

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now. He set me free.*



**Pall Bearers**  
Louisa/Temple Lodge #113

**Flower Girls**  
Friends of the Family

**Acknowledgements**  
The family acknowledges with sincere thanks and appreciation for all expressions of sympathy and kindness shown during their time of bereavement. The comfort you have given will remain a precious memory.

“May God continue to bless each of you.”

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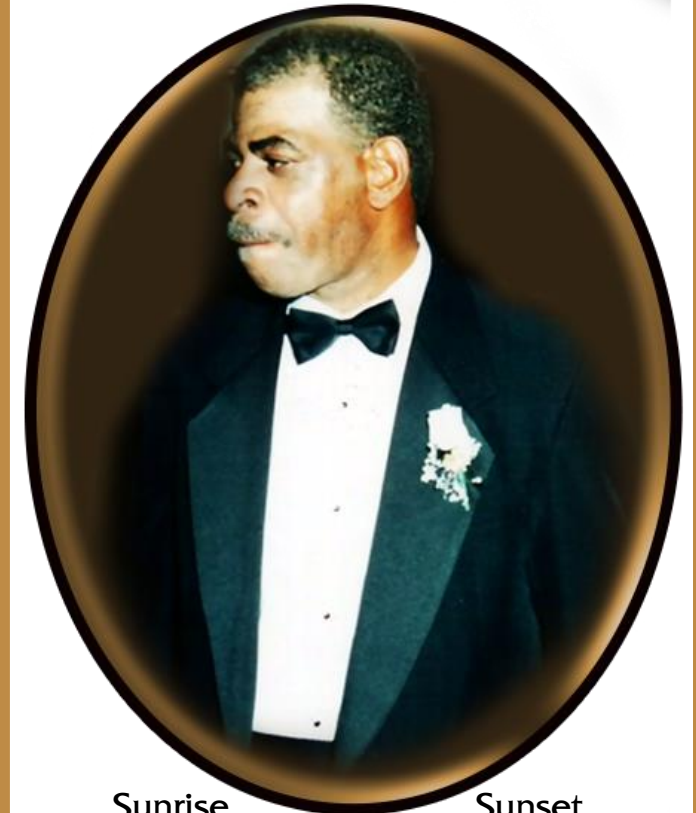
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## Homegoing Celebration for **THOMAS EDWARD ELLIS**



Sunrise                      Sunset  
July 2, 1948                      November 18, 2017

**Saturday, November 25, 2017**  
**11:00am**

**Mount Hope Baptist Church**  
Bumpass, Virginia 23024

Reverend Dr. Monroe L. Smith, Pastor

THOMAS EDWARD ELLIS

## Obituary

A busy life came to a close on November 18 , 2017 when the one we loved stepped across the threshold that we call death, but it is was only a step into another room and not a stepping out of the fellowship of life. It was just a stepping into one of the other rooms at our Father's house.

**Thomas Edward Ellis** was born to Thomas Hubert Ellis (deceased) and Doris Ellis on July 2, 1948. He was the second of five children.

He was a graduate of the A.G. Richardson High School of Louisa County, VA. Thomas joined Mt. Hope at an early age and was baptized by Rev. P. H. West. He was a faithful member of Mount Hope Baptist Church. He was a member of the Men's Choir, the Usher's Ministry, the Media Tape Ministry, and Men's Fellowship. He was united in holy matrimony to the former Joyce Holt (deceased) and to this union one daughter was born, Cherita Denise Ellis.

In the community he was a member of the Louisa/ Temple Lodge #113 as the Worship Master until his health failed.

Thomas was an industrious person who was the owner of his own Brick Mason business. He also was employed by Clarks Construction, Truck Driver for Giants Food Inc. in Maryland, and part-time at ABM Janitorial at Henrico Doctor Hospital. Thomas was a good man, always kind, true, and helpful. He was respected and loved by all who knew him. Thomas leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Cherita Ellis, mother, Doris Ellis, two brothers, Curtis (Loretta), Melvin (Jearline), and sister, Patricia; six grandchildren, 5 great children, one son in-law; one aunt Mary Graves (Samuel), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and a devoted friend Emily Butler.

## Order of Service

Officiating Reverend Dr. Kenneth Grasty

The Processional .....Clergy & Family

Opening Selection .....Mt. Hope Men's Choir

Scripture Readings  
Old & New Testament.....Minister Cynthia Houchens

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Alex Shelley

Selection .....Mt. Hope Men's Choir

Acknowledgements ..... Lillian Morris  
Louisa/Temple Lodge #113  
District Deputy Troy Lewis

Tribute of Life ..... Patricia Ellis

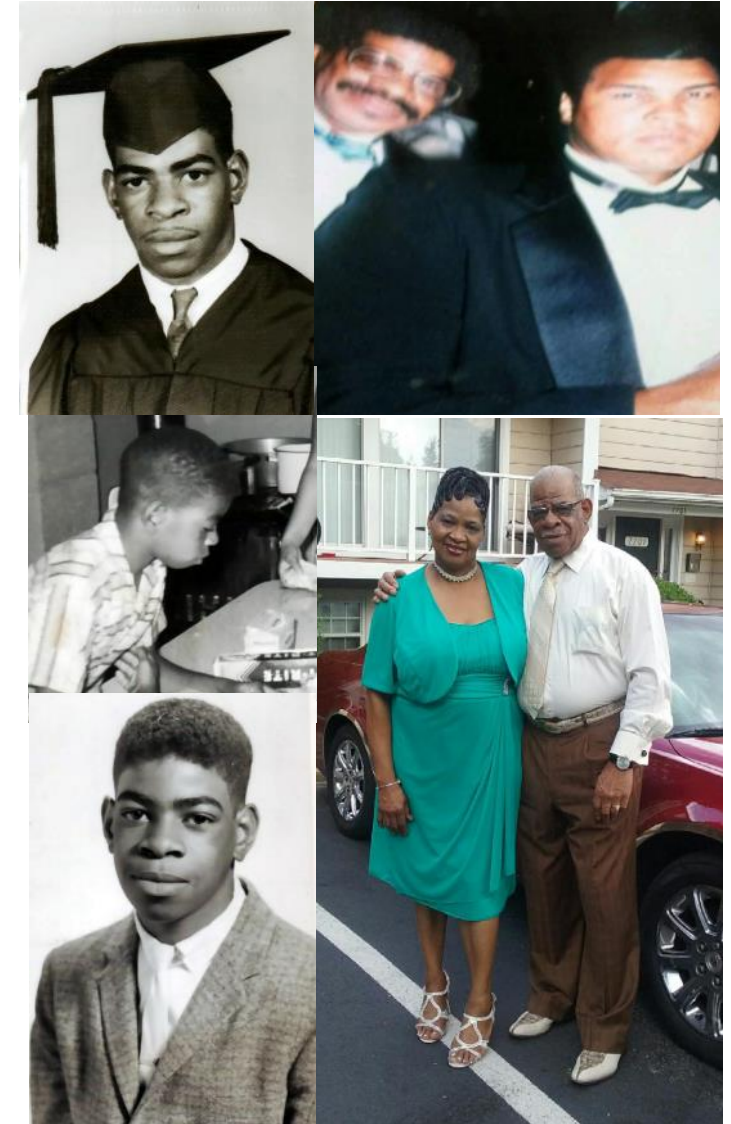
Selection .....Mt. Hope Men's Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Monroe L. Smith

Benediction

Recessional

## Memories



*"There's an open gate at the end of the road  
Through which each must go alone  
And there, in light we cannot see,  
Our Father claims His own  
Beyond the gate your loved one  
finds happiness and rest  
And there is comfort in thought that a loving  
God knows best."*