



## Irwin H. Ellis Sr.

August 12, 1930 - February 28, 2011

Irwin H. Ellis, Sr., age 80, of Newark, DE went home to be with the Lord on Monday, February 28, 2011. Mr. Ellis proudly served with the first unit of the U.S. Army Green Berets Special Forces and continued serving for 28 years. He was a Korean War Veteran. Mr. Ellis worked at DuPont/Ciba-Geigy for 40 years before his retirement. He attended Newark Baptist Church, and served as a deacon, choir member for 41 years, and will be remembered as a pillar of the church. Mr. Ellis was a dedicated athlete and known as one of the best diving coaches in Delaware. He was a champion gymnast, swimmer, and diver and coached Olympic swimming teams. His diving team was honored as the YMCA National Champions in 1979. Mr. Ellis enjoyed skiing, hiking in the Appalachian Mountains and traveling. His love for his family was his biggest accomplishment. Mr. Ellis did many great things during his life, but accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior was beyond all that he ever accomplished.

Mr. Ellis is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Jeanine Ellis; sons, Carl F. Ellis and Irwin "Russ" H. Ellis, Jr.; daughters: Wilma J. Wyatt & husband Wayne, Doris L. Wisheart & husband Michael, and Suzi Brown & husband Larry; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at Newark Baptist Church, 6011 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921 from

5:30pm-7:30pm followed by a service in celebration of Irwin's life at 7:30pm.  
Burial will be in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday, March 8,  
2011 at 2pm. For directions and to express an online condolence, visit [www.strano-feeley.com](http://www.strano-feeley.com).

Strano & Feeley  
Family Funeral Home  
302-731-5459

# Cemetery Details

## Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Bear

2465 Chesapeake City Rd.  
Bear, DE 19701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Newark Baptist Church  
6011 Telegraph Road  
Elkton, MD

## Service

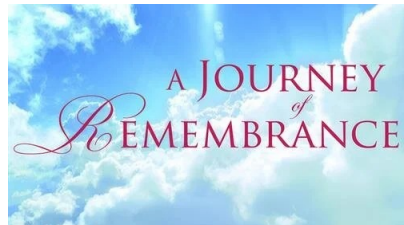
MAR 7. 7:30 PM (ET)

Newark Baptist Church  
6011 Telegraph Road  
Elkton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Irwin H. Ellis Sr.* ”



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**Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Jack Hickey**, - March 06, 2011 at 02:19 PM

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“ *Jack Hickey, lit a candle in memory of Irwin H. Ellis Sr.* ”



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**Jack Hickey**, - March 06, 2011 at 02:15 PM

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*Jeanine & Family,*

*Irv's life was rich not only in his many achievements, but also in his private happiness. Indeed, his public achievements were rooted in his private happiness. The great turning point of his life was meeting his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*On that we have the plain testimony of a loving and grateful husband, father, grand father and friend. I share in their grief today. But I also share in their pride.*

*For the many years I've know Irv, I can remember nothing less than his deep love for God and a zeal for souls. He was a great mentor to me and many others. Indeed, his inspiration will ever remain as part of my life.*

*While his many years of service to our country and community had in his later years taken a toll on his physical body, his spirit was unmoved and his heart no less courageous to meet some of his most enduring challenges, like hiking the Swiss Alps and Appalachian trails! However, that burden is now lifted. He is his youthful self again - more fit than at any time on this earth.*

*We may be sure that the Lord never forgets those who remember Him. And as the last journey of this faithful pilgrim took him beyond the sunset, and as heaven's morning broke, I like to think - in the words of Bunyan - that 'all the trumpets sounded on the other side'.*

*Yet, we here still move in twilight. But we have one beacon to guide us that Irwin H. Ellis never had. We have his example. Let us give thanks today for a life that achieved so much for so many, through God's amazing grace.*

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**Jack Hickey**, - March 06, 2011 at 02:16 PM