



James Nelson

September 6, 1948 - November 21, 2009

James Nelson, 61 of Rensselaer, IN passed away unexpectedly November 21, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart, Indiana. He was born September 6, 1948 in Gary, IN to Harvey & Margaret (Jennings) Nelson. James graduated from North Andrew High School in Missouri. He was an EMT for South Haven volunteer fire department and a Journeyman Carpenter for 14 1/2 years for US Steel Gary Works. On October 17, 1970 he married Ary Rennie in Miller, IN. He was honored to serve his country and enlisted during Vietnam. While in the Marine Corps, he received the rank of Corporal and was decorated with the following honors: Bronze Star Medal w/"V", Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Star, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device.

He is survived by his wife and three children: Michael Nelson- Los Angeles, CA, Matthew Nelson- Oakland, CA, & Jamie Nelson- Rensselaer, IN. Grandchildren include Ary McKenna Nelson, Zane William Nelson along with numerous nieces & nephews. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Kay Buchanan- Griffith, IN, Gloria "Bonnie" (Bobby) Wright- Griffith, IN, Jenny Lou (Bob) Hayes- Alta Monte Springs, FL, Ted (Sharon) Nelson-Port St. Lucie, FL, Robert "Gene" (Helen) Nelson- St. Joseph, MO, David (Vondra) Nelson- Bethany, MO, Daniel Nelson- OK. James was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother- Donald, & 1 sister- Peggy Wright.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
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Rensselaer, IN 47978
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Service

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph College Chapel
2500 South Hwy 231
Rensselaer, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James Nelson



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Ary, you have been in our thoughts and prayers in recent weeks. I am so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I will always remember a conversation that Jim and I had on one of the camping retreats. It may have been as early as my freshman or sophomore year. As we were talking, he looked at all of the college students, and said, "You are our future. You will be our leaders, in politics, in the church. This is why I have hope. Our generation will pass, and your generation will take these roles." I know that I speak for all of us (in this generation) when I say, "Jim, we will do our best to turn your hope into committed action," to live with faith, and to establish peace and justice in our broken world.##imported-begin##Luke Hansen, SJ##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 05:07 PM



“ I want to extend my sympathy to Jim's family. Jim was my friend for many years. We went to school together and graduated together. I have fond memories that will be with me forever. Rest in peace, Buggy.##imported-begin##Kay Brittain##imported-end##

November 29, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ Ary I am so sorry for your loss. I was in the same class with Jim (Buggy). We saw him at our 30th year class reunion.I and my exhusband Russ came to your wedding. You and your family have my deepest sympathy. Love Cheryl Denney###imported-begin###Cheryl Denney###imported-end###

November 29, 2009 at 01:26 PM



“ Ary, I am so sorry for your loss.
Jim & I were in the same class in high school & enlisted in the Marine Corps together. We got separated when we were sent to Viet Nam. Jim some how found me in December 69 on hill 10. That was the best Christmas ever. Even though I haven't seen Jim (Buggy) in 10 years I still consider him one of my best friends. May he rest in peace, "Semper Fi Jim.###imported-begin###Vernon Wright###imported-end###

November 29, 2009 at 11:01 AM



“ Ary, so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin###Pamela Pettet###imported-end###

November 26, 2009 at 11:52 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Sorry for your loss,my Deepest Sympathies.###imported-begin###Roseann Verderosa###imported-end###

November 25, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ You have my deepest sympathy and know that you are in my prayers.
Sister Kathryn Kirk###imported-begin###Sr. Kathryn###imported-end##

November 25, 2009 at 08:26 AM



“ Ary,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am reminded that God has a home for us and a will for us. As James has mastered His will, he now gets to live with Him now and for eternity, where you get to join him again also for eternity when you have finally mastered His will as well. We all get to strive for that lot as we travel through life for His glory not our own.

You have never been left alone as the Father is with you and James is still with you even closer than before, just not as obviously.

In Christ,

John###imported-begin###John E. Brock###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 09:50 PM



“ Dear Ary,

Our prayers are with you Ary and your family at this time.. We will miss Jim very much, know he was loved by many. He is with our Lord Jesus Christ now.

Were here for you Ary if you ever need us.

love and prayers,

your brother Rich and my wife debbi###imported-begin###Debbi & Rich Renier###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 07:56 PM



“ *Ary and Family,
You are all in my prayers. May James' soul rest in God's peace, and
you find loving comfort in Our Lord Jesus.*

Matthew 11:25-30

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give
you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle
and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my
yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

John 14:27

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as
the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be
afraid.*

Peace and love to you,

Sherie Cooley##imported-begin##Sherie Cooley##imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ *Jamie and family- my thoughts and prayers are with you through
this difficult time. I'm here if you need me. I miss you.##imported-
begin##Beth Everett##imported-end##*

November 24, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ *Dear Ary:
I am so sorry to hear of the death of your husband, James. I know
how difficult this time must be for you. Rest assured that you and
your family are in my prayers.
Dick Grill##imported-begin##Dick Grill##imported-end##*

November 24, 2009 at 12:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim was a wonderful man. I am sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathies, Kate*###imported-begin###*Kate (Egan) Howard*###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 11:49 AM



“ *Ary, I will remember you and your family in my prayers during the coming season of Advent and Christmas. I will also offer prayers for the repose of Jim's soul during our 40 Hours Devotions starting Sunday.*###imported-begin###*Mary Burford*###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 09:35 AM



“ *Dear Ary, Jamie and Family:*

Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. You know we love you. May you be strengthened by the prayers of many.###imported-begin###*Pat Fointno & Family*###imported-end##

November 23, 2009 at 11:15 PM



“ *Ary,*
You may not remember me, but I was in some of your ELM workshops, and so appreciated your wisdom and strength. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Jim and your family at this time.###imported-begin###*Laurel DeStefano*###imported-end##

November 23, 2009 at 04:21 PM



“ *Uncle Jim was my favorite uncle. He will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Lisa Rennie Cooley##imported-end##*

November 22, 2009 at 08:41 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you Ary and your whole family. I am thinking of you and praying that you will make it through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cathy Phelps##imported-end##*

November 22, 2009 at 08:20 PM