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### **Acknowledgements**

The family of Mr. James L. Nelson would like to express their heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of bereavement.

### ***Road to Eternity***

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet Eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know,  
For some, the journey's quicker  
For some, the journey is slow.  
But when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.

**Author – Unknown**



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# **CELEBRATION** *of Life*



***Mr. James L. Nelson***

**August 18, 1939 – May 14, 2021**

**Thursday, May 20, 2021, 11:00 A.M.**

**Nelson's Funeral Home  
270 N. Dogwood Ave.  
Ridgeway, SC 29130**

***Elder Bennie Murphy, Officiating***

## Obituary

*“I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” John 11:25*

Mr. James L. Nelson was born August 18, 1939 in Lugoff, SC to the late Willie James and Bernice Harris Nelson. He was the third of ten children. He departed this earthly life on Friday, May 14, 2021 at Providence Health Hospital in Columbia, SC.

He loved the Lord and confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior. James joined Sutton Branch Baptist and has been a member for many years. He loved his family and friends, he enjoyed music, and dancing. He was just a fun-filled person who loved people.

James was educated in the Kershaw County Public Schools. After leaving school, James moved to Washington, DC. While living in Washington, DC, he was employed with a large construction company for many years. After returning to South Carolina, he was employed at the Western Sizzler Steak House and K-Mart. He retired in 1999.

He leaves to cherish his memory four sisters, Beulah Benson of New Canaan, CT, Alberta (James) Addison of Lugoff, SC, Etta (Nesbert) Rhode of Columbia, SC, Lila (Dennis) Barnes of Philadelphia, PA; four brothers, Herbert Nelson, Jerome (Margaret) Nelson, Daniel Nelson, and Morris Nelson all of Lugoff, SC; two aunts, Willie Mae Brown of Lugoff, SC and Sallie Lee Richardson of New York, NY; sister-in-law, Cynthia Nelson; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by one sister, Naomi Nelson Sample.

## Order of Service Elder Bennie Murphy, Presiding

Musical Prelude -----

Processional----- Clergy and Family

Recorded Music ----- Luther Barnes  
“Spirit Fall Down”

Scriptures:  
Old Testament – Psalm 23 ----- Deacon Adrian Nelson  
New Testament – Revelation 21:1-7 -----

Prayer of Comfort----- Deacon Carl Smith

Reflections -----

Recorded Selection ----- Tamela Mann  
“I Can Only Imagine”

Eulogy ----- Elder Bennie Murphy

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors  
“I’m Free”

### Committal Rites and Presentation

Sutton Branch Baptist Church  
420 Sutton Branch Road  
Lugoff, SC 29078