



## Cecil Ellis Blythe

December 10, 1954 - September 20, 2022

Cecil Ellis Blythe, age 67, of Afton, passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of September 20, 2022. Cecil, known fondly as Ellis, was a downright stubborn and gruff man, yet he possessed the rare gift of a genuine heart of gold. Despite often coming across as brash, he was a sincere, tender-hearted person who endlessly sought to help his family, friends, and neighbors.

Ellis was born on December 10, 1954 in Afton to Woodrow and Ziritta (Tipton) Blythe. As the only son in a family of four daughters, he took it upon himself to be the uncivilized rascal of the family who dearly enjoyed pranking and humoring his family and friends, often modeling himself off the likes of Jerry Lewis and the three stooges. His witty one-liners and his infamous, yet hilarious, childhood stories delighted us all.

Even though the antics of his youth would probably warrant expulsion today, Ellis graduated from Afton High School in 1973. To further his education, he attended courses from the University of Oklahoma State, even though he was a die-hard Sooner fan at heart, all in order to become an instructor of masonry.

For a little over a decade, his students learned the demanding, yet equally rewarding, art of masonry from a true expert. However, the allure and freedom of working for oneself eventually led him to become an independent

contractor. To this day, he is locally renowned for his unparalleled skill and diligent work ethic in masonry and other construction projects.

Ellis, though, wasn't alone in these accomplishments. During his teenage years, he met the love of his life, Brenda Greenfeather. Her doting nature and saintly tolerance was a perfect match for his playful orneriness and loving heart. On November 18, 1974, they were married. Soon after, they had two children. Ellis was an utterly devoted father and, later, an adoring grandparent. Family was always on the forefront of his mind, and his unconditional love and selfless willingness to help his family will always be cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Ziritta Blythe, and sister, Christine Smith.

Ellis is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Brenda (Greenfeather) Blythe; son, Cecil Brian Blythe, and his wife, Amanda, of Girard, Kansas; daughter, April Shavon Johnson, and her husband, Justin, of Afton; grandchildren, Jaylynn Blythe, Mckenin Blythe, and Jaydon Blythe; step-grandchildren, Tuff Johnson, Delani Johnson, Camden Leonard, and Nolan Leonard; and sisters, Joyce Corbett of Grove, Elizabeth Barth of Greenbrier, Arkansas, and Judy Wilson of Afton.

Visitation for Cecil will be 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Thursday, September 22, 2022 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Afton.

Services will be at 2:00 PM, on Friday, September 23, 2022 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service Chapel in Afton. Interment will follow at the Sixkiller Cemetery.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Blythe's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Sixkiller Cemetery

Afton, OK 74331

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service (Afton)

122 South Main

Afton, OK 74331

(918) 257-8877

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## Funeral

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil Ellis Blythe.*



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September 23, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *I also went to school and graduated with Ellis. He was a good man always had a smile on his face. Brenda our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Marjorie Johnson** - September 22, 2022 at 09:27 PM



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September 22, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ *My heart goes out to my dear cousin Brenda and family. I have so many memories of Ellis. The love he and Brenda had for each other and their family is immeasurable. Praying for the family.*

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**Donna Greenfeather Link** - September 22, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Ellis Blythe.



September 22, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ Went to school with Ellis from 1st thru graduation, I remember fun times riding the school bus together all those years, thoughts and prayers to Brenda and family

Reta Oakley Shamblin - September 22, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Ellis and I were the best of friends in High School. Many fond memories. We laughed together, ran together, and shared times that I tell my children and grandchildren. My heart goes out to Brenda and the family. Praying for you 🙏❤️

William Newton - September 22, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Cecil Ellis Blythe.



September 22, 2022 at 08:07 AM

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“ Ellis & I were very close cousins. We spent a lot of time with together as children and then adults. His mother and mine were sisters. He was a very gentle giant. I will miss him.

Terry L Oakley - September 22, 2022 at 01:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil Ellis Blythe.



September 22, 2022 at 01:19 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Ellis Blythe.



September 22, 2022 at 01:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil Ellis Blythe.



September 21, 2022 at 07:41 PM