



## Norman E. "Bud" Ellis

July 23, 1940 - August 26, 2024

Durant, OK- Norman Estes "Bud" Ellis, 84, passed from this life peacefully on Monday, August 26, 2024, in Calera, Oklahoma. Bud was born Tuesday, July 23, 1940, to Estes Bertis Ellis and Velma Leora (Swindle) Ellis.

Bud was a life-long resident of Durant, graduating with the class of 1958. He married his sweetheart, Frankie Jane Green, on February 17, 1962, in Durant. She preceded him in death on February 12, 2019. Bud worked as a produce manager for over fifty years with Green Spray and various other local stores.

Bud was an accomplished bowler and member of both the Grayson and Bryan County Bowling Association's Halls of Fame and the Ken-Cliff Lanes Hall of Fame. A committed participant and fan of the sport, he competed in the USBC Open Tournament 30 combined years, 28 consecutively, and took an active role instilling the same love for the game in his own children and many others. The Ellis family is the first in Oklahoma to have three generations of 300-game bowlers. Bud was proud to be associated with his parents at Big O Donut, a successful business that was on First Street for many years.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Bud is survived by his daughter, Diana Ellis of Durant; sons, Mark Ellis of Norman, OK, and Brent Ellis and his wife, Jami, of Calera, OK; grandchildren,

Tara Langford of Dallas, TX, Brianna Norman and husband, Rett, of Newcastle, OK, and Matt Ellis of Norman, OK; great-grandkids Jaiden, Adelynn, and Londyn Langford, Jayce Raye, and Ellie Norman; extended family Brad and Kayla Story and their children, Eric and Avi Story and their children, and Julie and Dillon Lillibridge and their children; sisters, Claudette Keck of Odessa, TX, and Kaye Cox and her husband, John, of Durant; brother, Steve Ellis and his wife, Debbie, of Denison, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held from 1-2 PM on Friday, August 30, at Brown's Funeral Home.

Memorial services will follow at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 30, at Brown's Funeral Home chapel with Randy Sullivan and Elwood Reding officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/5M4SSGC2NRH6MG9Q>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
info@brownsfuneralservice.com  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Memorial Service

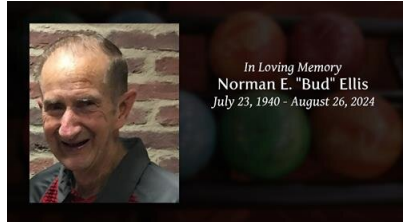
AUG **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman E. "Bud" Ellis*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - August 29, 2024 at 10:38 AM

BF

*Bud and his sons were good friends to me and my sons. We go back a lot of years. Bowled a lot of tournaments, many bowling leagues, in many locations. My oldest son still bowls on a league that the son Mark and his son Matt bowl on in Norman. He will be missed by many, yet never forgotten...*

**Billy Fite** - August 30, 2024 at 02:40 PM

RS

“ *Randy and Paula Sullivan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman E. "Bud" Ellis.*



**Randy and Paula Sullivan** - August 30, 2024 at 10:45 AM

FF

“ *From Sam Howard Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman E. "Bud" Ellis.*

**From Sam Howard Family** - August 29, 2024 at 11:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Norman E. "Bud" Ellis.*

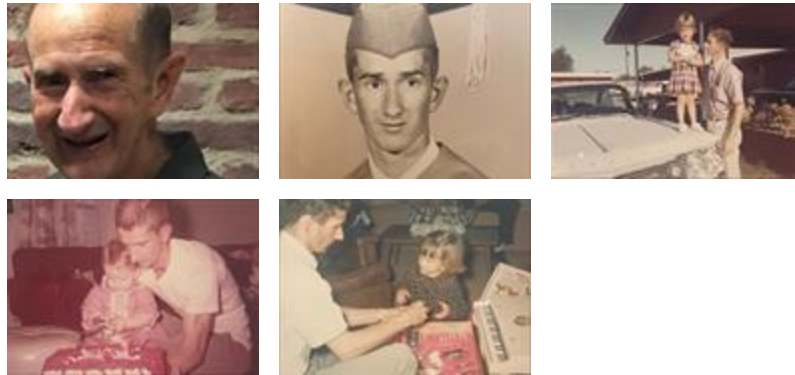


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August 29, 2024 at 11:29 AM



“ *82 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - August 29, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ *My brother was one of the most kind & gentle men I've ever known. He loved and excelled in the sport of bowling and Dad followed in his footsteps. He was giving and loving with family. I will miss him. Love from the "older" sister- as he called me.*

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**Claudette Keck** - August 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman E. "Bud" Ellis.*



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August 28, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️ RIP Bud*



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**Brenda Mays** - August 26, 2024 at 11:29 PM



*Praying for the families, loved Bud and the Charlie's boys, great family, great bowlers.*

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**Myra Reding-Potter** - August 27, 2024 at 09:06 PM