



Ernest DeVane Ellis

December 23, 1962 - August 11, 2016

Obituary of Ernest Ellis

E. DeVane "Derail" Ellis was born December 23, 1962, in Quincy, Florida, to Cecil Edward and Myrtice Gilbert Ellis. In 1979 he moved to Sumter County where he discovered his love for ranching and farming. He was, by many accounts, the hardest working man ever known. He lived, loved, worked and recreated to the depths of his being. He was the truest of friend to many and a fierce protector of his sister. His greatest loves included Mouse, Jamey Johnson music, John Wayne movies, the Lakeland ranch and his family. He will be lovingly remembered by his brother, David Ellis, Bushnell, FL, his sister, Kathryn Adams (Brian), Center Hill, FL, his nieces and nephews and extended family, Clark and Joy Sherwood, Lakeland, FL.

Service

There will be a service held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Purcell Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jason Cottrell officiating.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Love, Sis



Kathryn Adams - August 11, 2018 at 03:06 PM

RB

“ I miss you dearly every single day. I'm sorry I didn't go to your funeral. I just couldn't. I know you would understand.
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Rebecca Barker - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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BG

“ The BEST friend I've ever had, Be in peace my friend.

Bill Guthrie - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Thank you all for the kind words, thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Kathy and I will be forever great full for all the support we have received. Thank you all again very much.

David Ellis - August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Devane was my first love. when i saw his beautiful eyes and smile, i was hooked instantly. he was the best man i ever knew or ever will know. no one could ever come close to filling his shoes. my heart is so broken that i cant even function. he was the greatest love of my life and we remained friends for 24 years and how i regret ever letting him go. he loved me to the depths of his soul and i knew i would always be "his Girl" and that would never change even if he is gone. my heart breaks for the family. my heart breaks for the Sherwoods as Clark was like a father to him. His heart and soul was at the ranch and everyone knew it. it was his greatest curse and destiny. when he left the ranch, it broke his heart as it did mine. i will forever miss Devane til my last breath. he was my best friend, my love, my soul, my everything. i wait for the day until i can see those blue eyes and smile again. you were loved by so many but none as much as me. you told me you loved me everytime we talked and i knew in my heart that would always hold true. Until we meet again my love, i will greive you until my last breath!! i love you more than i could ever show Michele Ellis Ballard / his first and only wife

Michele Ellis Ballard - August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. DeVane was a wonderful man and will be missed by so many. God bless <3

Donna Jericho - August 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We are all sorry for your loss we love you all and miss hearing from you,prayers for all.

Cheryl Gilbert - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Sending sincere sympathy for your family. Praying that God will comfort you and give you peace.

Tom and Jackie Peterson - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Ernest DeVane Ellis

katrina tucker - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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amanda adams - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Rebecca Barker - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have lost one of the greatest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. DEVANE will surely be missed, and never forgotten.

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“ You won't ever be forgotten. ###GESTURE###

Rebecca Barker - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ DeVane will forever be in my heart. I loved him and he will be missed.

Sharon Gilbert - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ HE WILL BE MISSED. HE WAS A TRUE FRIEND.

Don an Wanda Simmons - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I can't believe that I'm having to write a condolence for you we were just chit-chatting on the phone since I met you going to be my biggest friend my only friend out here I miss you so much already and I hope that you knew just how much your friendship meant can you while you were alive and how much it means to me and now that you're gone rest in peace dear friend maybe now you can finally get some rest

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