



# Celebrating



## Callie Mae Ellis

Sunrise

Sunset

July 22, 1940

March 22, 2026

### Service

Friday, March 27, 2026 1:00 P.M.

Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel  
Chickasha, Oklahoma



### First

*First heart to ever love me,  
First voice I ever heard,  
It's soothing music sweet  
Before I understood a word.*

*First face I learned to recognize,  
First smile I ever saw,  
Eyes looking into mine  
With love and pride and awe.*

*First hands to guide my wobbly steps  
Or swing me to and fro,  
First arms to hold me safe and snug  
Yet leave me room to grow.*

*First confidante to listen  
To the things I had to say,  
First friend to know my hopes and dreams  
First in my heart today.*



## *Callie Mae Ellis*

*Callie Mae (Turnerhill) Ellis was born July 22, 1940 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Edward Turnerhill and Elouis (Johnson) Turnerhill. She went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 22, 2026 in Chickasha, Oklahoma, surrounded by her loved ones.*

*She and her siblings were raised by their grandparents Louis and Sarah Turnerhill on a farm in Rush Springs, Oklahoma. While attending Rush Springs High School, she was a Redskin Majorette and crowned the Football Queen. She spent the majority of her life residing in Chickasha.*

*She began her nursing career at Eventide Nursing Home and then went on to work at Grady Memorial Hospital for the next 36 years. She was adored by her patients, as she assisted in the delivery of many babies within the community, helped in surgeries, and trained new nursing staff. After retiring, she would travel with her daughter Gloria to many parts of the United States.*

*Callie loved working in her yard and cooking for her family. She enjoyed watching football and NBA games; she was an avid OKC Thunder fan. She also loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her family treasured her dearly and she will be deeply missed.*

*She was preceded in death by her grandparents Sarah and Louis Turnerhill, parents Edward and Elouis Turnerhill, sons Kenneth Sterling Ellis, III and Carl Harris, daughter Jackie Ellis, sisters Juanita Brown and Noreen Willis, brother Virgil Turnerhill, aunt Lillian Prince, and uncles James Berry, Emmett Turnerhill, William Turnerhill, and Amos Turnerhill.*

*Loved ones left to cherish her memory are her common-law husband Laverne Mallard of 63 years; children Ricky C. Ellis of Richmond, California, Tony G. Ellis and wife Tasha of Chickasha, Sheran Ellis Robinson of Oklahoma City, Vernon "Pancho" Ellis and wife Merkeb of Chickasha, Stanley R. Ellis of Berkeley, California, and Gloria J. Ellis of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; 11 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and other extended family and friends.*

The family would like to extend a warm thank you for all expressions of sympathy, the prayers, calls, visits, and the many friends in attendance.

*~Services entrusted to Ferguson Funeral Home~*

## **Order of Service**

*Reverend Kenneth Boggs Officiating*

*Seating of the Family*

*Welcome & Opening Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Boggs*

*Song 1—“Never Would Have Made It”*

*Obituary Reading*

*Remarks ~ 2 Minute Limit*

*Song 2—“Walk Around Heaven”*

*Message by Rev. Kenneth Boggs*

*Memorial Video*

*Nurse Honor Guard*

*Parting View to Song 3—“Going Up Yonder”*

### **Casket Bearers**

*Vernon “Pancho” Ellis*

*Embrae LeVeen*

*Christopher Ellis*

*Willie Joe Brown*

*Tristan Percy*

*Damien Knight*

### **Flower Bearers**

*Toni Knight*

*Teresa Russell*

*Vatrea Ellis*

*Toria Ellis*

*Merkeb Ellis*

*Tasha Ellis*

### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

*Ricky Ellis*

*Tony Ellis*

*Stanley Ellis*

*Ricky Brown*

### **Interment**

**Fairlawn Cemetery**

**Chickasha, Oklahoma**



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Callie with the family,  
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