



Mrs. Jean Marie Ellis

January 6, 1938 - July 12, 2025

Jean Marie Oliver Ellis age 86, passed away at home surrounded by her family on Saturday morning, July 12, 2025. She was born in Kensington, Georgia to the late Floyd Hampton and Mary Elizabeth Rosser Oliver. Jean was a lifelong resident of Chickamauga, Georgia and graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1956. After high school, she married Billy Neil Ellis on December 19, 1958 in the home of Frank and Bernice Loveless, Billy Neil's aunt and uncle. Billy Neil and Jean were married just a few weeks shy of 60 years before his death. Together, they raised Gregory Neil Ellis and Sherri Neilia Ellis. Billy Neil and Jean never missed a fall Friday night of Gordon Lee Football, cheering from their perch in the top of the stands and supported all of the sports programs at Gordon Lee. Along with her parents, Jean was preceded in death by her husband: Billy Neil Ellis, their son Gregory Neil Ellis, sister and brother-in-law: Joan (Billy) Jackson. She is survived by her daughter: Sherri Neilia Ellis of Chickamauga, GA, sister: Linda Cash, grandchildren: Kristen Drew Spires (Laura) Williams, Dwane Alexander (Austen) Spires, Shelby Frances (Joe Julian) Ellis, great-granddaughters: Poppy Elizabeth Williams and Scottie Ellis Spires. The family would like to thank Hearth Hospice for their wonderful care and support. A private graveside service was held on Monday – July 14, 2025 in Chickamauga Cemetery – Chickamauga, Georgia. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes - J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Chickamauga City Cemetery

Lee Ave.
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BE

“*Sheri, our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. I’m so sorry to hear of Jean’s passing, and I didn’t know about Greg until I was visiting GLHS campus with Corky Jewel last October. Your parents meant so much to our family and helped my folks, especially when things were tough for us. Billy Neil and Jean are people who truly made a difference in people’s lives and left Chickamauga a better place. Love, hugs and prayers for all of you! God bless you.*”

Bronwyn Evans - July 21, 2025 at 07:47 PM

JY

“*Mrs. Ellis was truly one of a kind — loyal, hilariously sharp, and deeply generous. If you were lucky enough to be in her circle, you felt her love, received her very honest and unfiltered opinions, cherished her contagious laugh, and enjoyed a deep bond.*”

I’ll always be grateful she was part of my life — and honored that my daughter carries her name forward.

Sending love to you all; Sherri; KD, Laura, and little Poppy; Austin and family; Shelby and family; and Linda and Render. May her memory be a blessing.

Jenny Young - July 16, 2025 at 02:53 PM

DS

“*Detail Cleaning Service purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Jean Marie Ellis.*”



Detail Cleaning Service - July 15, 2025 at 02:13 PM

KY

“ *Kristi Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Marie Ellis*



Kristi Yarbrough - July 15, 2025 at 01:19 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Bates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Marie Ellis*



Kathy Bates - July 14, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JW

“ *Billy Neil and Jean were always so good to me. Jean had a contagious laugh, one especially I can remember when Greg, Clay and I were swimming and they were trying to “drown” me... she always laughed at me and Greg over the years. May God bring comfort to the family. Rest in peace Jean. Give Greg an arm punch for me. 🙏❤️*

Jan Wright - July 14, 2025 at 04:32 PM

PF

Of course Jean was my aunt and I always grew up around her babysitting Greg and Sherri as they were growing up. We always had a good time. Billy Neil was always there for us when we needed him. I'm sorry that aunt Jean has just passed away. I hope she rest in peace. I'm sorry her little great grandbabies didn't have much time to spend with her because she would have loved to have spent a lot more time with the babies.

Pamela Folger - July 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM