



Major Ralph Kimberly "Kim" Ellison

December 29, 1947 - September 21, 2025

ANNISTON – Major Ralph Kimberly “Kim” Ellison, Retired, age 77, died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 21, 2025 while busy working, as was always his way.

Born in Asheville, NC on December 29, 1947, he was the son of the late David Kimberly Ellison and Agnes Charlotte Gentry Ellison. Kim proudly served in the US Army for nearly 30 years. He began his military career as an enlisted soldier, before joining the National Guard and ultimately completing Officer Candidate School and earning a Bachelor of Science in Business from Jacksonville State University. He became a commissioned officer and earned Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault distinction. He completed many stateside and overseas tours of duty and served many roles throughout his decorated military career including United Nations Peacekeeper in Cambodia; Drug Task Force in Columbia; Military Policy Commander and Instructor, and tours in Germany and Italy. Kim completed his military service at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL.

After retirement, he continued to serve his country in the civil service working as a contract specialist with the Defense National Stockpile Center in Ft. Belvoir, VA.

Kim was first and foremost a follower of Jesus Christ and a fiercely loyal and committed family man. He was a lifelong patriot, an avid outdoorsman and hunter, an expert marksman, a confident and assured negotiator, a self-taught carpenter, farmer, electrician, mechanic, and landscaper. He was a true renaissance man in every sense of the word. Kim was a selfless man, and true to his lifelong service to others, he was a proud organ donor and chose to provide life to others even in his death.

He is survived by his wife of 55 wonderful years, Vickey Lee Ellison, of Ohatchee, AL; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Sharon Coggrave of Rugby, England; his son and daughter-in-law, Anthony K. Ellison and Kimberly Mueller of Anniston, AL; his daughter, Monica Ellison-Haynes of Jacksonville, AL and her long-time partner, Michael S. Simms Sr. of Anniston, AL; four grandchildren, Steven Coggrave, Laken Haynes Kilgore (Austin), Kellen Haynes, and Cooper Haynes; two beloved great grandchildren, Maren Kilgore and Margo Kilgore; his loving sister Hettie Buckner (James) of Asheville, NC; his brother David Ellison (Becky) of Chesapeake, VA; and many precious nieces and nephews. He was preceded

in death by his sister
Donie Juanita Ellison.

Services: Mr. Ellison's family will be receiving friends and family on Friday, September 26th at 1pm, with a memorial service immediately following at 2pm. Visitation and Service will be held at Miller Funeral Home, 50 Hamric Drive East, Oxford, AL 36203. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request donations in Kim's honor to Tunnel to Towers Foundation <https://dogood.t2t.org/IMORalphEllison> or Fair Haven Foundation 1702 W. 16th Indianapolis, IN 46202 or www.fairhavenfoundation.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Miller Funeral Home
50 Hamric Drive East
Oxford, AL 36203
(256) 831-4611
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

Memorial Service

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ I have such great memorias of Kim. We were both involved in the innovative and initial MP Smal Group Leader program which enabled us to develop scores of young MP officers. He had such a tremendous leadership impact. Humorously he became known as a member of the Four Horsemen if the Apocalypse: a group of Small Group Leaders who all road touring motorcycles into work each day. A terrific friend, mentor and leader. God bless.

Rob Kenyon - December 21, 2025 at 09:36 AM

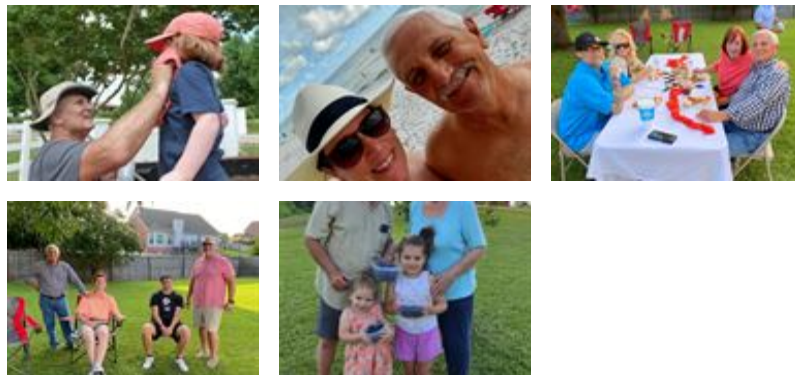
VE

Thank you Rob. Kim often said those were the best days of his military career.

Vickey Ellison - December 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ 168 files added to the album LifeTributes



Miller Funeral Home - September 26, 2025 at 01:22 PM

SB

“ Vickey and Kim were my neighbors, work colleagues, and friends. Kim and I worked on the same team purchasing items needed to sustain defense operations. He was meticulously in how he approached every assignment. Always wanting to cross every "T" and dot every "I." Excellence was the standard, and he wasn't willing to accept less. With Kim leading the project, I never worried about the outcome. He always made my job easier. Well done, my friend, well done!

Vickey, my love for you, Kim, and your family will remain. Sharon Blue

Sharon Blue - September 25, 2025 at 07:09 AM

AE

*Thank you so much he and Mom spoke about you often.
Thanks
Anthony*

Anthony K. Ellison - September 25, 2025 at 02:57 PM

RF

“ I was so saddened to hear of Kim's passing. He was an impressive and highly professional individual whom I greatly respected. Vickey, Kim and I worked together a number of years at the Defense Logistics Agency-Strategic Materials HQ. They were both major contributors to program success, but most importantly were wonderful, kind-hearted people. Vickey, you and your entire family are in my prayers for peace/comfort.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Ronnie Favors*

Ronnie Favors - September 24, 2025 at 10:22 PM

AE

Thank you for the Kind words My parents speak highly of you and the means a lot

Anthony K. Ellison - September 24, 2025 at 11:01 PM

GS

“ *I met Kim when he was attending the Military Police Advanced Officers Course at Ft McClellan ,1982 to 1984. I was the First Sgt of the unit at the time of his attendance. Upon his completion of the course, I would come across him at McClellan and later on after I had retired and he had retired also. We would stop and get caught up on some of our fellow soldiers where abouts. It was always good to meet Kim. Go high on the mountain Kim to God's Kingdom.*

George Stacey - September 24, 2025 at 09:09 PM

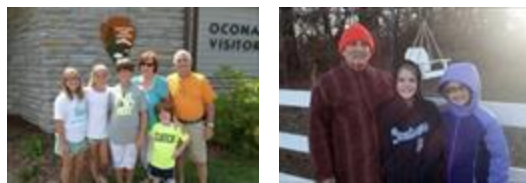
AE

Thank you for the kind words

Anthony K. Ellison - September 25, 2025 at 02:58 PM

VE

“ *i love you Granddaddy❤️ You were such an amazing man. I hope to see you again one day.*



Victoria Ellison - September 24, 2025 at 04:23 PM

AE

“ *I love you Pop*



Anthony K. Ellison - September 23, 2025 at 09:21 PM

DL

“ *I met Ralph 47 or 48 years ago when David began dating and married my sister, Becky. Although I didn't see Ralph frequently, he always felt like part of my family. The things I remember about Ralph was he always had a smile, a gentle demeanor, and kind words. We are confident that he is with the Lord and may the rest of us left behind strive to meet him there.*

Donna Leonard - September 23, 2025 at 08:22 PM

AE

Thank you for the kind words your entire family always meant a great deal to him and me.

Anthony K. Ellison - September 23, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DL

There are no words for such a great loss

Donna Leonard - September 24, 2025 at 02:37 PM

KM

“ 3 files added to the album *Kim and His Family*



Kimberly Mueller - September 23, 2025 at 08:10 PM

AE

Thank you honey you took care of Mom, Monica and me you handled 95% of everything so we did not have to.

*Love you
Anthony*

Anthony K. Ellison - September 23, 2025 at 09:18 PM

RM

“ *The best friend I have ever known is gone. Vickie, Anthony, Monica, and David: I cannot imagine the pain you feel. Jo and I are praying for you all. Trust in God, he can and will make it better. Vickie, we raised our children together, we worked together, we played together, we vacationed together and now we are crying together. The best vacation Jo and I ever had was our two week trip to Nova Scotia with you and Kim. Kim planned it all and then took care of us all, as usual. He was our Rock. He was like a big brother to me and I loved him like a brother. Vickie and family, see you soon. And Kim, see you later.*

Robert & Jo

Robert Metcalf - September 23, 2025 at 07:43 PM

AE

Thank you so much he told me all the time how much he love you and Jo and he sure loves that trip

Anthony K. Ellison - September 23, 2025 at 09:14 PM

AE

“ I have so many memories of my father we had plans to make so many more we were going to thunder beach in October of this year and he and I were finally going to take our trip to Sturgis we had planned for 5 years ago and I've been in the hospital every year we couldn't go. As many of you may know my dad took me to every doctor's appointment stay with me majority of the time so that my wife can wouldn't have to take off so many days to work and he would not hear of me driving myself to an appointment no matter how trivial or how close it was he would still take me even to appointments at UAB he wanted to be there and here everything the doctor said "most of you that know my dad knows what that means he may ask the doctors to repeat what they said multiple times so he could analyze every word I have been laying in the bed hooked up before and I can actually see doctors not get mad but like make facial expressions when he would be looking down like you know I've got to go to other patients but he would never let them leave until he understood exactly every word to every procedure and they were going to do" and it really didn't matter what the topic was give me going to the grocery store giving hunting instructions or talking with doctors every sentence someone said to him he analyzed tirelessly so he can make sure there was no miscommunication and I love him for it and because of it more than any human being and I miss you so much and don't know how I will make and try to fill your shoes but I will do my very best. I love you and I will see you soon.

Anthony K. Ellison - September 23, 2025 at 05:40 PM