



## Mr. Ellis Nelson Nash Jr.

May 3, 1956 - April 22, 2026

The passing of Ellis Nelson Nash, 69, of Danielsville, will leave some voids in our life. Born on May 3, 1956, Nelson passed away on April 22, 2026, quietly at his home, after a long battle with cancer. He fought a good fight and was one of the strongest people. He was a good husband, father, and friend to so many of you. He loved everyone that was close to him, and he loved his family, especially his granddaughters.

Nelson was always a hard worker. His work ethic was very strong, and it ran 24/7. He was a cattle farmer for many years and worked for Russell Research in Athens. In these later years, he worked with his privately owned construction company, Nash Construction, in conjunction with Nash HVAC.

Every fall when the Georgia Dawgs came out with their season, he was right there with them in spirit. He was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan and many of you came to support the Dawgs with him, no matter how much they won or lost. He could definitely get people to rally.

Nelson was also a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and carried his spirituality in his heart. He loved his God and spread opportunities to others who were less fortunate. Some of those were anonymous donations, groceries, whatever family in need could use. Many of you did not know that he did that, and that was how he wanted it.

Following Nelson's wishes, there will not be a formal funeral service. Only his immediate family for a private gathering and spreading of his ashes around his farm that he loved so well. So please do not be offended by his request. He loved life but could also be very private. Therefore, with a very heavy heart, the family asks that you continue to pray for them as they take a new and unfamiliar road of grief. He will always be in the hearts and minds of everyone who loved him.

Nelson is survived by his wife of 48 years, Kerry Cannon Nash; (son) Adam Nash (Lucy); daughter, Lindsey Nash Byrd (Justin); grandchildren, Emmerson Nash, Charlee Ann Byrd, and Reagan Nash; sister, Elaine Belfield. Family members who have preceded Nelson in death are his parents, Faye, and Ellis Nash; sister, Teresa Nash Spratlin; and grandmother, Ruth Adams Fortson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, Esophageal Cancer Foundation. [HTTPS://donate.cancer.org](https://donate.cancer.org).

The family would like to thank everyone who has sent food, made visits, called or acknowledged Nelson and our family in some way. He was touched and thankful for his life, family, and friends.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My brain can hardly wrap around this fact. Please know that you all are loved and will be in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days, weeks, and months ahead.*

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**Renee McCannon** - April 27 at 03:56 PM

CH

“ *Uncle Nelson was a precious soul whom I will miss so very much. I will cherish every UGA football game I watched with him, every instant he made me laugh during those games. I will treasure all of those texts- that I am so happy I saved, which included everything from recipes, to pictures of Thanksgiving turkey to TicToc reels that would make me both laugh and cry. I will miss those birthday calls and those calls when I just needed a little advice. I will miss all those good meals he cooked- especially that catfish- no one makes it better. Most of all, I will miss knowing that my Unc is right up the road. He wore so many hats and touched so many people. I was very fortunate to be even a small part of his large world. I know there is a BIG celebration in Heaven. Rest In Peace Uncle Nelly. I will love you always.*

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**Christie Haggard** - April 26 at 07:49 PM

RH

“ *Randy Haggard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Nelson Nash Jr.*



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**Randy Haggard** - April 26 at 09:01 AM

DB

“ You will be missed my friend RIP

Danny Bennett - April 26 at 08:28 AM

JE

“ I worked with Nelson at Russell Research and also knew him outside of work. A good man and friend. Praying for the family



Jeff Elrod - April 25 at 12:13 PM

CW

“ Rest well Mr. Nash. You were lived beyond measure by many and you be missed beyond compare.

Crystal Wade - April 24 at 05:03 PM

CL

“ I know both of you have been battling your health. I was shocked to hear of Nelson's passing. Please God, wrap your arms around Kerry and her family. We will talk when we can. Love you, Lynn Clark.

Clark Lynn - April 24 at 04:03 PM

SB

“ Sammy Beard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Nelson Nash Jr.



Sammy Beard - April 24 at 07:09 AM

DM

“ Kerry and all of Nelson's family, Russell and I send our love and prayers as you cope with Nelson's passing. He fought the good fight and finished his race bravely! The Lord has welcomed him home! But, know you will all miss him. Much love

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**Deborah McCants** - April 23 at 09:37 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Nelson's passing. My thoughts are prayers are with Kerry and the entire family 🙏

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**Meliss Brown** - April 23 at 08:47 PM

GH

“ Sorry to hear this, was such a generous man, would help anyone who needed it, thoughts and the family!

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**Gary Hanley** - April 23 at 07:44 PM

NR

“ Kerry and family- you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I loved Nelson and he was a great person. Lamar and I have alot of fond childhood memories with him. He will be greatly missed by all. I pray God will comfort you and give you strength to get through this. No family is ever prepared to lose a loved one. I love you all ❤️

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**Nancy Reynolds** - April 23 at 07:10 PM

JF

*We are so sorry to hear that Nelson has passed. Thought of him every time I passed by the house and prayed for him many times since he has been sick. It seemed so strange not seeing him outside much for a while. I feel very honored to have known Nelson as both friend and relative. We love you all and continue to lift you up in prayer.*

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**Jerry McElreath and family** - April 23 at 08:47 PM

NH

*“ The Nelson Holloway Family are deeply saddened by this news. Nelson was a vital part of the Shiloh community in many ways. His absence will be profoundly missed by many. May his family be comforted by our Lord and know that the community is here to lift them up.*

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**Nelson and Kendra Holloway** - April 23 at 06:45 PM

AS

*“ Sorry to see that the passing of Ellis Jr. I got to know him through his dad as said in other comments he will be missed. Praying for the family for comfort from grief. Good Man!*

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**A.Wayne Smith** - April 23 at 05:41 PM

KM

*“ Kerry and family, you all are in my prayers. May God give each one of you comfort during this difficult time. 🙏🙏*

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**Karen Kirk McEver** - April 23 at 05:37 PM

CA

“ Nelson was my best friend, and I am going to miss him. He could fix or build anything; he was so talented and always willing to help many people. I will miss working with him and those phone calls where he'd say, "I am cooking; ride over and fix a plate." He loved cooking for people and enjoyed fellowship with his friends so much. It won't be the same on those Georgia football Saturdays. Teresa and I are praying for the whole family.

Charles and Teresa Atlinson - April 23 at 05:33 PM

JH

Kerry, just a word to let you know that I am thinking and praying for you and your family. I come to know, Nelson when he worked at Russell research center. I called on he and his father for many projects and they always responded with that humble demeanor that he possessed I consider it a privilege to have been associated with him through the years. He will be missed by the many people that depended on him to design build, fabricate and construct many projects. May God bless and strengthen you and your family.

Jerry Hammond - April 23 at 07:16 PM

RC

“ Sending prayers to the family. I am so sad to hear this. I worked with Nelson on several projects at UGA and he was an excellent contractor. He will be missed very much.



Robin Griffeth Claborn - April 23 at 05:32 PM

BP

“ I am so sorry about the passing of Nelson. He was a classmate and friend in elementary school. I have lived in VA for the last 44 years and haven't seen him, but I have prayed for him since I heard of his sickness. Praying for the family.

*Bill Preskitt*

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**Bill Preskitt** - April 23 at 03:50 PM

DT

*Nelson Nash was a great friend. A very knowledgeable and expert craftsman. I was privileged to know him as both. I worked with his dad and meet Nelson on the Madison County Little League baseball field. We were fierce competitors and loved teaching the game to our sons. Especially to each other. It was a honor and privilege to share our life and goals together. Rest high on that mountain. So long until we meet again my true friend. Our condolences to the family and friends of this legendary man. The Don Tadlock family of Madison County Georgia*

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**Don Tadlock** - April 23 at 07:21 PM

CB

“ Sending prayers for this precious family that God would surround them with His loving arms now and in future days to come.

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**Connie P Burt** - April 23 at 03:24 PM

LF

“ Nelson you are not just family but a brother to Lamar. He is going to be so lost. The Georgia games will never be the same for him and so many others. You rest in peace now my dear friend until we meet again. Kerry I pray that God will give you and the family the strength you will need to get through this. Love

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**Linda Fortson** - April 23 at 02:49 PM

SD

“ Prayers for his entire family, during this difficult & hard time. Nelson was well thought of, throughout our Shiloh Community. Rest in Eternal Peace, Nelson. ☐



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**Sandra Dalton** - April 23 at 01:51 PM

TM

“ Nelson was always fun to be around and had a wonderful sense of humor. I spent part of my childhood w/ Elaine, Nelson and Teresa. They are like my extended family. I pray Nelson knew how much he was loved and I pray for Kerry and the rest of the family as they grieve. You are all in my prayers. Prayers for God's strength and guidance in the days ahead. I love you!  
Terri Myers

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**Terri Myers** - April 23 at 01:14 PM

BL

“ I was so sad to hear about Nelson this morning. We worked together many years ago at Russell Research. I really enjoyed working with Nelson...he was so talented and we all admired him. I will keep his family in my prayers during these difficult days ahead. He will be missed!



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**Beth Love** - April 23 at 01:05 PM

RT

“ Nelson was a man of great integrity, he would do anything he could to help you if you needed something, he was a good friend and I will miss him greatly. We need more Nelson's in this world. Ronald Temple

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**Ronald Temple** - April 23 at 01:03 PM

CA

*Amen  
He would do anything to help you*

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**Charles Atkinson** - April 24 at 08:04 AM

DC

*Nelson was such a great person. He cared for others so much and was loved by so many. He will be greatly missed and prayers continue for his dear family. RIP Nelson.*

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**Denise Collins** - April 24 at 01:52 PM