



## Ashley Elizabeth Ellis

February 10, 1987 - November 6, 2021

Ashley Elizabeth Ellis, beautiful daughter, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend was born naturally into her mother's hands on a sunny chilly morning on February 10, 1987 and quietly slipped into heaven on Saturday, November 6, 2021.

Ashley was a stubborn two year old who potty trained herself and was so independent that no one wanted to babysit her – even her grandmother. She wasn't perfect though....she almost burned my kitchen down when I asked her to boil water. Ashley loved Bath and Body Works' Blueberry Candles, the pasta dish we named "Ashley's pasta" however, detested crunchy food.

She did excellent in school, loved the French language and played basketball for nine years in the St. Albans area. She was named Miss Red Dragon her senior year and unknowingly to most, was talking to a group of elementary students she taught French to and she knelt down and placed her crown on one of the girl's head. This is who Ashley was. She gave to anyone who needed something. She brought a ray of sunshine into every room and person's life and was an avid supporter of recovery.

She attended WVU where she remains close to her friends she made there. She fulfilled her goal of helping women achieve strength, confidence and recovery by working at The Healing Place (Louisville), Recovery Point Her

Place and Café Appalachia.

She fought the battles of substance use disorder, depression and bipolar disorder. This fight was an everyday battle which would drive her to tears, prayer and self-medicating. She was very open about these struggles with everyone and felt her call in life was to assist others in finding healthier alternatives for treatment. Her goal was to run a women's treatment home where women with addiction could be cared for with love and wholistic programs such as meetings, prayer, mindfulness, journaling and community.

We are all shocked, heartbroken and will miss her forever. To those she sponsored she loved you. To those who sponsored her she loved you. To those in active addiction she loved you. To those in recovery she loved you. But most of all she loved her eclectic Piper and gentle Asher, her family and her heel nipping dog, Sponsor. And last but not least....her blankie. It traveled with her everywhere!

Ashley's love is continues through her children, Piper Elizabeth Vickers, and Asher James Williams. Her parents are Mark and Debi Ellis who will continue the battle for a cure of this disease.

Her siblings include Whitney Tharp, Drew (Wendy) Ellis, Meghan (Brian) Graves, Tyler (Tina Coffey) Ellis. Ashley loved and loved by a large amount of aunts, cousins, uncles and special roommate friend Carla Vizcarra.

Visitation and funeral will be held on Friday, November 12, 2021 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 815 Kanawha Terrace, St Albans, WV. Funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Graveside service will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

The church is requiring that everyone in attendance wear a mask while

indoors and the family respectfully asks that absolutely no photos are taken while inside the church.

You may visit Ashley's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Ellis family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4349

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint Andrews United Methodist Church  
815 Kanawha Terrace  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I just learned about Ashley's passing. My heart feels the sadness of sudden separation, the shock of not knowing, the regret of so easily letting moments slip away, of lost opportunities. Balance comes from remembering Ashley's beauty, kindness and courage, from glimpses of a woman who carried so much with so much grace. We interacted only a short time at Cafe Appalachia, yet she impacted and impressed.

*I will not forget her.*

*Today I hope for the comfort of those who will miss her the most, that their memories sustain them through pain and carry them beyond loss, to beautiful places where she still smiles, still encourages, still gives strength.*

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**Mary Kathryn Saville** - November 19, 2021 at 07:44 PM

DS

“ We are sending love and sympathy to Ashley's family.



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**David Schles, Judy Hamilton, Anna Schles** - November 16, 2021 at 12:55 PM

KM

“ I loved to babysit Ashley. She was always such a sweet, happy go-lucky little girl who loved to be read to or to draw or to sharpen all the pencils in the office. I am so very sorry. My thoughts and prayers and with you all.

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**Karla Murphy** - November 12, 2021 at 07:58 PM

LC

“ *Debby and Mark - I am so heart broken to hear of Ashley's passing! I was unable to attend the memorial on Friday but wanted you to know I am thinking of you and praying for comfort for your hearts!*  
*Lisa Cyrus*

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**Lisa Cyrus** - November 12, 2021 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ *To the Ellis family, I was so heartbroken to hear this news. My son, Mikey Warner, was dear friends with Ashley and attended WVU with her - he was so very fond of her. Unfortunately, he gained his Angel wings in November of 2018 after a long battle with substance use disorder. I only met Ashley a few times, but she was sweet as can be and had a beautiful smile that could light up a room. There are no words that can ease your pain, but I hope you find strength and comfort in her love, precious memories, and her beautiful Piper and Asher. May her Angel wings wrap around you tightly, protect you, and bring you peace through the difficult road ahead. Sending much love, Chrissy Warner*



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**Chrissy Warner** - November 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ *"Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 12, 2021 at 07:42 AM

M(

“ *The world lost a beautiful soul but Heaven gained an amazing angel! On behalf of our family, thank you for all of the love, thoughts, and prayers that you have shown us this week. We love you Ashley! You will always be my favorite little sister!*

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**Meghan Graves (sister)** - November 12, 2021 at 06:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*




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November 12, 2021 at 06:18 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 11, 2021 at 10:19 PM

 Polly Searls

“ *So So Sorry for your Loss*



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**Polly Searls** - November 11, 2021 at 09:56 PM

DY

“ It totally breaks my heart to write these words tonight. I'm one of the chess players that come in to Cafe Appalachia each Friday morning, and in the short time I knew her Ashley had become my friend. She was a very special girl, and I will always remember her sunshine and friendly way. I'm thankful that the Lord put her in my life and I will always be glad that I got to speak with her one more time last Friday (11/5). I had no idea that was the last time, but whenever I come in there I will think of her. I'm sure a whole lot of people can say this, but Ashley was my friend, and I will never forget her.

David Yost

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David Yost - November 11, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.

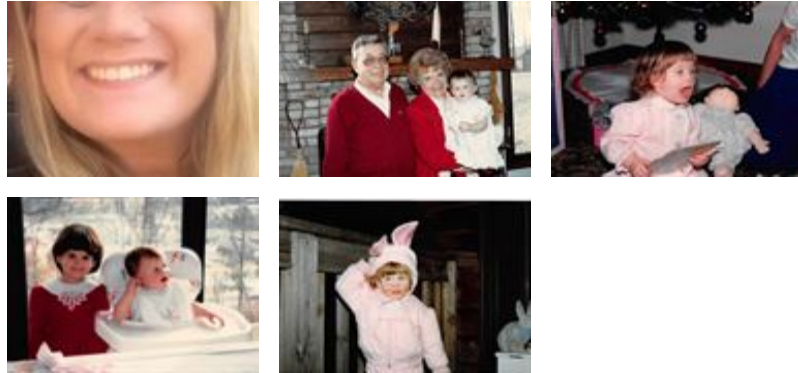


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November 11, 2021 at 04:35 PM



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**Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home** - November 11, 2021 at 04:32 PM

MH

“ You will always hold a special place in my heart Ashley Elizabeth. You were always quick to respond when I had a concern about my daughter. Truly a blessing to everyone who knew you. Rest In Peace.



**Margaret Hensley** - November 11, 2021 at 03:32 PM

KW

“ Sending my condolences to the Ellis family and my very good friend Whitney Tharp! May God give you peace and comfort in this most difficult time! God Bless!



**Katie Wilson** - November 11, 2021 at 12:32 PM

BT

“ *Brenda, Michelle and Tracey purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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**Brenda, Michelle and Tracey** - November 11, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DS

“ *Mark & Debi I am so sorry for your loss of Ashley she was always a sweet and beautiful soul. Your family is in my prayers.*



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**Donna Henson Schanz** - November 11, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 11, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 10, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 10, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 10, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Ashley was my daughter Ashleigh's best friend since second grade. Trips to the beach, sleepovers, basketball, shenanigans, Lee Middleton babies, potty mouth, calls to Miss Cleo. Their voices were the music of my life for so long. Ashley and Ashleigh were thicker than thieves and loved each other fiercely. Ashley- we love you and always will. You're a part of us. You were such bright bright star in the sky. It's no wonder it burned out so soon.*

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**Ruth Burgess Thompson** - November 10, 2021 at 08:41 PM

SC

“ I did not know Ashley, but this is the most beautiful tribute I have ever read. She sounds like a beautiful person who I am sure is resting at the feet of Jesus and is free of all her demons. May she forever Rest In Peace. Many prayers for her children and her family. I feel sure she was loved by many and will be sadly missed.

sandy counts - November 10, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.



November 10, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.



November 10, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ [https://www.bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="\\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.](https://www.bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

November 10, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ashley Elizabeth Ellis.*



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November 10, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *I'm so saddened by the loss of Ashley. She was a bright light, and I will miss her. Sending prayers for everyone who loved her.*

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**Lara Lawson** - November 10, 2021 at 03:48 PM