



## Mr. Donald Ellis

June 14, 1943 - November 11, 2018

Graveside services for Mr. Donald Ellis, 75, of Kilgore, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2018, in the mausoleum at Rusk County Memorial Gardens with Iris Davis officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, November 16, at the funeral home.

Mr. Ellis passed away on November 11, 2018 in Kilgore. He was born on June 14, 1943 in DeKalb, Texas to the late Mr. Virgil E. Ellis and Ruby Jewel Miles. He worked as a manager for Baker Oil until his retirement. Don was a wonderful loving father and a doting grandfather. He will be remembered most for his generous heart and sound advice, even though he was a die-hard Democrat. He enjoyed fishing and took pride in keeping his yard immaculate. He loved his family with all of his heart and cherished getting together for breakfast at Denny's every Sunday. The world has lost the greatest man we have ever known, and Heaven has gained another angel.

Preceding Mr. Ellis in death were his parents; his wife, Tanya C. (Draper) Ellis; and his sister, Janice Daily.

Survivors include his son, Edward Ellis of Kilgore; daughter, Renee and Douglas Lott of Longview; sister, Janette Smith of Henderson; brother, Leo Ellis and wife Vickie of Dallas; grandchildren, Ashley Bowles, Lyndsey and

John Moore, Taylor Johns, and McKenzie Ellis; great-grandchildren, Zander and Oliver; as well as a host of other friends, family, and loved ones.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Graveside

NOV **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rusk County Memorial Gardens  
5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ I am so sorry to hear that Don has passed away. I always enjoyed being around him. He was truly a great man who will be missed  
*Danny Patterson*

**Danny Patterson** - November 17, 2018 at 06:21 PM

Ashley  
Renee

“ I miss you so much Grandpa.



**Ashley Renee** - November 16, 2018 at 11:51 AM

CP

“ Eddie and Renee, Your dad was a special man with a sense of humor that was unbeatable and a love of life regardless of what came his way! We still treasure the times we had with him and Tanya - including the shaving cream roll-a-thon. Our prayers are with you and your families. Camille, Kenn, Adam

**Camille (Brackeen) Patterson** - November 16, 2018 at 10:26 AM

MR

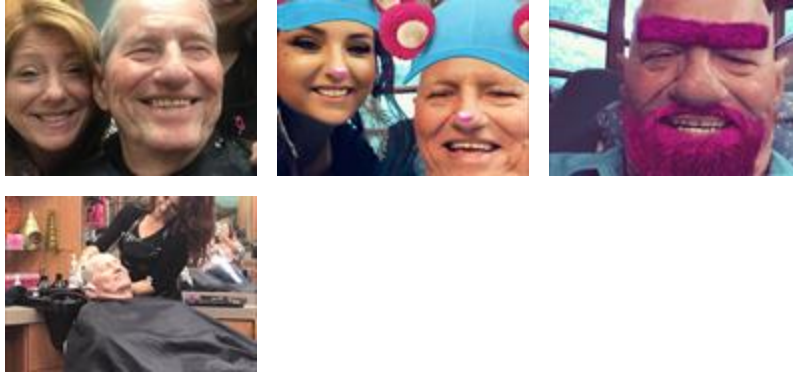
“ Michelle Raymond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ellis



**Michelle Raymond** - November 16, 2018 at 10:09 AM

LB

*“ I miss you so much grandpa. I will never forget you or our memories! It was an honor! I am so grateful.*



lyndsey bowles - November 14, 2018 at 06:03 PM

CS

*“ Charlen & John Moore Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ellis*



Charlen & John Moore Sr. - November 14, 2018 at 12:57 PM

RE

*“ Steve, some of my greatest memories of Dad are in that boat, and its exactly as you explained, he would make that boat fly, sometimes he would go so fast that you could not keep your eyes open, He loved flying across the lake. We would go fishing and not get a bite, and he would say "Its never a bad day on the lake". I am so going to miss his smile*

Renee - November 14, 2018 at 07:38 AM

RE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Renee** - November 14, 2018 at 07:26 AM

SR

“ When Chris an I were kids we’d go to work with Dad, Uncle Don and the other men. We would mostly just try to stay out of the way and listen to Dad and Uncle Don pick and joke one another. They seemed like giants to me then. Cold mornings thick with the smell of cigar smoke and coffee. Smells that take me back there even now. When we’d visit Uncle Don at Baker. I thought he was the real life JR Ewing. A dark haired Texan oilman with hands to match. On the lake he was a force of nature. Once he asked me to ride back in his boat on the return to the boat ramp. Dad an I had been on the lake all day but I wasn’t going to miss out on this! So I jumped out of our boat and into his knowing this was going to be a quick trip. Before he started he looked at me and said, “Hold On, This is a nonstop flight!” 🤪 Then he turned his cap around backwards and so I turned mine around too. We flew back like a missile! Uncle Don grinning from ear to ear. His face leather tanned and barely peering over the windscreen to keep us on course. It was thrilling! A moment of pure happiness that’ll stay with me forever.

Also Uncle Don talked to Chris an I not like kids or least not as kid like as we were. He had a even handed strength that made you look up to him. A strength you could rely on. It’s how I’ve thought of him. Even though I should of made more time to visit.

I’ll remember him just that way, cap turned backwards, grinning, going full throttle over the water.

Rest easy Uncle Don



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Steven Rachal - November 13, 2018 at 12:31 PM

GC

“ Don was a great friend and boss. He was my boss in the 80's at Baker. He treated everyone great and would make you a better person and employee. He was a great fisherman too. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to the family.



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**Greg Caskey** - November 12, 2018 at 08:51 PM

SC

“ Don will be greatly missed. He was a long time friend and a great man. Please accept my deepest sympathy.  
Sue Caskey

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**Sue Caskey** - November 12, 2018 at 07:47 PM

RT

“ Renee Timms-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ellis



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**Renee Timms-Davis** - November 12, 2018 at 11:09 AM