



Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.

February 14, 1956 - December 26, 2024

ELLIS, Mr. Gregory B. Sr. - Age 68, passed away Thursday, December 26, 2024 at Durand Senior Care. Family hour 11:30 AM Saturday, January 4, 2025, at Greater First Timothy Ministries, 2131 Eberly Rd., with Memorial service commencing at 12:00 PM, Elder Joe Torreano, officiating, Pastor Timothy Franks, Eulogist. Family and friends will assemble at the Church 11:30 AM Saturday. There will not be a public viewing. Gregory Blake Ellis Sr., a talented musician and devoted servant of God, was born on February 14, 1956, and transitioned, leaving behind a legacy of faith, music, and service that inspired countless lives.

Gregory's passion for music began early, inspired by his grandfather, Herbert "Spike" Miller, a touring musician with the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus. While attending Clark Elementary School, Gregory mastered the drums, violin, and vocal performance, later adding the vibraphone in junior high.

In 1973, Gregory started his formal musical education at home and attended the Flint Michigan Institute of Music from 1975 to 1976, where he refined his skills on the keyboards, saxophone, trombone, percussion instruments, and vocals. At just 16, he began performing in nightclubs, earning a reputation as a gifted and versatile musician. Gregory collaborated with gospel legends such as James Cleveland, The Winans, Twinkie Clark, and Commissioned. Locally, he played alongside artists like Maurice Davis and Larry McCray, leaving an indelible mark on Michigan's music scene. His talent and

generosity fostered lifelong friendships and enriched the lives of fellow musicians. Gregory also valued education and practical skills. A graduate of Northwestern High School in 1974, he pursued training in automobile mechanics, small engine repair, air conditioning, and refrigeration, demonstrating his commitment to excellence in all areas of life.

Gregory's faith was central to his life. At St. George Bethel Church of God in Christ, he served as a deacon, drummer, and YPWW President. He also played drums for New Heart Church and Greater First Timothy Ministries under Pastor Timothy Franks for over a decade. In his later years, he attended Greater Grace Ministries, continuing his dedication to worship and service. Gregory's life reflected his favorite scripture: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23). Whether mentoring, performing, or supporting his church through service, Gregory's hands and heart were always dedicated to God's work. Gregory Blake Ellis Sr. leaves behind a legacy of love, music, and unwavering faith that will be cherished by his family, friends, and all who knew him. Gregory will be deeply missed but forever remembered for his extraordinary talents and devotion to serving others.

Previous Events

Family hour

JAN 4. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater First Timothy Ministries
2131 Eberly Rd
Flint, MI 48532

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Flint, MI 48532

Tribute Wall

PB

“ PAULA BROYLES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.



PAULA BROYLES - November 07, 2025 at 12:02 PM

RC

“ We meet on 7th street I think you stayed next door to my dads we went to school together and worked together through the years. Rest well my friend.

Rocella Carlisle - January 24, 2025 at 01:54 PM

VD

“ Verdell Duncan lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ellis



Verdell Duncan - January 23, 2025 at 02:14 PM

JJ

“ Judge Herman Marable, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ellis



Judge Herman Marable, Jr. - January 18, 2025 at 10:57 AM

GD

“ Gilbert And Germaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.



Gilbert and Germaine Davis - January 14, 2025 at 08:38 AM

LR

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for the Ellis family. High school classmates and always worshipped together. NW '74



Laura Payton Rahmaad - January 08, 2025 at 08:48 AM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Ellis Family. Greg and I were also musicians at God's Tabernacle of Truth in Flint where the late Bishop Richard Mosley was pastor. Greg was a gentle giant. RIH, my friend. 🕊️🌹💕



Sheila Bailey-Waddell - January 05, 2025 at 11:47 AM

PP

“ My Sincere Condolences To The Ellis Family Especially his Wife and Children In Whom I've known for many many years. Deacon Ellis I will miss and always remember you you were our drummer at St George Beth-el COGIC AND YOU WERE THE BEST THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP REST WITH JESUS NOW 🙏🙏🙏 100 100 100 ☐☐☐ 🙏🙏🙏

Patricia Peoples - January 05, 2025 at 12:17 AM

LU

“ Our condolences to the family. A GREAT musician he was. Praying for the family. Love, Mr & Mrs Lucretia Oden

Lucretia - January 04, 2025 at 10:30 PM

EM

“ We met in Highschool and have remained friends every since. You were always supportive and had a listening ear. It's so hard to believe that you are gone. Condolences to the family and friends. Love ya!❤️ Edna

Edna Mason - January 04, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JC

“ Condolences of Love and Peace to the Ellison Family in loving memory of a Great Musician who was also a Great Co-Worker. RIH With God's Musician Angels. In Jesus'Name!

Jowanne Carrigan - January 03, 2025 at 10:54 PM

YF

“ Your Walmart Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr..

Your Walmart Family - January 03, 2025 at 10:10 AM

YF

“ Your Walmart Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr..



Your Walmart Family - January 03, 2025 at 10:10 AM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.*



Julia Gamble - January 03, 2025 at 12:34 AM

EJ

“ *Praying with you and for you during this time of bereavement. The Radiolady 1420 AM WFLT.*

Elder Anna Johnson - January 02, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ *Condolences and much prayers for the family. Very good musician at our past worship place, GTTC. Bro Greg rest peacefully.*



Bonnie Bowman - January 02, 2025 at 04:12 PM

SH

“ *My deepest condolences family* ❤️❤️❤️



Stafford Howard - January 01, 2025 at 08:38 PM

JK

“ *Condolences and prayers 🙏 for the family and friends of Greg Ellis. Greg is my former classmate. He was a great person and a great musician. He will be missed.*

Julie Koger - December 30, 2024 at 09:22 AM



Thank you so much 🙏

Chantel Ellis - December 31, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JB

“ *Juana Betts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.*



Juana Betts - December 29, 2024 at 08:41 PM

CC

“ *So sorry to hear of Greg's passing he was always there when I needed a good band for different events.He will be missed.*



Claudia Croom - December 29, 2024 at 03:49 PM

AM

“ *To the families of Mr.Greg Ellis, May the peace of God always dwell with you and your families, remembering you Sir from Bryant Jr. High School,May your families receive closure,and rest in God,, families we are all praying for you.*

Anthony Moten - December 29, 2024 at 11:44 AM

MM

“ *Mayrene C McGruder lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ellis*



Mayrene C McGruder - December 29, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ *I was just thinking about the first time you walked into St. George Beth-El such a long time ago. Praying for Greg's family.*



Mike Davis - December 28, 2024 at 08:20 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ellis*



Jesse Kirksey - December 28, 2024 at 06:24 PM

BC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and loved ones.*



Bobbie A. Curtis - December 28, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JW

“ I’m gonna miss him playing at the farmers market in the summer

jaymes jimmi wesley - December 28, 2024 at 09:12 AM







JW

“ Since we were five years old, we grew up on the south side of Flint      



jaymes jimmi wesley - December 28, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JW

“ Gregory and I go back as kids growing up on seventh Street down the hill from the Municipal Center, City Hall police department fire department. #Southside      



jaymes jimmi wesley - December 28, 2024 at 09:09 AM



Thank you 🙏

Chantel Ellis - January 03, 2025 at 12:16 AM

TC

“ I am very sorry for the loss of Mr. Ellis. You guys are in my prayers.



Tracey Cavette - December 28, 2024 at 01:43 AM

CB

“ *Deepest sympathy sending prayers to the family. The Billings family*



carmon Billings - December 27, 2024 at 06:30 PM

LM

“ *Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ellis*



Lanita Murray Marion - December 27, 2024 at 03:23 PM

MW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to his family and love ones. Bro. Greg will always be remembered for his rendition of Dry bones (Ezekiel 37). He'd been a staple in the musical department from my youth until the passing of Bishop Mosley where he played the drums at God's Tabernacle of Truth. Prayerfully yours . Melva Rett-Wheeler and Family*



Melva Wheeler - December 27, 2024 at 02:19 PM

TF

“ *The Anthony Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.*



The Anthony Family - December 27, 2024 at 02:11 PM

WJ

“ *Willie McKay Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory B. Ellis Sr.*



Willie McKay Jr. - December 27, 2024 at 01:56 PM

CD

“ *Sorry for your loss praying for him family I was a real good friend of his I used to ride the bus with him we my kids was little I used to go to all the time and listen to him sing and play the drums he will be truly missed*



Cindy I Duncan - December 27, 2024 at 11:45 AM

CD

“ *Sorry for your loss that was my good freind used ride the bus with him and went and listened to him play the drums and sing*



Cindy I Duncan - December 27, 2024 at 11:25 AM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!*



AC Dumas - December 27, 2024 at 11:17 AM

CM

My Oldest Cousin. Gregory always had a kind word for me and was a talented drummer. He will be missed. Love you Cus

Christopher Miller - December 27, 2024 at 01:04 PM