



## Richard Allen Ellis

March 10, 1968 - November 21, 2025

Richard Allen Ellis, 57, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on November 21, 2025. He was born on March 10, 1968 in Salina, Kansas, the son of John and Barbara Ellis. Richard built a life defined by dedication, hard work, and deep love for the people around him.

Richard worked as a delivery driver for more than 30 years, a role in which he was known for his reliability, strong work ethic, and commitment to doing the job right. For the past two years, he was employed as a line worker at Ford, where he continued to bring that same steady determination and pride to his work.

Richard loved spending time with his family and friends, especially during the holidays. He enjoyed camping, riding his wave runner, and listening to music. One of his greatest joys was his 2000 Pontiac Firebird, which he maintained with affection and enthusiasm.

Richard is survived by his parents, John and Barbara Ellis; his sister, Melia Cusumano, and her husband, Marco; and their sons, Ryan and Tyler. His family and friends will remember him for his loyalty, warmth, and the

easygoing spirit he brought into every gathering.

A service to celebrate Richard's life will be held on December 6, 2025, at 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit, located at 1625 NW O'Brien Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri, 64081. A light lunch will follow.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life - Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
1625 NW O'Brien Rd  
Lees Summit, MO 64081

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I met Rich in 2008 as a co-worker at Reinhart Foodservice. We shared a lot of laughs riding around together and have kept in touch throughout the years. I just learned of your passing my friend and I will miss you tremendously! Rest Well my Brother. Love David Hammontree

David Hammontree - February 04 at 09:43 PM

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“ The Schneider Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Allen Ellis.



The Schneider Family - December 04, 2025 at 04:22 PM

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“ So sorry to learn this sad news. Rich was a good friend of both Mike and Jamie. Such a sweet, charming, endearing personality. Words fail at this time of heartbreak, but I know that the memories of your beloved son and brother will help you now and bring you comfort in the future. Sending courage and love to your family. Jennifer (Hopkins) Smith.

JENNIFER SMITH (HOPKINS) - December 03, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JS

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**JENNIFER (HOPKINS) SMITH** - December 02, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JH

“ Keep typing and then deleting messages here. Can't explain how important this whole family is to me. Melia and Rich and parents were always so kind to me... Melia was one of my first friends at a new grade school. Her family had me over often. Chased Rich around the roller skating rink on multiple occasions. He was kinder than he needed to be to this annoying little girl. And then in high school - he was kinder to the underclassmen than he needed to be. The Ellis home was one of our "community centers" throughout high school. Love them all so much - and aching for their loss. My brother Mike was in the same class as Rich - and we lost him last year - feeling their pain deeply. All my love to the Ellis Family!

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**Jamie Hopkins** - December 01, 2025 at 11:44 AM