



ELLIS, FREDERICK RICHARD. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 28, 1928; died December 8, 2010 in Longwood, Florida at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of 53 years; daughters, Vicki (John) DiFede, Lisa Ellis, Sheryl (Michael) Taylor. His son, Scott Ellis, succumbed to cancer 6 years ago. Fred was very proud of his 5 grandchildren, Nicholas Chavez, Cal Chavez, Cameron DiFede, Katie DiFede and Elle Taylor.

He served in the Korean conflict, was honorably discharged in 1955 and came home to Birmingham, Alabama to finish his education where he graduated from Livingston State University with a B.S. Degree; he later received a Masters Degree from Nova University. During that time, he met his future wife Shirley. They were married in 1956 and moved to Miami, Florida where he acquired a teaching position at Miami Southwest High School. Fred taught biology and coached football and track. During the 35 years his teams won Conference, District, Regional and State Championships. He was awarded FACA Track Coach of the Year in 1984, and was inducted into the Florida Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991.

When they retired, he and Shirley moved to Longwood, Florida and Fred spent much of his free time playing golf. Collison Family Funeral Home, 335 East State Road 434, Longwood, FL will handle all arrangements. A service will be held on January 8, 2010 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimers Research, 383 Center Point Circle, Suite 1280, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, in memory of Fred Ellis. View this Guest Book at www.MiamiHerald.com/obituaries.