



Bernard Oliver Ellis, Sr.

March 8, 1955 - January 20, 2026

Oh, to be an Ellis. I don't know if I could ever do it the way my Dad did.

He carried a last name I didn't always understand. But over time, that name became a lesson -- a reminder that we could be anything if we honored who we were and where we came from.

My Dad taught me how to feel as a man. He loved deeply. He sacrificed without asking. And he left us at a time that was unscheduled. When God placed me in your arms as a baby, there were tears and sleepless nights. But those tears watered a field of opportunity for me and for our family. You taught me that pain, when guided, can move mountains. That strength doesn't mean being cold. It means speaking your truth and using your emotions as motivation.

I always say peace on earth is my job description. And even through rough waters, you showed me how to be a vessel of hope for others. The Bible says, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." I honored you when I was young, not knowing how much that would bless me later. Not knowing it would give me the strength to grieve you with grace.

You taught me that faith—even as small as a mustard seed—can grow into

something powerful. Every breath we take is proof of God's work within us. I will shed tears today, tomorrow, and for many years to come. But those tears will also become love, love for our family and love for the life you gave us.

You were a veteran. A man of wisdom. A light for all your descendants. You showed me that being perfect doesn't make you a man. Being human does. Reflecting on your actions and still choosing love. I honor my Dad. For his sacrifices. For his encouragement. For teaching me that love is what lasts.

To be an Ellis is learning to love during hard times, whether you have a day or a century.

So today, I choose love. I choose forgiveness. And I choose to honor you—now and always.

Cemetery Details

Baltimore National Cemetery

5501 Frederick Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Wake

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Bernard Oliver Ellis, Sr.*



March Life Tribute Centers - January 28 at 11:20 AM

JJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to our worst enemy called Death, in these critical situations it's normal to feel helpless not knowing where to turn. However, our heavenly creator has assured us in HEB: 6/11 that it is impossible for him to ever forget us, He also stated in John:5/28/29 that all those in the memorial tombs will here is voice and come out, So GOD is given us all his promise of hope of us being together once again. Meanwhile we can give our thanks to the March family funeral directors: for their perfectional assistance and their heartfelt concern toward the unfortunate friends and families; THANKS.*

Joseph Jones - February 02 at 11:05 AM

NA

“ *Our cousin Marsha, sure knew what she was doing when she introduced you and Michele 54 years ago. You will always remain my brother in-law. You will be missed. Your memories will be forever in my heart.*

Nancy - January 24 at 10:50 PM

MS

“ I'm going to truly miss my friend of 54 years. I'm grateful I had a chance to visit Bernard at the VA Hospital, two days before he passed. When I stood by his bed, he was looking at the tv. He looked up at me, stretched his eyes, and gave me a smile. I asked him if he had been waiting for me. He nodded his head "yes." I prayed out loud for him. My sister, Nancy, gave me a Prayer Cloth to take to him. I read him a prayer, and a few scriptures from it, then folded it and layed it on his chest. Before I left, I told him I loved him. In my heart, I knew that was the last time I'd see him until we'd meet again in heaven. I can only imagine the reunion he has had with his parents, siblings (especially Reggie), his bestfriend, Batman and his other loved ones. I hope he'll let my parents know that we remained friends "to the end!" My brother Larry said he'll miss seeing him at the casinos. Nancy said she'll miss calling him, "brother-in-law." My sister, Regina is amazed that he still remembered her wedding day in 1975, and always talked about how beautiful the soloist sang "You Are So Beautiful!" My family was very fond of Bernard. He will always hold a special place in MY heart, for sure! So long for now, my longtime friend! This is "Shorty" saying, "see you later!"
Love, Michele

Michele Sewell - January 24 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center - January 24 at 12:53 PM