



## Ellis D. Willis Jr.

August 23, 1939 - November 1, 2024

PORT SANILAC- Ellis D. “Elly” Willis, Jr., age 85, a resident of Port Sanilac joined his beloved wife, Darlene on November 1, 2024.

He was born on August 23, 1939 in Grosse Pointe Farms, the only child of Ellis D. and Edna Mae (Thornton) Willis, Sr. Elly married Darlene G. Erdman on June 30, 1962 in Mt. Clemens. The couple were very happily married for 61 years until her death on April 11, 2023.

Elly had a Masters Degree in Industrial Arts and taught shop, drafting and auto mechanics. He taught for 4 years at Brown City Schools and for 33 years at Carsonville-Port Sanilac Schools. He also served on the Port Sanilac Fire Department for 55 years, many of those years as Captain or Assistant Fire Chief.

He is survived by his two children Michelle (Dennis) Willis-Watta of Port Sanilac, and Eric (Stacy) Willis of Croswell; 4 grandchildren, Kasaundra Watta, Dylan Watta, Owen Willis and Evan Willis; also know as “Pops” by Shannon (Chris) Peeling, Justin (Danielle) Taylor and Eric (Jamie) Taylor and their children.

Visitation will be from 2-6 P.M. on Wednesday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville. At 6 P.M. Wednesday evening the Port Sanilac Fire Department will pay their last respects and Pastor Andrew Willis will have a combined memorial service honoring both Elly and Darlene.

Memorials in memory of Elly and Darlene may be made to the Port Sanilac Fire Department.

Inurnment of both of their ashes will be in the Port Sanilac Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Port Sanilac Cemetery

Whitney Dr.  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Carsonville  
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## Service

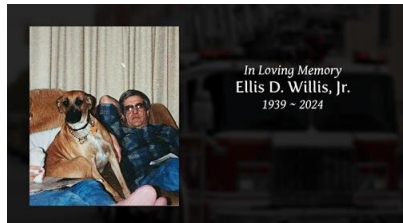
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pomeroy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellis D. Willis Jr.*



Pomeroy Funeral Home - November 06, 2024 at 10:08 AM

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*We knew Elly and Darlene from the many years we worked together at CPS Schools. They were wonderful people, going the extra mile to help students and new teachers. Elly didn't say much, but we learned that when he did speak it was a good idea to listen. They will be missed.*  
*Tim & Joan Juhl*

Tim & Joan Juhl - November 06, 2024 at 03:30 PM

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“ *Ellis was my roommate and fraternity brother at Eastern Michigan University. We lost touch after we graduated in 1962. I have many good memories of him and his wit and humor. I wish we had stayed in touch. Condolences to his family.*

Al Marek - March 09, 2025 at 11:16 AM

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“ *Mr. Willis was my shop teacher at Carsonville-Port Sanilac high school for 3 years. Always so much fun in his class.*

robbin kuhlman - November 06, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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**Pomeroy funeral home** - November 03, 2024 at 02:02 PM