



Danny Lee Ellis

December 1, 1952 - February 6, 2023

Danny Lee Ellis, 70, became an ancestor, peacefully passing away at Yale New Haven Hospital on February 6, 2023. He was surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and brother, Glenn Ellis, in Connecticut, West Virginia, and abroad including: Manama, Bahrain and Liverpool, England.

Danny was born on December 1, 1952, to the late Bernice Vance Ellis and Otis Gambrell in New Haven, CT.

Danny graduated from Lee High School in 1970. Seven years later, in 1977, he enlisted in the United States Army. His last command, as a combat engineer, was with 317th Engineer Battalion in Frankfurt, Germany, where he was recognized for exemplary performance, professionalism, and dedication to duty.

Danny returned from active-duty service to our nation and became an Army reservist. He worked as a silk screen printer at Alan Golia Screen Printing Embroidery before becoming a firefighter for the New Haven Fire Department (NHFD) in 1985.

Danny loved working with his hands in any way possible. He also was a cook, carpenter, and home repairman. He eventually became an independent general contractor working alongside his son, Devon Ellis, serving as his

mentor and guide. He continued to do this work until he became physically ill.

Danny loved his children, grandchildren and newest great grandson. He always had a kind word of encouragement for each of them and bragged incessantly about their accomplishments and accolades. He is survived by his loving children, Danny Lee Hines (CT), Tanya Henderson (NC), Ronella Nyreca Ellis (Kenneth Wilson, Jr.) (Bahrain), Dana Williams (Leroy Foster) (WV), Devon Rashad Ellis (Khrystin Douthit) (CT), and Dannella Ellis (Michael Davis) (CT).

It is important to note that he was a proud grandfather to: Sania Eichler (Danny), Andreniki Backus, Dontrez Henderson, and Marquel Bacote (Tanya), Tiye Frierson, Imani Frierson, Naíla Frierson, Marli Ellis-Wilson (Ronella), Ariana Foster, Kayla Foster, Tyree Foster (Dana), Khamren Douthit-Ellis, Khali Douthit-Ellis (Devon), Jade Ellis, Michael Davis Jr., Bella Davis (Dannella). His newest addition is his great grandson, Nasir Warren Hines-Russell (Sania).

Among siblings, Danny Ellis is predeceased by brothers, James Vance and Dennis Gambrell, and sister, Jacqueline Perry. He leaves his brothers: Jesse Vance (Teresa), Glenn Ellis (Loretta), and Steven "Stevie" Gambrell (Lanie) and sisters: Lauren Gambrell Edmondson and Cathy Gambrell.

Danny also leaves a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and family friends who will greatly miss his smile, his laughter, and his incredibly big heart. His energy will continue to be dynamic and engaging in the spirit world and fill us with compassion and appreciation for all he has given to us. May his memory continue to be a blessing to everyone with whom he has connected.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Danny Lee Ellis*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Pamela Spruill lit a candle in memory of
Danny Ellis*



Pamela Spruill - February 25, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy and condolences and prayers to the
family during this difficult time. He was a great neighbor whom will
be truly missed...*

Pamela Spruill - February 25, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *To Ellis Family: Sending prayers and condolences to the family, and
hopefully you're be strong for each other during this time of your
beloved soul Danny*

Helen C Powell - February 21, 2023 at 04:20 PM

MG

“ *Marion Garrett lit a candle in memory of Danny Ellis*



Marion Garrett - February 19, 2023 at 12:18 PM

NH

“ *I have known Danny since Winter Street; he has always been good people and will be missed—my sincere condolences to his family.*



Nate Hurse - February 17, 2023 at 09:11 PM

WD

“ *My condolences to the family*



Wanda Dawson - February 17, 2023 at 08:17 PM

KY

“ *Glenn and Family*

So sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He was truly kind hearted with a wonderful smile. I pray God's comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Krista Teel Yates - February 17, 2023 at 07:46 PM