



## Marvin "Lennie" Ellis Jr.

August 5, 1956 - September 19, 2023

Marvin Leonard "Lennie" Ellis, Jr. passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2023, at his home in Tallahassee, Florida at the age of 67. Lennie was born in Biloxi, Mississippi and grew up in Wiggins, Mississippi. After graduating from Harrison Central High School in Gulfport, Mississippi, he moved to Miami, Florida and trained to be a Cardiology Medical Technician at Miami-Dade Community College. He moved to Fort Myers, before settling down in Punta Gorda, Florida in 1980. There he worked at the Charlotte Regional Medical Center Cardiac Cath Lab and later served as the CEO of Cardiology Associates.

In 2012, Lennie relocated to Tallahassee, Florida for a job opportunity as the Medical Facility Administrator with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Physicians Partners, associated with Southern Medical Group. His professional success is evident by the vast growth and numerous accolades bestowed upon the medical practice during his tenure.

Lennie was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved all things outdoors, whether it be boating, fishing, hunting, camping, buggy riding, camp cooking or bonfires. His favorite pastimes involve construction, going to the racetracks, cheerfully decorating for a holiday, setting off fireworks and drinking beer around the bed of a pickup truck with his buddies. One word that best describes Lennie is BIG - big guy, big heart, big hands, big brain, big teddy

bear, big hugs, big smile. He lived big, spoke big, laughed big and loved big. As a result of his passing, there is a big hole in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved him.

He was a great father, an even better grandfather, an ever-present, loyal friend always ready to lend a hand and an enthusiastic, spirited boss who decorated and dressed up for the holidays by wearing ugly Christmas sweaters or a pink feather boa for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Lennie is survived by his daughters Amanda Kae (Marshall) Parr and Carol Marie (Kevin) Hurd, grandchildren Natalie, Rylie, Charlee, TJ, Camden and Kinsey, his mother Marie Meier, sister Kathi Meier (Jack) Toft-Neilsen, brothers Darrell (Emily) Meier, Jr. and Neils Meier, numerous nieces and countless close friends who become family throughout the years. He is preceded in death by his stepfather Darrell Meier, Sr., brother Stephen Meier and father, Marvin Leonard Ellis, Sr. Lennie also leaves behind his beloved dogs, Dixie and Boss.

A Celebration of Life is arranged for Sunday, November 5, 2023, at The Retreat at Bradley's Pond, 9002 Bradley Road in Tallahassee, Florida from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to The Tallahassee Museum. Go to: <https://38648.blackbaudhosting.com/38648/Total-ContributionEndowment>, and then select the "Lennie Ellis Memorial Fund."

The family is being assisted by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bradley's Pond  
9002 Bradley Road  
Tallahassee, FL

*The Celebration of Life will take place between 1 and 4 PM. Please come any time during those hours and share your best memories of Lennie.*

# Tribute Wall



“ I am sooo sorry to hear this. He was a very good friend. He will be surely missed. Andy Neely

Andy Neely - January 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marvin "Lennie" Ellis Jr..

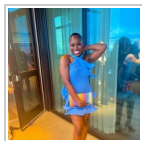


October 30, 2023 at 01:05 PM

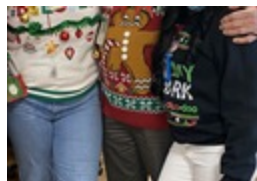


“ Marvin "Lennie" Ellis Jr.

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ Lennnnnieeee I'm so heartbroken to know I was there that Monday and wanted to stop by to see you but you were gone to lunch. I'm so sadden by your death. You always be Big Daddy with your loving hugs and positive mindset. May you rest in peace. We will truly miss you. Love Itty Bitty.



Nateshia Cooper - October 17, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Marvin "Lennie" Ellis Jr.*

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October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Lennie was always a special person with a fantastical personality and lived life. He will be greatly missed. Always enjoyed working with him.*

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**Michelle Bailey** - October 01, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear of Lennie's passing. We worked together on several projects. He was smart, funny and extremely passionate about his work at SMG. He will be very missed.*

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**Amanda Garrett** - September 23, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *I am shocked and saddened by the passing of Lennie Ellis. I will never forget ALL the good times in Punta Gorda, FL. Camping, swamp buggy riding, mud-bogging, throwing horseshoes and just hanging out! Luckily, I do have pictures and videos of some of those events that I can look at, watch, and reflect back to those awesome, fun times! God Bless YOU Lennie and may Peace be with your family and loved ones during this difficult time. You are already missed!*

*Karen "Karleigh" Martin / Ocala, FL*

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**Karleigh Martin** - September 22, 2023 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Lennie was always very good to me and I could call him and he would do whatever needed to take care of me. I will miss him considerably. I just saw him at a retirement lunch last week.*

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**Will Smith** - September 22, 2023 at 09:27 AM