



Randy Nelson

October 11, 1955 - August 30, 2015

Randy Nelson, age 59, of Buckhannon, gained his heavenly reward on Sunday, August 30, 2015. He was born on Tuesday, October 11, 1955, in Upshur County, a son of Kathryn (Kay) Hudgins of French Creek and the late Roscoe Nelson, and grew up in Frenchton. He was united in marriage on October 28, 2000, to Jodi (Carpenter) Nelson who survives. Also surviving are two daughters: Cassie and husband George Patrick Andrews of Vienna, WV and Kristin and husband Josh Wilt of Buckhannon; one stepdaughter Tina and husband Allan Harman of Elkins; two grandsons: Tanner and Austin Andrews of Vienna; two granddaughters: Presley and Payton Wilt of Buckhannon; two step grandchildren: Abby and Easton Harman of Elkins; one brother Keith Nelson and wife Tish of Waynesboro, PA; one sister Joni Nelson-Howard of French Creek; stepmother Barb Nelson of French Creek; father- and mother-in-law Allen and Joyce Carpenter; and several nieces and nephews.

Randy was most recently employed as a Greeter at Buckhannon Walmart. He was previously employed with Bethlehem Steel, Beth Energy, Rauer Coal, SW Jack Drilling, Union Drilling, and Development Drilling. He was an avid participant of the United Mine Workers Local #4172 and the Upshur County Christmas Store Board. He loved attending Christian Fellowship Church, was always excited to attend benefit auctions, or to contribute to local charities and fundraisers, and was a participant of the American Cancer Society's Relay-for-Life event. He also was a sponsor of the Friends of Fort Liberte which

sponsors children in Haiti so that they have food, shelter, and can attend school.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, from 1-8:00 PM, at the Christian Fellowship Church. The funeral will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 11:00 AM, at the Christian Fellowship Church with the Rev. J. Edward McDaniels officiating. Interment will follow in the French Creek Memorial Gardens. The family requests that in honor of Randy's willingness to give, that no flowers be sent, rather, please make a donation to the Upshur County Christmas Store, American Cancer Society, or the Christian Fellowship Church Food Pantry in memory of Randy.

Cemetery Details

French Creek Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Christian Fellowship Church
56 Fellowship Way
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-9042
<https://christianfellowshipchurchwv.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-8024
heavnerandcutright@aol.com
<https://www.heavnerandcutright.com/>

Tribute Wall

WD

“ *Wanda Demastes lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



wanda demastes - September 05, 2015 at 04:41 AM

RH

“ *Roxanne Harlow lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Roxanne Harlow - September 03, 2015 at 12:48 PM

IP

He smiled even in pain.. May God Bless you all..

iris perry - September 03, 2015 at 08:19 PM

LZ

I worked with Randy at Bethlehem mines. He was a great guy. My condolences to his family.

Larry Zickefoose - September 04, 2015 at 10:56 AM

DL

We send condolences to Joni and all of Randy's family. May your days seem brighter in knowing that God has received a new angel. RIP Randy

Danny and Nancy Lantz

Danny and Nancy Lantz - September 05, 2015 at 11:59 AM

CL

“ I have all of ya'll n my prayers n I love u all n
sorry for your lost.



Christel Lynn - September 03, 2015 at 05:50 AM

SW

“ Suzanne Woody lit a candle in memory of
Randy Nelson



suzanne woody - September 02, 2015 at 09:28 PM

MH

“ Dear Jody and Family,

If anything can be said about Randy it was that he loved people and people loved him very much. Over the years at Walmart, I shared many lunch breaks with Randy and would often meet him down at the Riverwalk where we did our "roadwork" together.

During those times we discussed many things including politics, cars, his work with the Christmas store, Walmart, and, of course, how his beloved Mountaineers were doing. I will miss those conversations. I will also miss his positive attitude and that great smile he showed to virtually everyone with whom he came into contact.

Randy may have used a wheelchair to get around, but he was far from "disabled".

God Bless you, Randy and God Bless us all for having known you!

Mike Higham, Walmart Hardware Dept.

Michael Higham - September 02, 2015 at 08:16 PM



BL

“ Betty Lemons lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Betty Lemons - September 02, 2015 at 07:10 PM

BL

I always enjoyed his friendly smile, he will be very missed.

Betty Lemons - September 02, 2015 at 07:11 PM

CL

“ *Sincere condolences to the Nelson family. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Charles Lowther*

Charles Lowther - September 02, 2015 at 05:29 PM

PG

“ *Randy was a wonderful person. He will be missed by so many who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

Pat and Danny Groves - September 02, 2015 at 04:57 PM

CT

“ *Carolyn M Tenney lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Carolyn M Tenney - September 02, 2015 at 11:52 AM

CT

Dear Jody & Family, Please know we share your sorrow Randy was a great friend. You are both Loved by Mother & I. Health problems prevent our attending but know you are in our thoughts & prayers,

Carolyn M Tenney - September 02, 2015 at 11:59 AM

JP

“ *Jeanne Phillips lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Jeanne Phillips - September 02, 2015 at 11:27 AM

JL

“ *Jodi, what a brave fight you both fought. Words cannot express my thoughts for you at this time. May we know that Randy has no more pain and is with Jesus. Love you!*

Jennifer Lipscomb - September 02, 2015 at 11:07 AM

SJ

“ *My sincerest condolences Jodi to you and Randy's family*



Sonya James - September 02, 2015 at 09:44 AM

JK

“ Randy was a very good person but the thing that sticks with me the most was his bravery and love for our Father in Heaven. I remember one night after surrendering my life to the Lord, watching a church program in which Randy shared his testimony and I realized then, that to be free to serve God was to be free from sin and not hide it under a barrel but to testify, and ask and be forgiven for our sins, and find that new freedom, that gives us strength to turn our sin into a blessing and share in hopes to help someone else and it did. Me. I did get a chance to get to know Randy a little, a chance to thank him and to share with him how his testimony helped me. I know he is at peace with our heavenly Father and will be blessed as he has blessed others.

Joan Knight - September 01, 2015 at 10:17 PM

WC

“ Sorry to hear about Randy passing he was special person to a lot of people. He will surely be missed by many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. WV CLASSIC WHEELS CAR CLUB MEMBERS



wv classic wheels car club - September 01, 2015 at 08:39 PM

David
Burkham
Jr.

“ He always had a smile on his face when I seen him at wal-mart.



David Burkhammer Jr. - September 01, 2015 at 08:18 PM

DB

“ *Diane&Terry Bender lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Diane&Terry Bender - September 01, 2015 at 03:53 PM

PG

“ *Patty Gregory lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Patty Gregory - September 01, 2015 at 03:52 PM

BA

“ *Randy was a friendly man, always a smile and a big hello. We are so glad that we got to know Randy . Our love and prayers to Jodi and the family. Bob and Sammie Allman*

Bob and Sammie Allman - September 01, 2015 at 09:39 AM

KL

“ *Joni and family,
Randy will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family.
Love you,
Kathy Lane, Steve Kimble, Stearl Kimble*



Kathy Lane - September 01, 2015 at 08:47 AM

LL

“ God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ...
Dad

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father Cassie. You have a wonderful family and I know your Dad would be proud of Tanner and the young man he is.

Lori

Lori Lucas - September 01, 2015 at 07:47 AM

TJ

“ Terry Jo lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Terry Jo - September 01, 2015 at 07:15 AM

TJ

My heart goes out to the family. Randy was loved by so many. My prayers of peace to Jodi and the rest of the family for the days ahead. He is flying FREE now.....

Terry Jo - September 01, 2015 at 07:17 AM

SL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Cassie. Sally and Reagan



Sally Layfield - September 01, 2015 at 07:01 AM

RA

“ Roger And Libby Abel lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Roger and Libby Abel - September 01, 2015 at 06:38 AM

HR

“ Hallie Riley lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Hallie Riley - September 01, 2015 at 06:33 AM

RB

“ I am sorry to hear of Randy's passing, but he's in a better place now. My prayers go out to his family in their time of grief.

R. L. Brooks - September 01, 2015 at 05:23 AM



“ *I remember working w/ Randy @ Wal-mart. He was the nicest guy you will ever meet & would help you in an instant if you needed it. You will be greatly missed by everyone who knew you Randy. RIP my friend*
Sincerely, Linda F Bergfeld

Linda Bergfeld - September 01, 2015 at 04:44 AM

CM

“ *Catherine Miller lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Catherine Miller - September 01, 2015 at 12:56 AM

CM

“ *Randy had A Wonderful heart and A Beautiful Smile. He will be missed. Many prayers for his wife and family. The Earth lost a Great Man.*

Catherine Miller - September 01, 2015 at 12:55 AM

AR

“ *Ashley Runyon lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Ashley Runyon - August 31, 2015 at 11:40 PM

MB

“ *Melissia Burnside lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



melissia burnside - August 31, 2015 at 10:48 PM

SF

“ *We will miss Randy, especially at the car shows. Also at Walmart, always had a smile on his face when he saw you. Your family is in our prayers. Ron and Sharon Fawley*



sharon Fawley - August 31, 2015 at 09:50 PM

CC

“ *Heaven gained a angel he was one of a kind who was loved by all sure enjoyed working at Walmart with him he made my day working with him at Walmart lifting Jodi and the family in Prayers he will be missed by all*



Cathy Cunningham - August 31, 2015 at 09:08 PM

JH

“ *Never saw Randy without a smile and a kind word no matter what the situation, he will be missed here on earth, but in heaven he is healed of all his bodily ailments, watching over those he loved.*

Joni Hinchman - August 31, 2015 at 08:59 PM

TB

“ No more pain, no more chemo, no more needles. I remember Randy as being really fit and active in school, and will always remember him that way. Bye, friend. Tom Beer, Kennesaw GA.

Thomas Beer - August 31, 2015 at 08:35 PM

DR

“ My name is Debbie Reed, I went to school with Randy at BUHS .i use to see him at Wal-mart all the time but, as most people know I don't get out much ..I have a spinal disorder which put me in a wheelchair 18 years ago...Randy always talked to me and had a great smile ...I'm sure he is dancing up a storm.. as I will when I go home to be with a God, have not walked in 18 years...RIP my friend...God Bless... Debbie Reed class of 1974 🙏

Debbie Reed - August 31, 2015 at 08:30 PM

IF

“ Ilene Brenwald and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Randy Nelson.



Ilene Brenwald and family - August 31, 2015 at 08:21 PM

TC

“ Tammy Rinehart, Caityln And Caleb lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Tammy Rinehart, Caityln and Caleb - August 31, 2015 at 07:50 PM

HD

“ *Such a wonderful man, always with a big smile on his face, and never complaining. It was always a joy to see him when you walked into Wal mart. He was always so nice to everyone and took time to ask about your day. He will never be forgotten, he fought many battles in his short life, but it never changed his warm personality. Heaven has truly gained a special Angel. God Bless and hold the family close during this loss.*
Hilda M. Dawson

Hilda M, Dawson - August 31, 2015 at 07:38 PM

JS

“ *Jayne Saul lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Jayne Saul - August 31, 2015 at 07:06 PM

JH

“ *I have lifted Randy up in prayer since the day I learned of his diagnosis and I will continue to lift all of you up to our Heavenly Father for His peace that surpasses all understanding to fill your hearts during this difficult time. We all know where Randy is, and we rejoice and praise God for sending His Son to die for us so that one day we too will be experiencing that ecstatic joy that Randy is experiencing at this very moment. I leave you with the words of Jesus: " My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." -John 14:27*

Judy K Helton - August 31, 2015 at 06:58 PM

NA

“ Jodi, how blessed you were to be loved by such a wonderful man. What a testimony he was to so many. He loved the Lord and certainly had no issue sharing the many blessings he had in this life... YOU were one of the many blessings he spoke of. He proudly said to me with that big smile all over his face "I was blessed with the best wife a man could ever ask for". I will certainly miss Randy and his humor...he was one of a kind. He was loved so much by so many. Just hold close at heart the love the two of you shared and know that it isn't good bye...its see you soon. May God wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you as only He can.

Nancy - August 31, 2015 at 06:23 PM

KC

“ Jodi, our loss is heaven's gain. Love you.
Ken and Carolyn

Ken and Carolyn - August 31, 2015 at 05:38 PM

HO

“ Always had a Smile on his Face! You will be Missed!



Holls - August 31, 2015 at 05:28 PM

TK

“ Teresa Kee lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Teresa Kee - August 31, 2015 at 05:16 PM

TK

I have so missed seeing Randy at Wal-Mart. He always had a smile on his face. Rest easy Randy. Prayers of peace and comfort to the family in the coming days and weeks.

Teresa Kee - August 31, 2015 at 05:18 PM



I grew up with Randy in Frenchton. He was a good guy, and was always smiling. Prayers for your family

Flora Kelley - August 31, 2015 at 06:37 PM

JC

“ *Jeff And Sue Cutright lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Jeff and Sue Cutright - August 31, 2015 at 05:15 PM

VV

“ *Valerie Vanleeuwen lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



valerie vanleeuwen - August 31, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Randy Nelson.*



August 31, 2015 at 05:00 PM

KB

“ *Karl & Tracy Burnside lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Karl & Tracy Burnside - August 31, 2015 at 04:53 PM

BJ

“ *Betsy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Betsy Jackson - August 31, 2015 at 04:51 PM

SF

“ *Shela Simmons And Family lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



shela simmons and family - August 31, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SP

“ *Sherry Powers lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Sherry Powers - August 31, 2015 at 04:21 PM

 Cristy
Lloyd

“ *Always a smile and a friendly hello. He will always be remembered always be cherished, and always be loved*



Cristy Lloyd - August 31, 2015 at 04:09 PM

DI

“ *RANDY WAS A GRETA MAN HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING AND ALWAYS HAD TIME FOR EVERYONE. I LOVED WORKING WITH HIM AS HE WAS ALWYA SO HAPPY AND ALWAYS HAD A KIND WORD. OUR FAMILY WILL MISS HIM. HE WAS ALWAYS SHARING HIS TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND I KNOW HE IS WALKING THE STREETS OF GOLD AND WAITING ON ALL OF US TO JOIN HIM. I KNOW HE WOULD SAY IF YOU DONT KNOW JESUS LET;S DO IT WHILE YOU HAVE TIME TO ENJOY ALL OF GODS JOY IN YOUR LIFE. OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL THE FAMILY.FROM DIANNE AND IVAN TENNEY*



DIANNE - August 31, 2015 at 04:08 PM

 Pam
Lloyd

“ *Pam Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Pam Lloyd - August 31, 2015 at 03:32 PM

KB

“ *Kenny And Cathy Bonner lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Kenny and Cathy Bonner - August 31, 2015 at 03:28 PM

 Patty Westfall Smith

“ *Patty Westfall Smith lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Patty Westfall Smith - August 31, 2015 at 03:26 PM

SM

“ *Randy's smile was always so delightful no matter what the situation he shined way beyond his pain, go enjoy your pain free life now. Jody your always in my thoughts and prayers may god give you strength to get threw these next few days and always remember you have an amazing angel watching over you.*



Sherry Mcle - August 31, 2015 at 03:19 PM

MH

“ *Melvin And Thurlene Hyre lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Melvin and Thurlene Hyre - August 31, 2015 at 03:17 PM

TA

“ To all of Randy's family, we know you and Randy have had a difficult couple of years. We loved seeing Randy at Walmart. His smile and conversations always said life was good. His not in any kind of pain now. He will transplant his smiles to Heaven! Prayers for all of you. Dave & Bonnie Alkire

The Alkires - August 31, 2015 at 03:11 PM

SG

“ Shelia Gordon lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



shelia gordon - August 31, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SG

Thinking of you !

shelia gordon - August 31, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SW

“ Sharon Shaw & Areta Wilfong lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Sharon Shaw & Areta Wilfong - August 31, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SG

“ *Shelia Gordon lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



shelia gordon - August 31, 2015 at 03:07 PM

BB

“ *Rest In Peace Randy!! I am sure that you are dancing those streets of gold right now!! You will be missed by so many!! I will miss that sweet smile of yours!! We love you Jodi! Prayers for comfort and peace in your time of grief.*



Bev Barnett - August 31, 2015 at 03:05 PM

Ashley Lambert

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about randy. I worked with him at Walmart 3 years ago. He was a great guy. Prayers for comfort and peace for your family.*



Ashley Lambert - August 31, 2015 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ *John And Bertha Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



John and Bertha Hewitt - August 31, 2015 at 02:36 PM

TC

“ *Thelma Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



thelma carpenter - August 31, 2015 at 02:36 PM

TC

“ *Jodie I am so sorry loss you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

thelma carpenter - August 31, 2015 at 02:35 PM

BF

“ *I have so many wonderful memories with Randy that I will always cherish. I was blessed to call him my friend. His kind heart and warm smile will be greatly missed. Jodi, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Brenda Hyre Flack - August 31, 2015 at 02:29 PM

KA

“ *KathyRhodes sent a virtual gift in memory of Randy Nelson*



KathyRhodes - August 31, 2015 at 02:25 PM

SC

“ Steve, Jackie , Hannah & Grace Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Steve, Jackie , Hannah & Grace Carpenter - August 31, 2015 at 02:18 PM

AK

“ Randy will be missed by so many people. My husband and I always enjoyed seeing his smiling face when we walked in Walmart. No one will ever take his place. Your family is in our prayers.

Alicia Kerns - August 31, 2015 at 02:04 PM

BZ

“ Barbara Zickefoose lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



barbara zickefoose - August 31, 2015 at 02:01 PM

GF

“ Gloria Helmick And Family lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Gloria Helmick and Family - August 31, 2015 at 01:57 PM

KQ

“ We will always remember your smiling face,
Randy. Rest in peace, our friend.



Keith "Skeeter" & Heather Queen - August 31, 2015 at 01:54 PM

TF

“ The Holcomb Family lit a candle in memory of
Randy Nelson



The Holcomb Family - August 31, 2015 at 01:47 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hines lit a candle in memory of Randy
Nelson



Nancy Hines - August 31, 2015 at 01:45 PM

KS

“ Kim Shingleton lit a candle in memory of
Randy Nelson



Kim Shingleton - August 31, 2015 at 01:34 PM

TT

“ I ALWAYS LOVE TO SEE RANDY AT WALMART WHEN I WOULD GO SHOPPING. I WOULD ALWAYS TALK TO HIM AND ASK HOW HE AND JUDY WAS DOING. ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE NO MATTER WHERE I SEEN HIM. WE WILL MISS YOU RANDY. BUT YOU WILL HAVE A NEW BODY NOW. JUDY I WILL KEEPP THE WHOLE FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS. LOVE TERESA, AND ROGER TENNEY



TERESA TENNEY - August 31, 2015 at 01:18 PM

WC

“ Willie And Aggie Corley lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Willie and Aggie Corley - August 31, 2015 at 01:17 PM



“ Samantha Harlow-Swisher lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson



Samantha Harlow-Swisher - August 31, 2015 at 01:10 PM

AR

“ *Amy Rice lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Amy Rice - August 31, 2015 at 01:09 PM

KC

“ *Kelly Clovis lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Kelly Clovis - August 31, 2015 at 12:59 PM

CW

“ *I will miss Randy at the river trail and his smile as he greeted customers at Walmart. He was a trooper. My sympathy to his family.*

Carol Jean Walton - August 31, 2015 at 12:54 PM

AH

“ *Randy was always a smiling face at Walmart and wherever I saw him in the community. I will always remember that along with his courage in battling cancer. God bless.*



Amanda Hayes - August 31, 2015 at 12:54 PM

BM

“ *Becky Zickefoose Marsh lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Becky Zickefoose Marsh - August 31, 2015 at 12:46 PM

JF

“ *Jewel Fisher lit a candle in memory of Randy Nelson*



Jewel Fisher - August 31, 2015 at 12:40 PM

CG

“ *I have known Randy all of my life. We "grew up" together in the little community of Frenchton. I always thought it was kind of funny, I have a brother, Randy, and a brother, Nelson, and I a great friend Randy Nelson. Just something I always thought interesting. Will miss talking to Randy and his smile. No matter what was going on in Randy's life in later years, he always had a big smile to greet you with. Prayers for the loved ones left behind but know that if they have accepted Jesus as their Savior that well will see him again soon.*

Cheryl Gaunt - August 31, 2015 at 12:05 PM

DS

Thoughts and prayers for Randy's family-we are so very sorry for your loss of such a special person in your lives...

Denise and Steve Straight - September 02, 2015 at 07:54 PM

JC

Me and Randy worked at Bethehem mines together he was a nice man but God took him home' My prayers go out to family and friends and God Bless.

Junior Channell - September 03, 2015 at 12:30 AM

LE

Joannie, Sorry for your loss. You are in out thoughts and prayers. Walt and Judy Leput

leput - September 04, 2015 at 10:43 AM