



## Ellis E. Loden

October 28, 1943 - November 12, 2023

Ellis Eugene Loden, born on October 28, 1943, in Gladewater, Texas, to H.G. "Sam" Loden and Myrtle Gertrude Loden, embarked on his eternal journey on November 12, 2023. He leaves behind a lifetime of cherished memories and a legacy of love, devotion, and an unwavering faith in the Lord.

Ellis was a devoted husband to Rose Maxine Dacus, whom he married on November 18, 1964. Their union was a testament to love's enduring power, a bond that remained unbroken for nearly six decades. Together, they created a life filled with love, laughter, and shared adventures.

For 43 years, Ellis dedicated his professional life to Upshur Rural Electric, where he served as a lineman/serviceman. His dedication to his work was only surpassed by his passion for connecting with the community and his customers. He enjoyed the opportunity to work outdoors, cherishing the beauty of nature in the course of his duties.

When not on the job, Ellis found joy in various hobbies and activities. He also played baseball, and he spent years as a member of a bowling league. His family shared in his love of the outdoors as they embarked on hunting excursions together, forging bonds that would last a lifetime.

Ellis' faith in the Lord was unwavering, and he was a devoted Christian. He was a member of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Gilmer, where he found strength, community, and purpose in his spiritual journey.

In his leisure time, Ellis had a passion for hunting arrowheads and collecting coins, hobbies that allowed him to appreciate history and artistry. Alongside

his beloved wife, he enjoyed countless vacations at the Waunita Hot Springs Ranch in Colorado, creating cherished memories amidst the stunning landscapes of the Rocky Mountains.

Ellis was a loving husband, dedicated father, doting grandfather, loyal friend, and devout Christian. His zest for life, love for family, and unwavering faith have left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be remembered for his warm smile, strong work ethic, and a passion for the outdoors. As we bid farewell to Ellis, we find comfort in the knowledge that his spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved and admired him.

In addition to his cherished memories and the profound impact he left on the world, Ellis is survived by a loving and devoted family. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, with whom he shared a love that stood the test of time, a testament to their enduring bond.

Ellis leaves behind three daughters, each of whom he cherished and nurtured with a father's love and guidance: Angie Bickle (Todd) of Fate, TX, Melissa Harty (Bubba) of Gilmer, TX, and Patricia McGarity (Wayne) of Kilgore, TX. Their lives were enriched by his presence, and they will forever carry his legacy in their hearts.

Ellis was a loving and proud grandfather to a precious group of grandchildren who were the apples of his eye: Hollis Lucas, James Lucas (Michelle), Bradley Lucas (Lacey), Sydney Harty, Wesley McGarity, and six great-grandkids. His love and influence will continue to shape their lives, as they remember their beloved grandfather with fondness and admiration.

He is also survived by three sisters and two sisters-in-law, who shared in his joys, sorrows, and family bonds: Reba Morgan, Laretta Hibner (Chuck), Glenda Gage (James), Gwen Prothro, and Fay Colley. The strength of their sibling connection was a source of support and comfort throughout their lives. While Ellis's journey on this earth has come to an end, his memory will endure through the love, respect, and cherished moments he leaves behind. He is preceded in death by his parents, H.G. "Sam" and Myrtle Loden, and his

sisters Vaudine Suggs and Judy Nickelbur, as well as brothers Albert Loden and Bert Loden. Their spirits may have departed this world, but their memories live on in the hearts of those who loved them.

The family would also like to express a special thanks to his caregivers: Heart to Heart Hospice of Longview, Shirlen Spencer, Melba Moore, Janet Stone, and Makia Peyton.

The funeral service will be held at McWhorter Funeral Home on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 10:00 am. There will be a visitation at the same location from 6 to 8 on Friday, November 17, 2023. The family will be present to welcome loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org). or Heart to Heart Hospice, 100 W. Hawkins Pkwy, Unit A, Longview, Texas 75605.

Please visit Ellis's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S  
Gilmer, TX 75645

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
info@mcwhorterfh.com  
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

## Service

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Loden. May the promises of our Lord in Heaven bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. 🙏

*Melba & Willie Moore*

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**Melba Moore** - November 22, 2023 at 05:03 AM

SS

“ To Maxine and the entire Loden family, Ellis would have been so proud of the services. Everything was so beautiful. My prayer is that the Lord will wrap his arms around each of you, and give you peace and comfort, knowing that Ellis is now at total peace with our savior. I am just a phone call away if there's ever anything I can do for you. Much love to you all.

*Shirlen Spencer*

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**Shirlen Spencer** - November 19, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ellis E Loden Funeral Service



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - November 18, 2023 at 05:12 PM

MT

*Sending my deepest condolences to the entire Loden's family! From Melba Moore*

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**Melba Moore the care taker** - November 19, 2023 at 09:49 PM

JM

“ Jay and Julie Marvin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellis E. Loden.

Jay and Julie Marvin - November 17, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Loden.



November 17, 2023 at 07:59 AM

AL

“ My prayers are with Maxine, Laretta & all of the family. Ellis was my classmate & friend. Our family & the Loden family were friends & neighbors for years. I am very saddened by this. May God comfort the family & RIP Ellis.

Alice Salter Lucker - November 16, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Loden.



November 16, 2023 at 04:48 PM

RT

“ *Region 7 Board of Directors & Todd/Jan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellis E. Loden.*

Region 7 Board of Directors & Todd/Jan - November 15, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Loden.*



November 15, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ *125 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - November 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DH

“ *A great man! I worked many years with Ellis at Upshur Rural. I have so many fond memories of him and his stories. Prayers for Maxine and the family.*

Deb Howell - November 14, 2023 at 04:20 PM

LB

“ *Maxine and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort for the lonely days ahead.* ”



Linda Shaw Bond - November 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Loden.* ”



November 14, 2023 at 12:30 PM

SF

“ *Sherrie Cook and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellis E. Loden.* ”

Sherrie Cook and family - November 14, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Loden.* ”



November 14, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellis E. Loden.*



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November 13, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *I worked with Ellis for the twenty years that I was at Upshur Rural Electric. He was always positive and willing to help and train anyone. He was very proud of his family. A great man to be around. My prayers are with Maxine and the family.*

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**Clayton Venn** - November 13, 2023 at 07:49 PM

MH

*Thank you for your kind words! We appreciate your prayers!*

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**Melissa Harty** - November 13, 2023 at 08:54 PM

PR

*Ellis had arms that welcome everyone, his warm and friendly smile was always about him. He made the best cake and Pink stuff, love you Maxine praying for you and your family*

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**Patricia Ray** - November 14, 2023 at 07:00 AM

SF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Maxine and the rest of the Loden family. Our lives are better having known this precious man!*

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**Stacie Francis** - November 13, 2023 at 05:32 PM

RU

“ *I worked with Ellis for several years. He was a good man.*

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**Russell** - November 13, 2023 at 04:27 PM

LS

*I worked daily with Ellis for 17 yrs before his retirement. I never one time remember him ever getting upset, angry or frustrated. No matter what he was asked to do; it was done with a servants heart and humility. Always laid back, never in a hurry, soft spoken and very efficient. He was absolutely my favorite serviceman! I loved his stories and coconut bon bons at Christmas. I know that I will see my friend again one day. Our prayers for Maxine & family.*

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**Linda Studdard** - November 13, 2023 at 07:45 PM

MH

*Thank you for your kind words! He loved working at Upshur Rural and making candy at Christmas!❤️*

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**Melissa Harty** - November 13, 2023 at 08:56 PM

PC

*Worked 22 years with Ellis, he was a gitter done guy, you could count on*

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**Peggy Cooper** - November 15, 2023 at 09:20 AM