

Pallbearers

United States Army Honor Guard

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears of me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind,
All those I dearly love.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you...
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart...
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.*

- Helen Steiner Rice -

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Nathaniel Nelson, would like to thank each of you for your love, prayers, and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life of Mr. Nathaniel Nelson



**Tuesday, December 16, 2025
11:00 a.m.**

**First Nazareth Baptist Church
2351 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
-Pastor-**

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Obituary of Mr. Nathaniel Nelson

Mr. Nathaniel Nelson was born November 7, 1946, in Winter Park, Florida. He was the son of Eddie Nelson and Warnie Sims-Nelson. On Tuesday, December 2, 2025, he departed this earthly life.

A proud husband, devoted father, beloved grandfather and veteran, Nathaniel lived a life marked by service, strength, and love. He honorably retired from the United States Army after a distinguished military career. Following his time in the service, he continued his commitment to public service as the Food Service Director for the South Carolina Department of Corrections, where he dedicated many years before retiring. He also spent his spare time working as a Front-Line Supervisor at Ft. Jackson Commissary.

Nathaniel attended Albany State University, and was a proud brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., living out the fraternity's principles of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind. Beyond his service and leadership, Nathaniel was known for his love of cooking. He found joy in preparing meals for those he loved, and his food brought people together-filling both stomachs and hearts.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Loretta Nelson, his parents, Eddie Nelson, Sr. and Warnie Sims-Nelson; his two brothers, Clarence Nelson and Willie James Nelson.

Mr. Nathaniel Nelson leaves to mourn his passing: his children, Darius Sven Nelson-Williams, Darnell Lawayne Williams, Kimberly Antoinette Williams, and Cathedral Loretta Nolley all of Columbia, South Carolina; his brothers, Eddie Nelson (Linda), of Titusville, Florida and Odell Nelson (Leclair) of Edison, Georgia; godsister, Loretta Palmer of Nashville, Georgia; six (6) grandchildren; six (6) great-grandchildren; a host of other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection
- Old Testament.....Psalm 100.....Minister
- New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Minister
- Prayer.....Deacon Lorenza Breedlove
- Musical Selection.....“Goin Up Yonder”
- Remarks.....Mr. Odell Nelson
Mr. Eddie Nelson
Mrs. Toyka Smith Ponds
- Musical Selection.....“I Am Free”Deacon Henry Butler
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina