



## Mr. Walter Lane Ellis

February 11, 1945 - November 28, 2019

ELLIS, Mr. Walter Lane - Age 74, passed away Thursday, November 28, 2019 at Presbyterian Hospital, Plano, TX. Funeral service will be held 8:00 AM Saturday, December 7, 2019 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 8:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Ellis will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday. Mr. Walter Lane Ellis, affectionately known as "Big Lane," was born February 11, 1945 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Walter Ellis and Mildred Shepard. He was a 1963 graduate of Flint Northern High School and he was inducted into the Flint Hall of Fame with the 1961 Flint Northern High State Champion football team in 2012. Walter loved listening to Jazz and would travel all over the country to see his favorite jazz musicians. Lane was a no nonsense kind of guy and would tell you like it was often (more frequent than often) using colorful language. He was full of life and a fun loving and caring person. Nothing made him happier than being with his family, especially his grand and great grandchildren. With drive and determination, he received his Bachelors degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Michigan in 1998 at the age of 53. Lane found great pleasure in helping people and he touched many lives. He dedicated his life to the NA,CA and AA Fellowships. He loved his job at the Genesee County Youth Reach Program where he worked for 25 years helping at risk youth. He will be truly missed.

Mr. Walter Lane Ellis leaves to cherish his memory: son, Lane (Aurdra) Ellis of Dallas, TX ; brother, Darian (Annetta) Ellis of Southfield, MI; 4 brothers-in-law, James (Marilyn) Payno of Flint, Jeffery (Margaret) Keener of Pittsburgh, PA, Kevin (Dawn) Keener of Birmingham, AL; Michael (Wilma) Keener of Dallas, TX; aunt, Katie Harper of Flint; 9 loving grandchildren, Eboni Ellis, Ambria Ellis, both of Dallas, TX; Jasmine Ellis of Ypsilanti, MI, Arnesha (Sam) Redding of Atlanta, GA, Antwain Redding, Raynard Redding, both of Dallas, TX, Ravon Redding of Detroit, MI, David Humphrey of Arlington, TX and Donesha Humphrey of Grand Blanc, MI; 10 beloved great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins including special cousins, Noah Shumpert (Carolyn), Kerry Ware, Karlene Wells, Douglas Harper and Ambus; numerous friends and lifelong friends, Dalton Kimble and Fred Bashir. Walter was preceded in death by his wife Lauren Valerie Ellis; mother, Mildred Shepard; father, Walter Ellis; and aunt, Mary Evans.

The Family would like to express a sincere thanks to Dr. Hector Reyes and Dr. Kelly Farris, West Plano Dialysis Center and the Presbyterian ICU 2nd floor staff. Extra special thanks to cousins, Neice Evans, Mark Harper, Rhonda Wilborn, Shantel McWilliams, Demetrius Miller and Elitha Shumpert .

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

DEC 7. 8:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I worked with Lane at REACH. He taught me a lot about the job, and about life. I especially enjoyed working 3rd shift with him.... for a full 8 hours of laughs and interesting conversation. The kids he worked with loved him, he always shared a bit of wisdom with the youth. He will be missed.*

**Beth Lloyd** - December 10, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ *Please accept my condolence, old school friend, truly sorry for your lost, as time pass may the pain ease.*

**Jacklyn** - December 09, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *Marva Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



**Marva Perkins** - December 07, 2019 at 07:51 PM

DD

“ *Debra Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Debra Davis** - December 07, 2019 at 03:24 PM

TM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family in this time of bereavement Mr Ellis "Lane" will be deeply missed his message that he share with so many will forever be remembered and the one that I will hold dear to my heart is my name is Lane and I'm "Awake" may he forever rest in heaven.*

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**Tyonna McIntyre** - December 07, 2019 at 06:56 AM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Lane. We have been friends for a long time. We graduate together in 1963 from Northern High School. Always a gentleman and we could always talk. My condolences to the family. Keeping the family in prayer.*



*Benny & Mae Vern Spence*

*Marietta Ga.*

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**Mae Vern Spence** - December 07, 2019 at 03:46 AM

JR

“ JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



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JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON - December 06, 2019 at 11:44 PM

LP

“ Larry (Virlyn) Poe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



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Larry (Virlyn) Poe - December 06, 2019 at 10:15 PM

EP

“ To the Walter Lane Ellis Family.  
*I am too full to begin to sort out and express anything. I threw rocks at him when I was in junior high, he didn't even know me. He married my best friend and became my brother, I became his son's godmother. He said two words to me that instantly healed a broken heart. Lane is my 7th brother. Rain (Eraina Jefferson Poole, Michael Jefferson's sister). Love from me and Michael.*

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Eraina Poole - December 06, 2019 at 07:46 PM

KL

“ I give much love to the Ellis family. Lane (my pops) took me in as his Goddaughter 19 years ago. We had a wonderful relationship. The only dad who most supported me mentally and emotionally. He always kept it real with me no matter what. He will be truly missed!! I love him as if he was my real dad. Dad I won't say good bye, but I will say see you later!! I love you soooo very much! We will see each other again.



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**Kendra Luster** - December 06, 2019 at 01:15 PM

BR

“ Bob Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



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**Bob Russell** - December 06, 2019 at 01:01 PM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



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**Rodney Richardson** - December 06, 2019 at 08:52 AM

ST

“ *Samuel Torns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Samuel torns** - December 05, 2019 at 10:48 PM

ST

“ *Memory of lane we was in track and football he will be missed sammuel torns*

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**Samuel torns** - December 05, 2019 at 10:46 PM

TB

“ *Little Lane sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad.  
Thinking of you and your family.  
Lane loved his jazz, and he played it loud and no one on Trout Dr. ever complained.  
I have many lasting memories that will never be forgotten  
God Bless*



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**Terry Boldts** - December 05, 2019 at 10:14 PM

HM

“ *So many memories and knowledge. Lane, you are one of a kind and you will be missed.  
Heidi*



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**Heidi Mathis** - December 05, 2019 at 08:20 PM

DS

“ *My Condolences go out to the Ellis Family.:  
" Wherever A Beautiful Soul has been,  
there is a trail of beautiful memories "*  
*MAY THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY MOST HIGH FATHER IN  
HEAVEN MOST WORTHY OF PRAISE BLESS AND ACCEPT  
BROTHER LANE INTO HIS KINGDOM,  
THIS GLORIOUS DAY OF HIS CREATION AND GRACE..!!  
AMEN.. ...AMEN. ... AMEN ...!!!*

*" FOREVER FO'REAL "*  
*D SMITH - 🕯*

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**D.ARYL SMITH** - December 05, 2019 at 04:51 PM

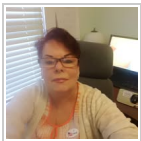
DS

“ *D.ARYL SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Walter Lane Ellis*



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**D.ARYL SMITH** - December 05, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Connie Tacey lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Connie Tacey** - December 05, 2019 at 03:41 PM

RP

“ My condolences to entire lane s family. Lane was my lifelong mentor and friend. Condolences especially to his brother Darian my buddy.  
Richard Pritchard pritchar@mail.lcc.edu 5179777344

richard pritchard - December 05, 2019 at 12:15 PM

DM

“ So sorry to here about Walter Lane Ellis. This is Donnie Mayfield. Lane and I go a long way back. Co-captains of the basketball team. We had so much fun. I'm really going to miss him. My condolences to the family.

Donnie Mayfield - December 05, 2019 at 10:46 AM

SJ

“ WILL MISS YOU MY GOOD FRIEND.. RIP. THANK YOU FOR THE QUALITY TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER. SAM J.

samuel johnson - December 05, 2019 at 10:06 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



Jean Durrett - December 05, 2019 at 03:27 AM

MM

“ Yes I would like to send my condolences to the Ellis family Lane you're going to be be sadly missed

Maxine murphy - December 04, 2019 at 10:16 PM

DF

“ *Dr. Carolyn Diane Steele-Davis & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Dr. Carolyn Diane Steele-Davis & Family** - December 04, 2019 at 10:02 PM

JR

“ *Lane and I met in the 2nd grade. We competed against each other athletically in Middle school through High School. No matter who came out on top our relationship never changed. He was a great life long friend who will be sorely missed.*

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**Jerome Rutland** - December 04, 2019 at 06:27 PM

CC

*Hey Jerome. Those were some GREAT times in Flint!*

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**Carl Cmejrek** - December 05, 2019 at 01:06 PM

JR

“ *Jerome Rutland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Jerome Rutland** - December 04, 2019 at 06:04 PM

JR

“ *Jerome Relerford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Jerome Relerford** - December 04, 2019 at 05:42 PM

JA

“ *James & Sharon Owensby ( Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**James & Sharon Owensby ( Arizona)** - December 04, 2019 at 04:44 PM

JH

“ *James & Carolyn Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**James & Carolyn Hudson** - December 04, 2019 at 11:13 AM

TT

“ *Tureia Roberts Nashville Tn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Tureia Roberts Nashville Tn** - December 04, 2019 at 10:03 AM

FG

“ God bless and keep the family. May He grant you peace and comfort. Lane is free of all pain and suffering. May he Rest In Peace. My prayers go up for the family. Fredricka “,Ricky” Gist



Fredricka Gist - December 04, 2019 at 07:31 AM

MM

“ Mary McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



Mary McGee - December 03, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Ceres Simpson Pennington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



Ceres Simpson Pennington - December 03, 2019 at 09:04 PM

MM

“ Lane and family my deepest sympathy in the lost of your Dad. Many good memories. He will be missed. Love Mary.



Mary Morris - December 03, 2019 at 06:19 PM

RC

“ *Robyn Cobbin-Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Robyn Cobbin-Hall - December 03, 2019 at 04:30 PM

VP

“ *You will truly be missed. I too can say you were like a big brother to me. Full of wisdom and enjoyed life..Rest in Peace my friend! Gone but never forgotten...*

Veronica Presnall - December 03, 2019 at 04:11 PM

PK

*Lane was a good friend of the Family. He really will be missed the Kimble's, Ferrell, and the NA Family. BRO.KIMBLE.*

PHILLIP KIMBLE - December 03, 2019 at 06:52 PM

ES

“ *Elitha Shumpert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Elitha Shumpert - December 03, 2019 at 04:02 PM

LB

“ *LaWanda Blassingame lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**LaWanda Blassingame** - December 03, 2019 at 02:54 PM

JB

“ *Jimi Moore (The Barber) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Jimi Moore (The Barber)** - December 03, 2019 at 01:09 PM

SC

“ *Lane...you were old enough to be my father but, was more like a very wise big brother. May you rest where the fruits and vegetables are plentiful, and the Jazz is played by all the greats who have made their transition!*

--- Love you “Big Bruh”!

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**Sharrod Campbell** - December 02, 2019 at 01:54 PM

SB

*My friend, my family, may you rest in comfort in the house of the Lord..*

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**Shirley Blassingame** - December 03, 2019 at 05:54 PM

SJ

*MISS YOU MY FRIEND, RIP-----SAMUEL JOHNSON*

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**samuel johnson** - December 05, 2019 at 10:19 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Price-Dickson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



Cheryl Price-Dickson - December 01, 2019 at 07:38 PM

RD

“ Lit a candle for Walter Lane Ellis

Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA - December 01, 2019 at 03:30 PM

RD

“ Lit a candle for Walter Lane Ellis

Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA - December 01, 2019 at 03:28 PM

DD

“ Dorothy Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



Dorothy Dickerson - December 01, 2019 at 11:16 AM

WE

“ Wendy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis



Wendy - December 01, 2019 at 01:34 AM

WE

“ *A great father in law so many good memories love you big lane may you rest in peace*

Wendy - December 01, 2019 at 01:33 AM

JR

“ *JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON - November 30, 2019 at 11:52 PM

OG

“ *Ondria Kirksey Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Ondria Kirksey Gillespie - November 30, 2019 at 10:59 PM

SB

“ *I remember Lane from parkland elementary school, we were friends even after he moved to Jefferson school, I ended marrying into his family. We were friends his wife Val and I lived in the same apartment building, going to parkland, little did we know we would also marry into the same family, and we chose good.*



Shirley Blassingame - November 30, 2019 at 08:59 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Barbara Wright - November 30, 2019 at 07:50 PM

BW

“ *Batbara Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Batbara Wright - November 30, 2019 at 01:00 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Jordan Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Brenda Jordan Dilworth - November 30, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ *Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



Mary Evans - November 29, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *To My Family Lane faught a good fight but God had a better plan rest peacefully My Brother*



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**Mary Evans** - November 29, 2019 at 04:01 PM

OB

“ *Ozell Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Ozell Burns** - November 29, 2019 at 03:11 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Brenda Kimble** - November 29, 2019 at 11:42 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Lane Ellis*



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**Sandra Payne** - November 29, 2019 at 10:10 AM

KW

*We had The Coolest Coaches in Mott Football at Emerson.. Dalton Kimble, Jack Henry and Lane Ellis.. Cool was IN and Lane had Fla'va. May Flint Celebrate His Life in a manner befitting Him. Keith Jones*

**Keith Jones Spokane, Washington** - December 05, 2019 at 06:58 PM

CP

*RIP Lane. And my condolences to my high school classmate's family.*

**Cecil Payne** - December 11, 2019 at 01:16 AM