



Cletis Edwin Ellett

March 12, 1924 - April 15, 2014

Cletis Edwin Ellett, veteran minister, has gone to be with His Lord whom he served so faithfully here on earth on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the age of 90 at Garden Villa Health Care Center.

Cletis was born to Archie Hollis and Ethel Elizabeth (Williams) Ellett on March 12, 1924. He graduated from Ellettsville High School in 1943 and married his classmate, Elizabeth Jane Holler, in 1944. Cletis was baptized as a teenager in Bean Blossom Creek. He later studied under the tutelage of Bro. E.R. Pendygraft and learned the rudiments of pulpit speaking. Without any further training, he spent the rest of his life spreading the gospel in several states - eventually becoming the first-ever full-time minister at the Unionville Church of Christ. Before, during and after his ministry he also worked at Indiana University in the Psychology, Opera Scenery and Athletics (Assembly Hall) Departments. He also served for many years on the Board of Directors and Advisory Board for the Berean Children's Home now located in Brookhaven, Mississippi. Cletis was a long-time member and former Elder of the Unionville Church of Christ.

Cletis is survived by his faithful wife of 69 years, Elizabeth Jane (Holler) Ellett, daughter and son-in-law Jeanne Elaine and Dale Lisby and daughter-in-law Nancy Ellett. Also surviving are grandchildren Aaron Lisby (Kim), Shane Ellett (Jody), Benjamin Lisby (Amanda), Charity Sullivan and Brittany Ellett; great-

grandchildren Charis Ellett, Ashton Lisby, Caden Ellett, Charleigh Sullivan, Branson Lisby and Allyson Lisby; 6 step-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Quentin and sister-in-law Odette Ellett; his sister, Martha (Ellett) Morrow; his nephew, Ed Ellett and his only son, Timothy Sherman Ellett in February 2014.

Visitation will be at Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville on Monday, April 21, 2014 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 1:00 PM with burial to follow at Presbyterian Cemetery in Ellettsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Berean Children's Home, Inc., P.O. Box 1009, Brookhaven, MS 39602-1009.

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery

1233 West Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
203 E. Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-6075
chandlerfh@bluemarble.net
<https://www.chandlerfh.com>

Service

APR **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Debbie Deckard lit a candle in memory of Cletis Edwin Ellett*



debbie deckard - April 22, 2014 at 12:12 PM

AC

“ *Cletis and Dick enjoyed many good times visiting in Dick's beloved "shop" in the garage. Perhaps those discussions can be continued now that both are in heaven! I am so sorry not to be able to attend visitation and services: my son went in to borderline shock after surgery yesterday, and I have pulmonary therapy at 1:00 today. Be assure, dear Libby and family, that you are in my thoughts and prayers today. Ann Chafin*

Ann Chafin - April 22, 2014 at 09:06 AM

TG

“ *Terri G. purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Cletis Edwin Ellett.*



Terri G. - April 21, 2014 at 06:59 AM

CD

“ I send my sincere condolences. Cletis, Lib, Jeanne Elaine & Tim were a major part of my early life. My dear departed parents, Jean (Hendricks) & Bruce DeLapp, both shared strong bonds of friendship with Cletis & Lib from their early childhoods. My memories of Cletis, whether in church or family gatherings, are simply wonderful. Happiness and laughter were always abundant when our families visited. Cletis was also a dear family friend to my Grandmother, Faithy Hendricks. I recall the warmth, love and prayers he shared in helping Grandma through difficult events of life, just as he did for all of us. Our family has always considered this fine family as kin. I must also send sincere regrets and condolences, as I just now learned of Tim's recent passing. If we all were more like Cletis, the world would be a much better place. My life is richer for his influence. To Lib and Jeanne, please know that even across the miles, I have and do think of you all often and with love. My heart and prayers are with you now and always. I give great thanks for having you all in my life. Love, Christina DeLapp

Christina DeLapp - April 19, 2014 at 01:44 PM

JG

“ WE ENJOYED KNOWING CLETIS. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. JAN AND RON GILLILAND

JANICE GILLILAND - April 18, 2014 at 08:19 PM

DH

“ I just seen his daughter last week she came to say goodbye it was her last day working at the church because she was so busy between her mom and dad being sick my prayers go out to the family it so hard losing parents this I personally know Donna and Brian Honeycutt



Donna and Brian Honeycutt - April 17, 2014 at 07:44 PM

BR

“ Since my earliest memories, Cletis has been a part of my life. Perhaps my most cherished memory was when I was still a young boy. During a week long gospel meeting at Unionville Church of Christ, the visiting minister came to our house, no doubt sent by Cletis, to ask my dad why he had not been baptized. "We can go down to the church right now and take care of it", encouraged the minister, and my dad immediately said he would like to do that. Cletis met us all at the church and the pure joy he showed when he rushed inside to celebrate with my dad was a perfect example of his beautiful heart. I remember my mom saying with a huge smile, "He is something else, isn't he?" Yes, Mom, he is. And heaven has gained a wonderful soul.

Brad Ragle - April 17, 2014 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ I remember going to Church at Liberty Church of Christ in Hendricksville with my grandparents (Herbert & Imogene Hendricks) and hearing Cletis preach. He was such a good preacher! I am so sorry for your loss, but Heaven has gained a wonderful soul!
Julie (Duncan) Morron

Julie Morron - April 17, 2014 at 07:37 AM

RW

“ my thoughts and prayers go out to his family, he was a great man and i will always have fond memories of him.

Roger Wall - April 17, 2014 at 07:22 AM

BD

We are so sad to hear of Cletes passing and so sorry we cannot be there for the services.

Lib and Clete were best friends with our parents and certainly a part of our extended family.

Like another father and mother to us and we love them dearly. The world will be a lesser place with the passing of Cletis.

Our hearts are heavy and we send Lib, Jeannie, Tim and the rest of the family our condolences.

Bruce and Janelle DeLapp

Sun City, Arizona

Bruce DeLapp - April 17, 2014 at 06:37 PM