

Jack Claude Ellis, son of Ralph E. and Jeannine Renee (Marsac) Ellis, was born on July 16, 1946, at Red Oak, Iowa. He passed away on February 4, 2000, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. He was 53 years of age. His early life was spent in Elliott, Grant, Griswold and Essex. He graduated from Essex High School in 1965.

Following graduation Jack served in the U.S. Army from 1966 through 1970 during the Vietnam War. Following the war Jack resided in Shenandoah. Jack 's former wives were Beverly and Christina. He worked as a farmhand for a farmer near Essex and also worked at Henry Fields. When he wasn't working he cared for his dogs, bird and fish. Jack was a member of Kingdom Hall church in Shenandoah and attended faithfully until his health began to decline. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with his family, doing various activitites with the church, watching Animal Planet on T.V., and eating a big slice of meatloaf from time to time.

Preceding Jack in death were his parents and his wife and baby girl, Michelle from Vietnam. Survivors include his daughter, Rebecka Johnson and her husband Ryan of Shenandoah; one son, Donnie Ellis of Shenandoah; one grandson, Noah David Johnson of Shenandoah; two sisters, Joan Herron and her husband Glenn of Shenandoah and Janet McDermott of Tabor, Iowa; one brother, Jerry Ellis of Red Oak, Iowa; ex-wife, Christina Gutierrez of Shenandoah; nieces, Jamie and Jacque Herron and nephews, Jimmy and Jeremy Herron all of Shenandoah; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Jack enjoyed talking, barbecues and just being with family and friends. He would go get his brother from Red Oak and bring him down to spend the weekend with him and take him back. The last few years after his health began to decline he didn't get out much, but when he could he would always be in the mood for a drive in his 1973 Mercury Comet, in which he would show his family and friends how it could get up and go when he wanted it to.