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George Melvin Nelson, 94, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 13, 2018, while working in his yard clearing limbs from the recent Hurricane Michael that passed through Perry. A Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. with a brief service to be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. A private burial for the family will be held in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ft. Valley on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Melvin was born in Goodwater, Alabama, and moved to middle Georgia when he was in 11th grade. He graduated from Byron High School and immediately began working at Penn Dixie Cement Company. He attended Mercer University at night and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. He continued working as a Chemist at Penn Dixie, which later became Medusa Cement Company, and retired after 47 years of service. Melvin also owned and operated Nelson's Sharpening Service where he sharpened knives, blades, scissors, and tools for nearly 40 years out of his home. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Perry. Melvin was preceded in death by his brothers, Dan Nelson and Charles Nelson; his children, Shirley Horne, Diane Vantrease, Ronnie Collier, and Alan Nelson; and a grandson, Chris Nipper. Survivors include his loving wife of 61 years, Ruby Nelson of Perry; his children, Martha Scott, Gene Collier (Susan), Gail Moll (Howard), Kenny Collier (Connie), Beverly Wilson, and Craig Nelson; eighteen grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Nettie Faye Schollenberger Pace; his brother, Jarrett Nelson (Betty); and many nieces and nephews. Please sign the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Tribute Wall

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JL

Jude (Averett) Lynch posted:

Sending you my deepest condolences. I remember being very welcomed in your home. May your memories be a comfort and a blessing to you.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

CC

Cindy Collier posted:

Dear Nelson family and (Beverly)-I just learned about Mr. Melvin. I was so sorry to learn of his passing. May the comfort that comes from memories and the Lord hold you close during the next few weeks and months. Bennie and Cindy Collier

October 18 at 8:00 PM

BE

Bryan Everidge posted:

Sorry to here of the loss of your dad

October 17 at 8:00 PM

TW

Terry Walker posted:

Have known and respected Melvin for 45 years. Worked at the cement plant with him until he retired. He was an expert chemist and expert saw sharpener. None better. Have worked with Gene and Kenny and went to school with Diane. Good people. A good man gone way too soon.

October 16 at 8:00 PM

SL

Shelia (Todd) Laws posted:

I am sorry for your loss. Praying for all of his loved ones.

October 15 at 8:00 PM

LM

Lewis And Emma Mcgahee posted:

So sorry for your loss. Lewis and I thought a lot of Mr. Nelson. He will be missed by us. Tell your mom we will see her as soon as we get home.

October 15 at 8:00 PM



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DC

Don Chapman posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

October 15 at 8:00 PM

TH

The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

October 15 at 8:00 PM

SP

Sherry L Parramore posted:

I think I was probably the first grandchild to call him Grand-daddy. Back then, the first crop of us grandkids we were taught him to call him Uncle Melvin, but he was the only Grandfather I knew and at some point in my life I decided that it just felt right to call him Grand-daddy. He never told me not to, as a matter of fact he seemed to enjoy it, so.... I did! Life has a way of moving us onward and sometimes that means a-way, but I've never forgotten sitting in his lap as a child and reading the Saturday morning paper (though I couldn't actually read) or his excitement over showing me a new computer program or gadget in his saw-sharpening shop whenever I would visit after I grew up and got married. Then there were the warm hugs he always gave each time I came over. I loved him and he loved me. That was enough. My memories of him are sweet and I look forward to the day that we all see him along with the rest of our loved ones who have already passed. RIP Grand-daddy and if you have time while strolling through the golden streets of paradise please find Mama and tell her we said Hello and that we miss her too.

October 14 at 8:00 PM

SP

Sherry L Parramore posted:

~ Sherry L Parramore, Warner Robins, Georgia

October 14 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring MELVIN by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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