



Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr.

April 13, 2025

Nelson Lance Hutchins, Jr., passed away on April 13, 2025, in Chesapeake, Virginia, at the age of 97. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, he was the son of Nelson Lance Hutchins, Sr., and Elizabeth Craft.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, William "Billy" Hutchins, his sister, Loretta McAlpine, and his first wife, Joan Hutchins, of 39 years.

Nelson was a loving and devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather.

Nelson is survived by his wife, Peggy Hutchins of 33 years, his children Nelson L Hutchins III (Connie), Dr. Gregory Hutchins (Lauren), Denise Hutchins, Kathy Tarr (David), Kim Buchanan, Cheryl Wallace (Kevin), Donna Johnson (Don), Carl Buchanan (Marie), 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Nelson earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and went on to have a distinguished career as an Electrical Engineer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where he eventually retired. He also served honorably in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Korean War.

A man of many talents, Nelson was not only a skilled engineer but also a master brick mason and a true jack-of-all-trades. He was known for his patience, kindness, and ability to teach others with care and clarity. His love for the outdoors was evident in his passion for hunting, fishing, crabbing, boating, and camping—activities that brought him great joy, sharing with his family and friends throughout his life.

Nelson's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched with his wisdom, warmth, and gentle kindness. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved him.

The Funeral Service will be held at 2 PM on Monday, April 21, 2025, at Loving Funeral Home, followed by burial at Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. His family will receive friends an hour before the service.

Previous Events

Burial

APR 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Graveside - Olive Branch Cemetery
Clifford St. & City Park Ave.2 CPL James Williams Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Visitation

APR 21. 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Funeral Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ *Such a great and loving man in his quiet way. A blessing to all. Andy & Marian Grady*

Grady - April 21, 2025 at 09:24 AM

GW

“ *Guy & Maria Wallace purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..*



Guy & Maria Wallace - April 20, 2025 at 11:53 AM

LK

“ *Love you Pops, Kimberly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..*

Love you Pops, Kimberly - April 19, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LK

“ *Love you Pops, Kimberly purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..*



Love you Pops, Kimberly - April 19, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LS

“ Love, Jimmy, Christine and Susan purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..



Love, Jimmy, Christine and Susan - April 18, 2025 at 10:18 PM

TF

“ The McAlpine Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..

The McAlpine Family - April 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM

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“ The McAlpine Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..



The McAlpine Family - April 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nelson Lance Hutchins Jr..



April 17, 2025 at 04:01 PM