



## Eddie Pepaw Nelson

November 22, 1941 - June 13, 2022

Eddie “Pepaw” Nelson passed away early Monday morning, June 13, 2022, surrounded by his loving children.

Born November 22, 1941, in Clinton, AR, to Clarence Edmon and Inez Coleman, Eddie lived a full and illustrious life. He served in the United States Army and later dedicated his life to making music all over the United States with his wife and family. He would eventually settle in Hot Springs, AR, and serve the community as a proud proprietor of several entertainment establishments.

Though strangers may consider his personality gruff, friends and family of Eddie knew him as someone who loved to help those in need. He loved music and played the guitar and other various instruments in many bands throughout his life. He loved traveling and was an avid history buff. He often spent his vacations visiting Civil War battlefields or watching reenactments. More than anything, he loved to spend time with his family and rarely missed an opportunity to gather with them, no matter the distance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 51 years, Judy Nelson; brothers, David Edmon and Marty Edmon.

Survivors include his sister, Kay Linnell; brothers, Jerry Edmon and Jimmy

Edmon; sons, Steven Nelson and wife Kerry Nelson; Michael Nelson and wife Adri Carver; his daughters, Sandy Green and husband Jonathan Green; April (Shelly) Selph and husband Jeff Selph; nine grandchildren, Misty Harris, Cody Nelson, Brittany Ash, Summer Lace Perkins, Jeffery Selph, Jordan Selph, Meagan Hendrix, Tyler Baxter, and Mikayla Addison; and twelve great-grandchildren, Cadence Kling, Landon Ash, Memphis Ash, Kaegan Ash, Kel Meisch, Kye Meisch, Jaxon Selph, Huxley Selph, Lexi Selph, Luke Hendrix, Dyllon Hendrix, and Carter Hendrix.

Pallbearers are Jordan Selph, Jeffery Selph, Jeff Selph, Jonathan Green, Tim Harris, and Dallas Bailey. Honorary pallbearers are Tyler Baxter and Cody Nelson.

Services will be held at 10:00 AM Monday June 20, 2022 at Hot Springs Funeral Home, followed by a brief burial service at Crestview Cemetery at approximately 11:15. Online condolences are at <http://www.hotspringsfh.com>.

In lieu of flowers, family has asked that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Crestview Memorial Park

3077 East Grand Avenue  
Hot Springs, AR 71901

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home  
1017 Central Avenue

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ I have know eddie and the nelson family over 30 years, first met Eddie at a place called flyby. We had great times there, he was an entertainer, friend, family, funny too, he called me BIG D(I don't mean Dallas Lol) that nickname stuck with me till today. He was a good grandpa too, he will be missed very much but he is know with his loving wife Judy, love them both and all nelson family❤️



Dena garza - June 20, 2022 at 09:48 AM

JE

“ I have known Eddie and Judy most of my life I thought of them both as family you are both greatly missed hope to see you again someday in heaven.



Janie echols-pate - June 18, 2022 at 02:50 AM

SN

“ I met Ed and his wife R.I.P. Judy when Bill and I got married. They stood up at our wedding. Ed was a very friendly and some kind of crazy guy. He will be missed by many people and especially by Bill Nelson. Rest in peace my friend

Sheree nelson - June 16, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DR

“ Many good memories of watching him play music with his family or different bands. Loved to joke around with family and friends. Loved his family above all. Debra Ratcliff

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Debra Ratcliff - June 15, 2022 at 12:18 PM

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“ Me and my Dad were virtually identical in so many ways, particularly our skinny legs. Growing up he'd always call me "Miss Bird Legs" knowing all the while they were identical to his own. We also shared almost identical DNA, gapped front teeth, green eyes and the same walk. I have him to thank for my....well, everything I suppose ❤️



When I was born Mom named me April Michelle but from the first time he layed eyes on my huge green eyes he said he called me Shelly and the nickname stuck until I married and moved away from home. From my birth until the end of his life he never once called me April, and in turn none the of my family either. He was always setting precedences like that... If Dad said it, that was the way it would be no questions asked. Just ask the hospital staff at St Josephs in Hot Springs, where he once literally busted out because he was ready to leave. The staff and security tried to stop him but once my Dad made up his mind...that was that. I always respected him and was jealous I didn't get that trait but it was always entertaining simply watching him....the man, the myth, the Legend, My Dad!

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April Selph (Shelly) - June 14, 2022 at 08:49 PM

MW

*Mr Eddy u going be missed I worked for this man n miss Judy for several years in star lite club me n my late husband Cedric which was the security n I waitressed n on Sundays had a great time sure miss this club it's not the same any more in that place memories soon as u hit that door there Eddy was a a great man sure going miss him .RIP Mr Eddy gone to soon now go dance in the sky with Mrs Judy she waiting on u .she loved dancing too .*

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**Melissa walker** - June 16, 2022 at 01:17 PM