



## James A. Ellis

February 22, 1945 - January 13, 2026

James Allen Ellis, aged 80, passed away on January 13, 2026, in Joplin, MO. Born on February 22, 1945, James was known for his good-hearted nature, though he was never shy about a spirited debate. He cherished his wife deeply, was a devout Christian, and remained actively involved in his community.

James proudly served in the Army for three years and was disabled due to exposure to Agent Orange. After his military service, he owned a cable company in Burleson, TX, which thrived under his stewardship.

He was Baptist in faith. He was a member of the American Legion, Scottish Rite, V.F.W., and Masons. An avid fisherman, James found great joy and relaxation at the water's edge.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Gay Ellis, and son, Matthew Ellis. He is survived by his wife, Willena "Hope" Tomlinson; son, Billy Bushee (Grove, OK); grandsons, William Bushee, Wyatt Bushee, and Braydon Aday; sisters, Kay Nations (Burleson, TX) and Billie Sue Blundon (Cleburne, TX); brother, Troy Ellis (Dottie, OK); and niece, Linda Taylor and Danny Buckaloo (Goltry, OK)., niece, Janice Jones (Jeff) of Edmond, OK, sister-in-laws, Wylema Wilson and Lanita Salyer .

Family memorial services are planned at later time.



# Tribute Wall

WW

“ *Didn't know James very long but always treated me with care and respect. He was a soft-hearted man who loved his family and his dogs. I will miss him a lot. I pray for his trip to be with his loved ones in heaven. Wylema Wilson from Oklahoma city.* ”

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**Wylema Wilson** - January 21 at 01:46 PM

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“ *Love you brother, rest in peace. I will love you always. And forever.* ”



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**Billie Sue Ellis Blundon** - January 19 at 10:06 PM

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*Thank you for always being there you already knew how much I loved you*

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**Lanita Morantes** - January 20 at 11:16 AM