



Nathan J Ellis

August 28, 1963 - June 16, 2014

“When it is my time to go, it is my time to go. I’m ready. Don’t cry for me!” Nathaniel Jefferson Ellis had truly lived well, laughed often, and loved much. He lived fiercely, loved passionately, and brought laughter with him wherever he went.

“And these three things remain: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest is love.” 1 Cor 13:13. Nathan left behind a legacy of faith, hope, and love in the hearts and lives of everyone he touched, but especially his family. You would not find a man more devoted to serving his family, which consisted of his parents, Kenneth and Maelu Ellis; his soul-mate, Ann Loy; his children, Tyler (Whitney) Ellis, Trevor Ellis, Hayden “Bud” (Genis) Barron and Kendall (Zac); his siblings, Gene (Dona) Scott, Chris Ellis, Mindy (Daniel) Gallegos and Dena (Erik) Holbrooks; and his grandbabies, Presley Ellis, Elizabeth Lawrence and Jake Lawrence.

Welcoming him home on Monday June 16, 2014 were his paternal grandparents, Clifford and Lois Ellis; maternal grandparents, Floyd Sr. and Louise Hays; and his daughter, Jordan Leigh Barron.

Nathan was born August 28, 1963 in Hot Springs, and graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1981 and Henderson State University in 1990 with a degree in marketing. His work and passion was with special-needs children at

Hot Springs, Lakeside, and Lake Hamilton School Districts, along with First Step of Hot Springs.

There will be a celebration of his life, with memories of much love and laughter, at First Lutheran Church of Hot Springs on Thursday, June 19, at 2:00 pm. Pastor Amos Gray and Brother Jason Clenney will officiate the service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Teresa Marlow lit a candle in memory of
Nathan J Ellis*



Teresa Marlow - July 09, 2014 at 07:37 AM



“ *Such good memories of Nathan being at the Emerson's house back
in the day...you will be missed...RIP Nathan...Kim Beavers Mehalic*

Kim Mehalic - June 22, 2014 at 02:15 PM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with Ann and family with a big hug
and lots of love.
We are so sorry for your loss. Love you Patty & Cal Jones*

cal & patty jones - June 19, 2014 at 06:25 PM

CE

“ Ann and family, I am so sorry for Nathan's passing. Nathan always made me laugh and was so much fun to pick at him. I have never forgot him working for me on nights at NPMC when he was much younger and always considered him a friend. As I told you and the room full of people with him when he had his surgery "boy could I tell you some stories about Nathan" and everyone laughed. Truly he was a pleasure to always be around. Had a big servants heart. He loved to cook for the staff on night shift that he worked with and of course they loved him. When he left the hospital later he worked at Oaklawn school where my grandson attended. I always loved seeing him there as well. Always with a smile on his face. As everyone who knows ya'll he loved you and his family dearly. I know it is hard to imagine this life without him but we will see him again. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Ellison - June 19, 2014 at 03:42 PM

SL

“ Our prayers and condolences are with the entire Ellis family.

Stephanie Flint Loggins and Rhonda Flint Jones

Stephanie Loggins - June 19, 2014 at 10:04 AM



“ Diana Parks lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Diana Parks - June 19, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan J Ellis.*



June 19, 2014 at 09:25 AM



“ *Ann, we are so sorry for the loss of Nathan, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jennifer, Peppy, Donna and Lindsey

Jennifer Fields - June 19, 2014 at 08:56 AM



“ *Nathan was a wonderful person. God placed him in our lives. Nathan took care of our son Cole. He was with him for about 5 years. Nathan helped Cole learn so much. When I see cole tie his shoe. I think of Nathan. When Cole signs his payroll check yes that was Nathan. When cole tells you his Birthday yes Nathan did that. We were blessed that Nathan didn't just look at Cole like a Job. He loved Cole. Nathan taught Cole all kinds of things and I want to say thank you. Nathan will be missed but his memory will always live in the Fuller House!*

Jeff & Kelly Fuller - June 19, 2014 at 07:55 AM

WF

“ Warren And Anita Frazier lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Warren and Anita Frazier - June 19, 2014 at 07:34 AM

WF

“ Warren & Anita Frazier lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Warren & Anita Frazier - June 19, 2014 at 07:32 AM

VA

“ Vicki Adcock lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Vicki Adcock - June 19, 2014 at 07:26 AM

AR

“ Angie Ross purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Nathan J Ellis.



Angie Ross - June 19, 2014 at 06:31 AM

SL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandy Lively - June 19, 2014 at 01:20 AM

TO

“ Toni lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Toni - June 18, 2014 at 10:27 PM

TW

Great guy always tried to make people laugh!

Toni Welch - June 18, 2014 at 10:29 PM

TG

“ *I sorry for the loss of this family.
Nathan was a Great Guy. He always new how to make you laugh.
He loved life and his family. He was the kind of guy that would
always be there to help a friend in need. He will be missed.
Terry Gibson*

Terry Gibson - June 18, 2014 at 09:35 PM

GS

“ Ann I am so sorry for your loss. Let me know if I can do anything for you.

Gwen Needhan-Saylor

gwen saylor - June 18, 2014 at 09:11 PM

RT

“ Richard Trott lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Richard Trott - June 18, 2014 at 09:09 PM

CF

“ Our prayers are with the entire Ellis Family. We celebrate a Father who loved his children deeply. We lean not on our own understanding, but trust God for all our needs. Nathan lived a full life in his last month on Earth, he now can rest in the Father's arms. We mourn our Earthly loss, but celebrate Heaven's gain. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:7-8

David, Becky, and Colton Cates

Cates Family - June 18, 2014 at 08:36 PM

RM

“ Robbie And Kelley McClain lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Robbie and Kelley McClain - June 18, 2014 at 08:30 PM

DC

“ David, Becky And Colton Cates lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



David, Becky and Colton Cates - June 18, 2014 at 08:08 PM

JT

“ Prayers for all of this family...when Nathan was around you was sure to be laughing....you will be missed dearly...



joe debbie thomas - June 18, 2014 at 05:22 PM

BH

“ Beverley And Thomas Henry lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Beverley and Thomas Henry - June 18, 2014 at 05:10 PM

NS

“ Annie you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



norman slone - June 18, 2014 at 05:10 PM

SC

“ Scot And Toni Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Scot and Toni Carpenter - June 18, 2014 at 04:29 PM

WS

“ This is hard to understand. But God's ways are much higher than ours. Obviously God has a much higher plan for Nathan. I look back and can easily remember his smile, his joking ways, and his character. I am happy to call him friend. The family will be in our prayers. Just remember God needs angels too. We love you guys.

The Snowden family

Wallace Snowden - June 18, 2014 at 03:50 PM

GD

“ Gary And Ann Duvall-Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Gary and Ann Duvall-Pruitt - June 18, 2014 at 03:45 PM

GD

We are the grandparents of Tyler Duvall

Gary and Ann Duvall-Pruitt - June 18, 2014 at 03:46 PM

TF

“ *The Duvall Family lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



The Duvall Family - June 18, 2014 at 03:37 PM

JP

“ *Joani Pasquith lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



Joani Pasquith - June 18, 2014 at 02:06 PM

BD

“ *Becky And Hannah Davidson lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



Becky and Hannah Davidson - June 18, 2014 at 01:37 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Nathan grew up by our family in Hot Springs and he was the sweetest child! Prayers for you and your family.

Lisa Little Smitherman

Lisa Little - June 18, 2014 at 01:27 PM

NM

“ Hayden & Family, My prayers are with you all, may you feel and know comfort, peace and strength to face the days ahead. I know you have had your share of great loss but Heaven has gained 2 wonderful people. No more hurt, suffering or pain, no worries, only the feeling of the love of God, how awesome for them. Embrace their everlasting presence in your lives. Love you dearly, Nancy & Markus

Nancy & Markus - June 18, 2014 at 12:21 PM

DC

“ Ann, I am So very Sorry for your Loss. You have been threw so much in your life in these past months. You are in My Thoughts & Prayers! May God put his Loving arms tightly around you right now & give you strength to get threw all this tragic time of loss of Jordan & Now Nathan.

Debbie Cusick

Debbie Cusick - June 18, 2014 at 11:29 AM

TW

“ So sorry to hear about Nathan. We worked together at the YMCA. You are all in my thoughts and prayers



Theresa Wilson - June 18, 2014 at 11:09 AM

AC

“ Ann, we are vigilant with our prayers for you right now after having just suffered the most tragic loss of Jordan exactly one month apart. Our heart and prayers are with you, yours and Nathan's children during this tragic time of loss. Nathan was always so pleasant toward me--kind and genuine. I pray that his memories will comfort you during this time. Please let Michelle and I know if there is ANYTHING, ANYTHING WHATSOEVER we can do to help you transition back to as normal a life possible.

Allen and Michelle Cleveland

Allen Cleveland - June 18, 2014 at 09:36 AM

DH

“ Dena 'Ellis' Holbrooks & Erik Holbrooks lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Dena 'Ellis' Holbrooks & Erik Holbrooks - June 18, 2014 at 09:31 AM

MG

“ Nathan was one of most loving, caring person that I know. He was always taking care of others needs. He will be missed so much. My prayers go out to you Ann and all the kids. I love all of yall.

Mandy Graves - June 18, 2014 at 09:13 AM

SW

“ *Sylvia Whittaker-Butler lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



Sylvia Whittaker-Butler - June 18, 2014 at 09:08 AM

BB

“ *Bryan & Becky Bailey lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



Bryan & Becky Bailey - June 18, 2014 at 09:06 AM



“ *Lysa Lawless lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



Lysa Lawless - June 18, 2014 at 08:48 AM



Loss is never easy, but love is. The world is a better place that he lived in it. My heartfelt condolences to his family and those who loved him.

Lysa Lawless - June 18, 2014 at 08:50 AM

TH

“ *Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tracie Heard

Tracie Heard - June 18, 2014 at 07:51 AM

SS

“ *Sending out prayers to the Ellis family. May God heal your pain and sorrow, Nathan will be truly missed, he always brought laughter into a room!*

Sandra (Moore) Shaffer, Conway

Sandra Shaffer - June 18, 2014 at 06:34 AM

DL

“ *I never will forget Nathan Mark Davis and them guys in class making Mrs. Bonner almost have a heart attack by placing a jumping frog on her desk. The kind u wind up..Also when we didnt really study fir the test they would say who's gonna pull the fire alarm not really sure who did but we ended up having one more day to study. Will miss u..*

Delois Lige' - June 18, 2014 at 12:01 AM

KK

“ *Kimmy Keech lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis*



Kimmy Keech - June 17, 2014 at 11:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan J Ellis.



June 17, 2014 at 09:58 PM



“ He was always smiling and laughing. He Loved his sons and family. My heart goes out to them during this time of loss. Sherri

sherri - June 17, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ I didn't know Mr. Ellis, but most certain he was a wonderful person. My nephew Ben admired him, looked up to him and listened to him. Prayers to your family and God Bless.

Paula Sanders - June 17, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ Nathan's passion for working with special needs children was truly remarkable. He gave my family wisdom and guidance in a hopeless situation. He cared and believed in my son when everyone else had given up. Nathan connected with Tyler in a way that no else could. Nathan brought out the young man that I knew my son could be. The short time that I knew Nathan has had the biggest impact on my life. He was truly a blessing to my family. He will be missed by all that had the pleasure to know him. My sincere condolences to his family. God Bless, Clay, Rachel, Tyler, Ethan, and Madison Duvall

Rachel Duvall - June 17, 2014 at 07:53 PM

AS

“ Amy And Kris Sellars lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



Amy and Kris Sellars - June 17, 2014 at 06:42 PM

LG

“ Nathan will truly be missed by so many, has told me so many stories of how proud he was of Ann and the kids. He had a gift working with special needs that few have. Diet coke, bacon dip, donuts, so many fun memories.

Lisa Gray - June 17, 2014 at 04:50 PM



“ Nathan. I will miss you. Even tho we didn't see each other often, I always enjoyed our visits. Especially the deck times. I will always remember your smart mouth & ABSOLUTELY hilarious remarks. But most of all I'll remember that you loved a beautiful family. I will think of you often. Love always, becky

Rebecca Rickels - June 17, 2014 at 04:49 PM

LG

“ Lisa Gray lit a candle in memory of Nathan J Ellis



lisa gray - June 17, 2014 at 04:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Nathan J Ellis.



June 17, 2014 at 03:56 PM