Civic leader, businessman, remembered locally

(KAIR)--An Atchison civic leader, and businessman, is being remembered.

Norman Ellis died Sunday at the age of 87.

Ellis, known as Norm, served as the Mayor of Atchison from 1983 to 1985, and again from 1990 to 1991.

According to his <u>obituary</u> from Atchison's Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home, Ellis' mayoral role followed his 1980 election to the Atchison City Commission, serving as a commissioner until 1991.

A marker in his honor is placed at the Atchison Forest of Friendship.

Ellis was a well known Atchison barber, opening the Ellis Barber and Style Shop in 1971.

He operated the downtown business for 47-years, retiring in March, 2018, and officially closing the doors on April 1 of that year.

According to MSC News archives, the final haircut given by Ellis was also the first haircut for Ellis' great-grandson, Clarkson Michael Owens.

Ellis will be laid to rest Friday in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, in Rushville, Missouri.

That will follow morning services at 10:30 at the Sugar Creek Christian Church, in Rushville.

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