



Nathan Ellis

November 8, 1936 - June 16, 2011

passed away Thursday, June 16, 2011 in Kalamazoo. Nathan was born November 8, 1936 in West Lafayette, IN, the son of Nathan and Eve Evelyn Ellis. Nathan was a life long blue berry farmer where he was a 43 year member of MBG Marketing and a 2 year member of True Blue Farms. Nathan had also served as Columbia Township Supervisor and Treasurer. Nathan had lived in Puerto Rico for 5 years where he farmed 40 thousand acres of tomatoes for Central Aguirre Sugar Company. Ponce Puerto Rico was also where their children were born. Nathan was a veteran of the United States Army where he was stationed in Italy. Surviving is his wife of 50 years, Mary (McKibben); 2 children, Nathan (Claudia) of Holly, James (Kelly) of Bangor; 7 grand children he loved dearly; 2 sisters, Kitty Lou of AZ, and Natalie Avery of CA. He was preceded in death by a son John Peter and his parents. The family will meet friends on Sunday from 4-7 PM at the BANGOR CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com . Funeral services will be held on Monday at 3 PM at the Grand Junction Congregational Church, Pastor Eddie Winters officiating. Interment will follow in Grand Junction Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to either the American Lung Assn. or the American Heart Assn.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

JUN **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Grand Junction Congregational Church
54128 CR 388
Grand Junction, MI

Tribute Wall



“ To the Ellis Family,
I'm very sorry for the death that you've experienced in your family recently. I've just been sharing a comforting scripture with you and similar individuals who have lost dear loved ones in death. John 11:25 says... "He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life."
I also agree with the bible when it says at Acts 24:15... That "there will be a resurrection, of both the righteous and unrighteous"
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.. please know that I' am thinking of you and your family during this hardship.
Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Caleb Aniol###imported-begin###Caleb Aniol###imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 08:18 AM



“ Dear Mary....we are so very sorry to hear of Nate's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and we hope you can all find some comfort through the many memories you have of Nate.###imported-begin###Mark & Wanda Szczepkowski###imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ Jim, Nathan and Mary,
Sorry to hear of Nates passing. It was nice talking to you all at the Hospital on Monday. If we can help in any way let us know. You are in out prayers.
Steve and Angie Lowder###imported-begin###Angie and Steve###imported-end##

June 18, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ *Mary and family,
I was saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. I will always remember him joking around and wearing those red suspenders. I treasure the time that I was able to spend with your family. Mary a big hug goes out to you!
Much Love goes out to the whole family.##imported-begin##Kelly Bakr (McNary)##imported-end##*

June 17, 2011 at 03:50 PM



“ *Aunt Mary, Jimmy & Dockey,*

I'm so sorry that you have lost your husband, father, and friend. I understand the void that will be felt in your lives, having just experienced the loss of mom 3 years ago.

Uncle Nate was blessed to have each of you in his life, and in turn you were each blessed by his presence in yours. There's no replacement for an unusually awesome person when they're missing from our families; but cherishing their memory, passing down their story and their personality in our kids gives their life honor, and us comfort. My heart hurts for your loss, and I pray each of you will find comfort in each other at this difficult time.

Love always,

Ginny##imported-begin##Virginia Wood and Family##imported-end##

June 17, 2011 at 12:19 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers sent to the family durring this hard time. I worked for Nate and Mary for a couple years when I was a teen. Truely great people.##imported-begin##Dana Bryant##imported-end##

June 16, 2011 at 07:10 PM