



Mr. Joe Wayne Nelms

April 13, 1949 - August 4, 2014

Funeral service for TSgt Joe Wayne Nelms, USAF (Ret), 65, of Opelika will be held at 11:00 am Friday, August 8, 2014 at Ferguson Chapel C.M.E. Church with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. James Q. Smith will officiate.

TSgt Nelms passed Monday, August 4, 2014 at the East Alabama Medical Center. He was a member of Ferguson Chapel C.M.E. Church where he served as president of the Trustee Board and vice president of the Trustee Board for the Montgomery-Phenix City-Opelika District for the Fifth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Wayne graduated from J.W. Darden High School in 1967. Upon his graduation, he entered the freshman class at Auburn University. One year later, he entered the United States Air Force. TSgt Nelms retired from the military in 1988 at Maxwell AFB, AL.

The family will receive family and friends at the Funeral Home Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm. His remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

Survivors: his wife of 43 years, Geraldine Nelms of Opelika; his son, Michael (Dr. Sherica Clark) Nelms of Nashville, TN; sisters in Christ, Julia Rose Nelms and Vetrola Nelms both of Opelika, Patricia Scott of Crawford, Para Trimble of Opelika, Johnnie Mae Morgan of Smith Station, Elizabeth Walker of Arlington,

TX, Ida Bell (Percy) Rowe of Crawford and Easter (Roosevelt) Keitt of Bowman, SC; brothers-in-law, Ezekiel (Eleanor) Scott of San Antonio, TX and Jesse (Susie) Scott of Queens, NY; his best buddy and great-great grand nephew, Master Cameron Lockhart of Opelika; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Family Receiving Hour

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Lie in state

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ferguson Chapel C.M.E. Church
310 South 4th Street
Opelika, AL 36801

Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joe Wayne Nelms



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - August 07, 2014 at 12:06 PM



“ Joe and I worked together at Tuskegee University. He was a good, kind, man. I'm saddened to learn of his passing 7 years ago.

Ondra Krouse Dismukes - January 11, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ Mr. Joe Wayne Nelms

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM