



William "Ozzie" Ellison

August 4, 1920 - April 9, 2011

Bluefield, WV- William Oswell "Ozzie" Ellison, 90, of Bluefield, WV, died Saturday April 9, 2011 at Westwood Center in Bluefield, VA. Born August 4, 1920 in Pipestem, WV, he was a son of the late William Henderson Ellison and Lou Farley Ellison. Mr. Ellison was a longtime resident of Bluefield and was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he served as a Treasurer, Trustee, Elder and Deacon. He was also in the Men's Bible Class and various share groups. He was actively involved in the growth movement of the Southern Chapters of the West Virginia Credit Union League, and on the National Board of Directors for C.U.N.A. (The Credit Union National Association), representing the state of West Virginia. He had perfect attendance at Kiwanis Club of Bluefield for 24 years, receiving the George F. Hixson Award. He was also actively involved with the local chapter of N.A.R.F.E. (National Association of Retired Federal Employees). He was a veteran, having served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox from 1942-1946. Mr. Ellison was a graduate of Beckley Business College and worked as an IRS Agent for the Internal Revenue Service. Upon his retirement, he founded W. O. Ellison Tax Service along with his wife, Frances. In addition to his parents, Mr. Ellison was preceded in death by his loving wife, Frances Fulcher Ellison; three sisters, Stacie Ellison Cole, Lavonna Ellison and Marguerite Ellison Mann; and three brothers, Oscar Ellison, Emory Ellison and James Ellison. Survivors include one son, Rodney William Ellison and his wife (Ozzie's loving caretaker) Mary Ann Ellison, of Summerville, SC; one

sister Kathleen Ellison Hight of Lerona, WV; several nieces and nephews; and special caregivers, Ressia and Bobbi. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday April 11, 2011 from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Ira Frazier officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 12:30 p.m. until the service hour. Entombment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church General Fund, P.O. Box 1258, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Mr. William Oswell "Ozzie" Ellison.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Ozzie" Ellison*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I DID NOT KNOW THAT OZZIE HAD PASSED - I WAS JUST UPDATING MY CALENDAR LAST NIGHT AND NOTED I NEEDED TO SEND HIM A 91ST BIRTHDAY CARD NEXT MONTH! I MET OZZIE THROUGH THE ELLISON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION - MY HUSBAND'S GRANDPARENTS ARE BURIED THERE (DR. WILLIAM AND PEARL MARTIN TRAIL) AND THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE, OZZIE AND I BECAME FRIENDS. HE EVEN HAD A NEPHEW, MICHAEL, GO AND TAKE PHOTOS FOR ME. OZZIE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON. LOVING AND KIND - HE TOOK ME UNDER HIS WING AS I RESEARCHED MY FAMILY GENEALOGY AND HELPED ME WITH RECORDS OF THE CEMETERY. I WILL MISS HIM DEEPLY - I SEND MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. MAY HE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE WITH THE GRACE OF GOD. JOAN*

JOAN ELBURN FARLEY - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *He will be truly missed. I am sorry that I had not known him all my life but am so happy that I did get to know him for a few years.*

Linda Ellison Minton - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I send my deepest sympathy. I know that Ozzie will be missed by all who knew him. He was a very special person. I knew Ozzie and Frances through attendance at NARFE meetings. Dottie Chudina*

Dottie Chudina - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM