



William James Ellis

June 15, 1929 - September 1, 2018

William James Ellis, age 89 of Knoxville, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving family by his side in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 1, 2018. He was born June 15, 1929 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur James Ellis. Jim was a graduate of McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN and the University Of Tennessee School Of Pharmacy. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and served in the Korean War. Jim was a member and Deacon of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Knoxville Chapter of the Civitan Club and was a past president of Cherokee Country Club. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the American Seniors and Southern Seniors Golf Associations, as well as a member of the Honors Course. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, sister Marie Ellis Clapp, and beloved wife Louise Kirby Ellis. Jim is survived by his loving family, son William James Ellis, Jr. and wife Carol and son Joseph Kirby Ellis and wife Elizabeth; grandchildren, Ann Louise Ellis Broome and husband John, Mary Haley Ellis, Diane Brooks Ellis and Grayson Kirby Ellis; sister Jenny Ellis Glover and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of Jim's life will be held 2:30 PM Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church with The Reverend Rachel Hamburger and The Reverend Mark D. Lampley officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in Barron Hall. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, 3700 Keowee Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919. Online condolences may be sent to www.rosemortuary.com. Arrangements provided by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel.

Events

SEP **Celebration of Life** 02:30PM

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Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church

3700 Keowee Avenue, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

Comments



“ As a long time employ of CC Club i became good friends to.Mr Ellis and his family he was the perfect southern gentleman and despite his own personal health issues he remained to stay positive and enjoyed getting out to.be with his golf buddies He will be missed and so loved by all prayers to Kirby n family TAnne

Anne Foschinoa - September 02, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ I had the privilege of playing many rounds of golf Mr. Ellis, who always insisted he be called Jimmy. My greatest golf memory is seeing make a 1 on the 10th hole at CCC, and then finding it hard to believe it was his first ace. He was the epitome of a True Southern Gentleman!

Kirby, it's special that you shared so many rounds of golf playing with him!

God Bless!

Tim Sykes

Tim Sykes - September 02, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ Ellis Family - I will dearly miss my buddy Jimmy!
He was always a joy to be with particularly one on one and of course the golf course. I best describe Jimmy as a “ True Southern Gentlemen “ . This is a very sad day !
Dick & Denise Anderson

Dick Anderson - September 01, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ My condolences to the family and especially to Jimmy and Kirby. Jim's final years were not easy but he always seemed to handle his adversities with grace and dignity. I am sorry for your loss but know you are comforted by the hope that he is in a better place.

Frank Gray

Frank Gray - September 01, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ All the Memphis family mourns the loss of Jim
You are in our prayers

scott may - September 02, 2018 at 10:10 AM