

## Remembering His Life Frederick Bernard Ellis

Mr. Frederick Bernard Ellis of Gaffney, SC, was affectionately known as Fred or Freddie. He was born January 19, 1950 in Cherokee County, Gaffney, SC and gained his wings on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at the Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home. He was the son of the late Fred Richard Ellis and the late Rosa Mae Corry Ellis.

Frederick was a 1968 graduate of Granard High school where he played football and was coached by legendary Coach Willie Jefferies. On December 24, 1970, he married the love of his life, Phyllis Thompson Ellis. They loved and supported one another for fifty-five years.

Frederick worked as a truck driver for thirty-five years for Great Wide Dallas Mavis in Dallas, NC before being employed by and retiring from Nestle Frozen Food Company of Gaffney.

He was a faithful member of Shoal Creek Baptist Church where he served as a member of the Hospitality Committee, the Male Chorus and the Usher Board. He sincerely loved being a part of his church family and had a deep admiration for Pastor and First Lady Isaac.

Frederick enjoyed watching sports, working in the yard, and spending quality time with his family and friends. He will definitely be remembered for his infectious laugh and his stylish hat collection that he wore so well.

In addition to his parents, Frederick is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Nathaniel and Bessie Hemphill Corry and his paternal grandparents, Zero and Callie Richards Ellis.

Left to cherish his loving memory are his devoted wife, Phyllis Thompson Ellis of the home; children, Kendra Ellis Singleton (Rodney) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Travis Mauney of Charlotte, NC, Rachelle Moir of New Jersey, and a "special daughter," Marianne Bell of Columbia, SC; siblings, Marva Davis (William), Gytanna Smith and Robin Stephenson; two grandsons whom he absolutely adored, Quentin Singleton of Champaign, IL and Nicholas Singleton of Myrtle Beach, SC; sisters-in-love, Peggy Davison (Freddy) Beatrice Washington (Joel), Nancy Thompson, Lola Thompson and Rose Marie Thompson; brothers-in-love, Henry Thompson (Bettye), Norris Thompson, Dennis Dawkins, Sr.; great aunt, Mrs. Gwendolyn Hemphill; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Minister, Rev. Dr. Michael Isaac

Prelude  
Processional  
Reception of Family and Friends.....2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Congregational Hymn.....Choir and Congregation  
“I’ll Fly Away”

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament .....Dr. Michael A. Bridges  
Pastor, Concord Baptist Church  
  
New Testament .....Dr. Larry Brooks  
Young’s Grove Baptist Church

Musical Selection.....Two Wings.....Choir and Congregation

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Talisa Kelly Allen

Musical Selection.....Shoal Creek Baptist Church Male Chorus  
“A Change Is Coming” (Sounds of Blackness)

Remarks: (2 minute max, please)

Mr. James Wilson (Long Time Friend)  
Mr. Billy Bauer (Neighbor)  
Mr. Larry Littlejohn (Class of 1968, Granard High School)  
Mr. Frederick Brandon Ellis (Nephew)

Church Resolution.....Mrs. Brenda Phillips

Reading of the Obituary .....Silently

Musical Selection.....I Want to Be at The Meeting

Words of Comfort.....Dr. Michael Isaac

Recessional Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”  
Shoal Creek Baptist Church Male Chorus

## INTERMENT

Shoal Creek Baptist Church  
Shelby, North Carolina

## FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

## PALL BEARERS

Nephews

### God Saw the Road

*God saw the road  
Was getting rough  
The hills so hard to climb  
He gently closed his loving eyes  
And whispered “Peace be Thine”.*

*His days of toil,  
His nights of pain,  
The weary hours have past  
His ever patient worn-out frame  
Has found sweet peace at last.*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Frederick Bernard Ellis wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.



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# Celebrating The Life Of FREDERICK BERNARD ELLIS



SUNRISE  
JANUARY 19, 1950

SUNSET  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Saturday, February 7, 2026  
2:30 PM

Shoal Creek Baptist Church  
2707 Shoal Creek Church Road  
Shelby, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Michael Isaac, Pastor