



Richard Earl "Boo" Ellis

December 4, 1943 - August 14, 2021

Richard Earl "Boo" Ellis, 77, passed away August 14, 2021. He received his education in the Indianapolis Public School system and was a graduate of Crispus Attucks High School class of 1962. He was a 1962 Indiana Basketball All Star, and a 1987 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee. "Boo" will be missed by all of his family and friends who truly loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, children, Jeffery Ellis, Janice Johnson (Oscar), Timothy Maestas; sister, Arletha Spence (Timothy); grandchildren, Corey and Cameron Johnson, Chelsea and Brooklyn Ellis; 3 great grandchildren; cousins, Eugene Brame (Debbie), Steve Norfleet(Patricia), Neal Norfleet(Constance), Ronn Norfleet and many friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jennie Bell Brame Townsend; grandmother, Arletta Brame Whitfield and son, Gregory Ellis.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Quincy J Webster Funeral Chapel
2805 North Franklin Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 297-7956

Service

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Tribute Wall

HW

“ Boo has been a dear friend to me and my family for over 50 years. He was an exceptional basketball player at UNM, and was one of many talented players brought to New Mexico by Coach Bob King in the 1960's. Cecilia Daniels and I last visited Boo in Indianapolis several years ago, and enjoyed reminiscing about those years. Boo will be missed, but we have been blessed by his love and friendship through the years.

Helen Williams - Albuquerque NM

H Williams - September 02, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Earl "Boo" Ellis.



September 01, 2021 at 11:33 AM

CW

“ Claude and Teresa Williams purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Richard Earl "Boo" Ellis.



Claude and Teresa Williams - August 31, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SS

“ I met Richard "Boo" Ellis at the University of New Mexico. He was the only basketball player who was "Booed" as a crowd favorite because of his nickname. He had a dry sense of humor. We kept in touch over the years with birthday cards and phone calls.

My condolences to his family. He had been through so much especially this past year.

I know he is now at peace and will suffer no more.

With love and friendshi



Susan Suknot - August 25, 2021 at 06:02 PM

VW

I am deeply saddened by "Boo's" passing, but know that he is free of all that he has endured & suffered over the last 10yrs. I met "Boo" in 1964 @ the Univ of New Mexico where we fast became close friends & remained friends right up to where he was no longer able to communicate recently. My husband & I visited "Boo" in Indianapolis in 2011 while visiting the City. "Boo" was a very caring & loving person & always asked about my family & Grandsons. I love you, dear friend. Rest now. In loving memory, Valerie

Valerie (King) Waller - August 30, 2021 at 08:45 PM

RG

Boo and I have been friends since we first met at UNM in '64, feeling a familial closeness as if he was one of my treasured siblings. We didn't keep in touch but I always followed his whereabouts thru other friends, checking on his well-being and sending messages. Fate would throw us in the same place and time in Philadelphia in the late 60's and Indianapolis in the late 80s. Then in the 90's we reconnected at a UNM Jocks Reunion in Baltimore where we were happy to see each other and had an opportunity to catch up on our doings for the past 30 years. Hearing of his health challenges this past Christmas, I reached out to him and sent a card with lots of pics of past good times and irreplaceable friends who still love and Cherish him. RIP my Buddy. You will be missed by many and never forgotten.

Renee Rudisill Grundy, Albuquerque, NM

Renee Rudisill Grundy - August 30, 2021 at 11:32 PM

TW

One less person on earth that loves us but one new angel in heaven that will guard, guide and protect us. Will miss all the fun times laughing and clowning with you and your "Road Dog" Junior Bailey, who was your brother and friend to the end. God loves you and God bless you.

Teresa Williams

Teresa Williams - August 31, 2021 at 04:46 PM

BI

Boo was a teammate and dear friend to me. We shared numerous events and experiences while playing ball at the university. I believe "Boo" should have played pro basketball. He was by far, the most talented player during our era at UNM. Given the right support and handling he would have easily achieved his goal. I lived with this knowledge for more than 40 years and it still pains me today. Nonetheless, I was happy that he lived a long and fruitful life and we stayed in contact. His dry sense of humor was untouchable. I wish I could share some of things we did during our time together. R.I.P. good buddy.

Ben Monroe III

Ben Monroe III - September 01, 2021 at 04:29 PM



Boo, Richard Ellis was a good friend to the, Allen Massie, Crabtree family, I will think of the good times i share with him, Warren Fuddie Allen Boo work wit my mother at, Crispus Attucks H.S

Warren Allen - September 02, 2021 at 02:19 AM