



## Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr.

April 13, 1948 - November 14, 2025

Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr.

Date of Birth: 04/13/1948

Date of Death: 11/14/2025

City of Birth: Guthrie, Oklahoma

Father: Rev. James B. Ellis Sr. (deceased)

Mother: Juanita E. Ellis (deceased)

Spouse: Audrey A. Ellis (deceased)

Current Spouse: Sheila M. Caldwell-Ellis

Sibling/Brother: Rev. James B. Ellis Jr.

Sibling/Sisters: Oletha Smith, Gean Ellis, Denise Ellis (deceased), Shirley Ellis(deceased), Savannah Rushing (deceased), Eva Ellis (deceased), Ester Scott (deceased)

Children: Clyde W. Ellis Jr.(Brande), Shirley Ellis, Tomonica Ellis (deceased), Monette Graves (deceased)

Grandchildren: Wesley Ellis Sr. Jaide Jackson, Kennedi Graves-Wilson, Kevin O'Neal, Quentin O'Neal, Brianna O'Neal, Tre'Veon Ellis, Tylen Ellis, Clyde "Tripp" Ellis III, Christian Ellis, Caleb Ellis, Zari Sharp, Brandon Jones

Great-Grandchildren: Azrael O'Neal-Fitzpatrick, Marcena Arterberry-Ellis, Messiah Grandson-Ellis, Wesley "JuJu" Ellis Jr., Tomontre' Ellis, Bryson Ellis

High School: Dunjee Highschool class of 1965



# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home  
2936 N.E. 36th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
(405) 424-4136  
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wildewood Christian Church  
6900 N. Kelley Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I met Coach Ellis when I was in High School at the Original John Marshall High School he was the best at what he did. Really didn't talk to him much just know he was a great Coach.

Sherry Smith - December 05, 2025 at 02:37 PM

M9

“ A very well respected man. Coach you will be greatly missed by many. I hate I couldn't be there to really pay my respects but I do know you are at peace, no worries and no pain. Your legacy will be forever respected. Sending prayers to the entire Ellis family and close friends.



Mone't James-Class of 97 - December 01, 2025 at 01:42 PM

SA

“ One of the best friends for over 40 years! My Uncle thought of Coach like a Brother! Praying Hard for his Precious Family! God Bless!! Sandy B!

Sandy - December 01, 2025 at 09:09 AM

WB

“ Clyde was one of my best friends growing up. We played football, basketball and baseball together and we had so much fun and laughs in school. Even then he wanted to be a coach and I'm happy he got to do what loved for so long. Our friendship extended into adulthood. RIH old Friend.

Winard Brown - November 30, 2025 at 09:34 PM

JS

“ We would always have group birthday dinners, and the laughter never stopped throughout the meal. Will truly miss his smile and joyful nature.

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**Judy and Edgar Scott** - November 30, 2025 at 02:25 PM

TJ

“ To the Ellis Family, May God wrap his arms around you and hold you tight to help ease your pain during this difficult time. Coach Ellis was One Of A Kind , Legendary, A Master of whatever he put his mind too. From Tonya Brown Jones class of 1980 of the mighty Johnmarshall Bears , and my Takorya, Elgie and Tiana. we send our deepest condolences

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**Tonya Jones** - November 30, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CF

“ Clyde's eyes always lit up whenever he talked about his children. And our running joke was that even after 40 years, we never knew his exact address- we just drove down the street and looked for the fleet of cars in the driveway! We will miss our joke together. The Fox family.



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**Cal and Dee Fox** - November 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM

TF

“ *The Fox Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr..*



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**The Fox Family** - November 28, 2025 at 02:36 PM

DM

“ *Dovie D Majors purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr..*



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**Dovie D Majors** - November 28, 2025 at 12:19 PM

CM

“ *Compassionate Church Ministries purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr..*



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**Compassionate Church Ministries** - November 25, 2025 at 06:13 PM

FF

“ *From the House family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr..*



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**From the House family** - November 25, 2025 at 04:28 PM

ET

“ *I did my student teaching under Coach Ellis /— he shared a lot of wisdom... God bless the family in this difficult time*

Eric Taylor - November 25, 2025 at 03:06 PM

LA

“ *You will be truly missed. Forever my Uncle.  
Love Lamsie*

Lamsie - November 24, 2025 at 10:48 AM

MP

“ *Clyde and our family have been friends for over 58 years, condolences to the entire families, will not be the same without him*



Mattie and Bennie Price - November 22, 2025 at 03:46 PM

TF

“ *The Farrow Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr..*



The Farrow Family - November 22, 2025 at 02:16 PM

DS

“ I extend prayers and condolences to Clyde's entire family. We shared many childhood days at Dunjee High School and St. James Baptist Church in the Spencer area. Clyde and brother James were very respectful and had such a loving family. He will be missed. We're proud of his many talents and accomplishments. I visited John Marshall many years ago and I was bubbling with pride when I saw a plaque with his picture on the wall included in their Hall of Fame. You represented your Spencer community well . Blessings to all! Rest in peace!



Donetta Faye Starks - November 21, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JJ

I met Mr. Ellis when His Mother and I was neighbors and church members at St. James Baptist Church I must say He was one of the respectful men that I've met in my lifetime. Always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. RIH Mr. Clyde Ellis. You are with your Mother and siblings whose gone home to be with the Lord. My condolence goes out to the Family and many 🤝 friends

Josie James - November 29, 2025 at 12:31 AM

RF

“ Our Condolences to the Ellis Family fill with Love, Comfort and beautiful Memories💕 Royce & Beautiful Frazier

Royce & Brenda Frazier - November 21, 2025 at 05:04 PM

ER

“ To Shirley O'Neill and the entire Ellis family my thoughts and prayers are with you all sharing in the grief of your loved one praying for healing hearts, comfort strength in peace!

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Evelyn Robinson - November 21, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DC

“ Coach taught and motivated our entire family of siblings and cousins for over 15 years; track and football, and his impact is still felt. May God bless and keep you all during this difficult time. Love, Dr. Ronald Moore, Tiffany (Garrett) Finley, Sgt. Kevin Moore, and Dr. Lakisha (Thornton) Culpepper.

Dr. Lakisha Culpepper - November 21, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coach Clyde W. Ellis Sr..



November 21, 2025 at 07:06 AM

LN

“ Myself (Lillie Ellison-class 1980), Theresa Brantley-class 1980, and Rochelle Armstrong-class 1978 had an opportunity to visit with Coach Ellis in August of this year.... We had a time reminiscing..... we asked how did you know where our greatest strength was on the track.... he told us we told him each time he put ALL of us in a particular race in practice 😊

My deepest condolences to the Ellis family....

Lillie Napper - November 20, 2025 at 09:21 PM

KB

Love this! I was able to speak with his wife and she told me that you ladies came by to talk with Coach. She said that he was soooooo happy! Blessings to you all for making his last days happier!

Karen Brown - November 30, 2025 at 08:21 PM

SJ

“ You have my deepest condolences and prayers. From the Bush Family

Sheryl Bush Jones - November 20, 2025 at 04:36 PM

EB

My sincere condolences to the Ellis family. Clyde was like family and also a classmate. The class of 1965. He will be truly missed. Praying for the family during this sad time.

Eddie Banks - November 20, 2025 at 09:18 PM

RJ

Coach Ellis was the best. Coach taught us girls the true meaning of respect he loved us and we loved him. My Condolences to the Family and my Prayers are with you. 🙏🙏 Reba Brown - Johnson Class of 77.

Reba Brown - Johnson - November 20, 2025 at 09:31 PM