



## Joe Ellison Jr.

August 10, 1924 - October 22, 2023

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Joe Ellison, Jr., age 99, of Bybee, passed away peacefully at his home on October 22, 2023. He was the first son of his parents Joe, Sr. and Ethel Ellison of Bybee.

He was preceded in death by his sweetheart and wife of 68 years, Mary Lynn Holdway, sister, Josephine Fitch, and brother James Ellison.

He is survived by his son Ronald Lynn Ellison (Susan), daughters, Diana Hayes (George) and Desiree Ellison Bannasch (Hal). Grandchildren, Byron Ellison (Carolyn), Autumn Smith (Andy), T.J. Ellison, Alison Burke (Brian), and Sean Ellison Coppinger (Brittany). Great grandchildren, Adam Ellison (Michelle), Caleb Ellison (Jenny), Tristian Ellison, Eden Freeman, Benelli Coppinger, and five great, great grandchildren. He is also survived by his baby sister, Mary Nell Douglas.

Joe was a member of Northport Missionary Baptist Church where he served the Lord as Deacon. He finally retired from his active deaconship as Deacon Emeritus in October 2021 after first being ordained in 1961. He also taught Sunday School for many years and served as a mentor and inspiration to countless others.

Joe was raised on the farm where he worked and lived his entire life. He was also employed by American Enka/BASF, retiring after 35 years in 1988.

Funeral Services will be held at Northport Missionary Baptist Church, 488 Duncan Street, Newport, Tennessee on Friday, October 27, 2023. The family will receive friends at the church from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm prior to the service at 2:00 pm. Dr. Wayne Whitaker, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Centerview Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Bybee, where Joe was a founding member.

The family would like to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to the family during this time. A special thank you to Dana Vidrine for the tender loving care she showed to our dad.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Northport Baptist Church ministries.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northport Baptist Church  
488 Duncan Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Funeral service

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Diana and family, prayers for comfort and peace...*

abby balch - October 27, 2023 at 10:01 PM

AD

“ *So sorry to hear about Joe passing. He was such a good man. He is rejoicing with Mary Lynn now! Love and prayers for you all.*

*Amy Burnett Dorsey*

Amy Dorsey - October 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM

SS

“ *Mr. Joe was always an inspiration to me. I have admired his commitment to his Heavenly Father and to his family for many years. He will be missed by many. Prayers and Condolences to all the family!*

Steven & Kristie Suggs - October 27, 2023 at 08:52 AM

KC

“ *My condolences to the family, he will be missed by all that knew him. He was always kind to Elizabeth .*

Kathleen Campbell - October 27, 2023 at 08:48 AM

PP

“ *Ronnie, Susan, Mary Nell, family and friends you have my thoughts and prayers. I am so glad our paths crossed and we met "Pap." He was delightful. He sang with his heart and soul! Our lives were enriched by you. I extend prayers for peace and comfort that our heavenly Father will provide.*

Pauline Proffitt - October 27, 2023 at 07:11 AM

BW

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. He was an extraordinary man. Many prayers for the Ellison family as they mourn the loss of their Father and Grandfather.  
Sending much love, Betty Webb & Family



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**Betty Webb** - October 26, 2023 at 09:11 PM

BL

“ Ronnie and Susan, so sorry to hear about Mr. Ellison’s death. Just know that he is resting in God’s hands.  
Love Lynn, Becky, Brandon and Heather Lane

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**Becky Lane** - October 26, 2023 at 05:25 PM

LC

“ My deepest sympathy to Desiree and family. You took great care of your daddy and comforted him these last few months. I know you will miss your nightly phone call when you come home. Losing a parent is so hard. He loved you so much. God Bless all of you grieving his loss. Love, Linda

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**Linda Commons** - October 26, 2023 at 12:48 PM

AG

“ Sorry for your loss May God comfort you all Billy and Bill Buckner

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**AggieHolt** - October 25, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss May God comfort you all

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**AggieHolt** - October 25, 2023 at 05:55 PM

SO

“ Ronnie & Susan, Diana, Desiree, Mary Nell and ALL the family.....I am so sorry to hear about Joe passing away. My heart is broken for this family. Joe was a really good man. He loved his God and it showed in his everyday life. Joe will sure be missed. I pray that God will give you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Ronnie and Susan, I love you both so very much. I am so sorry. 💔



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Susie O'Dell - October 25, 2023 at 09:20 AM

BD

“ What a Life Joe had! God doesn't have many like Joe left down here to do his work. He saw Joe was getting tired, and needed to go on home. Can't you just see God welcoming him with open arms, saying, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant." We were sorry to see Joe leave us, but happy for him to go home so he'll never again feel any pain or suffering or hurt, and he'll only have tears of joy. Prayers for all of you! Matthew 5:4  
Wishing all his loved ones comfort and peace, and many happy memories.

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Bud & Linda Dawson - October 25, 2023 at 01:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joe Ellison Jr..

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October 24, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Joe Ellison Jr..*



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October 24, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Chris Wendy Hogan** - October 24, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss May God comfort you all Aggie and Evelyn Holt*

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**AggieHolt** - October 24, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Love you and will miss you Unc.  
Mike and Pam*

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**Pamela Ellison** - October 24, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Diana, we are so sorry to her about Mr. Ellison death. Just know that he is with Mrs. Ellison sing they're together now. Love Lynn and Becky Lane*

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**Lynn and Becky Lane** - October 24, 2023 at 11:18 AM

DO

“ *Ronnie, Susan, Mary Nell, and Family:*  
*Kay and I will always remember the fun times at Riverview Baptist Church's singings and listening to you all harmonize on the old hymns. You were with us throughout our journey with Kay's mom with your love and support. Please know you have our love and support during this difficult time. We love you.*

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**Duay and Kay O'Neil** - October 24, 2023 at 09:02 AM

ST

“ *Sorry to the family for your loss.*

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**Steven and Loretta Taylor** - October 24, 2023 at 08:34 AM

CA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family..God Bless..* 🙏

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**Carroll and Marilyn Austin** - October 24, 2023 at 08:18 AM