



## Raymond Julius Nelson

December 7, 1951 - February 18, 2020

Raymond Julius Nelson also known as "Big Raymond" was born December 7, 1951 in Spokane Washington, to the late Hattie E. Nelson and William D. Nelson. Raymond's father served in the U.S. Military, so traveling around the world was something he did often, landing he and his family in Pleasantville, New Jersey in 1965. Both his mother and father were singers, so by no surprise Raymond's passion was singing also. Growing up Raymond would sing alongside his brothers and sisters, eventually moving on to singing in a group with friends. The group performed at The Wonder Gardens in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Raymond attended Pleasantville High School where he later graduated. He worked with his father at the U.S. Postal Service delivering mail, also Kensington Furniture store. Raymond then became a loan officer at Beneficial Finance before leaving New Jersey.

In 1984 Raymond moved to Richmond, Virginia. Here he met the love of his life, Constance Nelson, settled down and married. They united in holy matrimony on February 14, 1997. Raymond worked at Helig-Meyers, then called The Hub, as one of the sales managers. Thereafter he worked as a car salesman at Drivetime after which he retired in 2004. Raymond enjoyed watching Kung Fu Movies, cooking singing, and laughing at people who failed for his famous joke, "your shoes are untied".

Raymond's beautiful life will forever be cherished by his devoted wife,

Constance Laverne Nelson; three devoted children, Danielle Lyn White, Raymond Julius Nelson II (Ayana) and Benjamin Jamaal Stone (I'Esha); two devoted granddaughters, Cheyenne Lee White and Jenira Simone Odessa Stone. He is survived by two devoted sisters, Valerie Gates (Franklin) and April Nelson Stephens (Tony); brother-in-law, Andre Anderson (Cindy); two devoted aunts, Sandra Nelson and Hazel Nelson and one uncle, Melvin "Leon" Nelson. He is preceded in death by his mother, Hattie E. Nelson; his father, William D. Nelson; two sisters, Brenda Nelson and Melody Wright; three brothers, Cortez, William and Wayne Nelson. Raymond will also forever be remembered by a devoted friend, Nathaniel McFall and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### viewing

FEB 28. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Family Hour

FEB 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

### Celebration of Life

FEB 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Julius Nelson*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To The Nelson Family:*

*In this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.*

*Hazel Nelson & Family  
Egg Harbor, New Jersey*

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**Hazel Nelson** - February 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Aunt Sandra, Monique, Lisa & Bernard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Julius Nelson.*



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**Aunt Sandra, Monique, Lisa & Bernard** - February 27, 2020 at 05:14 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family. May God give you peace and comfort as you will miss having the physical being of him around and Big Raymond make sure everyone up there has their shoes tied.*

*Your neighbor  
Cheryl Whitaker*

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**Cheryl Whitaker** - February 25, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 20, 2020 at 12:48 PM