



## Byron C. Nelson

December 11, 1935 - November 10, 2022

### Obituary for Byron C. Nelson

Byron Constantine Nelson was born in Colón, Rep. of Panamá on Wednesday, December 11, 1935, the son of James Nelson and Louise Mulgrave. While his academic education was earned from schools in Colón and Panamá City, Byron's thirst for knowledge fueled a lifelong pursuit of accomplishments. As a young man, he was employed by Tagaropulos S.A., then as the Office Manager of Lucas (America Latina) S.A. in the Colón Free Zone. Byron and his wife, Alicia Ford, expanded the family with the addition of Danilo (now deceased) and Dalys. Byron parlayed his enjoyment of sports to become a sports writer for his local newspaper and to serve as Secretary of the Colón Boxing Commission. He was also the Secretary of The Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Byron emigrated to the United States in 1967 and held positions in the maritime transportation industry, all while attending The City College of New York. He was driven to succeed. Byron and Claudia Cole married in 1970. Kevin, Daryl and Melinda were produced from that commitment to a love that still burns brightly with ardor, respect and devotion. As the Transportation Manager for Amax, Inc., (NY) subsidiary in Connecticut, Byron traveled extensively to Europe, Africa and the Americas while Claudia kept the beacon of lights burning and together they provided the love and security that nurtured their family. Upon Byron's eventual retirement, he and

Claudia moved to Lauderhill, FL where he rekindled his passion for fishing and golf. His ace (hole-in-one) was the centerpiece of many sports related conversations as was his ability to match his age to a score of 75, which is an achievement of which many golfers dream. Whenever he had a disappointing day on the golf course he could be heard quietly claiming that the more he played golf, the more he loved fishing. Invariably, someone within earshot would reply that he did not need any talent to fish. Somehow, Byron managed to make them both look easy. To some, Byron may have seemed guarded in his disposition. It was simply his way of evaluating the circumstances and consequences of the decisions before him. His search for the meaning of life to himself and to others, as well as his role and place among his fellow man led him to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. In 2005, he recommitted his life to those ideals and devoted himself to being the touchstone with a gentle guiding hand to many around him. Byron Constantine Nelson, a husband, a father, a grandfather, an uncle, a teacher, a friend, a man.

Left to cherish Byron C. Nelson's memory are his devoted wife, Claudia, of 52 years of marriage, sons Kevin (Joy) and Daryl (Audrey), daughters Dalys (Earnest) and Melinda (Gunther), grandchildren Victor G., Danilo, Jahmaal, Venishka, Destiny, Anthony Justin, Nia, Felicidad, Giovanni and Victor C. Byron is also survived by his sisters Joyce and Marrijorie. Additionally, Byron is survived by great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of enumerable treasured friends.

May Byron C. Nelson rest in peace for his life well-lived in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **18**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Byron C. Nelson*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *To Tía, Melinda, Daryl, Kevin and family :  
Dealing with the passing of a loved one is certainly one of the most difficult aspect of life. I want to extend my heart felt condolences to the family as you deal with this challenge. Celebrate his life, his legacy, the love, the laughter, the dinners, the travel, the conversations because that's where he left his indelible memories with you; give thanks that you were able to enjoy his presence, his support, his wisdom for such a long time and take solace in the fact that he's now in a better place, free of sickness and pain. His memories with all of us will certainly live on. RIP Byron.*

**Roberto Barnett** - November 18, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am honored and blessed to have known Byron, he became one of my favorite brothers in law , a man of great talent and knowledge, wise in his reflections. May God give him eternal rest and the family the strength to bear the great pain. Please accept my sincere condolences. Tricia.*

**tricia cole** - November 18, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sending sincere condolences to the Nelson family on the loss of Byron. He was a true gentleman and a gifted communicator. It was a pleasure to have known him. May he rest in heavenly peace. 🙏  
Donaldo and Marilyn Comrie*

**Donaldo Comrie** - November 17, 2022 at 05:51 PM

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“ Debra Xiomars Nelson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Byron C. Nelson.



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**Debra Xiomars Nelson** - November 16, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Byron C. Nelson.



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November 16, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Byron C. Nelson.



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November 16, 2022 at 11:51 AM

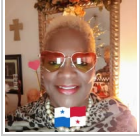
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“ Tony & Roseann Merchant purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Byron C. Nelson.



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**Tony & Roseann Merchant** - November 16, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *The First time I met Mr Nelson was during Christmas time about five years ago He purchased a fruit cake and from that moment He became a faithful customer. I had the privilege to design His daughter Melinda last graduation Cake. He was very please with the way it turned out. May He RIP.*

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**Lizca Francois** - November 15, 2022 at 06:04 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Nelson family. I remember meeting him 22 years ago at my sister’s wedding. He was such a gentleman and a deep thinker. I will miss him. Rest in Heaven till we meet again!*  
*Solomon Mkubwa.*

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**Solomon Mkubwa** - November 15, 2022 at 05:12 PM