

## Robert "Bobby" James Nelson

August 30, 1939 - November 22, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Robert "Bobby" James Nelson, 86, of Southaven, MS, passed away at his home on November 22, 2025. Friends are invited to a visitation on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., with a funeral service to follow at 12:00 p.m., all at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch. The graveside service will be held at Autumn Woods Memorial Park in Olive Branch. Bro. Billy Shackelford will officiate.

Bobby was born August 30, 1939 in Charleston, MS. He found his greatest joy in working with his hands and sharing the fruits of his labor with others. Whether hunting, fishing, or tending to his garden, he lived a life rooted in purpose and generosity. He was a member of the Steamfitters Local Union No. 614 in Memphis, Tennessee for many years and was proud of the craft and the community he found there. Bobby was also a devoted member of Carriage Hills Baptist Church. His greatest harvest was not what he gathered, but what he shared. Bobby and his beloved wife, Wanda, celebrated 62 years of marriage, building a life together grounded in hard work, faith, devotion and deep love for their family and community.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Eunice Elizabeth Nelson and James William Nelson; sisters, Elizabeth Gregory, Janie Jones, Nora

Coleman, and Erma Herndon; and brothers, Billy and Tommy Nelson.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Wanda Gale Nelson of Southaven, and son, Robert Anthony Nelson (Saline) of Olive Branch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Bobby's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

Online condolences can be left on Bobby's tribute wall at [www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Autumn Woods Memorial Park

6240 Davidson Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

NOV **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" James Nelson.*



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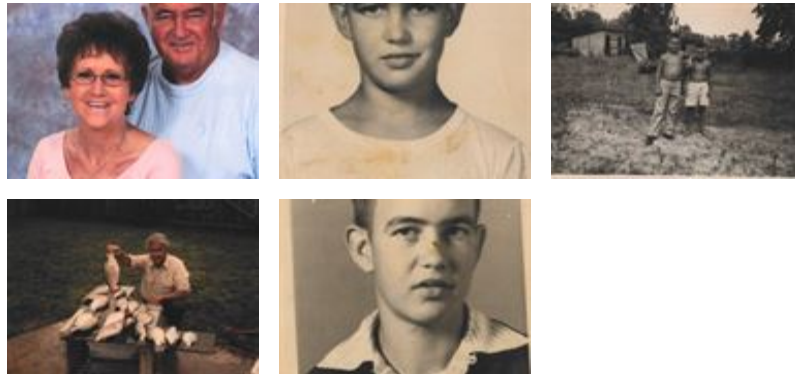


“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May his memory bring you peace and comfort.*  
*--Mo Mehr*

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