



## Kenneth Wade Ellis

June 11, 2022

Kenneth Wade Ellis Sr. surrounded by his family in love and prayer, peacefully transitioned on June 11, 2022 at the age of 57. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 26, 1964 to the late Hezekiah Ellis and the late Mable Williams Ellis. Kenneth was educated in the Jefferson Parish school system. He was a certified Culinary Chef displaying his talents at some of the finest restaurants throughout the world-renowned New Orleans French Quarter. Kenneth's Love for life was contagious and anyone he ever encountered was sure never to forget him. He was affectionately known to his family and friends as Juice/Cadillac. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, always making himself available to their every need. He enjoyed barbecuing (the best to ever do it), New Orleans Saints Sundays and fishing. Kenneth's outlook on life was to always see the glass half full, even in his darkest days; he continued to focus on the light.

He leaves a legacy for his loved ones of unconditional Love, Strength, Courage, and the Endurance to achieve all things through Christ. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye, with the peace of knowing his Spirit of love and protection will forever be upon us.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife Kelisha Polk Ellis, four loving children: Ja'Vair, Kentrice, Ka'Lya and Kenneth Wade Ellis Jr, and one god-granddaughter O'Sani Sage Washington.

He also leaves cherished memories with his loving siblings: Janet Clark (Dr. A.S. Clark), Marva Fluence (Gary), Terry Ellis Rodgers (Randy), Celestine

Davis (Lawrence), Hazel Diggs, Scott Ellis (Dinah), Mark Ellis, Sisters-in-law: Marquita Theophile and Darilyn Jones Brown, brothers-in-law: Devery Polk and Sheldon Polk (Cressida), along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Lillie Mae Ellis and Gail Ellis Carter and five brothers: Frank, Hezekiah, Michael, Eric, and Torrence Ellis.

We invite family and friends, along with the caring staff of Heart of Hospice, Fresenius Dialysis Center (Westbank), Ochsner Medical Center (Main Campus) ICU, and employees of USDA National Finance Center to the Celebration of Life

Thursday June 23, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Visitation 9:00 am at

The Historic St. James A.M.E Church

222 N. Roman Street New Orleans Louisiana

Rev. Dr. Demetrese D Phillips Officiating

Interment: Westlawn Cemetery Gretna Louisiana

Arrangements Entrusted To:

D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue

New Orleans, Louisiana

Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Cemetery

1225 Whitney Ave.  
Gretna, LA 70056

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Historic St. James AME Church  
222 N Roman St  
New Orleans, LA 70112

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Kelisha (aka) Lady this your cousin Tracey from Detroit, Your Uncle Freddie and Aunt Jackie*  
*Send our deepest belated condolences to you and the family. We are so sorry to hear about your husband. May God continue strengthening you*  
*And to comfort you. We Love you dearly our niece/cousin* ❤️❤️❤️  
❤️*The Stampley'sxoxoxo*

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**Tracey Sadler** - July 11, 2022 at 06:15 AM

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“*To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Get your rest Unc, you were my Uncle before I even married your nephew. You meant we were Family lol. I'll always miss and love you until we meet again. Teedie, I'll keep you and the family in my prayers always*❤️❤️

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**Tameka Ellis** - June 26, 2022 at 06:42 PM

JB

“*Wow..I really dont know where or how to start..it still don't seems real to me...mannn..." Buckaroo" I will just hold on to the memories..I can still hear and see ur loud mouth shouting infront of my door" Jacki Ford..come ur big eye a\$\$ out the house"..lol..you was not only my neighbor..but FAMILY!! KENNETH you will be truly missed my friend..*  
*To the family..deepest condolences..praying for comfort and strength.*  
*Rest easy in lights " BUCKAROO"..UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!!*

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**Jacki Ford- Benitez** - June 24, 2022 at 12:27 AM

PA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you and your family... Sending prayers & hugs*

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**Patricia Arnolie-Webster** - June 22, 2022 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Sending my condolences to The Ellis Family especially to the wife & family I only meet you once but just know he spoke of you & his kids with such Grace & Pride...Kennith would look out for me at school & in the neighborhood and would always have a laughter & smile to end to his sister's keep the light shining as bright as his smile from your Washington Place friend Susan Lee & The Lee Family RIP Juice 🙏🙏❤️❤️*

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**susan lee** - June 20, 2022 at 10:18 PM