



James Ottoway Nelson Jr.

May 27, 1949 - October 6, 2017

James Ottoway Nelson Jr., 68 entered eternal rest peacefully in Atlanta, GA., October 6, 2017. He came joyfully into this life on May 27, 1949. He was the second of four children born to the late James O. and Annie L. Nelson. He accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at Sixth Baptist Church, where he was very active in the Boys Scouts.

James, affectionately, known as "Ba-Bro" to his siblings and as "Jimmy" to others, attended Richmond Public Schools, graduating from Maggie L. Walker High School, Class of 1967. Even though he was accepted to North Carolina Central University, James chose to enlist in the United States Air Force. He earned the rank of Staff Sergeant, served as a Minuteman Missile Technician and was Honorably Discharged. After his service, he pursued his passion for knowledge by attending Virginia Commonwealth University, earning a Master of Urban and Regional Planning Degree.

For 36 years, Jimmy worked for the City of Richmond, starting as a Recreation Instructor in the Department of Recreation and Parks. He was also a Research Analyst for several departments, including Mental Health, Planning and Youth Services. He retired from the Department of Public Utilities as an Administrative Analyst in the Customer Service Division. Mentoring was a way of life for Jimmy. He coached with the South Richmond Little League and was always available to offer advice to the many young people who graced his home. He cherished assisting young people find their way. One of his favorite pastime was bowling, where his game of 279 was

certified by the American Bowling Congress in 1992.

As a member of The American Legion Post 210, he served as Financial Officer for several years. He was very dedicated to their mission of "Together, we make a difference." He firmly believed in the civic duty of voting. This was very important to him and he worked the polls faithfully, even during his illness.

James later rededicated his life to the LORD at Mt. Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries. His heart for sharing the goodness of Jesus led him to evangelize to many and invite them to come to his church.

James was a loving, devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother. He was truly a family man and the family jokester. He leaves his legacy of strength, love, laughter, and compassion to us as a guide.

Remaining to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 40 years, Rosalind W. Nelson; son, Aaron J. Nelson, Sr.; devoted daughter-in-law, Lydia Covington; grandsons, Aaron Jr. and Aceton; sister, Josephine N. Fleming; brother, Clyde O. Nelson; sister and brother-in-law, Renee W. and Arthur F. Walker; brother-in-law, Allen A. Washington; niece, Carmen Fleming; nephews, Darryl G. Fleming, Brian A. Walker and Jordan A. Walker; great-nephews, Zaire Massey and Eon Fleming; best friends, William "Billy" Adkins, William "Billy" Skeen, Calvin "Scoop" Jackson, and Steve Lewis; a host of loving relatives and loyal friends, and his beloved dog, Omar, whom he rescued.

Jimmy will be greatly missed. However, we know God "thought he was worth saving, so he could be free." His Life isn't over, it's just beginning.

Cemetery Details

Dale Memorial Park

10201 Newbys Bridge Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

OCT 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries
2501 Mt. Gilead Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23235

Tribute Wall



“ *James Ottoway Nelson Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 07:34 PM



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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 07:04 PM



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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 06:42 PM

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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 05:45 PM

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Rosalind Nelson - October 02, 2020 at 05:32 PM

AG

“ To the Nelson Family. I am so sorry for your loss. James and I were roommates at Minot AFB N. Dakota. With deepest Sympathy and Condolences. Albert C. Gadson.

Albert Gadson - October 22, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andrean Mvnyc - October 21, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ I asked who I lovingly refer to as my Uncle Jimmy whom I've known since guarding the champagne fountain at his and Aunt Rosalind wedding the other day after the repass, Aunt Rosalind, was I really doing cartwheels? Missing you more each day Uncle Jimmy.



Andrean Mvnyc - October 21, 2017 at 10:36 AM

CC

“ City Of Richmond Retirement Crew lit a candle in memory of James Ottoway Nelson Jr.



City of Richmond Retirement Crew - October 17, 2017 at 09:04 AM

CC

“ Nelson was a part of the "Retirement Club" - City of Richmond employees that became friends during our careers and remained so after retirement. We would try to get together once a month for dinner and fellowship. Nelson was always the life of the dinner, cracking jokes and keeping the event lively. We will truly miss his happy-go-lucky demeanor and his ability to make everyone laugh and have a good time. I know he is up in heaven cracking jokes and making all the angels laugh!!!

City of Richmond Retirement Crew - October 17, 2017 at 09:03 AM

HT

“ To Roz, From Apollonia -AKA-Bokie, & Family We Are Sorry For Your Loss. Roz As You & I Always Said Family For Life Love Always Hazella 🌹

Hazella Thornhill - October 16, 2017 at 12:29 PM

EJ

“ May all who sleep n Christ, find God's light, peace & happiness ! Just received word that my hilarious friend & classmate has left you & us. Please no u have my deepest condolences. U r n my prayers!



Cookie Cooley

EJCooley - October 16, 2017 at 08:28 AM

VR

“ *Nelson is what I called him while working together for the City's Public Works Dept where he was always messing with me when he came into the office. Just know that my prayers are that God will give you the comfort and strength for the days ahead when you are missing him the most.*



Valerie Robinson - October 16, 2017 at 08:10 AM

GW

“ *Gwen lit a candle in memory of James Ottoway Nelson Jr.*



Gwen - October 15, 2017 at 11:12 PM

CM

“ *Carmelia Minor lit a candle in memory of James Ottoway Nelson Jr.*



Carmelia Minor - October 15, 2017 at 10:20 PM

BM

“ *Roz my condolences to you and the family. My prayers are with you Jimmy will be missed he always made me laugh. What a great sense of humor. Rest In Paradise my friend.*

Barbara Mangum - October 15, 2017 at 02:22 PM

RB

“ *My buddy, my friend will be surely missed.*

Roney Boyd - October 13, 2017 at 06:36 PM

C2

“ *Carolyn Prentis ALA Unit 210 lit a candle in memory of James Ottoway Nelson Jr.*



Carolyn Prentis ALA Unit 210 - October 13, 2017 at 04:54 PM

C2

“ *Roz I wish you and your family my deepest condolences during this time of grief. Nelson was a wonderful friend and an inspiration to many he will be missed but never forgotten. Love peace and blessings to you and your family.*

Carolyn Prentis ALA Unit 210 - October 13, 2017 at 04:53 PM

LL

“ *RIP / LARRY*

larry o lester - October 13, 2017 at 03:17 PM

WA

“ *Roz, I extend my most sincere condolences to you...your Jimmy was my lifetime friend and I will truly miss him...you know I am here for you during this time; BaeBro, my brother, gone but never to be forgotten, for 65 years we shared a special unbreakable bond*

William "Billy" Adkins - October 13, 2017 at 01:42 PM

DJ

“ To the family: you have my sincere condolences. I will truly miss my buddy. We had a lot of fun playing cards, laughing and eating. He shared alot of family good times and he truly loved his family.

I pray that the Lord will sustain and lift you up out of your grief and despair. All of us experience adversity and pain when we lose someone we love, we grieve our losses. Remember we can turn to god for solace; when we do, he comforts us and in time he heals us.

God has heard your prayers, he has seen your tears and he will heal you.

REMEMBER that weeping may go on all night but joy comes in the morning!

With sincere blessing and love,

*Dirscell Jones
804/745-8508*

Dirscell jones - October 12, 2017 at 11:28 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 11, 2017 at 04:36 PM

GT

Roz, our Deepest Sympathy go out to you and your family. Recently, I saw Nelson at a friend's funeral and we talked a long time about when we all lived in Midlothian Village. You all lived upstairs above us (Geraldine, Gwen, Marilyn and Janet Williams). Nelson was such a nice guy and will certainly be missed by a lot of us. Praises go up to you all as you go through your bereavement period.

Gwen & Anthony Taylor - October 15, 2017 at 11:11 PM