



Douglas Nile Woodson

March 24, 1945 - January 30, 2025

Douglas Nile Woodson was born to Elizabeth Rowland Woodson and Robert Abraham Woodson on March 24, 1945, to a family with deep roots into Coker County. John Rowland (paternal grandfather) had migrated from Buncombe County, North Carolina to Boomer's Den, Del Rio and worked in the timber industry. Abraham O'Dell (maternal grandfather) purchased a house in what is now called Oldtown, and originally the start of Newport off the French Broad River, now referred to as the "O'Dell" house. These families would later mix into a blend of new families.

Nile grew up proud of his heritage and worked as a truck driver, firefighter, and cement truck operator. He was a father to Shayne who passed away from an industrial accident early on leaving his wife Michelle and son Tyler. He was a father to Gena who became a pediatric nurse and succumbed to cancer leaving her son Shayne Hemminger. Both Shayne and Tyler now have beautiful families of their own. Nile later became a father to Renae Woodson Venerable and Chad Woodson. Both Renae and Chad have beautiful families of their own including Renae's sons Jeremy and Tyler. Chad's include Brittany and Drake.

Nile's legacy will survive and prosper!

Nile enjoyed cooking and used those skills at the firehall and on our Wagon Train outings. He camped out along the river, along ponds and in hollers with a host of friends. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and was an early member of the Peaceful Few. Nile enjoyed life!

Many have Nile stories they can tell. A lot of his friends have passed on and many more continue with a story or two. Pat Proffit is one, there was camping in Corn Holler or frog gigging in a pond. Meals cooked at Woodlawn Café and Soup Beans at Bonnie's Place.

Nile had a life that Nile cultivated. A celebration will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Manes Funeral Home. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. there is a family reception and 2:00 p.m. a Memorial Service. Internment will be at the East Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Reception

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Celebration

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Remembering Nile when my husband David and I belonged to the Newport Riding Club and all the times with the horse shows at the fairgrounds. Good memories and I send my condolences to the Woodson family. May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead, Sincerely Joan Kropff

Joan - February 12, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JK

“ My condolence to all of Nile’s family. Thoughts, prayers and peace be with you.

Janey Clevenger Kinser - February 08, 2025 at 10:12 PM

MS

“ Sorry for your loss. Nile sure was a good one.

Missy Hudson and sons - February 07, 2025 at 05:14 AM

SS

“ Polly, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the family. Prayers also for peace and comfort. Love you dearly.

Sandra Steward - February 06, 2025 at 02:56 PM

CR

“ Knew Nile from the firehall he worked with Mark for many years Nile was one of a kind RIP Nile you deserve it



Cookie Ramsey - February 03, 2025 at 07:12 PM

KG

“ Renae and Chad, I am so sorry for your loss. So many of my childhood memories involved your family (considering I stayed at your house more than I did mine) lol My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families.

Kim Hamilton Gray - February 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM

SS

“ Polly, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort. I love you dearly.
Sandra Steward

Sandra Steward - February 03, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CL

“ I send condolences for the family of my classmate and friend.
Bill Leibrock

Charlotte Leibrock - February 03, 2025 at 08:34 AM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all
Danny and Betty Coffey

Betty Coffey - February 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of
the family and friends 🙏🙏❤️



Debra Gann - February 02, 2025 at 09:27 AM

BH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for his family.*

Betsy Huff - February 02, 2025 at 08:20 AM

DP

“ *So sorry for your loss Renae and family.*

David and Sandie Popiel - February 01, 2025 at 07:23 PM

GO

“ *have not seen Nile in years but consider him a friend, my
condolence's to the family*

Glenn owens - February 01, 2025 at 06:58 PM

DK

“ *Debbie & Herbie Keller lit a candle in memory
of Douglas Woodson*



Debbie & Herbie Keller - February 01, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LH

“ *Prayers!*



Louise & Jimmy Hux - February 01, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CS

“ Had a lot of good times with Nile.He will be missed!! Charlie Seehorn

Charlie Seehorn - February 01, 2025 at 12:01 PM

MB

“ Marian & Bernie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Douglas Nile Woodson.



Marian & Bernie - February 01, 2025 at 11:34 AM

AO

“ I so hate to hear about Nile passing. He had that sneaky smile on he face & you knew he was fixing to do or say something crazy. Chad, Renae & Family you all are in my thoughts & prayers. Rest easy my friend your work here is done.



audrey owenby - February 01, 2025 at 11:24 AM

GA

“ R.I.P. Nile



Gail Ailey - February 01, 2025 at 10:44 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. Nile was a good friend and a great grillmaster.

Joe and Linda Proffitt - February 01, 2025 at 08:42 AM

LH

Sorry to hear about your dad Renae. Prayers and condolences for you and Chad and the rest of the family.

linda hamilton - February 02, 2025 at 09:27 AM