



## Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington

March 4, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

The lives of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln would seem too short to many, but for those who were touched by their sweet lives, there is the realization that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which you live it. All three of them lived life to the fullest, and while they will be missed, they will remain forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved them. A visitation will be held Sunday, March 7, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The memorial service will be held Monday, March 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Both services will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church in Oxford, MS. A private family graveside service will be held at a later time. Rev. Luke Lawson, Rev. Les Newsom, and Bro. Scott Thomas will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Matt was born to Johnny and Ann Ellington in Eupora, MS. He received his Bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and was employed by the United States Forest Service as a Law Enforcement Officer. Matt was a godly family man who loved his wife, Jessica, of 14 years with the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13 and Ephesians 5. He also thrived as the doting father to Evangeline and Lincoln. Whether it was taking nature walks, digging in the dirt, or playing in the snow with his family, Matt's passion was his wife and children. He loved hunting and fishing, but would rather be found with his family baking cookies, decorating gingerbread houses, or leading family devotionals at bedtime. His strength was matched by his humility, and he was honest, loyal, and willing to help anyone.

Feisty and creative, rugged but prissy are characteristics that only touch the surface of who Evangeline was. She loved tutus and tiaras but was just as comfortable in muddy boots. She loved art, science, puzzles, and chickens.

Obsessed with dragons and always hungry, Lincoln was as adventurous as his Dad. He loved to do science experiments and arts and crafts, and just like his Dad, he was a

daredevil.

The Ellington's could be found either in the kitchen or in the woods at any given time. They loved working on home projects together or just sitting and reading together. One thing was consistent through it all – they never missed a chance to celebrate every opportunity they could. They truly cherished every moment together and have left an example of love to all who knew them.

Matt, Jessica, Evangeline, and Lincoln lived a full life together under the banner of the love of Jesus Christ. Were it not for the grace, strength, and purpose Christ provides, the grief Jessica now faces in their absence would be impossible to bear. However, because of the faith she shared together with her husband and children, Jessica's grief is not without hope as they will be reunited in His presence one day. That is the true legacy of the Ellington family.

Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln are survived by wife and mother, Jessica Ellington of Oxford, MS; parents and grandparents, Johnny and Ann Ellington of Ackerman, MS; mother-in-law and grandmother, Karen Hogg of Poplar Bluff, MO; brother and uncle, Josh Ellington and wife Sarah of Portland, OR; sister-in-law and aunt, Emily Hogg of Poplar Bluff, MO; cousins, Logan Ellington of Portland, OR., Keilah and Brielle Freeman of Jackson, MO; and great grandmother, Shirley Batson of Poplar Bluff, MO.

They were preceded in death by grandfather, Jim Hogg; and aunt, Andrea Freeman Hagerty.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to United Cancer Assistance Network (UCAN, 1899 N. Westwood Ste C, PMB#172, Poplar Bluff, MO. 63901) or Lafayette Elementary (100 Commodore Drive, Oxford, MS. 38655 – earmarked for STEM or Art programs).

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at <http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com>.

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Christ Presbyterian Church  
901 Sisk Ave, Oxford, MS, US, 38655

**MAR** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Johnny, Ann, Josh and Jessica-  
Johnny, you are the only one of the family I know but we go back a long way. I was so saddened to read of your loss. Our Prayer Group at church here in Eugene Oregon has been praying for you all. My deepest condolences to you all.

**Mike Lawrence** - March 12 at 12:10 AM

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“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



March 09 at 11:04 PM

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“ Jessica, I am so sorry for your loss. I was lucky to get to know Matt while working with the Forest Service in California. He was one of the kindest people I have ever had the opportunity to know. He called me "Miss Lisa" which always made me smile. I am heartbroken over the loss of Matt, Evangeline and Lincoln. They will be missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sending love and strength to you during this difficult time. Lisa Walker

**Lisa Walker** - March 08 at 12:20 PM

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“ Jessica, I did not know you personally but am sending you hugs and prayers. May You continue to reach up to God to see you through these days. What a blessing and testimony you are to so many and not just in our small community.

**Glenda Alderson** - March 08 at 11:35 AM



“ Dear Mrs Ellington, I do not know you and only saw this on my cousin's Facebook page. As I read about your loss of your husband and children, I sat here with tears streaming down my face, I felt impressed to write this note to you. I know your life will never be the same but I read of your Faith and Trust in Jesus. It seems impossible now am sure but God will help you in the coming days. I will be praying for you! I live in Pennsylvania now but was born in Meridian Mississippi. As a born again Christian I too have Faith and look forward to Heaven some day. God bless you.

**Kay Moffett Bossard** - March 10 at 07:30 PM

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“ I don't know this precious family , but God does! I am praying that as God provides all you need that your faith may grow in allowing Him to carry you through. What a beautiful obituary for God's children, and what a testimony of lives lived for Christ. You all have touched me to realize more each day how we should be living for Christ. Look forward to meeting all of you one day in glory!

**Kathy Respass** - March 08 at 10:41 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Ellington family during this time of sorrow. Thoughts and prayers for all of you as you seek to move forward in the days ahead.  
Sandra and Sheriff Steve Gladney

**Sandra and Steve Gladney** - March 08 at 10:11 PM

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“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



March 07 at 02:56 PM

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“ I have never met you, but we are family. My heart goes out to you. May God hold in the hollow of his hands.

Prayers are with you!

Jeanne Hogg

**Jeanne Hogg** - March 07 at 11:32 AM

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“ Sending my love to Jessica, Johnny, Anne and Josh. I have such fond memories of Matt and all of you in my days in Ms. I pray God wraps you all completely in His arms and gives you comfort.

**Dirk Keith** - March 07 at 11:09 AM

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“ I did not personally know the Ellington Family. My Goddaughter's daughter was in the same school and grade as precious Evangeline. I am sending Prayers and Love to Jessica and her entire Family and all Friends. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**Candy Ulmer Cranch, M.Ed. of New Orleans** - March 07 at 10:22 AM

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“ My heartfelt prayers go up to our Heavenly Father for you Jessica and Karen. I ask Him to wrap his arms around you all and supply His comfort and strength. Edith Henson

**Edith Henson** - March 07 at 09:30 AM

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“ Jessica, my heart is broken for you. I'm praying for you, Karen, Emily, and your husband's family. Praying for God to wrap you in his arms and help you get through this. Love and Blessings,  
Donna Yeakley

**Donna Yeakley** - March 06 at 11:41 PM

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“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



March 06 at 10:30 PM

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“ I did not know this family personally but you have been in my thoughts and prayers daily Jessica. My mother and wife heart hurts so much for you but it brings tears to my eyes to read of your family's faith and trust in God. You are right, y'all will be reunited in Heaven one day! Keep putting your trust in God and He will continue to give you the strength you need to get through this. Know you and your family are loved by the Oxford community and will continue to pray and support you.



**Angela Williams** - March 06 at 09:06 PM



“ I do not know you personally either though I do go to North Oxford Baptist Church but you are in my daily prayers sweet Jessica..

**Ann Mason** - March 08 at 01:22 PM

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“ 211 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Coleman Funeral Home** - March 06 at 08:14 PM



“ Dearest Jessica, Karen, Emily and the rest of the family - such a beautiful tribute to your amazing family. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace. Prayers for the days to come. Know that you are loved and are constantly in the hearts of many ☐

**Sandie Price** - March 06 at 08:54 PM

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“ Sweet Jessica, no words seem sufficient at this time. The one and only things I can share with you is to cling to your Heavenly Father and his Sweet Peace that passeth all understanding. Love you Sweet Girl.

**Vickey VanCleve** - March 06 at 04:53 PM



“ Precious Jessica, my heart is broken for you knowing the unbearable grief you are experiencing! I pray our LOVING, MERCIFUL LORD will wrap you in His loving arms and fill you with His LOVE and COMFORT that only He can provide! Just lean on Him, and live with the peace that you will see your loved ones again in Heaven! You will continually be in my thoughts and prayers!

**Linda Tullos** - March 07 at 01:11 PM

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“ Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



March 06 at 04:09 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to be in our Church office in Bishop with Jess. When Evangeline was born I got to be with her most work days. At first I was in charge of helping her to take a nap. She got to the point that she knew when I was holding her it was nap time and sometimes she was not in the mood to nap. But as she grew up I became her Bishop Omi. I just see her little face saying Omi and wanting to be held or show me something or wanting to explore what was in my desk. It was so hard saying goodbye when they moved. I will carry her little smile asking me to hold her in my heart always.

**Connie Caton** - March 06 at 03:31 PM

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“ Mo Ellington purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



**Mo Ellington** - March 06 at 02:58 PM

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“ Jessica, Karen, Emily, Ann, Johnnie, Josh,  
Our hearts are broken but thank God for the strength and faith He has provided to you all. Please know we are praying.  
Debi Barker  
First Baptist Church Poplar Bluff

**Debi Barker** - March 06 at 02:38 PM

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“ My deepest condolences for your loss. I was fortunate enough to work with Matt in California with the Forest Service Law Enforcement & Investigations. May God comfort and bless you and yours during this time of mourning and grief until you are reunited again as a family.  
Scott Harris

scott harris - March 06 at 01:48 PM



“ I worked with Matt in CA with USFS Law Enforcement. He was a good guy and a joy to be around. The Lord is looking out for him and his children. Branden Smith.

Branden Smith - March 09 at 09:13 PM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



March 06 at 12:36 PM



“ 8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington.



March 06 at 12:29 PM



“ Although I do not personally know the Ellington family, this story has touched my heart and has changed the lives of thousands forever. Prayers for Jessica, family, friends, and the truck drivers in the days, weeks, and years to come. I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort, peace, healing, and understanding.

Marsha Theobald - March 06 at 11:01 AM



“ Sending much needed prayers to this family!!!

**From Mississippi** - March 06 at 10:57 AM

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“ Linda Lee Wait lit a candle in memory of Matt, Evangeline, and Lincoln Ellington



**Linda Lee Wait** - March 06 at 10:34 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that the town of Oxford is with you.



**Laura A Shields** - March 06 at 09:18 AM