



Arlene Nelson

November 18, 1953 - December 21, 2017

PRINCETON – Arlene “Cookie” Nelson, 64, of Princeton, died Thursday, December 21, 2017. Born November 18, 1953 in Mercer County, she was the daughter of the late Fred Howerton and Cecile Cleavers Howerton.

Mrs. Nelson was a medical assistant and retired from Princeton Internists. She was a member of Fairview Christian Community Church in Princeton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Howerton.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, James Nelson of Princeton; two sons, Freddie Nelson and wife Jennifer of Colorado Springs, CO and Dwayne Nelson of Princeton; one step-son, Russell Nelson and wife Tammy of Hardy, VA; two grandchildren; Brooke Nelson of Bramwell and Zachary Nelson of Colorado Springs, CO; one sister, Maxine Rhinehart of Apoka, FL; three sisters-in-law, Janice Jenkins and husband Junior of Princeton, Ethel Stephens of Lynchburg, VA and Macie Stevens of Conway, SC; one brother-in-law, Robert Nelson of Princeton; and special friend and cousin, Elsie Croy of Princeton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 23, 2017 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Larry Dyer

officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 23, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Nelson*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to this wonderful family during this time, prayers for you all!*

Melody Blackwell - December 24, 2017 at 02:46 PM



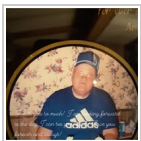
“ *Cookie was a dear aunt for I know she went through a lot she was very caring. even through her family forgot her sister France and Madelyn in the obituary. May she rest in pence and May God Bless.*

John M Gregory - December 23, 2017 at 09:40 AM



Wonder why they forgot to mention the two half sisters? Maybe it's because Francis and Madelyn didn't give a crap about Arlene just like her dead half brother Harold didn't care about anyone but himself.

peter leake - October 27, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *R.I.P. Arlene! I will miss you but you will be in my heart forever! So sorry for your loss James and family!*



Debbie Six - December 23, 2017 at 01:13 AM



“ *Richard Kietzman lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson*



Richard Kietzman - December 22, 2017 at 08:37 PM



James, I am sorry for the loss of Arlene. She was the sweetest.

Richard Kietzman - December 22, 2017 at 08:39 PM

BJ

“ *remember lots of laughter and fun times at HILLS may her family know they are in our prayers DIXIE and Brenda*



brenda jackson - December 22, 2017 at 06:48 PM

WS

“ *I'm so sorry to her of Arlene's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Wilma Smith

Wilma Smith - December 22, 2017 at 12:21 PM

JL

“ *John O. Lowe lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson*



John O. Lowe - December 22, 2017 at 11:39 AM

JL

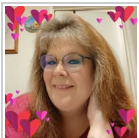
“ *To: James and family;
My deepest condolences at this time for your loss. Arlene was a wonderful person and knew her as I had known you. If there is any thing I can do then let me know. May God grant you the peace and serenity during this moment and be with you always.*

John O. Lowe - December 22, 2017 at 11:38 AM

KC

“ *I worked with Arlene many years ago. She was always sweet to me. My prayers are with the family during this sad loss. May God comfort your hurting hearts.*

Karen Culver-Basham - December 22, 2017 at 07:18 AM



“ *Terri Carr lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson*



Terri Carr - December 22, 2017 at 12:04 AM



“ *I am so saddened that you are no longer with us. You and James are the sweetest, most loving people I had the pleasure of knowing. You were one of the very first people to come visit Olivia when she was born and she loves the baby doll you and James gave to her. I love you like family and you will be missed dearly. I love you. Rest easy now*



Terri Carr - December 22, 2017 at 12:04 AM



“ *Bobbie & Larry Tabor lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson*



Bobbie & Larry Tabor - December 21, 2017 at 11:11 PM

“ To my Mom, I sit here some 1500 miles away in Colorado Springs and it hurts me so bad that I can not be there. I have cried so many tears today because I will never get to say goodbye to you as a son should be able to.



Deep down you knew why I had to leave, as I would never be given an opportunity to live a full life there in Princeton, so I left to better the lives of my wife and son as well as myself. When I got the call this morning from my brother that you had passed away I immediately became numb. I know that you and I had our differences, we burned our bridges and rebuilt them but one thing never changed and that was you were my mother and I do love you.

I know that you have suffered with pain and discomfort for a long time but today our Living God took that from you. You no longer have to carry that burden with you. You rejoice in the Heavens with Angels that sing and dance and praise the name of the Most High God! Today you are an Angel. You earned those wings and you surely deserve them. No one here on this earth can say you never worked hard, because you did more than your share. I had seen you leave one fulltime job to go work another part time job because you had to. You were strong until the end, you were faithful until the end and I know that the legacy that you leave behind today won't be written about in blogs or posts but your legacy will live on.

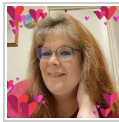
I wish that things had been different between us, I wish that we spent more time talking than yelling, more time loving than criticizing, more time laughing than we did at spewing negative words but then again life is not fancy, life is not easy and life is not a basket of red roses. Life is real, pain is real and at the end of the day all we have is Grace given to us by the Lord and creator of the Heavens and the earth.

Arlene Nelson was my mom, to my brother she was his best friend and to my dad she was his soul mate. She was not perfect. She was not invincible as we see by the events of today. But today she

joins a cast of many to include my grandparents, but this cast is now lining the streets of Heaven where there is rejoicing going on. There is no more pain, no more shame, and no more sickness. SHE IS IN HEAVEN!!! SHE IS AN ANGEL and one day I will see her again. One day, I will get to hug her again, and until that day I will keep pressing forward as I know that is what she would want me to do.

I Love you Arlene Nelson, may you rest in peace!

Freddie Nelson - December 21, 2017 at 10:50 PM



Your mom was a very beautiful soul and was loved by many. I'm so sorry she is gone but, I'm so glad she is no longer suffering. I loved her dearly.

Terri Carr - December 22, 2017 at 12:07 AM

BJ

she was an awesome person she loved her family with all her heart and included friends in that circle she is out of the pain she lived in bless JAMES and you boys

brenda jackson - December 22, 2017 at 06:51 PM

SP

“ *Sue Poff. lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson*



Sue Poff. - December 21, 2017 at 08:52 PM

DL

“ Dorothy Lawrence sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlene Nelson



Dorothy Lawrence - December 21, 2017 at 08:51 PM

KL

“ King Long lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson



King Long - December 21, 2017 at 06:32 PM

MD

“ Missy Dobbins lit a candle in memory of Arlene Nelson



Missy Dobbins - December 21, 2017 at 06:31 PM

MD

“ James I am so sorry for your loss...Arlene was a wonderful person and dear friend...May she rest in peace. Please if you need anything I am here for you Love Missy Dobbins

Missy Dobbins - December 21, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ *Pete@ Peggy.Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlene Nelson*



Pete@ Peggy.Matthews - December 21, 2017 at 05:15 PM