



John L. Nelms

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John L. Nelms departed this life and entered peacefully into eternal life on Monday, September 13, 2021 at his home in Decatur, IL.

John was born on September 8, 1962 to the late John (JW) Wesley Nelms and Rosie Lee (Thompson) Nelms in Crawfordsville, Arkansas. He confessed his faith in Christ at an early age. Johnny graduated from Lakeview High School in Decatur, IL. Johnny enlisted in the US Air Force on February 11, 1982 and received an Honorable discharge. He had a love for electronics, gaming, drones and cameras. Johnny was a former employee of the Decatur Animal Control.

He was preceded in death by his parents' JW and Rosie Nelms, his brother' Frankie Nelms, grandparents' TJ Thompson Sr and Willie B. Thompson and Wesley Nelms and Katherine Stewart, step grandmother' Birda Thompson, grandson' Raphael Nelms, uncles' Frank Thompson, Henry J. Thompson, Robert Thompson, James A. Nelms Sr, Moses G. Thompson, James Williams, John W. Thompson, Charles Thompson, James M. Williams and Chris Thompson, aunts' Ethel Conley, Sarah Thomas, Irene Wright, Alma Warren and Beatrice Floyd.

He leaves behind to celebrates his life: a son' Julian Nelms, a daughter' Macy Nelms, grandsons' Russell Nelms and Ezra Harper, brothers' Wesley (Vicki) Pryor, Herman Nelms and Soloman Pryor, sister' Shirley Nelms, uncles' Herman Thompson, TJ (Joyce) Thompson Jr, Edward Nelms Sr, Roosevelt (Elizabeth) Thompson, Harvey (Dorothy) Thompson, Johnny (Juanita) Hunt, Eddie (Vickie) Thompson, Iris L. (Sharrell) Thompson Sr, John H. (Latonya) Thompson and Carl Stokes, aunts' Stella Thompson, Hattie Rudd, Nancy Thompson, Charleen Hale and Patricia Nelms Johnson, longtime friends' Michael Morris, Oliver Knotts and Bob Hadley and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished family members and friends.

Homegoing services to celebrate John's life will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, Decatur, IL. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, Decatur, IL.



Obituary

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Please share memories and condolences at www.gracelandfairlawn.com






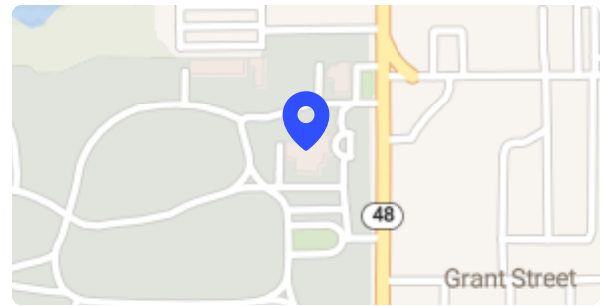
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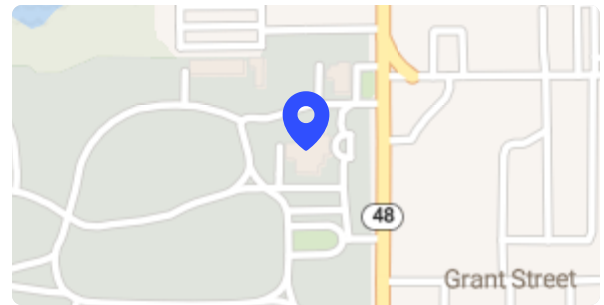
Visitation

-  **Friday**, September 24, 2021
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
-  **Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur IL 62526



Homegoing Service

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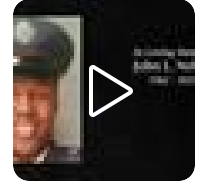
Tribute Wall

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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



September 23 at 6:00 AM



Tony Brummett posted:

My God be with the family during this time of your loss.

September 25 at 11:58 AM



John Hilligoss posted:

John was a wonderful person and a good friend. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family who I have gotten to know in the last couple weeks. So sorry for the loss.

September 25 at 6:17 AM



Rose lit a candle in honor of John.

I am sorry for the loss of your love one! Johnny was a nice and kind fellas. He was my neighbor for many years. He will really be missed. I know he loved eating his steak and eggs for breakfast. Heaven gained an Angel ❤️❤️



September 24 at 4:56 PM



Shirley Nelms September 30 at 6:08 PM

Hello Ms Rose, he did love steak. Thank you



Classie Hardin posted:

Heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family. Johnny was like family. We had grown close in these past years. He will be missed. His memory lives on in the hearts of those who love him. Classie

September 23 at 3:55 PM



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CH

Charleen S Hale lit a candle in honor of John.

All of us is in the family of Christ. Even though, I didn't know John (Johnny) personally; we are connected through our families and Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So family please don't weep too long, Johnny probably wouldn't have wanted that. Embrace each other with the fun memories of his life; uplift all family and friends and most thank God for allowing us to be a part of Johnny's life. Rest in peace, nephew. Lovingly your family member, Charleen W. Hale.



September 23 at 3:00 PM

JH

Jeanette Henderson posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss it has been many years since I have seen any of you guys praying for the family

September 23 at 2:45 PM

SN

Shirley Nelms lit a candle in honor of John.

Big John it is not good bye. We will meet again. R.I.P.

September 23 at 12:06 PM



Sharrell Thompson posted:

Lord welcome your child home

September 23 at 11:28 AM

PJ

Patricia Nelms-Johnson posted:

First I want to give thanks to God for blessing us with you and to remain with us for 59 years. Thank God for your service for our country. I have the most memories as children together as we played together when you all would come down south. Although I was your aunt but only eight months older. I remember your more subtle smile and Frankie's infectious laughter. I'm sorry you both had to leave us so soon with our memories.

September 23 at 11:22 AM



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MK

Marsha Kopps lit a candle in honor of John.

I will always cherish the memories we made together.

September 22 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Nelms family.

September 22 at 8:51 AM



AG

Angela Green lit a candle in honor of John.

September 21 at 8:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nelms family.

September 21 at 8:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Rainbow Reflections Basket to the Nelms family.

September 20 at 6:54 PM



LH

Linda Harper lit a candle in honor of John.

Sorry for the loss of an old neighbor praying for the family

September 20 at 8:52 AM





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BJ

Beonka & William Jones lit a candle in honor of John.

Rest in Heaven cousin, you will be missed!

September 19 at 8:54 PM



LE

Leonard & Beverly Estell posted:

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Nelms Family, Johnny was a nice young man!

September 19 at 3:24 AM

JS

Jewell Stone sent a virtual gift in honor of John.

We are so sorry, you have our deepest sympathy. We are praying you are gone, but Never Never Forgotten.

September 18 at 12:30 PM





Media

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September 23 at 6:00 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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