



## Edwin Walfred Nelson Jr

September 28, 1928 - January 15, 2024

Edwin Walfred Nelson, Jr., age 95 of Givhans, SC, passed away peacefully in Hospice surrounded by family on January 15th, 2024.

“Eddie” was born September 28th, 1928 in Charleston, SC to the late Edwin W. Nelson and Gertrude Rabens Nelson. As soon as he turned 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, ultimately becoming a Navy Frogman in Underwater Demolition Team 3. After a successful 4 year hitch in the Navy, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force rising to the rank of Master Sergeant, ultimately becoming responsible for the Aircraft Instrumentation of fifteen B-52 bombers and fifteen KC-135 tankers. After 17 years of service including 2 Personal Commendation Medals, he retired from the Air Force and moved back to Charleston where he became a Letter Carrier for The U.S. Postal Service for the next 24 years.

While living West of the Ashley he served as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America for 3 years, becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was also a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He married the love of his life, Sarah Mae Baumgardner Nelson in 1975 and together they lived on their 4 acres in Givhans, SC until her passing in 2019. A devout Catholic, Eddie enjoyed tending to his 4 acres, reading, doing crossword puzzles, spending time with family, his pets and wild birds.

Eddie is survived by his sons: Charles Nelson (Dorinda) and Henry Flanner (Erin); Grandchildren: Micah and Josiah Flanner, Brandon and Kyle Biggs; sister: Peggy Howlett Campbell (Ken), and many nieces, nephews, cousins and great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his siblings: Alice Nelson Hill Whitsett and William "Bill" Nelson as well as 25 dogs and 3 cats. A visitation of family and friends will be held on January 23rd, 2024 from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock at St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church, 11001 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485. The Funeral Service will begin at 1 o'clock with an entombment to immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, right across the street.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Eddie's name may be made to the ASPCA or Dorchester Paws.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church  
11001 Dorchester Rd  
Summerville, SC 29485  
(843) 875-5002

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church  
11001 Dorchester Rd  
Summerville, SC 29485  
(843) 875-5002

## Entombment

JAN 23 (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens  
11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Kenneth C. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Edwin Walfred Nelson Jr.



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**Kenneth C.** - January 21, 2024 at 01:59 PM

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“ Kenneth C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin Walfred Nelson Jr.

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“ From Henry, Erin, Micah and Josiah Flann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin Walfred Nelson Jr.

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**From Henry, Erin, Micah and Josiah Flann** - January 21, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Walfred Nelson Jr.



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“ Charlie, Dee, Samantha, Brandon and Kyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin Walfred Nelson Jr.

Charlie, Dee, Samantha, Brandon and Kyle - January 21, 2024 at 10:33 AM



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“ Mr Ed was such a kind soul he adopted my Sister (Lynn ) and brother in law (Steve ) when they moved in next door and in turn added the rest of us to his “Family “ always happy to see you always a kind word or some of his wisdom and sure made some awesome chicken and dumplings 💕 Mr Ed the world got a little darker the day you left us but I know your at peace being with your beautiful Bride again Gods speed young man

Dawn Quarles - January 17, 2024 at 12:26 PM