



Terry Calvin Nelson

March 5, 1952 - December 11, 2013

Terry Calvin Nelson, 61, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at T. Boone Pickens Cancer hospital in Dallas, Texas.

He was born in Corsicana, Texas, March 5, 1952 to James C. and Louise Mitchell Nelson.

Terry graduated from Corsicana High School in 1970. He was the President of the CHS Band and played the trumpet. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Design. He then moved to Houston to work for Brown & Root as a plumbing systems designer.

He married Sara Childs of Fairfield June 26, 1976. They moved to Corsicana in 1977 where he took over Nelson Plumbing. Later he went to work for Navarro College as Assistant Director of Maintenance where he remained until his death. He loved his college “family” dearly.

Growing up, Terry was an avid water skier and later enjoyed riding motorcycles. He became a member of the Iron Butt Association after riding 1,025 miles through 3 states in 24 hours. He also enjoyed blues music and was a constant reader.

Terry loved kids and sports, especially softball and soccer. He coached both of his daughters’ summer softball teams and was thrilled to watch his son on the

soccer field.

Terry was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and let the Lord's light shine through him as he touched others' lives.

He is survived by his wife, Sara and their 3 children, Brandon Nelson of College Station, Brooke Nelson of Richardson and Blaire Nelson of Denton; his brother, Jim Nelson and wife Linda of Flower Mound, brother-in-law Tilden R. Childs, Jr. and wife Cathy of Fairfield and nieces Laurie Rebenstein and husband Mike of Liberty, Missouri and Jamie Nelson and husband Chris Sanchez of New Boston, one aunt Pearl Garza and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James C. Nelson and Louise Mitchell Nelson.

Terry was a loving husband and father and will forever be missed by his family and many friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 13th from 5 to 7 pm at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home, funeral service will be Saturday, December 14 at 10 am at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home and burial will follow at 2 pm at the Fairfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations and memorials may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, North Texas Chapter, Baylor University Medical Center, 3410 Worth St., Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75246.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

500 East Reunion
Fairfield, TX 75840

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1530 N. 45th Street
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Graveside Funeral Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairfield Cemetery
500 East Reunion
Fairfield, TX 75840

Tribute Wall



“ Terry Calvin Nelson

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Linda & Kenneth Napps lit a candle in memory of Terry Calvin Nelson



Linda & Kenneth Napps - January 26, 2014 at 07:56 PM



“ Terry was so good to his neighbors, our son and his wife. We appreciated his friendship to them. He often shared his knowledge and expertise, as well as friendly conversation. His acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. Our sympathy goes to all his family.
Tom and Marilyn Parker

Marilyn Parker - December 15, 2013 at 09:12 PM



“ Sending our condolences from the I-45 store Bakery.

collin street bakery - December 14, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ Terry Nelson, good friend always! Always a good friend! From days of yore when playing in the C.H.S. band for Hub Hill, til now with his passing, it was always good to run into him and share a moment. He will surely be missed, but not forgotten! God Bless!

Michael Wendt - December 13, 2013 at 07:17 PM

TB

“ *Brandon, Brooke, and Blaire: I've been blessed in knowing your Dad for nearly 50 years. The three of you shine with his sweet spirit. When each of you were in my class at Collins Middle School he was always there supporting you. Blaire, when you were little, whenever I saw Terry you were right there with him. You were his little helper, his shadow.*

My love wraps around the three of you. When the sadness tries to overcome you, remember that. People that love you are always close by or just a phone call away.

*I love you Brandon, Brooke, and Blaire,
Teresa Blackmon*

Teresa Blackmon - December 13, 2013 at 06:03 PM

RO

“ *Oh dear Terry, I will miss your smile and cheerful attitude. You had such a sweet and kind soul. You will be missed by me and all the Navarro College family. I will miss our conversations. Thank you for all you have done for me.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sara and family, he loved you so. He was so proud of all of you. He was truly a happy man and felt fortunate for his great family. I will miss the stories he told about you all. May God's grace be with you.

Rita Marie O'Brien - December 13, 2013 at 05:33 PM

CM

“ Terry was part of our wedding party. He dated my sister a few times and was invited to my first dinner party as a new wife. Kay and I worked very hard to make dinner, but everything turned out horrible. He was such a good sport. I'm sorry we didn't stay close, but he will always be a friend in our heart. Prayers go out to the family. God Bless you. Cathy (Lane) and Dickey Miller.

Cathy Miller - December 13, 2013 at 03:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Calvin Nelson.



December 13, 2013 at 12:54 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Terry Calvin Nelson.



December 13, 2013 at 10:07 AM

AC

“ Sweet Blair and family. We are so saddened by the loss of Terry. I'm sure like he did with us, he left an impression on everyone he came in contact with. I know you and you family were certainly loved by this generous man. He was so proud of you Blair! Please accept our greatest sympathies for you and your family.

Billy, Amy, Paige and Mason Crocker

Amy Crocker - December 13, 2013 at 09:41 AM



“ Lauren and I loved Terry! What a great man he was! Y'all took Lauren in as a member of your family and forever I will be grateful for that and for the wonderful memories. I loved watching Lauren and the softball teams she played on that were coached by Terry. And I will always remember our lunches on Chili's on Sunday afternoons and his turkey sandwiches with no tomatoes! My heart is so heavy. What a wonderful man and he has such a wonderful family. I love you all very much. I am here for you for anything that you need. Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Pamela Arcelay - December 13, 2013 at 08:34 AM

YF

“ Your Triple Shot Express Softball family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Terry Calvin Nelson.



Your Triple Shot Express Softball family - December 13, 2013 at 06:23 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Honea lit a candle in memory of Terry Calvin Nelson*



Barbara Honea - December 12, 2013 at 10:07 PM

BH

“ *Terry was always there for our family when we had plumbing problems. After so many years, he became like an honorary member of our family. I've really missed him after he no longer did work for us. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and cared about him.*

Barbara Honea - December 12, 2013 at 10:06 PM

PK

“ *Sara, I was heartbroken to hear about the loss of Terry. He was such a good man and you have been a dear friend for many years. I pray that the love of God envelopes you in the biggest spiritual hug and brings you peace through this most difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything that we can do for you. Peggy and Ron King*

Peggy King - December 12, 2013 at 09:31 PM

DP

“ *Terry was a fine man. I worked with him many times on a fundraiser for Navarro College. When others said something couldn't be done, Terry always found a way to accomplish it without complaining or negativity. He was ingenious and such a sweet soul. Rest in peace, sir. My prayers to your family.*

Donna Parish - December 12, 2013 at 03:56 PM

DS

“ Our condolences go out to Terry's family and friends. He was such a great person. David and Tammy Sanchez and Family

David & Tammy Sanchez - December 12, 2013 at 03:50 PM

DL

“ So sad to hear about Terry. I was in Corsicana High School Band with him and we all had some really crazy fun times. I am sure he will be missed by many. My condolences go out to his family and friends. Debbie Watson Lake

Debbie Watson Lake - December 12, 2013 at 03:49 PM

KG

“ I will miss Terry very much. Such a sweet man! I remember not too long ago he came to my office at the college to discuss an event that he was setting up for. We were chit chatting about family and he was cheering me up because our home was becoming an "empty nest."
Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. I know that God will bring you comfort and strength. I gave Him praise knowing that because of Him we'll see Terry again someday.
Sincerely,
Kristi Burns Garcia

Kristi Garcia - December 12, 2013 at 03:42 PM

DR

“ All our family is so saddened by this loss. As you know, we have known Terry & all of you for many years, and there was definitely not a finer man or friend. He was always there for us whenever we needed help and always made time to visit and catch up on our families. He was so proud of his kids and their accomplishments...a true family man. Sara, our hearts ache for all of you and know that we will be praying for you.

The Russell's, Mike & Dena, Matt & Jenny, Michael & Lauren

Dena Russell - December 12, 2013 at 02:33 PM

BD

“ The world certainly needs more Terrys. Terry made my life at Navarro College so much easier with his willingness to help in a most efficient manner and always with a smile on his face. He loved life and always spoke of his family with love and pride.

Brenda Duncan

Brenda Duncan - December 12, 2013 at 01:27 PM

JP

“ Oh dear Terry, I am saddened by your loss. Such a bright light among your "family" at Navarro College. He will be missed greatly. Sara, he loved you so; it came up in nearly every conversation. May God's grace soothe you in the weeks to come.

Jan Phillips - December 12, 2013 at 11:42 AM

NN

“ Sara and family-I was saddened to hear of your loss. Terry was always such a nice man. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

nancy neal - December 12, 2013 at 11:05 AM

RB

“ Oh my sweet friend Terry. You were always so kind when you came to work at my house and always had hugs and pats for all of my animals. You always talked so fondly about your wife and children...you loved them so dearly. GOD takes the good ones first, and he took a very good person when he called you home. My thoughts and prayers are with your family, Terry, and I sincerely know you are sitting at the right hand of Jesus in Heaven. Renee' Brown, friend



Renee' Brown - December 12, 2013 at 11:03 AM

KL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember Terry as being very thoughtful and kind. He always wanted to help us here at the Mexia campus. He would always come with a smile and laughs. He would cheerfully do his best to fix any problem that we seemed to have. Thank you, Terry!!! You will be missed very much!!!

Karen Lenamond - December 12, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Terry Calvin Nelson.



December 12, 2013 at 09:15 AM



“ *I feel so fortunate that I was able to get to know Terry in the last few years. I will remember his kindness and his love for his family. My thought and prayers are with you.*

Thelma Johnson - December 11, 2013 at 07:46 PM



“ *Sara, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Marsha Stearman*

Marsha Stearman - December 11, 2013 at 05:20 PM