



## Atlas Ellis

December 22, 1918 - October 29, 2007

Atlas Lee Ellis went home to be with the Lord on October, 29, 2007 at Navarro regional Hospital at the age of 88 years. He was born in near Old Mildred on December 22, 1918 to Elwyn P. Ellis and Velma Bonner Ellis. Atlas was a veteran of World War II where he served as an Army Staff Sgt. He served his country in Germany, North Africa, Rome, Italy, and Southern France from 1942 to 1945. Atlas graduated from High School in Mildred and College at Tyler Commercial College. He served in the real estate profession in the Tyler area before finding his true calling in the photography business in 1949. In 1952 Atlas opened Ellis Studio where he ran a successful photography studio for more than half a century. He also ran a successful Charolais Cattle business from 1963 to 2000. Atlas married Verlene Tatlor on December 31, 1940 at the First Baptist Church Parsonage. He is survived by his wife Verlene Ellis of Corsicana. Son John and wife Debbie of Las Vegas, Nevada. Grandchildren: Julie Waller and husband Darrell of Corsicana, John Ellis and wife Amber of Mexia, and Taryn Ellis of Mesquite. Great grandchildren: Clay, Callie, and Haley Waller, and John Ellis III. Cousins Preston bonner and Doris Eakes. Funeral seervices will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Rev. B.F. Risinger, Bro. Bill Honea, and Rev. David Edwards officiating. Burial will follow at Dawson Cemetery in Dawson. Pallbearers will be John Ellis, Darrell Waller, Bill Graves, Don Sykes, Phil Posey, Preston Bonner, and Doug Scroggins. Honorary pallbearer will be Clay Waller.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Atlas Ellis*

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“ *We will be thinking of you and praying for you in the coming days.*

*God bless you,  
Jerry and Karen*

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**Karen & Jerry Ashcraft** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Atlas.  
He fought a very good and hard fight.  
Our prayers are with you.  
I know that you possess qualities that enable you to meet any  
challenge.  
Love Wanda*

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**Earl & Wanda Halmon** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ I was very saddened today to learn of the passing of Atlas Ellis. I knew Atlas from years of seeing him down at Dee's place. Over the years we discussed many things. Atlas was one of the most interesting people I have ever met. Atlas was to me almost monolithic. He was as much a part of the fabric of Corsicana as the courthouse or Collin Street Bakery. Atlas could remember when they built the WPA roads and when they were excavating for the First State Bank building downtown. It seemed that Atlas had been around forever. I will always think fondly on Atlas. He was a humble, hardworking, friendly man with a big name. But to those who knew him, even Atlas wasn't too great a name for a man who possessed such strength of character.

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**Enoch Basnett** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Dear Verlene (and family),  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. I pray your many memories of times shared will be of great comfort to you.  
Love,  
Barb Honea

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**Rosellan and Fred Richards, Jr.** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I have such good memories of Atlas telling me many stories of the old days.

*My favorite story is the one about my dad, Jesse Bonner, who was an uncle to Atlas. He told me that in the mid 1920's Jesse owned a Harley Davidson motorcycle with a side car. Atlas would have been about 8 or 9 years of age, but he remembered riding in the side car and Jesse taking corners very fast causing the side car to rise. Our grandmother Emma Bonner would get very upset about these antics.*

*I enjoyed visiting him at his photo shop and at Dee's.*

*Our sympathy and love are extended to Verlene and the family.*

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**Ted Warren** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Atlas was a good man.

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**Cathy Scroggins** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Ellis studio-Pictures of my first son 37 years ago. Still have the pictures.

*God Bless to the family. My Mother still lives in Corsicana,I still visit often. My God comfort you at this time, I look at death of a time to celebrate all the wonderful things a person has done during their lives, just how many people Atlas Ellis has given great joy to by all the pictures they prepared for customers.*

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**Betty Pritchett Wilhoite** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ In my 8 years working for my father at Dee's Place, I never met a more charismatic person than Atlas. He was always cheerful, and had a way of brightening up the room. I will never forget the many conversations, and history lessons that Atlas gave me. He was a steel trap of information, boasting stories of times when there was not electricity, or running water in parts of the county. He enlightened me with war stories from Europe, and the time that he spent in France. It was clear that he had a zest for life. I am thankful for the time that I was allowed to spend with him. Atlas was a great man, and I as well as everyone else appreciate the impact he had on the world.

Sincerely,

Shawn Hawkinson

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**Shawn Hawkinson** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Atlas was one of the most delightful friends and customers that I had. His stories, expressions and wit, always brought a smile to those around him. The world would be a better place if we had more people like him. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. Verleen, our prayers are with you.

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**Dee and Jennifer Hawkinson** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our deepest love and sympathy goes out to you. We praise God for all of his blessings these many years. We will be praying with you and for you. Love, your neighbors, Valara, Ronald, Carolyn, and Heather Shaw.

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**The Shaw Family** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM