



Charles A. Nelson Jr.

December 30, 1949 - April 14, 2026

Mr. Charles A. Nelson, Jr., age 76 of McDonough passed away April 14, 2026. Born in Atlanta, GA, he was the son of the late Charles A. Nelson, Sr. and Blanche Kilgore Nelson.

Charles received his Bachelor's degree from Oglethorpe University. He then graduated from Atlanta Law School, receiving both a LL.B and LL.M degree. He then decided to follow his life long compassion and entered the funeral profession. He attended and graduated from Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Atlanta, receiving both an A.A. degree and Graduate of Funeral Service Diploma. Following his completion, he was awarded for receiving a perfect score on the National Board Exam.

Charles was a longtime Funeral Director serving many families with care and compassion in the Atlanta area at several funeral homes. For several years Charles was an instructor in Restorative Arts and Funeral Service Law at Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Atlanta. Teaching the next generation was his passion. Charles was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the Georgia Funeral Directors Association and the Academy of Graduate Embalmers of Georgia. Charles retired from A. S. Turner & Sons Funeral Home in Decatur, GA in May of 2016. In March 2023, Charles received the Service Award from the Georgia Academy of Graduate Embalmers for his dedication to funeral service.

Charles is survived by his wife of 47 years: Robin L. Nelson, his daughters: Lindsey (Kevin) McLain of McDonough and Katie (Ryan) Mondy of Locust Grove, grandchildren: Hayley McLain, Addi McLain, Millie McLain, Elisha Mondy and Matthew Mondy, his fur babies, Max and Mollie, cousins: Debbie Woodie, Gail Baize, Marvin Pewitt, Becky Buffington, George Palmer, Mary Alice Beard, Gloria Jean Flowers, Kathy McDonald, Mike Kilgore and Judy Stanley, and extended family members that he adored dearly.

Funeral Services will be held at 3 P.M. Sunday at the Chapel of Ford-Stewart Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Burgess officiating. The family will receive friends 1 P.M. until 3 P.M. prior to the service. A Graveside Service will be held at 11 A.M. Monday, April 20, 2026 at New Liberty United Methodist Church Cemetery in Braselton, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to: Henry County Animal Care, Control and Shelter, 527 Hampton Road McDonough, GA 30253 on behalf of Charles A. Nelson, Jr.

Funeral Livestream link: https://plan.passare.com/planner/encore/event/31090791?case_uid=034b3173-89fc-4c44-a535-24db4cee1b5f

Cemetery Details

New Liberty United Methodist Church Cemetery

17 Thompson Mill Road
Braselton, GA 30517

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **19**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
2047 Highway 138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 210-2700
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<https://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Liberty United Methodist Church Cemetery
17 Thompson Mill Road
Braselton, GA 30517

Tribute Wall



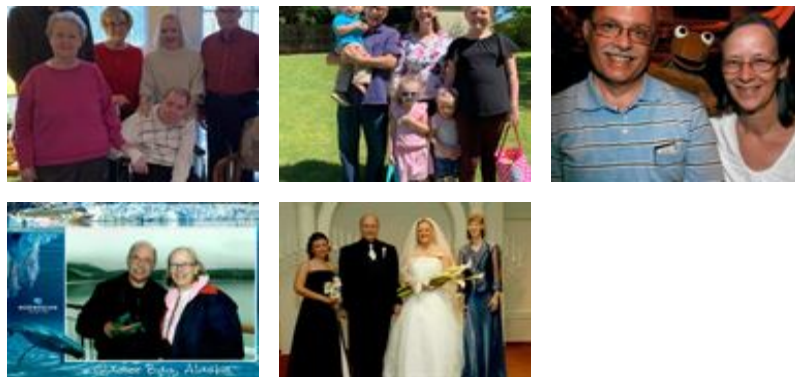
“ *Ford Stewart Funeral Home created a Charles Nelson Funeral Livestream in memory of Charles A. Nelson Jr.*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - April 17 at 05:14 PM



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Ford Stewart Funeral Home - April 19 at 10:43 AM



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Ford Stewart Funeral Home - April 18 at 12:15 PM



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Ford Stewart Funeral Home - April 17 at 10:51 PM

JB

“ I was so sorry to read of Charles’ death! I lived and worked at Horis A Ward in Decatur when I was attending Gupton-Jones College. Charles and my uncle, Bill Cochran, were both employed there and we had some good times together that year. I learned a lot from Charles and will always remember his attention to detail and his great personality! I have seen him on several occasions since then and he was always the same old Charles! It was a pleasure knowing him and prayers go out to his family as they face the coming days.

*Johnny Burch
Fitzgerald, GA*

Johnny Burch - April 16 at 09:49 PM

KM

“ Ken and Carol McLain purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles A. Nelson Jr..



Ken and Carol McLain - April 16 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ Mr. Charles was a sweet spirited gentleman and a giant in funeral service. I pray for God’s comfort for his family.

*Justin McLellan
Swain Funeral Home, Baxley*

Justin McLellan - April 15 at 09:02 PM

DS

“ Prayers for Charles’s family for strength and comfort during this most difficult time. We will see each other again someday RIP sir!



Darwyn Summerville - April 15 at 07:08 PM

LS

“ Sending love to Ms. Robin and the rest of Mr. Charles’ wonderful family. I enjoyed working with him and listening to his amazing stories!



Laura Scott - April 15 at 04:01 PM

DW

Charles and I are cousins. When together we would introduce ourselves as siblings. We have always been extremely close. Our entire family remains very close. We grew up attending the same elementary school, high school and the same church. This past Christmas Eve was the first time we had not shared Christmas Eve together in 74 years!
We lived within a few miles of each other our entire life’s.
Charles was intelligent, caring and devoted to Robin and the girls. He loved those Grandchildren. We were constantly compare stories.
If you were his friend, co-worker or family he was always there for you. It was amazing to me how he could go from that “Funeral Director Face” to backing you into a corner with one joke after another!
I can’t imagine not being able to call him or just drop by. I will miss him but I have a lifetime of wonderful memories that I will treasure always!

Debbie Woodie - April 15 at 09:32 PM

CD

I first met Charles at Gupton-Jones College of mortuary science in 1987. He soon moved on to become a supervisor at the funeral home where I worked and again and later years, he was a supervisor at A.S. Turner and Sons where we worked together again. I'm so sorry to hear of Charles passing. He was always a load of fun he taught me went to turn it on and turned it off and be professional. I will be forever grateful for his confidence in me and his support through the years. My condolences to Robin, the girls, the grands and the rest of the family.

Curtis Dixon - April 15 at 10:37 PM

RP

Charles was one of the best directors I ever had the pleasure to work with. He always had a smile and a corny joke to start your day with. He loved being a funeral director and gave it his all everyday. The funeral profession has lost one of their best. I'm glad to have known him because he made me a better director and person. RIP my friend.

Richard Petersen - April 19 at 12:04 PM