



Gerard Foret Nelson Sr.

July 10, 1934 - February 7, 2024

Gerard F. Nelson Sr.

Gerard, age 89, of Hammond, LA, went to his heavenly home on February 7, 2024. He adored spending time with his family and grandchildren where he was most happy. Gerard was an avid sports fan, especially the Saints, Pelicans, and LSU. One of his most important accomplishments in his lifetime was being a father to his 7 children. Gerard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, father-in-law, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his Wife, Anne Hart (Nancy) Nelson; Daughters, Deborah Mandella (Marcel), Kathryn Ames, and Susan Lee (Billy Mark); Sons, Jerry Nelson (Tracie), Sidney Nelson, Timothy Nelson (Andrea); Grandchildren, Tyler (Rachael), Nick (Taylor), Jane (Justin), Zach, Josh, Christian, Jessica, Dylan, Shandon, Aaron (Ashton), Meghan, and Victoria; and Great-Grandchildren, Daniel, Claire, Henry, Alora, and Arden.

Gerard is preceded in death by his Parents, John and Stella Nelson; daughter, Mary Margaret; sister, Isabel DiLeo; and brothers, Jack, David, and Tommy Nelson.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the memorial visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 1190 Hwy 51 North, Ponchatoula

from 10:00 a.m. until the Memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina will officiate.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula
1190 Highway 51 North
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Memorial Service

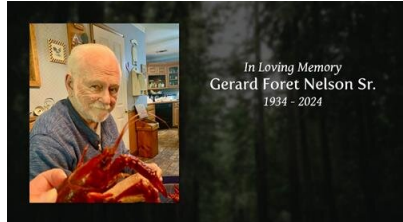
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr.*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - February 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JO

Some of my best childhood memories involve the Nelson clan. Mr. Jerry was such a strong leader and an inspiration. My favorite memory of him was his affection for all the pets that showed up in the house. I hope he is surrounded by beloved family, friends, and pets in his heavenly home.

Julie Olivier - February 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JN

“ *Brace yourself Dad. Mom is on her way.*

Jerry Nelson - May 16 at 11:42 PM

DS

“ *We were so sorry to hear Jerry had passed away. Nancy & Jerry have been longtime friends since we came back to Covington in 1997. After Hurricane Katrina when we had no power & damage to our house, Jerry cooked & invited us over to eat real food instead of MREs.*

*We'll miss his sense of humor & hope Heaven knows what it's in for!
Diane & John Spaar*

Diane & John Spaar - February 11, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*



February 11, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Christian & Kimberly Rooney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*



Christian & Kimberly Rooney - February 11, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *Mr. Mrs. Bob Younger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*



Mr. Mrs. Bob Younger - February 09, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ *Mr. Mrs. Bob Younger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*

Mr. Mrs. Bob Younger - February 09, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*



February 09, 2024 at 10:06 PM



“ *Maria Lopez purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*



Maria Lopez - February 09, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ *Love Deb, Marcel, Zach, Josh and Jane purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerard Foret Nelson Sr..*



Love Deb, Marcel, Zach, Josh and Jane - February 08, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Hey dad, what can I say, you did a wonderful job raising a big clan, making us all successful in our own right and providing us with education and opportunities. You taught us to be proactive thinkers and make the best out of the situation. I'll always love you and miss you.♥♥ Dolly*

Kathy Ames - February 08, 2024 at 08:47 AM

TN

“ *My life is a reflection of you Dad
You taught me many things that didn't understand until I became an
adult , husband and a father
Thank you Dad
Your loving Son
Timothy*

Timothy Nelson - February 07, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JN

“ *WHATEVER*

Jerry Nelson - February 07, 2024 at 04:40 PM

TN

*Haha!
The word Dad knew so well!*

Timothy Nelson - February 08, 2024 at 11:06 AM

DM

Inside joke 🤔🤔

Debbie Mandella - February 08, 2024 at 04:41 PM

SL

*A single word that said so much depending on his inflection... so much
so.. it was framed. 😊*

Sue Nelson Lee - February 09, 2024 at 10:40 AM

RH

*So very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My deepest sympathy is
extended to Nancy and all of your beautiful family. I worked with Jerry
in the oil and gas industry at Milpark. We played a lot of tennis and he
generally won! 😊 Great athlete and one of the originators of The New
Orleans Oilman's Tennis Tournament. He was a Pro at deep frying
turkeys. Boundless energy! With much love....Roy Hinojosa*

Roy Hinojosa - March 05, 2024 at 04:51 PM