



Billy Ray Nelson

March 2, 1944 - July 24, 2024

Billy Ray Nelson, 80, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at his home.

He was born March 2, 1944, in Virginia, to the late John Rufus Nelson and Louiese Johnson Nelson. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Mickey Chilton Nelson; son, Billy Lynn Nelson, and siblings, Earline Logan and Barbara Bottoms.

Billy was employed with Duke Energy (formerly Duke Power Company) for over 29 years before his retirement. He received many achievement awards from Duke Energy for his service. He attended Pilot Mountain High School. Billy was the owner and operator of Nelson Hillside Stables. He enjoyed bear hunting and was a handyman and could fix anything. He was a wonderful dad and grandfather. He was a 3rd degree Mason with Lodge #496. He also was very active in the Shriners.

Billy is survived by his children, Lisa N. Bowman (James), Robbey J. Nelson (Stacy), and Andy Nelson; siblings, Patty Jessup, Jeannie Gortman, Johnny Nelson (Virginia), Tom Nelson, and Roger Nelson (Janice); grandchildren, Chrystal Johns (Tray), Amanda Henderson (Joe), and Katie Moore (Michael); great-grandchildren, Christian Kepley, Alyssa Kepley, Jake Henderson, Addison Johns, Jamey Henderson, Colt Johns, Brycen Moore, Hudson

Moore, Waylon Miller, Layla Miller, and Ainsley Miller; and his fur baby Sadie and Izzy.

A Celebration of Billy's Life will be held on August 3, at 11:00 AM, in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, with Minister Arnold Douthit officiating.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to VIA Health Partners, P O. Box 470408, Charlotte, NC 28247.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Nelson family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Big brother I know you in heaven with Mickey ,Billy Lynn Mom and Dad Barbara Earline and Victor my Husband and all our loved ones I was baby sister as you named me even though we were miles apart our love for you and Mickey and Children and grandchildren and great grandchildren was always and will never change Our hearts are broken we love and miss you and Mickey and all in heaven but you are in Gods hands now and forever

Patty Jessup - August 02, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JA

“ James Robinson and Foot and Ankle Assoc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ray Nelson.

James Robinson and Foot and Ankle Assoc - August 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Nelson.



August 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Nelson.



August 01, 2024 at 10:32 AM

CJ

“ I hope you're shacking your leg up there, paw. Dancing, running, walking through heaven! You did a great job down here, now your home and can rest! You taught us well, and we'll cherish every minute we had with you till we see you again. Love you pop!



Chrystal Johns - July 30, 2024 at 09:46 PM

CJ

Shaking ☐

Chrystal Johns - July 30, 2024 at 09:49 PM

AN

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Billy, he was such a sweet man from the first time I met him when I came into the family when I married his nephew Andy, they attended our wedding which was very special to us and he took Andy and my Dad on their first bear hunting trip and they had a blast! He will most definitely be missed! Love and Prayers for all of the family!

Angie Nelson - July 27, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ Im so sorry for his kids and grandkids. He was my uncle though i hadnt seen him or Mickey in a while. I loved them. God Bless you guys!

Terry Bottoms - July 26, 2024 at 06:12 PM

BE

“ Billy was one of the greatest men I ever knew. He deeply loved his family. It was an honor to know him. He always had a smile on his face and only good things to say. I pray that God will hold the family tight as they heal through this difficult time of losing Billy and Mickey so close together. ❤️

Brooke Eaton - July 26, 2024 at 05:44 PM

AH

“ Pop, you are such an amazing man. You would give your shirt off your back to anyone who needed one. You helped so many people around. You're the best man I've ever known and I'm so proud to be your granddaughter. I love you so so so so much.

Amanda Henderson - July 26, 2024 at 01:13 PM

WB

“ Prayers and condolences for all!

William D. & Danette S. Bumgarner - July 26, 2024 at 08:49 AM

AH

Thank you

Amanda Henderson - July 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM

CW

“ Our prayers & love go out to you all. He fought a hard battle - you all were by his side with love & care the entire time. Bless you all.
Cindy & Randy

Cindy Martin Wiggins - July 26, 2024 at 07:58 AM

AH

Thank you

Amanda Henderson - July 26, 2024 at 02:10 PM