



Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson

April 19, 1947 - May 13, 2016

Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson, age 69, of Lindale, Texas passed away Friday, May 13, 2016. Jody was born to Joe and Hazel (Strickland) Nelson in Laurel, Mississippi on April 19, 1947. As a child he lived in Mississippi, New Iberia, Grand Isle, and Port Sulphur, LA due to father's employment. In 1965 he graduated from high school in Port Sulphur, LA. In 1969 he graduated with a degree in business from Northwestern State University in LA. Before moving to Tyler in 1985, he lived in the Houston area for many years and worked in the oil industry. In 1990 he began his career with the Smith County Sheriff's Department and after sixteen years of service he retired with the rank of Sergeant. After retirement he reentered the oil industry in 2006 as a consultant for EOG Resources and continued working there until his passing. In 1994 Jody married his wife Susan (Sawyer) Nelson and they shared 22 years of marriage. They enjoyed their family, horses, and dogs; and they loved to travel. He is survived by his wife Susan; daughter Nancy Nelson, husband (Bob Head) of Durham NC; son Paul Nelson, fiancé (Traci Chernosky) and grandchildren; Kyle and Lindsey Nelson of Cat Spring, TX; sisters Donna Dumas, husband (Harold) of Midland, TX; and Glenda Fleming and husband (Jerry) of New London, TX and along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Hazel Nelson and his mother-in-law Iva Sawyer. Funeral services for Jody are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Jerry Fleming officiating. The family will receive

friends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, May 16, 2016 also at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale. Donations may be made to the National MS Society/Bike MS: Historic New Bern Ride 2016: Mr. Bobb J. Head, http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=27695&pg=personal&px=1784465, American Cancer Society, or Texas Peace Officers Memorial Foundation, www.pomf.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ I didn't know that Jody had passed away until today (06/30/2016). We worked together at Mother Frances in the security department. RIP Jody.

Neal Whitehead Jr - June 30, 2016 at 06:35 AM



“ I only had the pleasure of knowing Jody for the past two years. In that time I very quickly came to think of him as a man of great integrity and good friend.

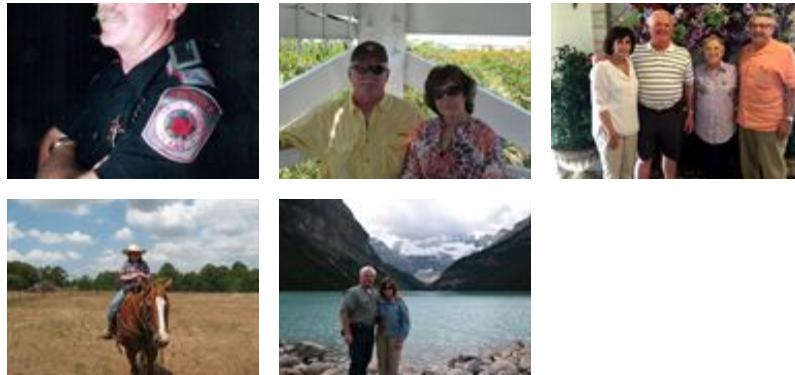
Jody and I worked many hitches paired together in North Dakota and I always looked forward to working with him. While I haven't worked over there this past year, Jody would still call to check up on me every couple of months. If Jody liked you he treated you like family. I have the utmost respect for the man he was and I will miss him deeply.

Rest in peace my friend.

Steve Jenner - May 18, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - May 16, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



May 16, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ Connie Elkins, 3857 Founders Ln. Frisco, TX 75034 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



Connie Elkins, 3857 Founders Ln. Frisco, TX 75034 - May 16, 2016 at 01:17 PM

DN

“ Don and Sandye Nelson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



Don and Sandye Nelson - May 16, 2016 at 10:57 AM

JK

“ I only got to work with Jody over the past year and of that only a couple of weeks in person. But just over that short time and a few lunches together I could tell what an honorable man Jody is. He exuded integrity, and his love for his family was obvious. We will miss him.

James Kress - May 16, 2016 at 09:26 AM


Richard
Fulford

“ Richard Fulford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



Richard Fulford - May 16, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ I find it hard to put into words, Jody and I worked together for over 15 years. We were both patrol officers on the evening shift for a long time, and later both Sergeants on the evening shift. A lot of times, Jody and I would ride together, and we would end up at his property up in Lindale. We would sit out there and he would talk about how he was one day going to build a house there, and enjoy life with his wife and his horses....Jody did eventually build the house, had a wife that he truly loved, and enjoyed his horses....Jody was living the dream.....he was my friend and will be truly missed....

Richard Fulford - May 15, 2016 at 11:25 PM

CD

He will be missed for sure..

Chris Dworaczyk - May 16, 2016 at 12:10 AM

BW

MAY HE REST IN PEACEFUL SLUMBER IN HERO HEAVEN!

BILL WELLS - May 17, 2016 at 07:43 AM

CD

“ C&J Frac Crew, North Dakota purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



C&J Frac Crew, North Dakota - May 15, 2016 at 08:09 PM

MB

“ Marsha and Kelli Britton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



Marsha and Kelli Britton - May 15, 2016 at 06:59 PM

JR

“ Jeannette, Jennifer, Laura, Peggy and Rebekah purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



Jeannette, Jennifer, Laura, Peggy and Rebekah - May 15, 2016 at 05:24 PM

JS

“ Judy Shaffstall purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Joseph C. "Jody" Nelson.



Judy Shaffstall - May 15, 2016 at 02:16 PM

HW

“ Great guy. R I P

Henry Whatley - May 15, 2016 at 03:51 AM

MG

“ I worked many years with Jody. I trusted him... sometimes with my life. He had a great sense of humor and spirit. Rest easy 629

Michael Gromatzky - May 13, 2016 at 08:10 PM

JK

Jody worked with my Dad (Jack Kea) at Smith County for several years. He was such an inspiration. I respected him so much. I will miss him dearly and regret not finding the time to go fishing with him off the coast.

jody Kea - May 13, 2016 at 10:54 PM

MN

Generous to a fault - a brother who would listen - a friend to count on - that was Jody. I was his training officer way back when and later through the years when one of us got angry at the other we would just wait a short time and the anger would fade and we would laugh about it and all would be well again. I will miss him.

Mike North

Mike North - May 15, 2016 at 01:52 PM

BM

Very saddened to learn about Jody, he was always wanting all of us that he worked with at the Sheriffs Office to get together and though I was generally out of town when he would have the get to gathers, I wish I could have made just one, my regret. Jody always had a smile and bright outlook on life, I will miss seeing him on occasion, he was a great guy and a friend. Had just spoken to him when Jack Kea passed. My prayers are with his family, I know their pain will be great.

Bobbie McGee

Bobbie McGee - May 15, 2016 at 07:59 PM