



## David B. Nelson

February 28, 1950 - May 6, 2026

David Barrett Nelson of Newport passed away peacefully in the early evening of May 6, 2026 surrounded by his family.

David was a lifelong businessman, dedicated to serving the people of Newport and the surrounding counties. He began his career in the hospitality industry working as the food and beverage coordinator for Holiday Inn. He also managed the Millstone Inn, a popular restaurant in downtown Newport. Following his lengthy career in hospitality, he took over the Cow Palace. He and his wife, Karen, changed the name to the Furniture Palace and worked tirelessly until they sold it in 2023.

He will be missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Karen Nelson (Cureton), three sons: David Nelson of Newport, Benjamin (Audra) Nelson of Greeneville, and Jeremy Nelson of Newport; six grandchildren: Austin, Owen, Sadie, Beau, Leo and Bonnie; brothers-in-law Terry (Susie) Cureton and Billy (Jane) Cureton and sister-in-law Jan (Jimmy) Henry; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father Paul Lynch, his mother Bonnie Lynch (Bettis) and his grandson Eli Nelson.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., with funeral services following at 1 p.m., Monday, May 11, 2026 in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home, Newport TN

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Funeral service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (est)

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363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of David B. Nelson*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 09 at 03:07 PM

PB

“ *Karen- was so sorry to hear of David's passing. Always enjoyed talking to him when he delivered my new mattresses. Good memories of all those years Mama and Daddy brought us all to the Log Cabin to eat. Prayers and love. Phyllis*

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**Phyllis Blazer** - May 13 at 05:55 PM

TR

“ *Ben and family. David and Karen and I have been friends for what seems forever and to hear of his passing just today saddens me greatly. All the visits to the furniture store were rarely to purchase furniture but to see them both and to say hello. We are promised a Grand Reunion at our own passing and David's smile will be a familiar greeting to us all.*

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**Tom Rosberg** - May 11 at 07:11 PM

JR

“ In loving memory of a very special person to our family. Praying for peace and comfort for all the family. June Holt Russell and Mary Lou Watts



June Russell - May 11 at 12:27 PM

RO

“ Losing a husband and father leaves a space that can never truly be filled. I hope you find comfort in the love, memories, and strength he gave his family. A wonderful husband and devoted father is a loss that touches generations. May his love continue to live through each of you.”



Rhonda Ottinger & L.D. Ottinger - May 11 at 10:36 AM

JS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy  
Doug and Joyce Shoemaker

J Shoemaker - May 11 at 08:08 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David B. Nelson.



May 11 at 07:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David B. Nelson.

May 11 at 07:31 AM



“ We send our sincere condolences to the entire Nelson Family and David's friends. We're so sorry for your loss. We'll keep you in our prayers.

*Josh Walton and family*

**Josh Walton** - May 10 at 11:19 PM



“ Love & Prayers to all



**Ronnie Landers Family** - May 10 at 09:37 PM



“ I am so heartbroken losing my longtime friend, but Nelson was more like my brother & I loved him as such. He will be missed by so so many family & friends. Karen, David, Ben, Jermery & Family my heart goes out for all you guys & I will keep you all in my thoughts & prayers.



**Audrey Owenby** - May 10 at 03:34 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 09 at 02:57 PM

GW

“ Glenda Willis lit a candle in memory of David Nelson



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**Glenda Willis** - May 08 at 06:30 PM

LG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss I'm just now hearing about it sending prayers! 🙏 Linda Mathis Gilbert

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**Linda Gilbert** - May 08 at 06:29 PM

NR

“ Karen and family, we are so sorry to hear about David. Prayers got you today and the difficult days to follow. Dale and Nancy Raines

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**Nancy Raines** - May 08 at 05:55 PM

VW

“ *Jeremy & Family, So sorry to hear about David he was such a wonderful person. Hoover & I shopped with him and Karen real often. He was always nice and friendly and kind always offering to help you, Asking God to comfort you all as only he can do. We love you all. Sending Prayers and love. Vida & Hoover*



Vida Williamson - May 08 at 04:15 PM

SO

“ *Karen.... I know your heart is shattered my friend. I'm so sorry to hear David has passed away. What a good man you shared your life with for 46 years. He loved his family unconditionally. He had the best personality, he was kind, and he was a businessman that people trusted and respected. David will be missed by so so so many friends and family he is leaving behind. I love you Karen. I'm so sorry. Rest in peace David. 💔*



Susie O'Dell - May 08 at 01:16 PM

MA

“ *Karen and family I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope the memories that have been made will help you through this difficult time. Love you all. Marian*



marian anderson - May 08 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ Karen and Family...I just read this about David you are in our thoughts and prayers for strength, comfort, and peace in this time of need.



The Blacks - Grassy Fork - May 08 at 10:17 AM

JH

“ Karen, we are so sorry to hear about David. Our prayers are with you and your family. Mark & Jeannie Hurst

Jeannie Hurst - May 08 at 09:31 AM

DO

“ Karen and Family: We are so very sorry to hear this news. We've known David over 50 years dating back to our days at CCHS. We have many fond memories of the wonderful Sunday buffets at the Log Cabin and the Holiday Inn. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in these dark days.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - May 08 at 06:58 AM

BE

“ Ben,

We are praying for you and your family during this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort in your time of need.

Benjamin Evans - May 08 at 06:19 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss David was a very good person. Sharon Brady

Sharon Brady - May 07 at 10:27 PM

CB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with Karen & the rest of his family.*

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**Connie & Marsha Ball** - May 07 at 10:14 PM

CS

“ *Sorry for your loss, we will keep you and your family in our prayers.  
Charlie & Patti Seehorn*

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**Charlie Seehorn** - May 07 at 10:09 PM

DD

“ *Debbie & Dixie purchased the Country Basket Bl  
ooms for the family of David B. Nelson.*



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**Debbie & Dixie** - May 07 at 07:03 PM