



William R. Nelson

December 20, 2018

William R. Nelson, 64, passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2018 in Maryview Hospital. Bill was born in Norfolk, VA. His parents are Jim McGee and the late Irene McGee. Bill was a retired carpenter with Virginia International Terminals where he worked for 40 years. Bill was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His joy came from being with his family and friends.

Bill was predeceased by his mother, and his sister Carol.

Bill is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lisa Nelson; his two sons Bobby Nelson, Cory Nelson and wife Haley; grandsons Turner and Parker; two sisters Cindy Becker and Rena Carlan as well as his loyal dog Maddux.

A graveside funeral will be held on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 3 pm at Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery by Reverend Dan Koger. The family will receive friends from 6-7 pm on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Loving Funeral Home at 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, VA.

Cemetery Details

Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery

3031 Churchland Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery
3031 Churchland Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Lisa and family, Bill will be missed by all who knew him. It seems like only yesterday when Bill and general maintenance were in warehouse 4D. His skills with wood, were second to none, and you never wanted to play opposite him, on the pool table. I will never forget how he made this wonderful wooden cross for a deceased soul. What a good friend Bill was. May God bless you, and your family in this time of loss.



Paul Davis - December 26, 2018 at 01:27 AM

MF

“ Lisa, we were so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Will always remember those days at Alliance Christian. We will be keeping you and your family in our hearts and prayers.

Mark and Dianne Ewing and Family - December 22, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ Condolences Snacker was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.



December 22, 2018 at 10:09 PM

SD

“ Lisa, so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Sharon Eggleston Day

Sharon Eggleston Day - December 22, 2018 at 02:55 PM

SM

“ Lisa, Scott and I are so very, very sorry for your loss. (We are out of town or we would be there in person...)

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this unbearable time and my heart just breaks for you.....please don't hesitate if there is absolutely anything we can do to help you.....in any way.... 🙏🥲💔

Suzanne and Scott Myers - December 22, 2018 at 02:06 PM

RS

“ Sandy & I are so saddened to hear about Bill's passing, Bill was such a good friend, father, husband and Grandfather! My favorite memory of Bill was when my wife and I were at Busch Gardens with our son Bobby about a hundred or more yards away from the kids area when we heard, Cory, get your little butt down here, i turned to my wife and said do you want to meet the Nelson's? She said did you just see them, I said nope I just heard Bill and sure enough we walked over and there they were. You could never miss Bill's booming voice! He has been referred to as a gentle giant and that was so True! Another thing that was so very true was his love for Lisa, his children and his grand children! You will be missed my friend, rest in piece. Lisa, we are so sorry we don't be able to make it as we are out of town but please know that you and the rest of Bill's family is on our deepest thoughts and prayers! Love, Bob & Sandy Siverd

Robert Siverd - December 22, 2018 at 11:41 AM

RK

“ Bill Nelson. When I think of him two words come to mind “know how”. He came to the waterfront at a young age. I interviewed him for his job in my office in warehouse 4C at NIT long ago. He was eager to please and seemed to have skills developed well beyond his years. I instantly took a liking to him. He set about to prove his ability over 40 years at the Port. Bill knew how to build anything you could imagine and did so with a pleasant smile and a willingness to please everyone. Now that I think of him he was just like his Dad who also worked for the company as well. The Nelson/McGee family contributed significantly to who we were and how we interacted with fellow workers and customers. Lisa and Bill were fully involved in Cory’s baseball career and I remember seeing them all together at a game between Shenandoah and Christopher Newport. Bill the quiet big gentle man, Lisa the consummate cheerleader and Cory the big man home hitter. All together enjoying America’s pastime. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and co-workers.

Rick Knapp - December 22, 2018 at 11:12 AM

GP

“ Lisa and family, I am saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I have a lot of great memories of working at NIT. Praying for comfort strength and peace during this difficult time.

Gail Black aka Miss Pink - December 22, 2018 at 11:02 AM

BM

“ I am sorry about Bill's passing. Lisa, he is in God's arms watching over you. It was always a joy working with Bill. I will keep you and your family in my prayers,

Bill Miller - December 22, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 22, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 22, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Lisa, he is in God's arms continuing to watch over you. It was always a you working with him. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Bill Miller and family*

Bill Miller - December 22, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 22, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 11:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ *What I knew bill for 35 years he got me into the water front i met him I was still in the navy*

john blamble - December 21, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ I am stunned and saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Please accept my prayers, thoughts, and love, Lisa, and the rest of Bill's family. Bill is in God's loving arms, and I am not concerned about him. It is you, Lisa, that i want to send my strength to.

A story about Bill... I never worked directly with Bill at VIT; He was in facilities and I was in cranes. But later on I had the honor of being Bill's boss. I could always count on several things from Bill: he would always always tell me the truth even when the truth was not easy; he would always give 100% performing his work; he would always find something good to say to everybody, including me, in his wanderings around the terminal, taking care of us all. Bill had that ability to remind me to "Have a great day, boss!", and every time I was pretty sure he was actually telling me "Do the right thing. Make the right decision. Be good to your people, because they are what makes this all work." Now... how exactly was he able to say all that to me by asking me to have a great day???

I have read others in these postings describe Bill as a gentle giant. Yep. Bill could have been intimidating... but he preferred to be inviting.

I will miss sharing this world with you, buddy. Please save a place for me in Heaven. I look forward to laughing with you again.

Tony Simkus - December 21, 2018 at 09:14 PM

MM

I am deeply saddened to hear of Bill passing away. He was an incredible man. My thoughts and prayers go out to Lisa and the rest of his family.

Mike Mallard - December 22, 2018 at 06:35 AM

EM

“ *Bill and Lisa were some of the best player parents David and I had. They were always behind the scenes doing things that no one notice. They were mentors to other parents. We will always be grateful for their support. Bill was the softest big man I have ever met.*
Love, Eddie

Eddie Mitchell - December 21, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM

LS

“ *Lisa and Cory,*
So very sad to hear of Bill's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May your memories sustain you through this difficult time.
From your SU baseball family,
Laurie & Jeff Stefanowicz

Laurie Stefanowicz - December 21, 2018 at 06:20 PM

CP

“ *Cindy P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William R. Nelson.*



Cindy P. - December 21, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William R. Nelson.*



December 21, 2018 at 03:36 PM

PF

“ Prayers & Love from your Port of Virginia Family purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of William R. Nelson.



Prayers & Love from your Port of Virginia Family - December 21, 2018 at 03:35 PM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Lisa and Cory.

Debby Copley - December 21, 2018 at 03:30 PM

CC

“ My heart goes out to you Lisa and your family. I always remember Bill's calm approach to work no matter how many times he was sent to remove walls or put walls back during in the same office due to the many renovations done in the warehouse offices at NIT. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Carolyn Crowder - December 21, 2018 at 02:35 PM

DT

“ I have no words Lisa except that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I always loved to see Bill come into the office because I knew we would share a laugh or a few snide remarks. ❤️

Deb Tolbert

Deb Tolbert - December 21, 2018 at 02:27 PM

VI

“ I will miss him joking me saying, “Youse a trip.” Rest in heavenly peace Bill. Lisa May you find comfort in the many precious memories you shared with your loving husband.

Vivian

Vivian - December 21, 2018 at 02:11 PM

?B

Lisa, I am so sorry to hear about Bill. Prayers for you and your fsmily

?? Bekch - December 21, 2018 at 08:16 PM

MR

Our deepest condolences to you and your family, Lisa. - Mike & Nicole Reynolds

Mike & Nicole Reynolds - December 21, 2018 at 11:20 PM

MM

I am sad to know of the passing of Bill. My prayers are lifted up for you and your family for peace and comfort. Always remember the loving good times you shared with Bill.

Millard Meiggs

Millard Meiggs - December 22, 2018 at 07:25 AM

MP

Lisa it was so sad to hear of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family and we will always keep Bill in our hearts and memories.

Melvin and Mary Price-Moore

Mary Price - December 22, 2018 at 03:36 PM

DS

Lisa, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for your loss.

Donna Schwartz

DONNA ELAINE SCHWARTZ - December 23, 2018 at 08:23 AM

BA

Lisa,so sorry for your loss.Bill was a good man. Bill Arison

bill arison - December 24, 2018 at 07:48 AM

MM

*Lisa and Family,
Working with Bill for some time I understood him to be a good man who spoke plainly and who quietly shared his values of love of family, friends, and hard work.*

John and I are so sorry for your loss, and want you to know we are thinking of you and your family, at this difficult time. God Bless You And Family Always.- John and Mary Ann Miller

Mary Ann Miller - December 26, 2018 at 12:47 PM