



## Lee Nelson Hellums II

September 30, 1942 - August 4, 2012

L. Nelson Hellums II, born September 30, 1942, died on August 4, 2012 surrounded by friends and family. He was preceded in death by his father, Lee Hellums Texas A&M class of 1929, and mother Vera. He is survived by Laura Waggener Hellums, his wife of 45 years, and their daughter Lee Ann Hellums Texas A&M '97, his brother-in-law Brad Waggener and sister Marlene Brownlow of West Columbia.

Nelson graduated from Texas A&M in 1965 with a BA in Finance. He was Executive Officer of Company C-1. He attended South Texas Law School from 65-68. Nelson was called to serve in 1968 in the Army, Viet Nam 69-70 as a Captain. He returned to work for Highlands Insurance Company where he loved the Marine and Oil Gas insurance industry and later joined J.H. Blades as a broker. He was still enjoying placing insurance as late as July at Cravens/Warren & Company.

He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who worked with a Texas Parks & Wildlife biologist for preservation of wildlife. He was a member of Brisket Cases Barbeque Team for 32 years and chief cook for many of those years. He was very proud of the scholarships the team gave through School Art Auction at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and of their providing a cook-out each year for a group of young, physically-challenged riders from the Kingwood-Humble area at the rodeo participating in the Top Hands Horse

Show.

Nelson was a man of extreme courage, integrity and honesty and an inspiration to us all. He needed so little and gave so much. We will all miss him tremendously.

Our thanks to Dr. Joel Abramowitz and his staff for their loving care and compassion and guidance through this last journey. Also a special thanks to the staff of Vitas Hospice at Memorial-Hermann Hospital/Memorial City for their gentle care.

A Memorial Service celebrating Nelson's life will be held Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church  
12955 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX  
<http://www.mdumc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Nelson Hellums II*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Lee Nelson Hellums II*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Lee Nelson Hellums II*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Lee Nelson Hellums II*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *It's still so hard to believe that this wonderful man is not here. I want to pick up the phone and call him for advice. Nelson was a great mentor, leader and friend. He touched many lives. Nelson loved his beautiful wife and daughter; he loved hunting and he loved BBQ. His honest and caring friendship is deeply missed by many. Laura and Lee Ann, please know that I think about you often and hope that you are both getting through this. I miss Nelson more than words can express. God Bless you two wonderful ladies! Nelson was so proud of you both.*

*-Carol*

Carol Nguyen - January 18, 2013 at 10:21 AM

FW

“ God needed another angel and He knew Nelson would be a good one!

*Fred E. Wilson*

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**Fred E. Wilson** - August 09, 2012 at 06:07 PM

JB

“ *Laura and Lee Ann, Bless you both, I will miss Nelson, great neighbor and friend. Jon Bridgewater*

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**Jon Bridgewater** - August 07, 2012 at 02:25 PM

JB

“ *Dear Laura,  
I am very sad to hear about Nelson's passing. I remember him as a quiet and very fine young man when we were in school together. You and your family are in my prayers. May you each feel the love, strength, and presence of God as you grieve.*

*Jean Rater Barrow*

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**jean rater barrow** - August 07, 2012 at 01:35 PM

SG

“ *Laura and family, I have know Nelson since we started kindergarten together and went all through school together. After graduation we went separate ways, and I lost contact, but I always considered Nelson a friend. I enjoyed visiting with him at our 40th reunion, and am so happy I was able to visit with him on the phone in February. I truly wish we had visited more often. I am sadden by his loss to his courageous battle to cancer. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Laura, Lee Ann, Brad, and Marlene. May God comfort you and give you peace. I hope to visit with on Thursday.*

*Sharon Brunt Gilbert*

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**Sharon Brunt Gilbert** - August 07, 2012 at 12:08 PM