



Pastor Leroy Nesmith

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The funeral service for Pastor Leroy Nesmith, 69 of Lufkin were held at 2 P.M., Saturday, May 25, 2024, in the Goodwill Church, Lufkin, 812 E. Lufkin Ave, Lufkin. Burial will followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Pastor Leroy J. Nesmith was born in Andrews, South Carolina in 1955, to the parents of James and Rebecca Bell Nesmith. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Livingstone College in North Carolina, and there he also pledged Omega Psi Phi, Chapter Lambda Psi, in the spring of 1977.

Pastor Nesmith was one of the founders of the United Voices. He was employed as a supervisor for 19 years at International Paper Mill in Corrigan.

He united in Holy Matrimony to Polly Strong and they were blessed with their baby girl, Jessica Nesmith. The Nesmith family joined Goodwill Baptist Church in 1991, and he worked diligently as a servant leader in various roles such as; trustee, deacon and president of the mass choir.

Pastor Nesmith preached his first sermon, July 26, 2015, and was later ordained. In 2018, Pastor Nesmith was called to be the pastor of Peaceful Rest Baptist Church, where he proudly served for 6 years. He has been a mentor, father figure, and role model to many. However, his true joy was preaching God's Word.

Leaving to cherish his precious memories: his beloved wife Polly Nesmith; baby girl Jessica Byrd; son-in-law Anthony Byrd; grandsons, Mason and Reece Byrd; one brother Lewis Nesmith; godsons, Ray Montgomery and Kenterious Walker; the Peaceful Rest Church family and a wealth of other relatives.



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PW

Patricia White lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

June 7 at 11:02 AM



PP

Pastor Larry Parks & Kathie Williams-Par lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 31 at 4:25 PM



PM

Paula Missouri posted:

My sincere condolences to the Nesmith family. Leroy was my college classmate and a beloved Blue Bear. He was an awesome brother and friend to all. May the peace and comfort of God be with you. Paula Missouri Class of 1979 Livingstone College Paula Missouri

May 25 at 6:12 PM

DH

Darnell Hall lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

I'm sorry for your lost Jessica and you and your family are in my prayers

May 25 at 4:00 PM



TE

Tyler Elijah lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 25 at 9:20 AM



RR

Rayna Johnson Romero lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

What can I say about a man that was larger than life! Uncle Leroy always had a smile and a kind word. He always treated me like I was his own daughter. A good heart has stopped beating, but a heart that has touched so many lives can't help but to live on in those it loved. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us in our hearts and our memories. Job well done Uncle, now rest easy till we meet again.

May 25 at 9:18 AM





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Rev. Dr. Karen Christopher lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

Your kindness and hospitality will never be forgotten. Rev. Dr. Karen Christopher
Pine Flat Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Nacogdoches Texas

May 25 at 8:09 AM



Thaniel & Robbie Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 24 at 5:28 PM



SA Sam June 21 at 12:44 PM
LoVEEEe

EW Elvionna White May 25 at 4:36 AM
Sending condolences from the Belin Family! Praying for you Aunt Polly and Jessica as God wraps his arms around you all and give you strength needed during this difficult time and the days to come. Rest in Peace Uncle Leroy.



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nesmith family.

May 24 at 12:40 PM



Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 24 at 9:04 AM



Shirley Fields lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 24 at 8:20 AM





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Jurlene Menefee Sparks lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 24 at 5:45 AM



Joe Ann Holman lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 23 at 9:10 AM



Oscar & Myrtle Kennedy lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 23 at 6:00 AM



Angerlar Lee lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 22 at 7:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Nesmith family.

May 22 at 4:59 PM



Howard J.& Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 22 at 5:54 AM





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Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Nesmith family.



May 22 at 5:09 AM



Patricia Browning lit a candle in honor of Leroy.



May 22 at 2:03 AM



Dorothy Maxie posted:

My the Lord bless his family during this time 🙏🙏 My deepest condolences 🙏

May 21 at 5:51 PM



Wilria Crain Monmouth lit a candle in honor of Leroy.



May 21 at 5:20 PM



Nedra Larue lit a candle in honor of Leroy.



May 21 at 3:11 PM



Ray Montgomery lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

Gonna miss you GodFather. You definitely lived the life God Called You to live. You completed your assignment now take your Rest Well King



May 21 at 1:18 PM



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AO

Andrea Oliver lit a candle in honor of Leroy.
My husband's best friend he will be missed . He was a real good person.

May 21 at 12:00 PM



SB

Sherron Benton lit a candle in honor of Leroy.
My Deepest Condolences Family

May 21 at 11:44 AM



DB

Deckie Bagley lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 21 at 9:29 AM



DB **Deckie Bagley** May 21 at 9:34 AM
Prayers for his sweet wife, family and church family...such a wonderful guy....

SH

Sherina Horton lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 21 at 2:13 AM



AL

Angela Lee sent a virtual gift in honor of Leroy.

May 20 at 7:10 PM



AL

Angela Lee lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 20 at 7:09 PM





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Youlanda Lane Leslie lit a candle in honor of Leroy.



May 20 at 4:30 PM



Youlanda Lane Leslie May 20 at 4:31 PM

My deepest condolences to Sis. Polly Nesmith, Jessica and the entire family and church family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Sylvia Kirkwood lit a candle in honor of Leroy.



May 20 at 12:36 PM



Odessa L Wright sent a virtual gift in honor of Leroy.



May 20 at 11:59 AM



Bobbie Cudjoe (Johnson) lit a candle in honor of Leroy.



May 20 at 11:04 AM



Kenneth And Joanne (Mark) Perry sent a virtual gift in honor of Leroy.

Sincere condolences and prayers for you Jessica, your Mother, family and church family. Praying comfort and strength for all of you.



May 20 at 10:55 AM



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Howard J. & Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Leroy.

May 20 at 10:40 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leroy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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