



## Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White

July 28, 1964 - October 17, 2023

Toni Bernice Ellis White the fifth of six Ellis children, Toni was born on July 28, 1964, in Washington, D.C., to Rachel Mae Ross Ellis and Carl Bernard Ellis, Jr.

Toni was raised at 1509 Fort Dupont Street, S.E. She attended Anne Beers Elementary, Sousa Junior High, and H.D. Woodson Sr. High Schools.

Toni completed some coursework at Howard University and worked for the Environmental Protection Agency, Housing and Urban Development, and an Exxon Gas Station.

Toni leaves to honor her life her sons, Fred and Tyrell White; five siblings: Jeanne Michelle Ellis, Lance Edward Ellis (Michelle), Elizabeth Lynne Wiggins (Langford, Jr.), Michael LeRoy Ellis, and James Bernard Ellis. Toni has six nieces & nephews: Carl Ferguson (ShaRhonda), Cecilie Ferguson, Marcus Ellis, Lauren Johnson (Ronald), Lynne Lindsey (Kevin), and LCW, III. She also has 14 great-nieces and nephews— KahmaRi, Noah, Carliece, Kevonté, Calvin, Kyrie, Derrick, Donnell, Donovan, Logan, Leora, Luke, Lex and the newest, Delaney.

She has also been blessed with a loving extended family: Marcus Denny Terry, Alphonso Coward, Aniah Coward, DeAndre Coward, Cornelius

Ferguson; Robin Curtis, Richard McIntyre, Yazmine McIntyre, Raquel McIntyre, Fred White, Madelyn Ellis, Christopher Roberts, Ryan Roberts, and Christian Harris. And a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Memorial Cemeteey

4001 Suitland Road  
Suitland, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 1. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
2220 Branch Avenue SE  
Washington, DC

## Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Washington, DC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.*



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October 30, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *The Ferguson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.*

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**The Ferguson Family** - October 30, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *The Ferguson Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.*



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October 29, 2023 at 06:55 PM

TG

“ The Wiggins Kids and Grandkids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.

The Wiggins Kids and Grandkids - October 29, 2023 at 08:57 AM

TG

“ The Wiggins Kids and Grandkids purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.



The Wiggins Kids and Grandkids - October 29, 2023 at 08:57 AM

EW

“ Elizabeth W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.

Elizabeth W. - October 29, 2023 at 08:50 AM

ME

“ We wanted so badly for Toni to be restored to her former self. We pushed her to try and try harder. We insisted sometimes that she was not trying harder enough and would tell her to try harder. Toni would say with a shrill in her voice, “I am trying, I am.” But it wasn’t enough for us.

*Being reflective now, isn’t that what we all seek after? Are we not searching to be transformed? Don’t we in fact want the power of God to take us to another place? God, in His own way, transformed my sister Toni to another place. He moved her to where she was able to share love and laughter with everyone she met.*

*My sister never met a stranger. If you were in her presence, she would always find a way to meet and greet you, and if you weren’t careful, strike up a long conversation. 😊! She never missed an opportunity to share with me what was happening in DC at EWH and other places. If someone passed away, my sister was on the phone letting me know.*

*While I was a student at Clafin College, (now University) and after, serving as interim Concert Choir Director, my family would visit. I am not quite sure when my sister met Cliff Jefferson and Eric Wilson, but from that moment forward, whenever I would go home one of her questions to me would be, first, “How’s Marcus?”, which would be followed by, “How’s Cliff and Eric?”*

*Transformed to be more concerned! Transformed to be more loving!  
Transformed to be more caring!*

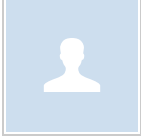
*So glad I got to talk with her one last time that day. And yes, I was encouraging her again to get up from her bed so that she could eat and get something to drink. And again, she said, “I’m trying, but I’m tired, and I hurt” “Do you have your feet on the floor?” “One of them.” “Well, I need you to put that other one down there, too.” “Ok, I’ll try.” James remarked, “Ok, I think she’s good. Talk to you later. He would call me one more time that evening.....*

*And now she has been transformed one last time, to a higher calling through the love that is Christ Jesus. And let me just say, “Toni, we are all so very proud of you! And you don’t have to try anymore”  
Look for transformation in some of the most unexpected places and ways!*

*Michael*

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**Michael L. Ellis** - October 27, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Toni Bernice Ellis White.*



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October 27, 2023 at 01:19 PM

JE

“ They say Hindsight is 20/20. So I guess that means that we should've known Toni was truly blessed when she was a baby.

*The first time was when she was a newborn, and there was a fire in the house next-door, but we had smoke damage so we had to leave the house. When we got out on the sidewalk and Mother started counting heads, and they asked her if she had all of her children out of the house and she said yes. Then one of the neighbors walked up to her and said Rachel where is the baby? Toni was still upstairs in the crib! One of the Firemen went back into the house to get Toni. She was delivered to Mother safely.*

*The second time was when Toni was a toddler. She was in her climbing stage, and she climbed up on the top of the toilet in the bathroom because she wanted to see herself the mirror. Well, in her adventure, she slipped and the top of the toilet broke up, came off, and she fell. She got a serious cut on her chest, but it wasn't a fatal cut as we as we know now.*

*But it just goes to show you that she had angels on her shoulders from the time she was born until the time she took her last breath. Rest well, my sister and I'll see you on the other side.*

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**Jeanne (Micki) Ellis** - October 27, 2023 at 08:40 AM

AH

“ James May God Continue To Strengthen You And The Family During These Difficult Days 🙏

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**Althea Hairston** - October 26, 2023 at 02:29 PM

JE

“ Farewell lil sis. From the time of my birth, Toni has been my hangout partner. Being the youngest of 6, she was my bridge to the other 4. I remember us walking together to elementary school with our babysitter, Mrs Dixon. We definitely had each others back. She would cheer me on with enthusiasm as I was developing as a young athlete. When she was not involved in her own activities, Toni would also be in the audience with my parents at my concerts with the DC Youth Orchestra. I followed her throughout Sunday School classes and all the choirs at EWHBC. Though I was not prepared for your passing, I'm so glad you are no longer suffering physically. I was your body armor and you were my shield. On the 17th God just positioned you a little higher and gave you an additional title as my umbrella! I can say so much more as I have so many very vivid memories of our time here on earth. Rest on my sister. Your lil bro!!!!

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**James Ellis** - October 25, 2023 at 08:51 AM

LA

*Nlce!*

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**Lance** - October 26, 2023 at 03:05 PM

SB

“ I will always remember that strong tenor and base voice that Toni shared with the choirs at EWHBC. As I was singing alto, I could hear her voice behind me. She was always pleasant, and hugged me when we saw each other. My prayers to the family. She will be missed. Love you Toni, RIH

*Stephanie Beckett*

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**Stephanie Beckett** - October 24, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - October 23, 2023 at 03:54 PM