



DOUGLAS NELSON

January 18, 2011

Obituary of DOUGLAS NELSON

Douglas Joseph Nelson, 80, of Umatilla, FL passed away and joined his heavenly Father, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in Tavares, FL. Born in Wyandotte, MI, he was the youngest of eight children. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Korea. Upon return from military service, he earned a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Michigan (Go Blue!). He was a teacher and principal at numerous schools in Michigan and Florida. He then became a Customs Inspector in South Florida and retired after a 27 year career with The U.S. Customs Service. He moved to Umatilla from Plantation, FL in 1995. Mr. Nelson was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, the VFW, and the American Legion. He loved being surrounded by his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a Godly man, loved people and never met a stranger. He was funny, having a great sense of humor, and was always encouraging and supportive of family and friends. He enjoyed working out at the Wellness Center, and driving his beloved John Deere. He is survived by his wife: Beverly A. Nelson, Umatilla, FL; sons: Timothy Joseph (TJ) Nelson, Orlando, FL and Matthew Douglas Nelson, Anchorage, AK; daughters: Jody Weachock, Tracy Braddy and Lisa Sabourin all of Umatilla, FL; thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his daughter, Julie E. Watt. Douglas and Beverly recently celebrated 56 years of marriage.

Visitation

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 21, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

Services

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the First Baptist Church, Umatilla with Reverend Brooks Braswell officiating.

Interment

Interment will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2011 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Mrs. Nelson, Tracey, and the rest of the family: I worked with Doug in Port Everglades from 1991 until his retirement. I hope that Doug enjoyed working with me as much as I enjoyed working with him. He was a good man and I was new to the Service so he had a good time teaching me the ropes. I am aware of how family-oriented he was and I know you will miss him terribly. My prayers are with you at this time. If you have any reason to be passing through Central Texas, please come by and say hi and meet the animals. We would be happy to meet you and in the case of Tracey, see you again. Sincerely yours, Peggy and Larry Neaves

Peggy Neaves - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Just as you have been for us, we are always here for you and your family. Our deepest condolences and may God Bless you and your family.

Alex Blas and family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ May God Comfort and Bless each of you in the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Rick Hill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM