



## Robert Edward "Tall Bob" Ellis

May 3, 1954 - April 3, 2019

"Tall Bob" Ellis died Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Bristol Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 3, 1954 in Bristol, TN, to Kinney & B.J. Ellis. He attended Bristol, VA schools and ETSU, and lived most of his life in the Bristol area. He is survived by his daughter Angela Reeder (Dennis), his grandchild Isaac, his parents, his sisters Sandy Ellis (Rick) and Cathy Mullins, his niece Melissa Mullins, his cousins, his girlfriend Deb Holley and his endless group of friends.

Bob and his family were cared for and deeply comforted by Dr. Elise Marshall and the staff on 4West, and Dr. Ryan Shau and the staff of the Wellmont Cancer Institute.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3pm Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Paramount in downtown Bristol.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bristol Country Music Museum or Crossroads Medical Mission, or Bob would encourage anyone to patronize downtown Bristol businesses.

# Events

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**APR**   **Celebration of Life**   03:00PM

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Paramount Theatre

518 State St., Bristol, TN, US, 37620

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services** - April 05, 2019 at 02:50 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bob passing he was a good person my thought and prayers are with his family.

**William k. Carrier** - April 08, 2019 at 12:04 PM

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“ Becky King Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Robert Edward "Tall Bob" Ellis



**Becky King Wyatt** - April 06, 2019 at 01:32 PM

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Sandy, and Cathy,

I am saddened by the news about Bob. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were in the basement racing cars or outside, playing and roaming the neighborhood, day and night. Bob brought happiness to many. I pray that the love of family and friends provides you with comfort at this time and the memories of Bob give continued happiness.

Lee Mumpower

**Lee Mumpower** - April 06, 2019 at 12:52 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert Edward "Tall Bob" Ellis.



April 06, 2019 at 10:13 AM

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“ I met Bob about the time I bought Classic Recording studio in 1998/99 ... Steve Roothame introduced us and Bob helped in clearing out all the old studio debris ... very convenient sometimes because of Bob's height, 1/2 the time we didn't need a ladder, Bob would just reach up and get whatever piece we needed removing. He was just one of those people who was instantly likable and he seemed to have that effect on everyone ... and what a great sense of humor he had ... one Rhythm & Roots festival, early on Friday evening, a Nashville band was playing and they were fronted by two healthy, good looking blondes ... don't get me wrong, these ladies could sing, they just caught the eye of every red blooded man who were passing by, and some older gentleman from around here, yelled out, "Now that's real music!" Followed by a rebel yell ... Bob leans over and says to me, "That man knows good music when he sees it" ... LOL.  
He always had good words to say when we saw one and even another, even when I spoke with him on the phone towards his last days ... Goodbye Bob, I'm going to miss you.

Richard Porter - April 06, 2019 at 08:28 AM

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“ Tall Bob and Jack Dunham produced an Explorer video on Mendota, VA which also featured my small business, Adventure Mendota. Tall Bob's trip down the North Fork that day and that wonderful voice of his has done so much for Adventure Mendota. I'm forever grateful. He sure touched a lot of hearts.

Eva Barker Beale

Eva Barker Beale - April 05, 2019 at 08:18 PM

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“ I only met Bob a couple of years ago, but he made a big (tall!) impression on me. Soft-spoken, kind-hearted, and a true natural storyteller. A craftsman and an artist, and a good friend. We'll miss you, Bob.

John Vance - April 05, 2019 at 05:56 PM

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“ First and foremost Bob was one of the biggest supporters of Live music an venues that provided live music in the area. He seemed to be in the loop of every advancement that happened downtown, Him and Kip Davis were the ones that renovated O'Mainnin's to open up the upstairs loft and built the outside Tiki Stage some years ago. He started off a customer who brought darts to the pub the he quickly became a good friend that I cherished. I learned that he was a brilliant man not just on his quick wit but on the random knowledge that he would share with out conceit. He meant a lot to me and all the people who knew him. We'll miss him and there is comfort in the fact that our friend isn't suffering any more. God Bless Deb and all the wonderful people who were able to help out towards the end.

Dave Manning - April 05, 2019 at 03:39 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Dave Manning - April 05, 2019 at 02:43 PM

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“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services - April 05, 2019 at 01:39 PM

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“ A very sad day for our City. I am proud to say I was a friend from the 70's to today, but Bob never knew a stranger so I am among a huge crowd of friends. Always kind and full of wisdom, he was so fun and pleasant to be around. Now he can play music and fly at the same time. We all miss you in a way that even you could not imagine. As we walk in the woods or downtown or by the Weir we will see you everywhere. You have left us dreams, hopes and better people for knowing you. Wish you could have stayed longer. We need you here but are happy you are now in a place just like yourself.

Terry Moretz - April 05, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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“ I've know Bob since the late 90's when he and my son, Kip, became friends and partners. He was always smiling and fun to know. He, Kip and Kip's boys would often eat dinner with us after working on renovations, computers or other various projects. We saw him frequently at various music events in the area. We were pleased to see him and visit with him this past 4th of July at a music event. We were so sorry when we learned of his cancer. He was such a positive person and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the many friends left to grieve. We love you "Tall Bob." Patsy and Raymond



patsy patrick - April 05, 2019 at 11:12 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Edward "Tall Bob" Ellis.



April 05, 2019 at 09:18 AM

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“ I am so very sorry to all who loved him. Bob is one of the first people I met when I came back to Bristol, and he was welcoming and lovely from that very first moment. He shared Bristol's quirks and wonderful assets with me and with so many others. Every time you saw him Bob had a smile on his face and a helpful hand. I met him in town once when I was walking my dog, and Bob was just a little TOO tall for Pip and she started barking at him. Straightaway he bent down to pet her and all was well with a wagging tail as evidence -- he knew he just had to make her comfortable! And he was an absolutely wonderful poet, and I was honored when he shared some of his poems with me. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

**Rene Rodgers** - April 05, 2019 at 07:48 AM