



Chester Clay Nelson

January 29, 2014

Chester Clay Nelson, 92 of St. Albans went home to be with the Lord on January 29, 2014 at New Haven Assisted Living, Kevil, KY, where he had been residing to be close to his family.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Adeline Marie Nelson, and together they led an exemplary Christian life. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Anna Nelson; his brothers, Opie Lee and Charles; sisters, Reva Stowers, Sylvia Hall, Golda Yeager, Opal Hodge, Helen McGhee and Rose Dent.

Chester is survived by his daughter, Dreama Deardorff and husband Robert Deardorff of Kevil, KY; grandsons, Robert Nelson Deardorff of Newburgh, IN, David Lee Deardorff of Madisonville, KY and Andrew Stephen Deardorff and wife Karey of Madisonville, KY; great grandchildren, Claire Alexandra Deardorff, Carli Nelson Deardorff and Colden Clay Deardorff of Newburgh, IN. Chester had close relationships with nephew, Thomas Dent of Beaver, OH; nieces, Virginia Nelson Mobley of St. Albans and Doris Roberts of Hurricane, as well as numerous other nephews and nieces.

As a young man Chester worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps. During the early years of WWII he worked for the Martin Company at the Baltimore, MD plant, as a machinist working on production of the B26 aircraft for the war

effort. He later enlisted in the US Navy where he served aboard the USS Yosemite in the South Pacific during the remainder of WWII.

Chester retired from Union Carbide after 36 years of service, was a member of the WV American Legion Post No. 73 in St. Albans. A faithful Christian, he was a member of New Hope Baptist Church where he served both as a deacon and trustee over the course of 50 years.

Visitation with the family will be from 6-8 pm Monday, February 3, 2014 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans.

Memorial service will be Tuesday at 11:00 am by his pastor Duane Defoe at the funeral home with military honors being conducted by the American Legion Post No. 61 of Clendenin. Interment will be at the Nelson Cemetery in Griffithsville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations to the Lourdes Hospice, 2855 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42011. You may also share memories or condolences with the family at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to Chester's compassionate caregivers from Lourdes Hospice of Paducah and to the loving staff at New Haven Assisted Living in Kevil, KY where he resided the final two years of his life.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Nelson family.

Cemetery Details

Nelson Cemetery

Griffithsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
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Funeral Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chester Clay Nelson*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Drema, this is your cousin Drema, Paul's daughter. We just found out about uncle Chest. Our prayers are with you and your family. Mom would love to send you a card. She is upset that she just found out. We thought the world of your parents. Miss everyone! My love for maw maw and papaw McClure is never ending. Miss them so much . Love and prayers to all. Dee Dee*

Drema Ferrell - April 04, 2014 at 11:22 AM



“ *Drema,
I am so sorry for your loss. As you know I held your parents in high regards. I loved them both dearly.*

I was remembering the time your dad rescued the boys and me after one of them broke one of the front windows. Boy, I could not believe they did that while I was baby sitting...but of course, Dad came to the rescue. In his soft spoken voice he said, "I'll take care of it."

And the time they came over for dinner...I was baby sitting again, and I forgot to make the mashed potatoes. Boy, did the boys ever get a laugh out of that. But Dad was great with whatever I fed them.

Love you my long time friend. Praying for God to surround you with His loving arms.

Denise Warner

Denise Warner - February 03, 2014 at 08:55 PM

SA

“ Drema,

I am sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I found some pictures recently from your wedding shower I gave back when we were Seniors. We were all so young and unaware of the challenges to come. I hope the years have been kind. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Although your dad lived a long life I know we are never ready to let them go.

*Take care,
Sandy*

Sandra McMahan Ashley

Sandra McMahan Ashley - February 03, 2014 at 10:42 AM

VW

“ Drema,

*So sorry to hear of the passing of your father.
Vicky Whitehill*

Vicky Whitehill - February 03, 2014 at 08:07 AM

BS

“ Drema, Growing up I had fond memories of the Nelson reunions held in Lincoln County; Sometimes in St. Albans. Also, my father, Denzil Stowers, and many others in the family, when I was young, referred to me as "Chess". I never really knew at that age why they called me Chess. Years after, getting to know him better, I guess it was because he was very strong and a quiet voice and always neatly dressed. Brenda and I enjoyed visiting with him a few years ago before he moved to KY. On that day I knew he lived at Brown's Creek but I could not remember which house so I stopped and asked a gentleman working in his yard where Chess lived. He first asked my name and my relationship to him and then he immediately said to turn around and go back down the road and when you see the prettiest yard on Brown's Creek that is where Chester Nelson lives. The time we spent with him that day was very informative and tied a lot of loose ends together about our family and he sure bragged about you and his grandkids. God Bless you all. Chess had a full life, served as an example for many and I'm sure there is a Nelson reunion in Heaven today! Barry and Brenda Stowers

Barry and Brenda Stowers - February 03, 2014 at 07:44 AM

BF

“ Drema: I have fond memories of your dad and your mom. They were wonderful neighbors to us. Your mom was my BYF leader for years and led me to Jesus. May Jesus keep His Loving Arms around you and your family. Love & Prayers
Betty Jo Phillips Fisher

Betty Fisher - February 02, 2014 at 09:41 PM

TS

“ Dreams, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. It is always difficult to lose a parent. You and your family are in my thoughts.
Tom Stalnaker

Tom Stalnaker - February 02, 2014 at 09:17 PM

GA

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family on the passing of your Dad. What a kind and wonderful man he was.
Sincerely, Debbie and Gary Adkins*

Gary and Debbie Adkins - February 02, 2014 at 05:24 PM