



## Mary Lou Underwood Ellis

February 18, 1941 - September 3, 2024

Mary Lou Underwood Ellis, age 83, was born February 18, 1941, in Brent (Bibb County), Alabama, to the late Willie Underwood, Sr. and Corean Burt Underwood. She transitioned to her home in heaven on September 3, 2024.

After moving to Fort Payne, she met and married Horace Edward Ellis, who preceded her in death in 2018.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age, loved God, and was fully committed in her faith. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Douglas in Fort Payne where she willingly used her gift of hospitality making bread for the communion services, cooking and serving during dining events.

With her servant's heart, she was a beloved, loyal and devoted housekeeper for several families in the Fort Payne area.

Mary loved flowers and her favorite past-time was planting and watching them grow; so wherever flowers bloom, their beauty and fragrance will remind us of her beautiful smile and gentle heart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Ellis; brothers John David Underwood, Sr., Lester Underwood Sr., and Robert Lee Underwood; sister Carrie Underwood; and great-granddaughter Vanessa Underwood.

Mary will be deeply missed by her children: Coleen Swopes, Willie (Annette) Underwood, Elizabeth Ellis, and Jonathan Ellis; siblings Deloris Cutts, Roscoe Sr. (Clara) Underwood, Kenneth (Veronica) Underwood, Trudy (Curtis) Raye, and Willie Jr. (Shirley) Underwood; aunts Helen Davenport and Odie Fielder; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, September 14, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Douglas with burial following in Glenwood Cemetery. Viewing will be from 12 noon until the 1 p.m. hour of service.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is entrusted with the services.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Douglas  
304 11th Street SE  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Mary Ellis Underwood was a quiet source of strength for my Mother and Sister in my Mother’s latter years. We cannot thank her enough for all the little things she did to make their lives better with quiet and loving manner. Many thanks and may the Lord receive her with open arms and the blessings she so richly deserves.*

*John and Nancy Pate*

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**John W. Pate** - September 13, 2024 at 08:16 PM

RC

“ *Don't know if anybody reads these but to all Mary's family and I know/knew you all I'm sorry. I remember your Mom/Hoss and were friends with all of you. I know she was a great lady and mother to some wonderful children. Love, Ricky Chambers*

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**Rick Chambers** - September 10, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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*Aunt Mary will surely be missed. Heaven gained a true angel. She loved the Lord and she loved her family. It gives us comfort in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Praying for you Coleen, Willie, Elizabeth and Jonathan. Auntie rest well and we will see you in morning. ❤️*

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**Bertha Harris (niece)** - September 12, 2024 at 07:18 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Underwood Ellis.*



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September 08, 2024 at 07:05 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Underwood Ellis.

Cynthia Harris - September 08, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BM

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of this lovely lady. I am praying for all her family and friends.

Bobbie McLaren - September 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM

DM

I remember this always Kind Lady growing up in Fort Payne; She will be remembered Fondly 🌹 My Sincerest Condolences to the family 🙏  
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Dorise Meeks - September 06, 2024 at 06:47 PM

DM

As shown above

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CW

She was Soooo Sweet, Beautiful Smile 😍 family in my Prayers .Clara Washington

CLARA WASHINGTON - September 07, 2024 at 06:33 AM