



Norman D Ellis

June 20, 1935 - July 31, 2024

Norman Ellis of Wacousta passed away July 31, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. Norm was born June 20, 1935 in Lansing to the late Najeeb and Lynell (Dargan) Ellis. He attended Resurrection High School. Norm grew up in the grocery business working with his mom and dad and in 1975 purchased the Wacousta General Store and was the proprietor until he sold the store in 1999. Norm was synonymous with the Wacousta community for so many years and he will be missed by his family, friends and many lives that he touched. Norm enjoyed spending time and creating many memories at the family cottage on Houghton Lake and Morrison Lake water skiing and spending time with his family. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially bird hunting with his dogs. Norm was also a longtime member of the Wacousta DeWitt Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his children, Dena Ellis, Debra McKrill, Katherine Johnson, Tamra Ellis, and Charlie Ellis; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. Norm was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann; daughters, Lynette Ellis, Nancy Schut, and Faith Ann Ellis; brother, Eddie; sisters, Eleanor and Esther.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 11:00 AM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at the Wacousta Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-7:00 PM and Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Sparrow Foundation, University of Michigan Sparrow, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912 (<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spahe>)

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman D Ellis*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - August 06, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - August 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

MD

“ *Norm will be missed by so many. I have fond memories of stopping in the store and shooting the breeze with him. Gary and I always going up to his cottage and spending the day with him and some of the family. It was great times. To all his family I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Mary Dubois - August 06, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ Roscommon County Prosecutor’s Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman D Ellis.

Roscommon County Prosecutor’s Office - August 06, 2024 at 05:29 AM



“ Roscommon County Prosecutor’s Office purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Norman D Ellis.



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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman D Ellis.



August 05, 2024 at 08:29 PM

JC

“ I have so many memories of Uncle Norm over my 60 years. I always remember going to the general store to pick up flowers with my mom, and Marianne and Norm were always there to help Norman absolutely adored my mom Katie, as did she adore him. I remember going into the general store and Uncle Norm taking us into the back and picking out something special getting ice cream, and so many family get togethers at their house in Wacousta. When the diner opened that my cousins opened it was so much fun! And I remember uncle norm, and Aunt Mary and the girls, Charlie coming over to our house in the summer to go swimming at the family gatherings my mom would have in Holt. I will never forget how Uncle Norm always fell asleep on the picnic table. And how he would dig a hole in the backyard in order to roast a pig for the family get together. I remember the last time I saw him about 3 years ago, he told me that it was really a goat that they were cooking. 🐐👩 And I kind of believed him but he was a jokester, if it was a goat it was really good. So many fond memories, such an amazing legacy he has left behind. You will be missed Uncle Norm. With love,
Jennifer Combs

Jennifer Combs/Cady - August 05, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MB

“ I worked with Norman and he was the best employer I ever had. I will miss him.
My sympathies to the family as they go through this difficult time.

Mary Boss - August 04, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LA

“ Dena, very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Prayers for your family. Jake Husted and Laurie Staley

Laurie - August 03, 2024 at 09:42 AM

SS

“ Norm was one of my favorite clients. I sold the Wacousta General Store for him. Just a very kind man. My sympathy to Dena.

Susan Ann Sasse - August 03, 2024 at 07:36 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear about Normie. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Cousin, Cindy Dean

Cindy Dean - August 02, 2024 at 10:15 PM

TE

I have many good memories of being with Norm, spending time at the cabin, hunting and fishing. Visiting him at his store several times. I remember the time that me, my dad, Norman, and Charlie went fishing in Canada. For some reason or another, my Dad and Norm decided to go exploring a trail. After a couple hours, we came to a pretty decent dip on the trail. Of course they thought they should try it. Unfortunately, we were stuck at the bottom and couldn't get out. Norm and my Dad had to walk a distance to the camp site. There was only one other set of campers that was across the other side of the lake. Somehow they managed to find someone, willing to help at the camp across the lake. There were several times that the person that was helping kept saying I'm gonna turn around. Normal always managed to talk the driver to go the rest of the way. All we needed was a short pull and we were out. I remember Christmas time we would get together mostly when I was younger, Due to the fact that my dad was a dick. I could go on about what a great uncle he was. But that would make it a book and I'm sure I've said enough but I have many more . Love you, Norman..
Tony Ellis....

Tony Ellis - August 06, 2024 at 11:41 AM