

U.S. Rep. Grothman: Statement on Mike Ellis' passing

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(Fond du Lac, WI) – Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-Glenbeulah) today mourns the loss of former State Senator Mike Ellis, one of Wisconsin's greatest legislators and friends.

“It is with great shock and sadness when I found out former State Senator Mike Ellis has left us. We served together for 21 years in the state legislature before both leaving in 2014. He was perhaps the most memorable character of the many legislators I served with. He was always an independent voice in an occupation sorely missing independent voices.”

“He enjoyed recounting the story of a lobbyist showing up to his office with cash for campaign contributions and throwing him out. He enjoyed holding court, be it at the Avenue Bar in Madison or Payne's Point in Neenah, with his beloved wife Sandy. He also enjoyed talking about his siblings, nieces and nephews and his high school days as a star guard on the Neenah Rockets high school team.”

“He was vibrant until the end and it's hard to imagine going to Neenah and not being able to see him.”