



Odell Grier Nelson Jr.

April 15, 1926 - June 19, 2014

Odell Grier Nelson, Jr. was met by Jesus his Savior and reunited with his precious wife Alice and daughter Delores on June 19, 2014. Odell was the oldest son of the late Odell Grier Nelson, Sr. and Verdie Stanfield Nelson. He is survived by sons, Paul W. Nelson, George H. Nelson and wife Mary, as well as daughter Deborah N. Brown, husband Larkey, son-in-law Jim Chandler and wife Lois. Also surviving Odell is his sister, Ruth Nowlan and brother James P. Nelson and wife Iris, sisters-in-law Loretta Groves and Shirley Bennett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Alice Bennett Nelson, daughter Delores N. Chandler, daughter-in-law Annette Byrd Nelson, brothers-in-law Frank Groves, Ray Nowlan and George Bennett.

Odell enjoyed his role as grandfather and “D-Daddy” to his grand-children Jennifer Wagner (Kevin), Geoff Grayson, Joshua Nelson (Erin), Daniel Nelson (Kristina), Karlyn Honeycutt (Derreck), Laura Brown, Larkey L. Brown, Christina Nelson, Isaac Nelson, and George Nelson, II. He was so proud of his great-grandchildren Reid, Erin, Branson, Camden, Tyler, Natalie and Grady.

As a young man Odell developed a love for flying that only grew throughout his life. He attended Tech High in Charlotte after which he joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17. He served honorably at the end of WWII and then joined the U.S. Army where he also served honorably in the 378th Combat Engineer Battalion during the Korean Conflict. Following his service in the armed forces, he returned to driving a city bus for Duke Power. His work

career involved working for E.J Smith and Sons in several different companies and capacities for almost 45 years. In 1957, Odell became a fourth generation Mason and received his 50 year pin several years ago.

A great joy of Odell's was working a large garden with the purpose of growing fruit and vegetables to give away. Family, friends and neighbors were the grateful recipients of his labor.

Services to celebrate Odell's full and long life will be held Monday, June 23rd with visitation from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Blair Road United Methodist Church located on Blair Road in Mint Hill, NC. Funeral service is at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary, with interment following at Sunset Memory Gardens. The family requests that any memorials be directed to Hospice of Stanly County or Blair Road United Methodist Church. The family is being served by Lowe-Neddo Funeral home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105.

Rest in peace sweet Odell until we meet again. We love you.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Blair Road United Methodist Church
9135 Blair Road
Mint Hill, NC 28227
<http://www.blairrdumc.org>

Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Odell Grier Nelson Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Odell Grier Nelson Jr.*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *We could always count on Odell and Alice to attend our family reunions in Georgia, and those are the times that we reflect on today. We remember the laughter and just chatting with each other and sharing stories about our children. How we loved them both and will miss them. Sorry we are unable to attend the services but are keeping all the family in our thoughts and prayers. Jimmy and Jennette Bennett, Gillsville, GA*

Jim Bennett - June 23, 2014 at 07:56 AM



“ *So sad to have lost the second of our wonderful neighbors, first Miss Alice and now Odell. Spend many hours sitting on the carport, shelling beans and chatting. The last we visited him, we went for a ride on the golf cart to a outdoor concert then for dinner. Our prayers are with the family. God Bless!
Emma and Tom*

Emma - June 21, 2014 at 07:23 AM

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Odell was more like my brother than brother-in-law (for over 60 years). We spent many phone calls crying over the loss of our mates! After George and Garry passed in 2013 he was a great comfort to me and kept in touch often. Jan (my daughter-in-law) and I would stay with him when we came up from Florida and he always made us feel so welcome! Loretta would come down and we would razz him about having 3 women staying with him. We all enjoyed every minute we were together! We loved him so much as we did Alice. He will be truly missed. But thank God he took him before he endured too much suffering and he is with his beloved Alice and all of our loved ones who have gone before us Rest in Peace Dear Brother! Shirley Bennett.

Shirley Bennett - June 29, 2014 at 01:35 PM