



## James G. Nelson

October 28, 1942 - May 24, 2021

PRINCETON – James G. Nelson, 77, of Princeton, died Monday, May 24, 2021. Born October 28, 1942 in Oakvale, he was the son of the late Harry Gilbert Nelson and Edna Mae Walls Nelson.

Mr. Nelson retired from Bluefield State College after 22 years of service. He was also a former employee of Wal-Mart in Princeton and Myra's Flower Shop. He attended Fairview Christian Community Church in Princeton and enjoyed playing pool and mowing grass.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Arlene Howerton Nelson; brothers, Ray Nelson, Ricky Nelson and Robert Nelson; and sister, Phyllis Ratliff.

Survivors include sons, Russell Nelson and wife Tammy of Hardy, VA, Freddie Nelson and wife Jennifer of Colorado Springs, CO and Dwayne Nelson and wife Eva of Princeton; sisters, Janice Jenkins and husband Arlion of Princeton, Macie Stevens of Conway, SC and Ethel Stephens of Lynchburg, VA; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Larry Dyer officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 27, 2021 from noon until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Nelson, or share condolences with the family, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

Please check back after 1:00 p.m. on Thursday to view a video memorial tribute to Mr. Nelson.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (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

**MAY 27.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James G. Nelson



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - May 27, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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*He l'm is missed by the Princeton community hospital volunteers, always put a smile on my face*

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**Tammie Marrs Harless** - May 28, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ James G. Nelson

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December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

SJ

“ *Mr. Nelson always wore a warm smile whenever he came into our office at Bluefield State. He was more than a colleague who ensured our room was always presentable and clean; he was a friend, one whom we always welcomed, one who always had caring and sincere concern regarding our well-being. He always marveled at what we did and was most supportive of our activities that helped to empower and enlighten students and the numerous professionals from various countries whom we hosted over the years. When he retired and went to work at the Walmart in Princeton, we were pleased to see him with his cheerful disposition greeting customers as if he had known them all his life. Truly, he relished life and truly he cherished people, always making them feel special. Mr. Nelson was a radiant, humble man who never made anyone he met feel as if he was important. Instead, he made everyone he met feel they were the most important folks he had met. He is one worth emulating and in so doing, those who knew him will keep him forever in their memories. With much affection, Carolyn and Sudhakar (Jammy) Jamkhandi*

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**Sudhakar R Jamkhandi** - May 26, 2021 at 09:43 AM

CC

*James was a wonderful man who always had a smile for everyone. I have known him. Our parents were best friends. Rest easy James. Tell everyone hello for me.*

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**Cynthia Crotty** - May 26, 2021 at 09:37 PM

JP

“ *Jennifer Pickard-Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Nelson*



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**Jennifer Pickard-Nelson** - May 26, 2021 at 12:58 AM

JP

*My prayers are to the whole family. May God be with each of you in this time of grief!*

*We really wanted to see you soon, James, but unfortunately, it did not work out that way (really saddened us). You will be missed by us a lot, James! We love you, and thank you for always making sure to say that you loved us!*

*I look forward to seeing you again one day in heaven. I am excited that you will finally get to meet the majority of my family now. Praise God that you are not in pain any longer because I know that you were in so much pain, physically and in grieving for the loss of your sweet brother, Robert, who will be miss dearly too.*

*Today, I could not stop thinking of you holding Zach in the pool, the time when we went to Myrtle Beach with you guys years ago.*

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**Jennifer Pickard-Nelson** - May 26, 2021 at 01:27 AM

CA

“ *I am so sorry for the families loss of James... My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. There was never a time that when I would see him that he always had a smile on his face and a kind word. He will definitely be missed.*



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**Carolyn Adcock** - May 26, 2021 at 12:01 AM

RK

“ *Richard Kietzman lit a candle in memory of James G. Nelson*



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**Richard Kietzman** - May 25, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JJ

“ Brother James I am so lost with out you and brother Robert I don't know how I can go on you both were the best brothers a sister could ask for I love you both Your sister Bunten



janice jenkins - May 25, 2021 at 07:53 PM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss Janice, prayers for you and your family



Trish Walker - May 25, 2021 at 07:47 PM

RS

“ We are sorry for your loss. Love and prayers. Ramona & John.



Ramona Shumaker - May 25, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know you will miss him. I always loved to see him whether he was delivering flowers or attending church here at Fairview. He always had a beautiful smile and was just a sweet man. May he rest in peace now with his wife where he will not be in pain anymore. God bless.



Norma Mckinney - May 25, 2021 at 09:43 AM

ST

“ James was my buddy. We talked pigeon  
forge, college basketball, and wrestling. Miss  
you my friend



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**Stephen** - May 24, 2021 at 08:36 PM

AJ

“ I am so sorry for the lost! I loved seeing his face at Walmart greeting  
each person with a smile! I shared a room in the hospital with his  
wife several years ago they were so sweet you could tell they loved  
each other! The last time I seen him he would just talk about her  
and how he missed her so much! Will miss seeing him but I know  
where he is! Until we meet again! My prayers to all the family for  
comfort and peace during the days ahead!

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**Alice Jones** - May 24, 2021 at 07:36 PM

FN

“ My dear dad has passed away today and I was not able to be there to give him one last hug. I know he missed Mom more and more each day and when I would speak to him he would tell me how badly he felt and how broken his body felt. He put a lot of miles on that old body, worked harder than anyone that I have ever known. Even though we had our ups and downs and were not as close as I would have liked he was till my dad and today I grieve as I have many regrets that are now just coming to mind. The could have's and the should have's but today I know that he is in paradise with Jesus reunited with mom, grandma and grandpa Nelson, his best friend and brother Robert and my dear Maw Maw Howerton. I have sat here today and listened to every one of his voicemails that he ever left for me since I moved out of WV to escape bad memories and each voicemail had one thing in common he started each voicemail with saying "Freddie, it's your dad" He reminded me each time who he was to me and he ended each call with "I love you or Ya'll" He never forgot a Christmas or a birthday even though I am 1500 miles away. I just wish I had not had to move so that I could have been there as his earthly life came to an end but life and circumstances just did not make that possible. My brother reminded me this morning that Dad truly did love me and he left this cold cruel world loving me and I know that one day I will see him again. I love you dad, always did even though it felt at times I didn't. You knew why I had to leave and you never held that against me. I know that the gates of Heaven opened up to receive you today. Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust, no more pain and today you have a brand new spiritual body until the Lord comes back to raise that old broken body to rejoin with your spirit. Keep watch over us and do me a favor and whisper to me from time to time to let me know you are there. I LOVE YOU DAD!

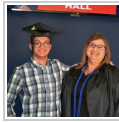
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Fred Nelson - May 24, 2021 at 06:59 PM

DN

“ Rest in peace pops! I was so lucky to have you as my dad. You did so much for me and taught me lessons in life that I still use today. You were the best dad and my best friend. You left this world with the love of lots of people. I will forever miss you! Until we meet again on the other side, fly high! I love you pops!

Dwayne Nelson - May 24, 2021 at 06:39 PM



I'm so sorry to read of this loss, your Dad was such a sweetheart; he will be missed. Praying for you during this time!

Melody Hill Blackwell - May 24, 2021 at 06:58 PM

BG

Such a sweet fella. Your Mom was a sweetheart too. I'll miss seeing his sweet smiling face.

Becky Gusler - May 24, 2021 at 07:09 PM

KC

I loved James and Arlene and I am sad to hear he's gone but hes reunited with her now and very happy in heaven. God bless and keep the family.

Kimberly Cole - May 24, 2021 at 08:26 PM

CP

James was a Great person and a comedian just like his brother Robert. I first met James at Fountain park skating rink and was always envious of how good he could skate. I know he was a hard worker and never missed a time if he seen me to come and talk. He comes from a great family so sorry for your loss.

Charlie Pentasuglia - May 24, 2021 at 10:09 PM

JL

“ R.I.P\_. Jim! Gone but never forgotten. A person whom I had enjoyed the 4 years at BSC and also knew his wife as well...fine individuals. Rest in peace!



John O. Lowe - May 24, 2021 at 06:05 PM

PM

“ Pete And Peggy Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Nelson



Pete and Peggy Matthews - May 24, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of James G. Nelson



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