



Waldo "Butch" Warren Nelson

June 9, 1941 - October 24, 2024

Waldo (Butch) Warren Nelson passed away at Charles Regional Medical Center, La Plata, MD, the morning of October 24, 2024 after a hard-fought battle with lung cancer.

Born on June 9, 1941 in Hanover, New Hampshire. The first son of Waldo Y. and Phila M. Nelson (Edmands). He grew up on a dairy farm in Newbury, Vermont, joining the United States Air Force in 1960. While in the Air Force he traveled to many countries, meeting his future wife, Eva Mondonedo Araya, in Lima, Peru. They had 3 weddings. First, was a civil wedding in Lima, Peru in January of 1967. Second, Marrying her August 5, 1967 at the First Congregational Church in Newbury, Vermont. Third, was a Catholic wedding in March of 1970. August 5, 2024 was their 57th year wedding anniversary.

After being honorably discharged from the Air Force he attended college receiving a Bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont. He then went on to graduate from Pittsburg University with a Master's degree. He began employment with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, moved with Eva to Forest Heights MD in 1970. Where he was on the town council until moving to Waldorf, MD in 1980. He then retired from HHS in 2002.

Waldo enjoyed being outdoors. After a day at the office, you could find him

with a beer relaxing in his vegetable or flower garden pulling weeds or planting something new. On the weekends he could be found on his boat, out of Buzz's Marina, Ridge MD, fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. He enjoyed playing cards and the game cribbage.

Waldo was preceded in death by his parents, Waldo Y. and Phila M. Nelson, and his brother, Bruce Nelson.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Nelson, sister, Sandra Bartlett, son, Waldo Y Nelson, and two, grandsons Gavin and Cole Nelson.

Visitation will be on Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 9:00 AM until time of Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 3320 St. Peter's Drive, Waldorf, MD 20601. Interment will follow at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery at 11:15 AM.

In lieu of flowers, it is asked that memorial contributions be made to The Chesapeake Bay Foundation in honor of Waldo W. Nelson. www.cbf.org.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
3320 St. Peter's Drive
Waldorf, MD 20601

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
3320 St. Peter's Drive
Waldorf, MD 20601

Interment

NOV 21. 11:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Uncle Waldo touched our lives with his warmth, humor, and loving spirit. His memory lives on through cherished moments—including some memorable trips to Peru and peaceful times in Maryland, where Aunt Eva's favorite home-cooked meals and his distinctive sense of humor filled the room. A true gardener at heart, he even named a special pepper in his garden after his beloved niece Carmen, reflecting his unique way of showing affection. Uncle Waldo will forever remain in our hearts, a beacon of joy and love that brightened our family's world.* ”



Carmen Arellano P. - November 22, 2024 at 09:27 AM

GW

“ *Greg and Lorena Wishard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Waldo "Butch" Warren Nelson.* ”



Greg and Lorena Wishard - November 20, 2024 at 08:40 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Waldo "Butch" Warren Nelson.* ”



November 17, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Warren was my Mom's cousin but I always thought of him as mine! Many wonderful memories with the Edmands, Piper & Nelson families in Newbury, VT. I loved your sporty Barracuda as a kid. Eva brought class to our family. You were terrific to brother Rod. I'm so glad we had a couple visits in recent years. Love & miss you, Rowena

Tim Luca - November 12, 2024 at 02:05 AM

CN

You and Bruce teased me mercilessly at every opportunity. It was so much fun. Eva, Sandra and I were required attendants at each other's weddings. You were my chauffeur every time I visited the D.C. area. I miss you. With thanks and love, Cathy

Catherine nelson - November 12, 2024 at 07:50 PM

TB

“ Tina and Mel Beckelhimer purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Waldo "Butch" Warren Nelson.



Tina and Mel Beckelhimer - November 02, 2024 at 03:40 PM

MB

“ Good times with Waldo and Eva.

Mel and Tina Beckelhimer



Mel and Tina Beckelhimer - November 02, 2024 at 03:15 PM