



Ret. Police Chief Joe Clayton Ellisor

January 13, 1938 - September 12, 2016

Joe C Ellisor, a gentle giant of a man. If you met him you'd remember him, and if you knew him, you were a friend for life. Joe passed away on Monday, September 12, 2016 at his home, surrounded by family.

Joe was born January 13, 1938 in Walker County, Texas to Clayton and Sarah Bonds Ellisor. He grew up in the small community of Boswell, just outside of Huntsville, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family.

In 1959 at the age of 21, he left home for the big city of Bryan, where he got a job with the Bryan Police Department as a Patrolman. Between 1960 and 1962 he was promoted to Sergeant, then Lieutenant, and finally Chief of Police in 1962. At the age of 24, he was possibly the youngest Chief of Police in the state. After 20 years with the City of Bryan he worked at the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Bryan for eleven years before retiring.

Joe spent his retirement years back at his family home, where he grew up tending to cattle, spending time with family and enjoying country life.

Joe was a member of Pine Valley Baptist Church.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Elbert and Arlie Ellisor.

He leaves behind his wife of 41 years, Carol Lee; daughter, Terri Leeth and her husband, Greg; son, John Ellisor; daughter, Jeanie Stephenson and her husband, Terry; daughter, Cathi Laney; his brother, Alton Ellisor; his beloved grandchildren, Justin Leeth, Clayton Leeth, Natalie Stephenson, Victoria Stephenson, William Laney and Garrett Laney; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family and many, many dear friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 14, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Joe's life, love and influence will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Thursday, September 15, in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Interment will follow the service at Boswell Cemetery in New Waverly, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Boswell Cemetery

1052 Four Notch Rd.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ret. Police Chief Joe Clayton Ellisor*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences from Eddie Zamora, Bryan, Texas. Former University P.D. officer at TAMU.*



Eddie Zamora - September 15, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ *With Love, your friends at W T Bell International purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ret. Police Chief Joe Clayton Ellisor.*



With Love, your friends at W T Bell International - September 14, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Denise & Mike Winborn lit a candle in memory of Ret. Police Chief Joe Clayton Ellisor*



Denise & Mike Winborn - September 14, 2016 at 02:37 PM

DW

Praying for your family, may God cover you with His hand of comfort!

Denise & Mike Winborn - September 14, 2016 at 02:39 PM

DB

“ *My deepest sympathy is extended to the Ellisor family. Joe Ellisor was a wonderful person whose departure from this earth will leave a void.*

Dan Beto - September 14, 2016 at 05:38 AM

LK

“ *Damn good guy. I think of ya'll often and the good times we shared at TABC.*
Larry Karstadt.

Larry K - September 13, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ret. Police Chief Joe Clayton Ellisor.*



September 13, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ *May God give much comfort to Joe's family. He will be missed by many.*

*Kathy and Ronnie Wonzer
and the Fish Pond family*



KathyandRonnie Wonzer - September 13, 2016 at 10:29 AM