



## William D. Ellis

February 26, 1941 - September 28, 2019

William D. Ellis, of Renfrew, PA, passed away on September 28, 2019, after succumbing to complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 78 years old. William Was born to William E. and Florence H. Tucker Ellis on February 26, 1941, in Titusville, PA. 'Butch,' as he was known to family and friends, graduated from Titusville High School in 1959. He graduated from Indiana (PA) State Teacher's College in 1963 with a degree in Physics Education. Along the way, he met and fell in love with fellow education student Linda L. Hinds of Pittsburgh. They eloped and married on April 1964.

Bill was a beloved teacher at Butler High School for nearly 40 years. During that time, he developed and led the Honors A.P. Physics programs. In the early 1970s, he secured a large federal grant to purchase a state-of-the-art computer mainframe fro the high school. This allowed Butler to become one of the first school districts in the nation to teach students how to use computers, long before personal computers were available. Over his career, he led many after-school science clubs and academic competition teams, supported the Golden Tornado Marching Band, and kept the main scorebooks for the Boy's Basketball J.V. and Varsity squads.

He was also very active in his community. He was also very active in his community. He facilitated youth groups at both St. Peter's Episcopal and Hill U.P. Churches in Butler and served many years on the Session of the Hill Church. He also led Boy Scout Troop #19 in Meridian as Committee Chairman for nearly a decade. Bill enjoyed fellowship with the Elks Lodge, North Hills Lodge #716 F&AM, the Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite, and Syria Shrine. Bill is survived by his wife, Linda Ellis, and his children Tamara Hyatt and husband Bill, Heather Uenking and husband Tom, and Todd Ellis and wife Allyson, as well as ten grandchildren. He is also survived by brother George 'Jay' Ellis and sister Myrna Sanford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Lee Anne Loveless.

His family will host a memorial service at Hill United Presbyterian Church, 501 Second St., Butler, PA 16001 on Saturday, October 5, 1019, at 2.p.m. It will be preceded by a Masonic memorial service at 1:30.p.m. Instead of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in his name to the Hill Youth Ministries care of the Hill U.P. Church at the above address.

# Events

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**OCT** **Masonic Service** 01:30PM

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**OCT** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Mr Ellis was a talented kind person who inspired many. Sympathy to his friends and family

Paul, Maria Worst and family

**Paul & Maria Worst** - October 09, 2019 at 07:56 AM

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“ A message sent in sympathy and though the words are few, still may help to ease the loss. While your family will help carry you through these difficult days, we hope the caring of others will comfort you, too, and remind you how special you are to so many.

Claudette and Vincent Sanzotti October 8, 2019

**Vincent Sanzotti** - October 08, 2019 at 09:12 AM

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“ I just want to send my condolences to the Ellis family. I am a former student of Mr. Ellis'. I had the privilege of being in his Physics class during my junior year at BHS. He was a wonderful teacher and his class was one I really looked forward to attending. I am so sorry for your loss and that Mr. Ellis had to deal with Parkinson's Disease. May he be at peace forever. Thank you for being a teacher, Mr. Ellis. I have fond memories of your class.

**Barbara Miller Badali** - October 05, 2019 at 04:52 PM

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“ Mr. Ellis was one of my favorite teachers at BHS. He made physics fun! My condolences to the family

David Klingensmith  
Fresno, CA

**David L Klingensmith** - October 02, 2019 at 04:58 PM