



## Robert Lee Nelson

July 20, 2012

Mr. Robert Lee "Bobby" Nelson, age 57, of Suwanee, GA passed away Friday, July 20, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kermit and Margaret Nelson. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Jayne McCormick-Nelson, Suwanee, GA; daughters, Meggie Nelson, Duluth, GA; son and daughter-in-law Matthew and Kaelan Nelson, San Antonio, TX; stepchildren, Jessica McCormick, Smyrna, GA, Alaina McCormick, Suwanee, GA; one grandson, Truett Nelson; sisters and brothers-in-law Lynne and Jim Halloran, Round Rock, TX and Laurie and James Anderson, Georgetown, TX; brother and sister-in-law, John and Jackie Nelson, Lutz, FL; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Nelson was born July 19, 1955 in Munich, Germany. He was a 1973 graduate of Killeen High School in Killeen, TX and a graduate of Arizona State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree. He was also a graduate of the University of Texas where he received his Master's Degree in education. He was employed with Gwinnett County School System as a high school counselor at Mill Creek High School in Hoschton, GA. He previously worked at North Gwinnett High School and was assistant girls golf coach for many years. He also coached girls and boys golf team at Mill Creek. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed boating at Lake Lanier, and he worked some Sundays at Legacy Golf Resort Pro Shop. Memorial service will be Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Dr. Sondra Jones officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers,

donations may be made to Eagle Ranch, P. O. Box 7200, Chestnut Mountain,  
GA 30502 in memory of Robert Lee "Bob" Nelson.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Lee Nelson*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Bob was a science teacher at Calipatria High School in the desert of Southern California in the late 1970s where I was a board member. Bob and I along with our Principal Gary Smith and our Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach Gary Hinkle spent several nights a week playing tennis. Bob was an incredible athlete, exceptional teacher and an inspiration to his students and fellow teachers. My wife and I were so close to Bob and his family that we all cried when they left for a better teaching job. I got to play golf with Bob a couple times and he was so gifted. He still had dreams of qualifying for the pro tour. I lost touch with him after they moved to Georgia and often tried to re-connect. What a shock to see his obituary and to learn of his sudden passing. It is so touching to read the testimonials of others to whom Bob made such an impact. I will never forget him and will always miss him. My best to Meggie and Matthew. You two were just little ones when I knew you. Would love to visit and share some stories of those days. I can be reached at [mbartoncox@yahoo.com](mailto:mbartoncox@yahoo.com)*

**Michael Cox** - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



*My email has changed to [mbartoncox49@yahoo.com](mailto:mbartoncox49@yahoo.com)*

**Michael B Cox** - September 28, 2021 at 07:39 PM

SS

“ *Mr. Nelson, I appreciate everything you ever did for me. You're one of best counselor I ever had. May you rest in peace and my condolence goes out to his family. I'm going to miss you. Thank you.*

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**shanice samuels** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *To Bob's family,  
Though I only knew him a short time, Bob was one of the most open and kind people I had met in a long time. He seemed like one of those people who just makes the world a little easier to live in for everyone.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief. I know he was looking forward to many years with his grandchild and his golf courses, and while I know he is in a better place, I know he will be sorely missed here.  
Warmest Regards,  
Nicole Cook (UGA Ph.D. cohort)*

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**Nicole S. Cook** - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I had one of the best counselors Mill Creek HS had to offer-- Mr. Nelson. Throughout high school he always steered me into the right direction. He helped me when my academics were too much to handle and guided me on my UGA application. I really wish I could express to him one more time how he impacted my high school experience. Mr. Nelson was always welcoming and was not at all surprised when I showed up in his office a couple times a week asking for advice. I will never forget the good he had done for me but I will always remember his last service to me. It was nearing the end of May and graduation was just around the corner and I was in his office constantly asking for my transcript early so I could send it to UGA to enroll in a science program. Transcripts were not allowed to be picked up until about two weeks after graduation but by that time the deadline for the program at UGA would have passed. Amazingly enough Mr. Nelson had my transcript printed and signed, waiting for me in the front office the day of graduation. I couldn't believe he made it happen. So thank you Mr. Nelson. My heart reaches out to his family in this time of bereavement.

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**Markay Russell** - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Bob. It has been many years since I had the privilege of working for him but the memories remain fresh in my mind. His gentle spirit and helpful nature were constants to all, co-workers and students. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that your grief is shared by so many.  
*In Sympathy, Angie Earwood*

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**Angie Earwood** - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Mr. Nelson was one of the most caring and genuine people I knew. He was a great counselor who helped me through some difficult times and helped me get on track for college. I recall visiting his office two to three times a week with questions and comments, I sometimes thought it might have been irksome but he always greeted me with a warm smile and "Eduardo, come on in". His office was covered with golf and UGA decorations, his computer was always filled with sticky notes about students and he had this one smiley face pen that he always used to sign. I'm going to miss him very much, not only as a counselor but as a friend and mentor. The world lost one of the good guys and he will be missed, we are always going to be in need of people like Mr. Nelson, people who are caring towards others, people who care about the education of all children, people who inspire others to excel. So Mr. Nelson, I bid you farewell and send my condolences to your family. The last words you said to me at graduation still ring in my ears, "I expect great things from you Eduardo". Thank you for believing in me and others like me.

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**Eduardo Sanchez** - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Nelson family. I had the joy of getting to know Coach Nelson while playing golf at Mill Creek High School. Some of my fondest memories in high school are practices with Coach Nelson. He was always making us laugh. He was a great encourager, teacher, and counselor. My condolences go out to your family. I will always be grateful for everything Coach Nelson taught me not only about golf but life. He always made me strive to be a better person. He will forever be missed.

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**Bridgette Krueger** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NB

“As a friend and Ph.D. cohort member with Bob at the University of Georgia, I am deeply saddened by this sudden loss. In fact, I am very much overwhelmed at the notion that I will not get to hear Bob's laugh or hear any of his witty remarks in and outside of the classroom. He reminds me of so many wonderful leaders in this world that I cannot imagine thinking what more he could contribute if he were still with us.

*I have never met a more open-minded, loving, respectful, spiritually uplifting, family and community centered, and free spirited, humorous person than Bob. He challenged me and so many others to never take life lightly or for granted and to cherish each and every moment. Such a joyous and kind person. Here is a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt that reminds me of his gentle, joyous, and social justice driven spirit.*

*"Where after all do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person: The neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world."*

*Remarks at the United Nations, March 27, 1958*

*---- Eleanor Roosevelt*

*Here is a nice song by Frank Sinatra entitled, "The House I Live In," in memory of Mr. Robert Lee "Bobby" Nelson.*

*My heart aches, but here is how I will remember you most because you have always provided so much more than a good laugh. You gave so much hope! Thank you buddy!*

*The House I Live In - Frank Sinatra*

*(L. Allan, E. Robinson)*

*[Recorded January 2, 1964, Los Angeles]*

*Here is a link of this song, which was actually sung by Patti Labelle for Frank Sinatra's 80th birthday.*

*<http://youtu.be/w2PttoaXT8> (Family members may also search Youtube for this performance)*

*What is America to me?*

*A name, a map, or a flag I see?*

*A certain word, "democracy"?*

*What is America to me?*

*The house I live in, a plot of earth, a street*

*The grocer and the butcher, and the people that I meet*

*The children in the playground, the faces that I see*

*All races and religions, that's America to me*

*The place I work in, the worker by my side*

*The little town or city where my people lived and died*

*The "howdy" and the handshake, the air of feeling free*

*And the right to speak my mind out, that's America to me*

*The things I see about me, the big things and the small*

*The little corner newsstand and the house a mile tall*

*The wedding in the churchyard, the laughter and the tears*

*The dream that's been a-growin' for a hundred and fifty years*

*The town I live in, the street, the house, the room*

*The pavement of the city, or a garden all in bloom*

*The church, the school, the clubhouse, the millions lights I see*

*But especially the people*

*That's America to me*

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**Nathaniel O. Brown** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Bob, you are truly in my heart. Your family and friends love and miss you very much. Love and Light!!!*

----*Nathan Brown*

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**Nathaniel O. Brown** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Thoughts and prayers with the family at this very sad time.*

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**Charlotte Lowe** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Dear Jayne & family,  
Although we have never met, I have known Bob since 2001 from North Gwinnett HS, where he was my son's counselor. He helped my son through some difficult times & inspired him to go on to college. I was honored to get to work with him again this year as a School Counselor intern (at a nearby HS). He was one of my first inspirations to go to grad school & become a school counselor. He was one of the best and will be missed by many. My condolences,  
Debra*

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**Debra Ruddell** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our son Ben played golf at Mill Creek. He thought very highly of Coach Nelson.*

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**David & Karla Miller** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I wish to express my deepest sympathies and most sincere condolences to the family of Bob Nelson. I worked at North Gwinnett with Bob and he was a very fine and upstanding person. He was always quick with a kind word and a friendly smile. I pray that you will find comfort and that time may ease your pain and heartache. I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you in this terrible time of need.

*Katherine Hackett Habberjam  
teacher - North Gwinnett High School*

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**Katherine Hackett Habberjam** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM