



Joe Franklin Nelson

April 13, 1934 - February 21, 2011

Joe Franklin Nelson, age 76, of Southaven, MS and formerly of Robertson County, TN, passed away Monday, February 21, 2011 at his home. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 25, 2011 at 11am with his son-in-law, Brother Terry Collins, officiating. His body will be laid to rest with full military honors at Adams Cemetery with Dennis Yarbrough, Jonathan Collins, Jared Collins, Ricky Ackerman, Christopher Bell, "BJ" Ackerman and the US Navy serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, February 24, 2011 from 4-8pm and again Friday morning from 10am until the hour of service. A memorial service will be held at the Horn Lake Church of Christ on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2pm, located at the corner of Meadowbrook and Foxbrier in Horn Lake, MS with Brother James Brown of the Valley Grove Church of Christ officiating. Mr. Nelson was born April 13, 1934 in Greenbrier, TN to the late William Harvey and Etta Mae Johnson Nelson. His youth was spent in the Greenbrier and Springfield, TN area. He joined the US Navy while still a teenager in 1950 and served 20 years, retiring as a Chief Boatswain's Mate. He participated in the Korean War and in the Vietnam War. While still in the Navy, Mr. Nelson developed a love for preaching the Gospel and preached in several Church of Christ congregations throughout the Southeastern US, most recently in Horn Lake, MS. In addition to preaching, Mr. Nelson owned his own insurance and realty office in Southaven, MS. He did volunteer music shows at nursing homes in North West Mississippi, was a life-time member of the VFW and local Chairman for

the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay writing contest for 15 years. Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife of 58 years, Kate Mitchell Nelson; three daughters, Mary Jo (Dennis) Yarbrough of Southaven, MS, Janice (Terry) Collins of Gastonia, NC and Jackie (Ricky) Ackerman of Collierville, TN; brothers, Garlin Nelson of Prescott Arizona and Willis Nelson of California; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. His family is a closely knit family. His son-in-law, Terry Collins, of Gastonia, NC will speak at his funeral, as well as Mr. Nelson's three daughters.[Click Here To View Family Photo's](#)

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“ We were so very sorry to hear of Mr Joe's illness and passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. Although I did not know Joe, I know how it feels to lose someone you love and for that reason I want to extend my sympathy and share a few words of encouragement. Psalm 34:18 says that God cares when we are broken at heart and He saves us when our spirit is crushed. Isaiah 25:8 mentions a time when He will swallow up death forever and wipe all the tears from our faces. It is my wish you will find comfort and hope from these thoughts just as I have.

Debbie Rich - February 25, 2011 at 09:26 AM