



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
 I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
 I took His hand when I heard Him call;
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way;
 I've now found peace at the end of day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joys.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss:
 Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
 Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full; I savored much:
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
 Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart, and peace to thee.
 God wanted me now—He has set me free.



Pallbearers
 Grandsons, Nephews, and Cousins

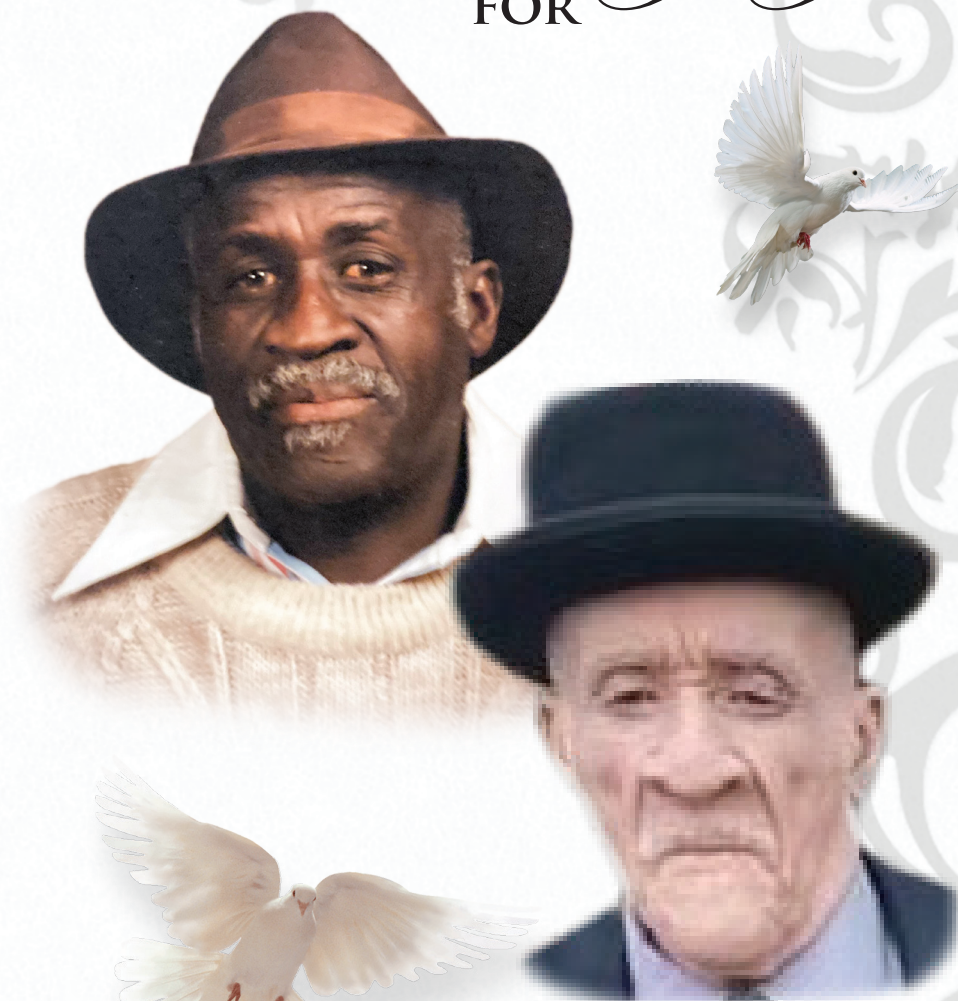
Flower Bearers
 Granddaughters, Nieces, and Cousins

Acknowledgement
 The family of the late Mr. T. J. Ellis, Jr., would like to extend
 their sincerest appreciation for the many acts of kindness
 shown to them during their time of bereavement. Special
 thanks to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. Akisanya and the
 staff of Gadsden Health and Rehab.

Service by Professionals

 MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
 1318 EAST BROAD ST.
 GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903
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Celebration of Life FOR



MR. T. J.
Ellis, Jr.

Sunrise
 July 30, 1929

Sunset
 February 24, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022
 12:00 PM

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH – FAMILY LIFE CENTER
 2103 E. Broad Street
 Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Pastor Walter Ellis, Eulogist

Obituary

T. J. ELLIS, JR., was born on July 30, 1929, in Wetumpka, AL, to T. J., and Timothy Mae Ellis. He transitioned from time to eternity on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Gadsden Health and Rehabilitation Center.

T. J., was baptized at Atkin Hill Baptist Church at an early age and was educated in the Elmore County School System. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Addie Lee Knight.

Early in his work career, T. J., was employed with the City of Gadsden, and later, he went on to work many years for Copeland Glass Company. Later in life, he worked for Ashley Cement Finishers, as a concrete finisher. T. J., was known by many nicknames, “Sudie D”, “Top Cat”, and “Wild Bill”.

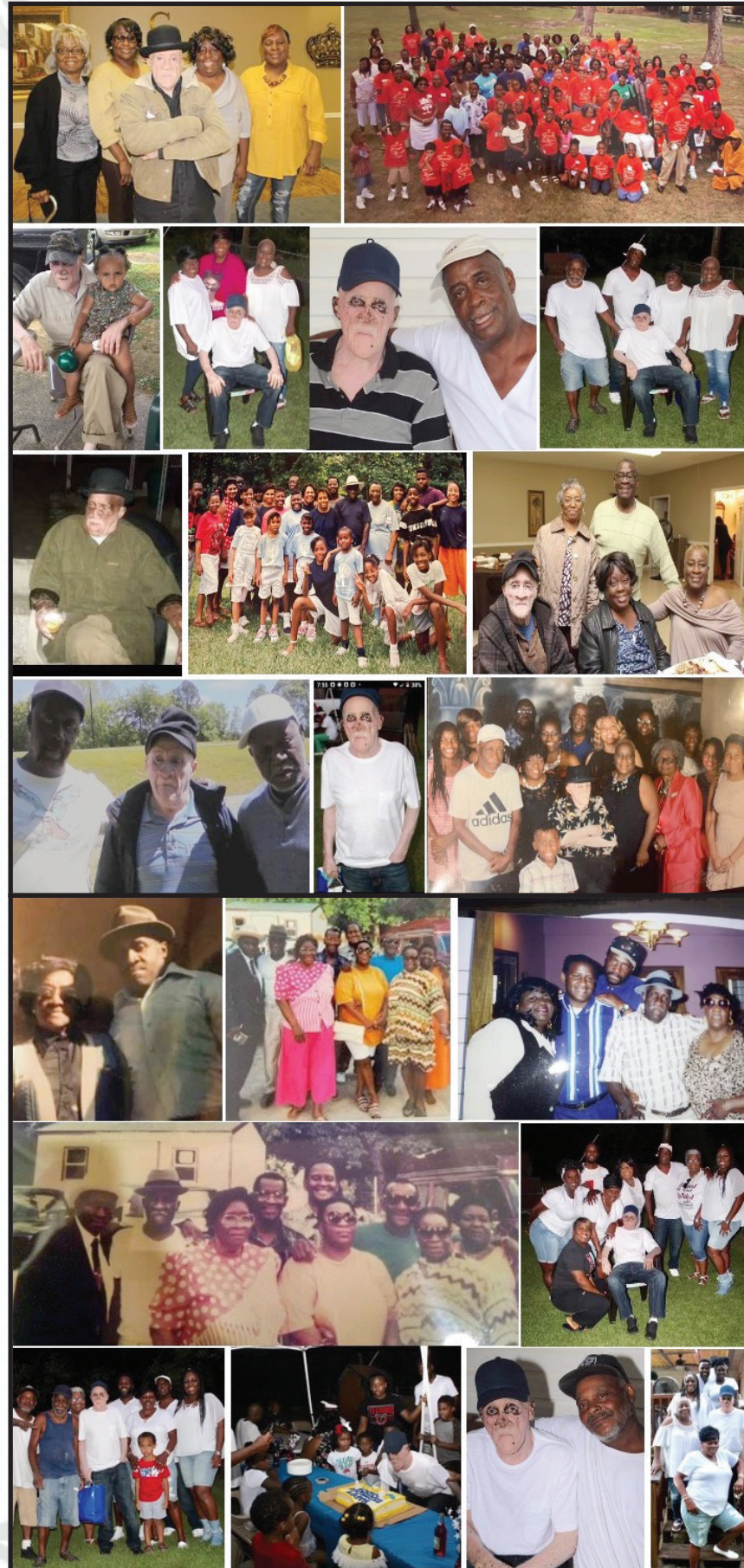
He was preceded in death by his parents; a loving and devoted wife, Addie Lee Ellis; two sons, Nathaniel Ellis and Joe Louis Ellis; two daughters, Mae Frances Ellis and Cynthia Elaine Jones; one grandson, T. J. Ellis; one granddaughter, Tiffany Ellis Hayes; three brothers, Carey Ellis, Tommy Ellis, and Frazier Ellis; three sisters, Doris Carter-Oskoei, Libby Ruth Gray, and Willie Nell Cook.

Those left to cherish his memories: two daughters, Patricia Williams and Ruthie Lee Williams, both of Gadsden, AL; three sons, Eddie Charles Ellis and James Cecil Ellis, both of Gadsden, AL, and Willie Ezell, Jr., of Wetumpka, AL; bonus daughter, Sheila (Randy) Duckett of Gadsden, AL; daughter-in-law, Adrienne L. Ellis of Birmingham, AL; son-in-law, Randy Jones of Gadsden, AL; 24 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Earie Mae Wallace of Cincinnati, OH; one brother, Bobby (Ruth) Ellis of Cincinnati, OH; sisters-in-law, Rubena Ellis of Wetumpka, AL, Arnold Ruth Dunn of Gadsden, AL, Gail Harris of Las Vegas, NV, and Pat of Cincinnati, OH; brothers-in-law, Willie Earl Knight and Edward Harris, both of Wetumpka, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”
– Psalm 116:15, KJV*

We grieve when our loved ones die, and while God hurts because we mourn, He also rejoices that another one of His children has entered into His everlasting presence, for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (II Corinthians 5:8), ergo, my dear Brother, when our earthly house is dissolved, we have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (II Corinthians 5:1). Death is not the end; it’s a beautiful beginning in Christ.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Processional

Selection..... Ellis-Kendrick-Crumpton Family Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament Pastor Edward Jones

New Testament Bishop Tonya Latham

Prayer.....Rev. Randy Duckett

Selection..... Ellis-Kendrick-Crumpton Family Choir

Spoken WordSabrina Bleasdell, Granddaughter

Solo Pastor Z. Andre’ Huff

Acknowledgement Sheila Duckett

Words of Encouragement..... Pastor Walter Ellis

Selection..... Ellis-Kendrick-Crumpton Family Choir

Recessional

~INTERMENT~

Lincoln Hill Cemetery

408 Miller Ave.

Gadsden, AL 35903