



Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms

May 21, 1941 - February 15, 2025

On February 15, 2025, God called for another angel to join Him in heaven. Wrapped in the loving arms of Jesus and surrounded by his family, Jerry Franklin Nelms drew his last earthly breath. As tears were shed by those in the room, an incomparable celebration began in heaven.

Born in 1941 to the late James and Sarah Nelms, Jerry was a life-long resident of Oconee County. He served as a deacon at Reedy Fork Baptist Church, and he cared for the members of that church like he cared for his family, because that is what they were to him. To know Jerry was to know love, compassion, faith and kindness. He spent his entire life working and taking care of others.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his wife and true love, Brenda Gayle Nelms, his oldest son, Milton Keith Nelms, grandson Eric Blaine Vickery, and two brothers Roger Dale Nelms and James Earle Nelms.

Jerry is survived by his children Kathy Owens (Randy), Michael Nelms (Cathy), Rex Nelms (Mary) and Tarra Holloway (Chet) and his grandchildren Jerica Vickery, Christian Nelms, Liam Nelms, and Taylor and Emma Smith. Jerry is also survived by sister Barbara Brown (children Tonya Brown-Smith (Joey) and Richard Brown) and Rick Nelms (wife Jane).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's honor to Reedy Fork Baptist Church, 115 E Reedy Fork Rd, Seneca, SC 29678, or to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, ATTN: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Dr., Seneca, SC 29672.

Tribute Wall



“ To know Jerry was to know love, compassion, faith and kindness. He spent his entire life working and taking care of others.... is so true. We were part of our Church Family and enjoyed Willing Workers. Our thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. Jerry was so Proud of Y'all. We Thank You for taking wonderful Care of Your Dad - He sure did appreciate it and spoke of how Blessed he was.



Linda Copeland - February 19, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Linda Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



Linda Copeland - February 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ I extend my prayers for each of the family as you deal with your loss.



Evelyn Cox Teague - February 19, 2025 at 12:39 PM

MS

“ Mike Roach & Sherry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



Mike Roach & Sherry - February 19, 2025 at 11:24 AM

AB

“ Alice Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



Alice Blair - February 19, 2025 at 09:47 AM

PN

“ Patti Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



patti nelson - February 19, 2025 at 12:40 AM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



Wayne F. Barton - February 18, 2025 at 11:15 PM

JB

“ Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



Jimmy Barker - February 18, 2025 at 09:32 PM

AW

“ Kathy my prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time!



Angelia Winn - February 18, 2025 at 08:45 PM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Family during this difficult time— may the Lord give you His peace that passeth all understanding.



Jan Rice - February 18, 2025 at 06:30 PM

OT

“ Oconee QC Team purchased the Gracious Laver Basket for the family of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms.



Oconee QC Team - February 18, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MB

“ Mike And Robin Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Franklin Nelms



Mike and Robin Burns - February 18, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DN

“ Kathy and family we are so sorry to hear about your Dad. Deepest sympathy, love and prayers. Doug and Linda Nix



Doug and Linda Nix - February 18, 2025 at 04:03 PM

HA

“ Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of Jerry Nelms



Harold Alexander - February 18, 2025 at 03:55 PM