nix and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

Order of Service

Saturday May 20, 2023
Visitation: 10:00 am Service: 11:00 am
Calvary Baptist Church Glenwood
801 Glenwood-Dyer Road
Glenwood, Illinois 60425

Pastor Lamont Higginbottom
Rev. Leroy Washington, Officiating

Prelude
Processional
Prayer Rev. Carta McDowell
Scriptures: Rev. Lillie Collins
Old Testament | Psalm 23: 1-6
New Testament | John 3:16
Musical Selection Male Chorus
Solo James Wheeler
Poem Devin Rowland
Acknowledgements & Resolutions Leonia Townsend
Remarks (Limit 2 Minutes) Deacon Charles Bowen
Obituary (Read in Silence)
Solo Wendy Mayfield
Eulogy Rev. Leroy Washington
Benediction
Recessional

Honorary Pallbearers

Corwin Ellis | Robert Kennedy | Lorenzo Franklin
Jesse Nix | Henry Kennedy | Leon Shannon

Pallbearers

James Coleman | Valandis Ellis | Derrick Ellis
Saul Ellis Jr. | Anthony Kennedy | Michael Walk Knight
Phillip Molex

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Interment

Washington Memory Gardens
701 Ridge Road
Homewood, Illinois