



## Paul Lawrence Nelson

January 2, 2010

Murrells Inlet-.Lt. Colonel (Retired) Paul L. Nelson, died at Home January 2, 2010 surrounded by his immediate family. Mr. Nelson was born February 8, 1923 in Ogden, Weber County, Utah. He was the son of Paul Edward Nelson and Cora Ethel Crouch, who were originally from Iowa. Duty, Honor, Country were more than words to Paul Nelson, they were the creed he lived by. An Army Aviator who served our country in three armed conflicts overseas. A glider pilot who made three combat landings during World War II. Mr. Nelson believed a man's word is his bond. He was a golfer. Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty Lou S. Nelson of Murrells Inlet, SC; daughter: B. Ilene Nelson of Durham, NC; son: Bruce E. Nelson and his wife, Beth Gentry of Stafford, Va.; granddaughters: Sophia S. Nelson of Ruther Glen Va.; Jessica Nelson and Erin Nelson both of Fredericksburg, Va.; great-grandson: Caden Nelson; nephews: Robert Ferriman of Spring, TX, and Michael Ferriman of Roanoke, TX, and niece, Carole Ferriman Swickard of Las Cruces, NM. Mr. Nelson will be missed. Funeral services will be private. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge. Sign a guest book at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nelson family during this time. I served in the US Army with Lt Colonel Nelson while we were assigned to the US Army Advisor Group (SCANG) in Columbia, South Carolina. He was a dedicated leader and a soldier first. Always duty, honor, country with him. It was an honor and pleasure to serve with Colonel Nelson.##imported-begin##Larry & Ethel Self##imported-end##

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“ Dear Betty Lou, Ilene, and Bruce, All of you are in my thoughts during this hard time. I am so happy that Col. Nelson's passage to a new life was a peaceful one at home surrounded by his family. I know that must be a true consolation to you. I have some very fond memories of Col. Nelson in our infrequent meetings over many years. I always felt that I had to be "up to snuff" when engaging him in conversation. He was always so well-informed about current events that you better "know your stuff" if you had any chance of holding your own in a conversation. Like my own father, he was a "crusty" Army man through and through. Both of them gave a lot for their country and their country owes them a lot. Certainly "duty,honor, and country" were defining elements in their lives. I also will always be thankful to Col. Nelson for introducing me to one of my all-time favorite authors - Larry McMurtry. Many years ago, he told me how much he enjoyed reading "Lonesome Dove." I got the book and could not put it down. It ranks as one of my top ten favorites. Since then, I think I have read just about everything McMurtry has written. My sincere sympathy to all of you. Love, Anne##imported-begin##Anne Schneider##imported-end##

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