



Sidney Dwayne Ellis

October 21, 1930 - November 7, 2020

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Sidney Dwayne Ellis was born to Jewel "J.W." and Irene Goodson Ellis on October 21, 1930, in Foss, Oklahoma. He was the oldest of five children. He was class Valedictorian as a 1949 graduate of Dill City High School. Later that same year, Sidney married his high school sweetheart, Maxine Whinery of Dill City, on October 1. They recently celebrated 71 years of love-filled marriage.

Sidney and Maxine moved to Abilene, Texas, in 1950 where he attended Abilene Christian College. He was a dedicated student and condensed a four-year education degree into three years to graduate in 1953. Following his graduation, he began his preaching career that spanned six decades. Sidney first preached to a small church located at Ames, OK, which is outside of Enid. The family moved a lot because of his military career, being in the Lord's army! After Ames, his wife Maxine, and two sons, Max Dwayne and Kenny, were moved to Boise City, OK. From there, they moved to Akron, CO, and then to Canon City, CO. The family grew to five members in Canon City with the birth of Janice. The next move was to Colorado Springs, CO, where he worked with the West Pikes Peak Church of Christ for seven years. He moved his family back to Oklahoma for several years to work with Westside in Norman, Northside in Tulsa, and then with Lee and Walnut in Sapulpa. The next move was to Lincoln, Nebraska, for five years, and then to Topeka, KS. Finally, in 1985 he and Maxine moved to Owasso. Sidney worked with the

church here as the pulpit minister and director of the Biblical School of Studies; he also served as an elder for fifteen years.

Family, and friends, knew Sidney as a teller of jokes. He had a broad collection of funny stories and would never tire of telling them to friends and family. He would tell, and learn new ones, at the Owasso McDonald's ROMEO Club. ROMEO means Retired Old Men Eating Out.

Sidney shared his love of the Lord and God's Word with many, many people. He was a respected gospel preacher and an encourager to many others in the preaching profession. All who knew him are blessed with the memory of such a godly, encouraging man.

Sidney was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Shirley Dickerson and Joyce Gunter; brother, Kent Ellis; and daughter-in-law, Bonnie Ellis.

He is survived by his wife Maxine; and their three children, Max Ellis of Owasso, Ken Ellis and wife Debbie of Norman, OK, and Janice Hardin and husband Mal of Lincoln, Nebraska; seven grandchildren, Marc Ellis and wife Sherry of Owasso; Lucas Ellis, Titus Ellis and wife Marcie of Edmond, OK; Stacey Parris and husband Jason of Tahlequah, OK; Alissa Crawford and husband Marcus of Tahlequah, OK; Amy Ziegler and husband Kurk of Wellington, Ohio; and Susan Peacock and husband Will of Evergreen, Colorado. He leaves behind eleven great-grandchildren; Mason and wife Asia, Levi, Erica, Cole, Sydney, Ryley, Evan, Sylvain, Remy, Titus Joe, and Willow; two great-great-grandchildren, Kaleb Chong and Stella Bonnie; brother, James Ellis and wife Billie of Burleson, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Service

APR 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

Owasso Church of Christ
10510 N 129th E Ave
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family on the loss of Mr. Ellis, whom I had the pleasure of taking part of caring for in his last days on behalf of Amada Senior Care.*
Sarah Lee



Sarah lee - November 16, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JD

“ As I remember my Uncle Sidney I think of the many effects he had on my life. Many of these were due to the effects he had on my mom and dad, Shirley and Earl Dickerson.

My mom, Shirley, looked up to her big brother throughout her life. My dad had great respect for him. Mom and Dad showed up at Sidney and Maxine's door in Abilene, Texas in 1950 and surprised them 2 days after they were married. They decided to live in Abilene and I was born there in 1951. Sidney graduated from ACC and left Abilene in 1953. Mom missed her big brother and the ice cream and rook playing evenings they spent together.

We lived in Abilene until my junior year in high school. But we would often visit Sidney and Maxine where ever they were. I remember visiting them in Akron, Canon City and in Colorado Springs. Once Sidney took our family on the Skyline drive just outside of Canon City. It is a one lane, one way drive on a knife edged ridge. Sidney would look away from the road, lean away from the steering wheel and point something out to my Dad or Mom and Mom would hide her eyes with fear. We would travel to Colorado Springs and have our summer vacation in the mountains of Colorado with Sidney's family and James and Billie and others. In 1964 we met Sidney and Maxine to go camping at Twin Lakes, CO. We caught a mess of rainbow trout and have a picture of the fish filling a picnic table. In 1967 we moved to Colorado Springs where Sidney was preaching. His son, Max Dwayne, and I ran around together during our junior and senior years in high school and he became my best friend. We did many things with Sidney and Maxine and their family while in Colorado Springs. He would usually have a new joke for us when we had meals at his house and he often had a joke that he illustrated his sermons with.

So Sidney had an impact on where I was born, where I grew up, where I graduated from high school and what my future career would be.

As time went on and I had my own family, we would try and attend Ellis Family reunions and Sidney and Maxine were almost always

there. I looked forward to his stories of the dog named Bowser who had many adventures with Sidney and his brothers and sisters as they grew up on the family farm in western Oklahoma. I also enjoyed his stories of he and his brothers and their many escapades. He was always teasing them as their big brother.

Most of all I remember Sidney and his love for the Lord. He gave his life to preaching and teaching about Jesus Christ. I know he must have preached thousands of sermon and held many gospel meetings. As I grew up in Abilene, I remembered Sidney staying with us each February while he attended the ACC lectureships. He often brought a friend with him.

I shall miss seeing him and my short visits over the phone with him. I turned 69 in July and he told me that I could tell people I was barely in my 60's.

I look forward to seeing him in our heavenly home and hearing what new jokes he has to tell.

Jimmy Dickerson

Jimmy Dickerson - November 14, 2020 at 08:54 PM

LO

“ *We will miss you, Uncle Sidney. You always had a 'matter of fact' look on your face as you told your very corny jokes! I still remember some of them from 40 years ago. You live on in our memories. And I am so thankful to have your stores to listen to for years to come.*
Love you, Laura



Laura Overstreet - November 12, 2020 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ Sidney welcomed me to the church and always mentioned that he once knew another Monica. Always kind and asked about my work and dad. Very sweet man that was a true inspiration. Very fond memories in the short time I knew him.

Monica Masters - November 12, 2020 at 11:12 AM

AC

“ I am so sorry for you loss, but I know he was willing to go on. I remember many good times - especially the Ellis Reunions in which we were Kindly included. Sending love to all of you. Cousin Anne

Anne Cope - November 11, 2020 at 12:35 AM

JH

Thank you, Anne. Sharing together as a clan was always a favorite among all the Ellis's.

Janice Hardin - November 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JE

“ James W. Ellis lit a candle in memory of Sidney Dwayne Ellis



James W. Ellis - November 10, 2020 at 11:50 PM

JH

Very special. Thank you.

Janice Hardin - November 11, 2020 at 05:10 PM

JE

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James W. Ellis - November 10, 2020 at 11:42 PM

LO

This is a great picture. Thanks for sharing this, Uncle James. I love Grandad's hat!

Laura Overstreet - November 13, 2020 at 09:54 AM

KD

“ Sydney did love to tell jokes. We moved to Colorado Springs and attended Westside Church of Christ several years while Sidney was still preaching there. I remember a couple he enjoyed telling the younger ones about Pete and Repeat. "Pete and Repeat were sitting on a fence. Pete fell off. Who was left?" "Repeat." "Pete and Repeat were sitting on a fence. Pete fell off. Who was left?" "Repeat." . . . He would continue to repeat until the child quit answering.
He also enjoyed pranks. One of our favorite home movies included his pouring water on his younger brother Kent while in a sleeping bag in the yard.
We continued to enjoy Sydney's jokes and funny stories at family reunions for many years, Kent Dickerson, nephew, Peongtaek, South Korea.

Kent Dickerson - November 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JH

Thank you, Kent for sharing these memories.

Janice Hardin - November 11, 2020 at 05:11 PM

KA

“ Sidney was one of the first to reach out to us when we moved here 18 years ago. He invited Kent to join the Romeo club at McDonalds. If he didn't show up, Sidney was on the phone, checking on him. We both were fortunate to take several Sunday School classes and several School of Biblical School classes from Sidney. Will miss his weekly calls. We will greatly miss his smiles and his gentle nature. Our love and sympathy to Maxine and the family.

Kent and Linda Allen - November 10, 2020 at 05:47 PM

JH

Thank you for your kind words.

Janice Hardin - November 11, 2020 at 05:14 PM