



Mr. Joel Nelson Driver

October 7, 1952 - October 12, 2023

Mr. Joel Nelson Driver, 71, of Canon, GA passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, GA.

Mr. Driver was born in Royston, GA on October 7, 1952, son of the late L.T. Driver and the late Mildred Maxwell Driver. He worked for Harbin Lumber Company for 29 years before retiring and was a member of Canon Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Tony Driver and Ed Driver; and sister, Betty Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Gatha Jordan Driver; sons, Joey Driver (Kim) of Canon, GA and Scott Allen of Canon, GA; brothers, Ronnie Driver of Canon, GA, Billy Driver (Marie) of Canon, GA, and Danny Driver (Susan) of Comer, GA; sisters, Debra Pruitt (Herman) of Stone Mountain, GA and Vickie Hicks (Vernon) of Canon, GA; and grandchildren, Jared Driver, Kacie Driver and Kannon Driver; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Driver will be held at Canon Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2023, with Rev. Eldon Massey, Rev. Mitch Brooks, and Rev. Paul Creason officiating. Interment will follow in the Oakview Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. Mr. Driver will be placed in the church from 3:00 p.m. until funeral hour on Sunday afternoon. During other times the family will be at the home.

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

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

GA 17 Highway
Canon, GA 30520

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home
47 Franklin Springs Street
P.O. Box 465
Royston, GA 30662
(706) 245-7234
pruittfh@bellsouth.net
<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

Service

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Canon Baptist Church
5136 Highway 17
Canon, GA 30520

Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Pruitt Funeral Home - October 14, 2023 at 01:13 PM

RP

So sorry for your loss

Ruby Nell Porterfield - October 15, 2023 at 10:02 AM

RO

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joel, we were classmates and I always thought the world of him*

Randy OBarr - October 22, 2023 at 09:17 AM

RG

“ *Roberta Craft Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Roberta Craft Graham - October 16, 2023 at 07:48 PM

HH

“ Heather Posey Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver



Heather Posey Hunnicutt - October 16, 2023 at 10:44 AM

JK

“ Jennifer Kinley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver



Jennifer Kinley - October 15, 2023 at 02:24 PM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss Praying for the Family...Joel Driver was a great man..Loved him and Gatha Driver...



Beverly Stowe - October 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

DM

“ Deborah Minish sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver



Deborah minish - October 15, 2023 at 01:59 PM

MA

“ *Marybrownwhite lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



marybrownwhite - October 15, 2023 at 09:18 AM

MA

He was a good man loved the lord and family been knowing him for a long time he will be missed prayers for his family

marybrownwhite - October 15, 2023 at 09:19 AM

JL

“ *Gatha and Family,
Prayers and Sympathy to the family. I
remember him as a very good person, and a
great singer. May God Bless y'all! 🙏🙏
Jean (Brown) and Dwayne Little*



Jean (Brown) Little and Dwayne Little - October 14, 2023 at 06:07 PM

DJ

“ *Diana P Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Diana P Johnson - October 14, 2023 at 03:26 PM

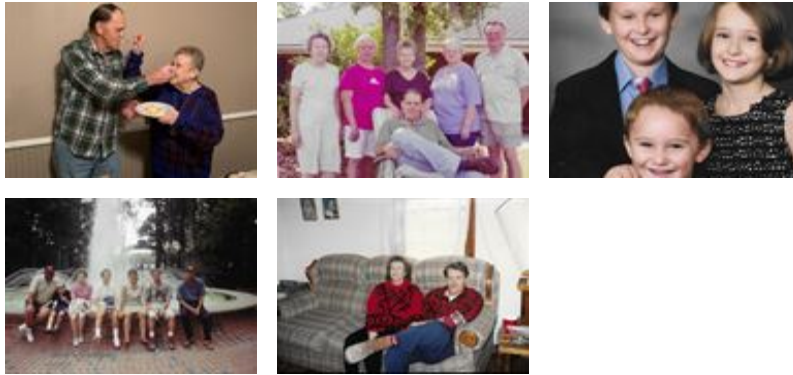
GB

“ Joel was a good man and love the lord he will be miss lot I no Greg thought the world of Joel said he was like a daddy to him Gatha joey and Scott y'all in our prayers and we love yall

Greg and Tina Bouquet - October 14, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pruitt Funeral Home - October 14, 2023 at 12:52 PM

JB

“ Deeply saddened to hear of Joel's passing! He was a great man and friend! Praying for Gods blessings and peace for Miss Gatha and family!



Johnny Banister - October 14, 2023 at 01:47 AM

Robbie
Moore

“ *Gatha & Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed hearing Joel sing at church, he had such a beautiful voice. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers!*
Terry and Robbie Moore



Robbie Moore - October 13, 2023 at 09:09 PM

JS

“ *Juanita Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Juanita Sanders - October 13, 2023 at 08:58 PM

LW

“ *Lynn Waller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Lynn Waller - October 13, 2023 at 07:12 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Ten Broeck lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Carolyn Ten Broeck - October 13, 2023 at 03:41 PM

CB

Joel was one of the best people I've ever known. I have so many happy memories of him at CBC and I never hear "The Old Rugged Cross" that I don't close my eyes and hear him singing it. Heartfelt condolences to Gatha and the family.

Carolyn Ten Broeck - October 13, 2023 at 03:40 PM

TM

“ *Tammie Massey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Tammie massey - October 13, 2023 at 03:34 PM

TM

“ *Tammie Massey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



Tammie massey - October 13, 2023 at 03:33 PM

GS

“ *GEORGE & GAYNELLE STOWE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Nelson Driver*



GEORGE & GAYNELLE STOWE - October 13, 2023 at 03:17 PM

KM

“ Joel always seemed to be ready to help anyone he knew that was in need. He will truly be missed

Keith Macris - October 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM