



## Thomas R. Nelms

April 19, 1928 - February 2, 2016

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Spartanburg, SC--Thomas R. Nelms, 87, formerly of North Augusta, died on February 2, 2016 in Spartanburg, SC after a battle with mesothelioma caused by asbestos exposure during his military service. Graveside Services will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Fort Jackson National Cemetery, with full veteran's honors. Rev. Laura-Lee Jones officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday evening from 7 until 9.

Born April 19, 1928 in Ochlocknee, Georgia, he was the son of the late Oscar and Myrtice Nelms. Tom joined the US Navy in 1950 and proudly served for 21 years, 12 of which were aboard Destroyers. His final duty station was as a recruiter in Augusta, Ga. During his service, Tom earned six Navy Good Conduct Medals, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. After retirement, he spent another 21 years of distinguished service as the warehouse manager for ARA Services in North Augusta.

Left to cherish fond memories are a daughter, Lisa Murphy (Keith) of Spartanburg, SC, a son, Alan Nelms (Beth) of North Augusta; four grandchildren, Amy and Kate Murphy of Spartanburg and Chris and Charles

Nelms of North Augusta; four brothers, Ralph Nelms of Jacksonville, NC, Cecil Nelms of Cairo, GA, Carol Nelms (Peggy) of Meigs, GA, and Marlon Nelms of Hernando, FL; two sisters, Greta Sikes and Wanda Baumgardner (Jerry) of Columbia, SC, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Murphy, and by two sisters, Frances Marcus and Yvonne Tart.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Summit Hills Skilled Nursing and Hospice of the Carolina Foothills for their attentive, loving care of Tom during his illness and to special friends Doug and Joanne Roebuck and Mildred Krause for their devotion and loyalty.

Due to cemetery regulations about the quantity of allowed arrangements, please consider making a memorial in lieu of flowers. Memorials can be made to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, 260 Fairwinds Road, Landrum, SC 29356 or at [www.hocf.net/donate](http://www.hocf.net/donate).

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.poseycares.com](http://www.poseycares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas R. Nelms*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Thomas R. Nelms*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Lisa and family, You all are in our prayers. May Our Lord Jesus comfort you all and give you strength in the days ahead. I know that you all will miss this precious man. But I pray that knowing he has received healing from Our Great Physician and that you all will see him again bring peace to you. I love you and I am here for you if you need me.*

*Teresa Sanders and family*

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**Teresa Sanders** - February 03, 2016 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Lisa & Family,*

*I am truly sorry to hear of your recent loss of your dad. I extend my sincere sympathy to all of you at what I know is a very sad and mournful time.*

*I know first hand how profound a loss it is when you realize that he will no longer be there for all the events in your life. I can tell you though that the very best way to mark his passing is by filling your mind with all of the wonderful memories you have of happier times.*

*Your dad lived a long and rewarding life and accomplished so much in his lifetime. He will long be remembered as the hardworking, intelligent and loving man that he was.*

*My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. May you find comfort in the outpouring of sympathy from all of us who share your loss.*

*In Deepest Sympathy,*

*Michele Bippert*

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**Michele Bippert** - February 03, 2016 at 12:16 PM

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“ *Keeping your family in our prayers.*  
*Red & Beverly Dalber*

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**Beverly Dalber** - February 02, 2016 at 06:27 PM