



Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.

March 13, 1956 - November 6, 2021

Nashville, Tennessee 65

Passed away at Vanderbilt Nashville.

Earnest Ellison, Jr. was born March 13, 1956 in Athens, AL to the late Ernest Malone and Dorothy Jean Ruffin. He entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Junebug, as he was affectionately called by family and friends, received his education in the Athens City Public School System. He learned the importance of hard work at an early age and exhibited this character throughout his life. Earnest was employed by General Motors for 40 years, beginning his employment in 1981 at Saginaw Steering Gear/Delphi in Athens, AL. He transferred to GM Spring Hill Manufacturing in 2009 and was employed there until his retirement on July 1, 2021. Earnest was well known for his love of the outdoors, his Corvettes and his Auburn Tigers. Always cool and easy going, he never met a stranger. Often greeting everyone with a smile, he made many friendships over the years. Above all, Earnest loved his family; his time spent with his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family brought him much happiness.

Earnest confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized at New Hopewell M. B. Church in Tanner, Alabama.

Earnest leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Melissa Bender Ellison, Nashville, TN; children: Monica (Julian) Burgin, Trinity, AL;

Porcha (Sancho Saint) Redus, Athens, AL; and Terrance Ellison, Harvest, AL; grandchildren: Tailor Stewart, Houston, TX; Myles Burgin, Trinity, AL; and Peyton Redus, Athens, AL. Earnest is survived by siblings Johnny Ruffin, Athens, AL and Demetress (Xaviar) Haygood, Tanner, AL; siblings Dwendow, E. Shane, David, Jackie, Michael, and Darryl ; aunt: Cleo Ellison, Chattanooga, TN; devoted mother-in-law, Odelia Bender, Mt. Juliet, TN; sisters-in-law, Vivian (Larry) Word, Rochelle Hayes, both of Mt. Juliet, TN, Cathy Bender, Hermitage, TN; Bonnie Campbell, Old Hickory, TN; and Crystal (Kris) James, Powder Springs, GA; brother-in-law, Michael (Carol) Thompson, Murfreesboro, TN. Earnest leaves behind a devoted niece, Kandace Walters and devoted nephew, Eric Jefferson, both of Tanner, AL. He also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Temperature checks and mask requirement strictly enforced.

Please keep the Family in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Thatch-Mann Cemetery

1803 West Hobbs Street
Athens, AL 35613

Previous Events

Visitation with Friends and Family

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Neuble Monument Funeral Home, LLC
1330 Bluebird Road
Lebanon, TN 37087
(615) 444-3117
neublemonumentfh@yahoo.com

Visitation with Friends and Family

NOV 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

People's Funeral Home
12060 US Highway 31
Tanner, AL

Graveside Service

NOV 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Thatch-Mann Cemetery
1803 West Hobbs Street
Athens, AL 35613

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ *Mary Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Mary Woods - December 04, 2021 at 04:26 AM



“ *Teresa Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Teresa Turner - November 14, 2021 at 06:23 PM

DD

“ *Deborah Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Deborah Davis - November 13, 2021 at 04:57 PM

AS

“ *Angela Stephen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Angela Stephen - November 13, 2021 at 03:31 PM

JM

“ *Jerry McGowan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Jerry McGowan - November 13, 2021 at 06:57 AM

BL

“ *Bunny Lockett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Bunny Lockett - November 13, 2021 at 06:02 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Nganga Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Deborah Nganga Williams - November 13, 2021 at 01:31 AM

CA

“ *CarlottaSmith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



CarlottaSmith - November 12, 2021 at 02:57 PM

DW

“ *Melissa, So so sorry for your lose prayers and thoughts to you and your entire family*

Dave Westfall

Dave Westfall - November 12, 2021 at 02:59 AM

ET

“ *Cousin Junebug - I spent many summers at your house in Alabama. You always had the best of everything, best cars, homes, smile and most of all Family. May you take your rest and prayerfully we'll see you again on that celestial shore. Rest In Heaven*



Ereka Taylor - November 11, 2021 at 09:06 PM

DW

My tears are for the wonderful memories & smiles we had while at work. You were ever a kind, genuine & funny man... I was blessed to be your Friend!

Dean Waldrop - November 12, 2021 at 07:07 PM

SJ

“ *Our Condolences and prayers for your family*



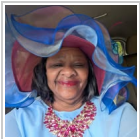
Sylvia Jackson

Shirley Jobe Bates

Gladys Rhone



Sylvia Jackson - November 11, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Mattie Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Mattie Woods - November 11, 2021 at 08:53 PM

MT

“ *Dearest and Beloved Family,
Know we are praying for you all. Know you
have our deepest sympathy. Find solace in
your memories and strength in the Word*



Monica Thompson - November 11, 2021 at 07:10 PM

DC

“ *Dan Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Dan Clemmons - November 11, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JT

“ *We extend our love and prayers to Melissa and the entire family. Love, Minister Joyce and Deacon David Thompson.*



Joyce Thompson - November 11, 2021 at 06:07 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Stephanie Spencer - November 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM

DL

“ *I'm so very sorry Melissa...my deepest condolences to you & the family. Praying God's perfect peace & comfort be with you all! Donna (your neighbor at 512)*

Donna Leone - November 11, 2021 at 02:10 PM

TT

“ Prayers to you Melissa and the family.
Preston and Tamara Jenkins



Ttamara119@gmail.com - November 11, 2021 at 08:29 AM

MT

Praying for you and all of the family. May God keep you during this sad hour. Find solace in your memories and strength in the Word.

Grady M & Min. Monica Thompson
Mrs. Oddie Bryant Jones
Sonny Thompson

Monica Thompson - November 11, 2021 at 07:02 PM

DS

“ Darius Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Earnest Ellison Jr.



Darius Suggs - November 10, 2021 at 11:48 PM

DS

“ Darius Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Earnest Ellison Jr.



Darius Suggs - November 10, 2021 at 11:47 PM

MW

“ *Mary A Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Mary A Woods - November 10, 2021 at 09:19 PM

TF

“ *Condolences to the family! May God give you peace 🙏❤️🙏*

The Hill Family



The Hill Family - November 10, 2021 at 09:15 PM

MB

“ *Melissa,
I am so sorry to hear about your husband.
You and the family mean a lot to me, and you
all have my love and prayers.*

Love Maxine



Maxine Brooks - November 10, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory
of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Jacqueline Wilson - November 10, 2021 at 08:23 PM

HK

“ *Helen Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Helen Kendrick - November 10, 2021 at 07:47 PM

SM

“ *Praying for Melissa and the entire family*



Samantha Jackson Milton - November 10, 2021 at 05:31 PM

GS

“ *Melissa,*

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Your GM/Spring Hill Team

George Sylvester - November 10, 2021 at 04:09 PM

LA

Praying for you Melissa I know the hurt you feel Lynn

Linda Abston - November 10, 2021 at 04:35 PM

ME

I said a prayer for you today, that God would touch you with His healing hand and give you the comfort and peace you need to get through.

Matthew Ebosele - November 11, 2021 at 10:52 AM

ME

Prayer for you. In your time of loss!

Matthew Ebosele - November 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM



*Melissa,
I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Please accept my condolences and may God's grace bring strength, comfort, and healing during this time.*

Murita Hayes - November 11, 2021 at 06:56 PM

GS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Melissa and Earnest's family during this time.*

*Sincerely,
George Sylvester*

George Sylvester - November 10, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Melissa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Melissa Johnson - November 10, 2021 at 03:49 PM



Sorry for your loss n sending prayer

Melissa Johnson - November 10, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr..*



November 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. God bless. Ida McClain*



Ida McClain - November 10, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Enoch Evans JR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Enoch Evans JR - November 10, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Cliffordene Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Cliffordene Brooks - November 10, 2021 at 09:42 AM



Our prayers of comfort and strength are with you in your loss. Trust in the Lord and look unto Him for He careth for you. Elder James R. & Evang. Cliffordene Brooks.

Cliffordene Brooks - November 10, 2021 at 09:46 AM

OC

“ *Odessa Clemmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Odessa Clemmons - November 10, 2021 at 07:45 AM

SD

“ *Shalanda Donnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Shalanda Donnell - November 09, 2021 at 10:14 PM

TW

“ *Teresa Word lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ellison Jr.*



Teresa Word - November 09, 2021 at 10:07 PM