



William "Darrell" Ellison

September 19, 1951 - July 23, 2025

William D. "Darrell" Ellison, age 73, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2025 at his home.

He was born September 19, 1951 in Gary, IN, the son of William Edward & Virginia Parker Ellison.

He married Patricia Thompson on August 24, 2002.

Darrell was a professor at Purdue University and also worked for the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

He enjoyed reading, building train sets, discussing politics, discussing education, and playing the guitar.

Darrell served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1969-1989, where he served a highly honored top-ranking pilot.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Ellison of Bourbonnais; his children, Shantae Ellison of TN, Karissa (Mitchell) Hayes of Flossmoor, Jaqwae Ellison of Las Vegas, NV, Jamar Hardimon of Chicago (bonus son), Jermaine (Lauren) Hardimon of GA (bonus son); Tansy (Durand) Harper of Calumet City (bonus daughter); one brother, Gordon Derrick (Cynthia) Ellison of FL; five grandchildren, Greyson Carter Ellison, Giselle Corrine Hayes, Gabriel Chandler Hayes, Jazzma Mitchell, and Ariel Ellison; 14 bonus-grandchildren; one great-grandson, Jaheem Moore; one sister-in-law, Phyllis (Michael) Rucker of Chicago; one brother-in-law, James (Cheryl) Thomson of MD; his dog, Eysha; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Darrell is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2025, also at the funeral home.

Elder Derrick Wenzellan will officiate the ceremony.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Inurnment will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 4, 2025 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Funeral Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Inurnment

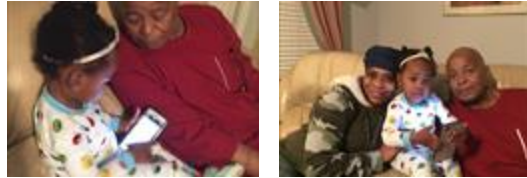
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Tribute Wall

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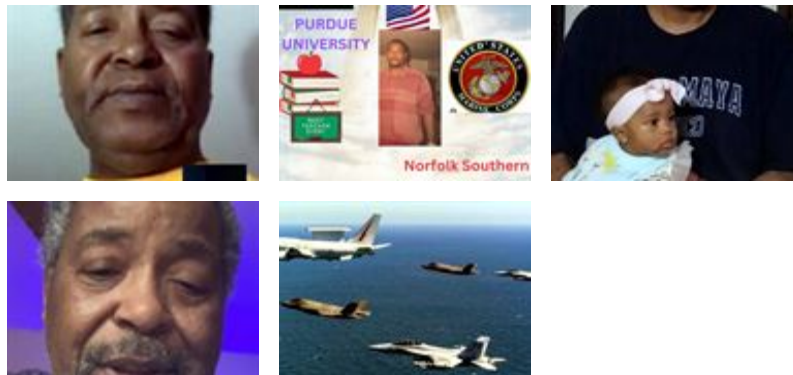
“ Always remembering that special family time. Rest well G-Paw 🙏



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