



Benjamin Franklin Ellis, Sr

May 25, 1917 - July 20, 2007

Friday, May 25, 1917 to Friday, July 20, 2007

A Resident of Sedgewickville, MO

Visitation Services will be held on Sunday, July 22, 2007 at 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Liley Funeral Home in Patton, MO

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at the Liley Funeral Home in Patton, MO

The Final Resting Place is at the Flatwoods-Lebanon Cemetery near Patton, MO

Benjamin Franklin Ellis Sr., 90 years old, of Sedgewickville, MO, died Friday, July 20, 2007 at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born May 25, 1917 at Sedgewickville, MO son of George Finis and Ella Lou Johnson Ellis. He and Dorothy Mae Hartle were married September 18, 1939 in Cane Hill, AR.

Mr. Ellis worked as a farmer, served on the Local School board and was a member of the Patton Presbyterian Church where he had served on various Church boards.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Ellis, one son, Dr. Ben (Pamela) Ellis Jr. of Marble Hill, one daughter Louella (Ray) Yeargain of St. Charles, MO, one sister-in-law, Elda Ellis of Jackson, four grandchildren, Susan MacDonald, Ray Yeargain II, Ben Ellis III, Kathryn Kelly and eight great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers and five sisters.

Friends may call at the Liley Funeral Home in Patton Sunday July 22, 2007 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be Monday, July 23, 2007 at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Don Blaylock, Rev. Ben Ellis III, and Charley Mangels officiating.

Burial will follow in the Flatwoods-Lebanon Cemetery near Patton, MO.

Dear Family, Although Patti and I did not travel to the June reunions as often as we would have liked to Ben was always there for us with a big smile saying you look just like Jim. He was very warm and always had a smile that just made Patti and I feel so "included". Its hard to let go but we will always have Bens love with us to carry on in our hearts. Love to all, Patti and Jim Ellis
Dear Family, Uncle Ben represents the last of a great family of 9 children with Grandma and Grandpa Ellis. I remember when Uncle Ben, took over the old homestead farm after the premature death of Grandpa Finis. I was barely old enough to remember, though I do remember Grandpa's death and his body in repose at the old farm house. Uncle Ben was still in high school, I recall. The family is steeped in lovable history, filled with a pioneer spirit, belief in the early American way, dedicated to a Christian life and a desire to always do what was right! My Dad always enjoyed talking about the old family, mostly good times, and praised his family members including of course stories about the younger brother Ben. He spoke of a family with comradely, a family that enjoyed each other and watched over their well being. Ben certainly held up

the Ellis traditions and will be sorely missed. I liked Uncle Ben, I think he epitomized the Ellis family values, his zest for good times, and there was always a big, long lasting smile. Goodbye Uncle Ben!!!

Before we went to church this morning I couldn't figure out why I kept seeing turtles. As you know we knew that Bruce was with us after he went home by the turtles that we saw. The turtle was very important to Cheyenne and we have found that when we really want him near, we see the turtles around us that we haven't seen before. Well, when we got to church and heard the news, then I understood that Bruce is with you today. He is there for all of you along with us. Whatever we can do, just let us know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Tom, Joan, Cheyenne & Sierra.