



## Joseph L. Nelson

June 21, 1911 - July 28, 2008

Graveside service for Joseph Leon Nelson will be 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 2, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery near Savoy, Texas, with Rev. Victor Bishop officiating. Interment is under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva, Oklahoma.

Joseph Leon Nelson, son of the late Joseph Balou and Sadie Mae (Agee) Nelson, was born June 21, 1911, at Bonham, Texas, and passed away July 28, 2008, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 97 years, 1 month and 7 days. Joe was reared in Bonham, Texas where he attended school. On June 21, 1930, he was united in marriage to Pearl Pressley at Durant, Oklahoma. He and his brother owned and operated the Juicy Pig Restaurant in Sherman, Texas. On June 11, 1943, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served until December 4, 1945.

After the service, he worked as a chef in several restaurants. He then went into Civil Service and retired from a position at Will Rogers Airport. He then obtained his real estate license and sold real estate in Noble. At the age of 79 he joined the Peace Corp and served three years in the Dominican Republic. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Alva, the Hampton-Noble Lodge #291, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons since 1975. He loved to fish, read newspapers, and help other people. He was truly an inspiration to his family, especially his grandchildren, and to all who knew him.

Beside his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl in 1986, and one son, Bill R. Nelson in 2005.

Joe is survived by five children, Bobby Joe Nelson and wife, Arvilla, of Vancouver, Washington, Jerry Wayne Nelson and wife, Shirley of Grandview, Texas, David Lynn Nelson and wife, Brenda, of Arlington, Texas, Dennis Ray Nelson of Alva, and Nancy Jones and husband, John, of Fort Smith, Arkansas; a special daughter-in-law, Rea Nelson of Allen, Texas; and one brother, Leonard Ray Nelson and wife, Lena, of Sherman, Texas.

Also surviving are 14 grandchildren Patrick "Terry" McMillen of Olympia, Washington, Joseph Dale Nelson and wife, Christina, of Indonesia, William Richard Nelson of Anna, Texas, Lori Beth Bishop and husband, Victor, of Whitewright, Texas, Wendy Denise Gist and husband, Keith, of Arlington, Texas, Wayne William Nelson of Arlington, Texas, Wade Wesley Nelson and wife, Holly, of Arlington, Texas, Becky Phillips and husband, Mark, of Arlington, Texas, Sherri Lynn Saldana of Muenster, Texas, Stephen David Nelson of Arlington, Texas, Lisa Renea Standridge and husband, Rob, of Norman, Oklahoma, Lance Orbin Idleman and wife, Kim, of Simpsonville, Kentucky, Larae Nicole Idleman of New York City, and NaChelle Jones of Garland, Texas; 22 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph L. Nelson*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I&ll always remember grampa Joe fondly.I remember going early one morning to the bakery he had just bought,watching him handmake little apple turnovers and gettin to eat one,what a treat!! recall fishing with him at thunderbird lake.He was always in an upbeat mood,always joking and laughing.Grampa Joe always made me feel special.That&s because he was special.He will always remembered by all he met on his journey through his life.God bless you grampa Joe.Love,Terry Mcmillan,your grandson*

**Terry McMillan** - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I&m finding it difficult to put into words just how much Grandpa Joe meant to me. He is simply just about the most amazing man I&ve ever known and I swell up with pride every time I tell people about him. Just looking at his life makes me realize that there&s so much I can accomplish in my own. My brothers are probably too young, but I can still remember driving up to Oklahoma every year at Christmas to visit him, Grandma, and Aunt Nancy. I can still hear his voice ringing in my head even now. Grandpa, you will be missed here, but all of us know that you&re finally home and one day we&ll all get to be with you again.*

**Bill Nelson** - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ From the first time I met Joe as his future daughter-in-law he made me feel that I would be welcomed into his family. He had a wonderful personality and quick wit untouched by age. I admired him for so many things. His humor, his integrity, and the love he showed for his family. I will truly miss him.

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**Shirley Nelson** - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Nancy & Dennis and family- Joe was the cutest little old man I knew. I enjoyed visiting with him at Holder Drug. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I will miss sweet little Joe.

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**Melissa Graybill** - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Joe, you are truly a special man. In 1992 I told you I needed a dad as I had just lost mine. In your soft sweet voice you responded that you would try to do your best to fill that void in my life. You did more than that as you gave me hope and courage. I will never forget the great times we had together-the fishing trips and the times we discussed politics. Joe, you made my life better and you are truly a special gift that God placed in my life. I will miss you so very much and I love you as a son.

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**John R. Jones** - July 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ The last time I saw Joe was at the Nelson Family Reunion in 2007. He was chipper and upbeat, as usual, and always amazed me with his ability to remember everyone&s name. I wish I had known him longer and gotten to know him better. He was always a gentle and soft-spoken man when I was around. He seemed genuinely loved by so many people. I will miss him and that little sparkle he always had in his eyes.

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**Becky Walker Phillips** - July 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear sweet Joe--how you will be missed. I (Julie) work at the cable office and Joe lived across the street. I loved him; he was one of my favorite customers. So gentle & kind with such a soft voice. So sorry for your loss we share your heartache, Sincerely

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm** - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I saw Grandpa Joe for the last time in June of 2008. He told me that when he got out of the nursing home and was doing better he wanted to come stay close to me and my brothers so that we could all run around together. It didn&t work out quite the way that he had planned, but he will always be with me no matter where I am. He will always be loved, missed, and honored.

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**Lucas Nelson** - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Joe was one of those people that everyone wished they could be like. He was always a prince with good words for everyone. He lived life to the fullest. The stories he told me showed that he did more after he retired than most people did before retirement. my sympathies to his family.

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**Jim Scribner** - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM