



## David Owen Ellison

March 26, 1954 - December 18, 2023

David Owen Ellison, age 69, of Ozark, Arkansas, died, Monday, December 18, 2023, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born March 26, 1954 in Ozark to Coy Clifton Ellison and Joy Ruth Bynum Ellison. David was a Christian. He was a 1972 graduate of Pleasant View High School. He worked for Cargill for ten years and worked for Whirlpool for 28 years where he retired as a Union Representative. He was a member of the United Steel Workers. David was a member of the Arkansas Game Fowl Breeders Association and United Game Fowl Breeders Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and cooking. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Sharon Marie Qualls Walker and Evelyn Earlene Qualls Rogers; one brother, Walter Franklin Qualls; and one great granddaughter, Hadley Grace Ellison.

David is survived by his wife of 43 years, Gwin Barnes Ellison; four sons, Steve Allan Ellison and wife Joni of Ozark, Shayne Anthony Ellison and wife Brandy of Ozark, Aaron Ray Metzger and wife Crystal of Ozark, and Jeffrey David Ellison of Ozark; sixteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Visitation service will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark. Cremation arrangements will be made under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's

Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive Clarksburg, MD 20871  
and/or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023  
Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing/Visitation

DEC **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ I also knew David from Whirlpool. In the last couple of days, when I told people that David had died, I had to call him Rooster so they would realize who he was. I learned a lot from him and he always explained things with a funny story. Eternal rest grant unto him and may the perpetual light of God's love shine upon him. Praying for the family.

Mary Radley - December 21, 2023 at 11:00 PM

BK

“ Know him from childhood and whirlpool

Betty Kirby - December 21, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Owen Ellison.



December 21, 2023 at 04:22 PM

PO

“ Patrick and Lisa O'Sullivan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Owen Ellison.

Patrick and Lisa O'Sullivan - December 21, 2023 at 04:22 PM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss. Gwin we are praying for you and all you family. 💕🙏💕

Don and Ann Williams - December 20, 2023 at 09:00 PM

JB

Love you Gwin.

Janet Bazyk - December 21, 2023 at 04:54 PM

MS

“ So many memories! The best is the wonderful friendship David and George shared while they worked together!

Mary Schaffer - December 20, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Shaffer Home - December 20, 2023 at 04:25 PM

FS

“ David was a good and true friend to me, like a brother. Quick with a joke that never failed to make me laugh. When i needed his help he was there. David and his wonderful wife, Gwin, always set a place for me at their table. I will always treasure the memories of the times that David and i shared together and our many trips to Oklahoma. A reflection and tribute to a life well lived can be seen in his fine family. David will surely be missed by all who knew him. I know that i will miss him. Rest in peace

Frank Schutte - December 20, 2023 at 01:36 PM

DR

*I worked with David at Whirlpool. We had many good conversations. He gave me a lot of laughs! I have an old shotgun over the mantle in my cabin that he gave me. I told him I needed an old gun that wouldn't really matter if someone stole it and, sure enough, David had "just the gun" I needed!  
Praying for the family.*

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**Doug Ralston** - December 20, 2023 at 10:02 PM

JK

*“ David was such a generous and dedicated person to his family and community! He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**James and Lisa Kohler** - December 20, 2023 at 11:59 AM

LG

*“ Larry Guthrie lit a candle in memory of David Ellison*



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**Larry Joe Guthrie** - December 19, 2023 at 03:43 PM

BB

*“ Love you David. I will miss you !!*



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**Billie Ann Boze** - December 19, 2023 at 01:03 PM

KB

“ Our deepest sympathies are shared with Gwin and family during this time of loss. The obituary shares David’s life involvement with the communities he chose to be a part of and it certainly reflects a full and good life.

*David’s family, community, and work life was filled to capacity because of the love, support, and constant caregiving of his beautiful wife, Gwin.*

*Thank you Gwin for everything you have done to make David’s life richer.*

*May peace and love surround you and yours.*

*With love,  
Kathy, Richard, and Aunt Marlene*

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**Kathy Barnes** - December 19, 2023 at 12:57 PM

JG

“ David was such a fun guy to be around and an awesome friend... his laughter and joy was felt by anybody around him...as a coworker, you never knew what was coming next from him... Prayers for his family...RIP David...Fly High Buddy...

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**Jenny Lou Boggs Gattis** - December 19, 2023 at 11:52 AM

JH

*I'm sorry for your loss Gwen and family He's resting in peace now with the Lord*

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**Jeffrey Holland** - December 21, 2023 at 01:58 PM

AN

“ David has been a firecracker his entire life. He will be missed.

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**Anonymous** - December 19, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Owen Ellison.*



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December 19, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Prayers and Comfort for the family!!*



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**Buzy Bee Flowers And Gifts** - December 19, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Shanna Phillips lit a candle in memory of David Ellison*



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**Shanna Phillips** - December 19, 2023 at 10:33 AM