

Pallbearers

United States Air Force Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.

I took His hand when I heard His call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work, or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found the peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joys

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss

Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-

God wanted me now; He has set me free.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of TSgt. (Ret) Harry Nelson would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel

1831 Taylor Street
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(803)771-7799

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In
Honor
of your
Memory

TSgt. (Ret) Harry Lee Nelson



Thursday, October 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Second Calvary Baptist Church

1110 Mason Road

Columbia, South Carolina

Obituary

TSgt. (Ret) Harry Lee Nelson was born on July 3, 1950, in Quincy, Florida. He was the eighth child of the late Ward Nelson, Sr. and Mary Jo Love Nelson. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

TSgt. (Ret) Nelson was baptized at an early age, and joined Arnett Chapel AME Church, in Quincy, Florida.

TSgt. (Ret) Nelson was educated in the public schools of Gadsden County, Florida and attended Carter-Paramore High School, where he demonstrated outstanding athletic ability in football. After graduating in 1969, he attended Bethune-Cookman College, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

He later enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served honorably for over 20 years. After his tour of service ended, he made Columbia, South Carolina his home. After many dedicated years working for the various government entities, Harry retired and enjoyed fishing, reading, cooking, and watching westerns.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ward Nelson, Jr.; sisters, Elease Treptow, Mary “Candy Doll” Evans, and Ida Mae Forehand; and son, Jeremy Nelson.

TSgt. (Ret) Harry Lee Nelson leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Desta Nelson; two sons, Barry Nelson of Harlem, New York and David Nelson of Columbia, South Carolina; a daughter, Hyatt Nelson, of Columbia, South Carolina; sisters, Evelyn Hogan of Rochester, NY; Elizabeth Quinn of Quincy, FL, Alberta Knight (Ell) of Birmingham, AL, and Mary Kenon (Clarence) of St. Paul, MN; brothers, Richard Nelson of Columbia, SC, Robert Nelson of Rochester, NY; Willie C. Nelson (Jennifer) of Ocala, FL; James Edward Nelson of Birmingham, AL, Sammie Lee Nelson (Martha) of Quincy, FL, and Reverend Alex Nelson (Janice) of Columbia, SC; grandson, Dimitri Nelson (Stormi) of North Muskegon, MI; granddaughter, Amarah Hanson of Madison, WI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Harry will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love and wisdom will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

Psalms 73:26 “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Order of Service

*Reverend D.S. President, Presiding
Pastor, Second Calvary Baptist Church*

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”
- Scripture Readings.....Deacon Clarence Kenon
Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – I Corinthians 15:50-58
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Joseph Hood
Second Calvary Baptist Church
- Solo.....Ms. Curlean Nelson
- Remarks.....Ms. Hyatt Nelson
- Selection.....Second Calvary Baptist Church Choir
“God’s Grace”
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Alex Nelson
Second Calvary Baptist Church

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

12:00 Noon
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina