



## Robert "Butch" Nelson,

April 25, 1946 - September 1, 2009

Bluefield, WV- Robert E. "Butch" Nelson, Sr., 63, of 1913 Cherrywood Lane, passed away Tuesday September 1, 2009 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born April 25, 1946 in Bastian, VA, he was a son of the late Earl F. Nelson and Thelma Ann Sarver Catron Nelson. He was of the Methodist faith. Mr. Nelson spent ten years in the Marine Corps and 20 years in the Army and Army Reserve where he served with the Military Police. He was a veteran of both Vietnam and Desert Shield/Desert Storm and has dedicated most of his life to the protection and freedom of our country and its citizens. He was an Automotive Technician at Richardson Motors, Ercoline Nissan and Cole Motor Group. He was an avid muzzleloader and competed in muzzle loading competitions. Mr. Nelson was a member of the Fort Witten Long Rifle Association and was an avid collector. He loved to fish with his grandson. He was always willing to help those who needed it and he was a very kind-hearted man. He loved his grandchildren and his cats. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Hubert A. Spencer and Richard Odell. Survivors include his wife, Janet Stamper Nelson of the home; two children, Robert E. Nelson, Jr. and his wife Robbi of Bluefield and Amy Michelle Nelson Gilpin of Green Valley; three siblings, John W. Catron and his wife Nell of Bastian, VA, Elsie L. Spencer of Bluefield, WV and Donald B. Nelson and his wife Carroll of Princeton; sisters-in-law, Janie Odell, Wanda Grimm and Barbara Neal and her companion Allen; six grandchildren, Erin Brooke Schelffler and her husband Joshua, Dustin Chase Blankenship,

Matthew David Gilpin, Christopher Andrew Gilpin and Robert Nathaniel Haydan Nelson, and Andrew G. Simon; one great-grandson, Caiden Cox; one great-granddaughter, Kayden Grace Schelffler, numerous nieces and nephews and his loving cat Sadi. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday evening, September 3, 2009 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Funeral service will be conducted on Friday September 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Roger H. Lafferty, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where the Marine Corps will provide military graveside rites. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions, if desired be made to the Mercer County Humane Society, P.O. Box 6069, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting [www.mercerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Robert E. "Butch" Nelson.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Butch" Nelson,*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Mrs. Nelson, Amy and Bobby, I am sorry to hear of your loss. You and your extended families will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days.*

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**Sarah Lowe Lewis** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Hello Janet, Amy, and Bobby, I am sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers. He will be missed. Sincerely, William Frost*

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**William Frost** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say... but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. I need you here badly; you're part of my plan. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; but together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too... that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain, then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain." And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998-2009 Butch was the father of my good friend Bobby..He always mad time for me whenever I needed his

*advice with automotives (we all know what a great technician he was)..and a great man ..I will miss him and my thoughts are with Bobby and his family...love Tom*

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**Tom Pochick** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

TB

“*Dear Don and Family, Our hearts and our love are with you through this time of grief in your lives. If there is anything at all we can do, or if you just want to talk, please don't hesitate to call us. Your friends, The Ramblers Peggy and Ed Elwood Ted*

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**The Midnight Ramblers String Band** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

GJ

“*Thank you, Sir, on behalf of all America for your courageous sacrifice and honorable service in defense of our Country in Time of War and Peace. Veterans of our Armed Forces such as yourself have preserved and maintained the Dignity and Freedom of our Nation and have kept our Flag flying high, proud, and free. God bless your Family and God Bless America. "AT EASE, SOLDIER. REST IN PEACE."*

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**Grace Justice** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

RP

“*Dear Janet The good Lord has taken a special man home. The days and nights will be hard but take comfort knowing the pain and misery for Butch will be no more. I love you my friend. May God bless you and your family. You are in my heart and prayers.*

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**Rulah Prinzbach** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

NJ

“ Janet, I am so sorry to hear that Butch passed away. The only condolence is that he won't have to suffer with pain anymore, which he didn't want to do. I know that the coming days will be so hard for you but please know that you have many friends who care. You know all you have to do is call me. I love you and I loved Butch also. He was a very special person and I always enjoyed getting together for our Christmas dinners at the Mayflower. God bless you and your family.

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**Norma Johnston** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM