



Nelson Pointer Jackson, CAPT, USN (retired)

Captain Nelson Pointer Jackson, USN (Ret.) died peacefully at his home Sunday morning, November 1, 2015 in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. Nelson is survived by his loving wife Earlene Kistler Jackson of the home, his three children Peyton Nelson Jackson (Leigh Ann) of Alexandria, Virginia, Julia Lamar Jackson Mullis (Alan) of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Ransom Frederick Jackson (Cortney) of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and stepsons Douglas Carr Kistler and Gregory Durham Kistler of Durham, North Carolina. Nelson was born on December 9, 1930 in Roxboro, North Carolina. He was the son of Meadie Frederick Jackson Durham and John Pointer Jackson and was reared in Durham, North Carolina. Nelson was predeceased by his sister Janice Jackson Wilson (Alvin Caroll (A.C) of Anderson, South Carolina.

Nelson was born on the family tobacco farm, graduated from Durham High School in 1949, and Duke University in 1953. Nelson began singing at weddings at the age of 9. He furthered his singing career as a Tenor while at Duke University and took voice lessons at the Paris-Sorbonne University in Paris, France under the direction of the famous Tenor Pierre Bernac while he was stationed in Paris. The noted French composer Francis Poulenc was known for sitting in and observing Nelson's singing sessions.

Nelson joined the Navy Reserves in 1951, and married Ann Lamar Parish in 1959. For 24 years Nelson enjoyed his Navy career traveling the world. He was Commanding Officer of four Naval vessels, including the USS Rupertus of which he was very proud. He spent many years abroad, served in Vietnam, Japan, Paris, Hawaii, and California, before settling in Alexandria, Virginia in 1971. Nelson retired from his final duty station at the Pentagon in 1977.

He earned his Master's degree from Georgetown University in 1977, and dabbled in politics when he ran for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates in the early eighties. Nelson began his new career with The American Defense Preparedness Association in 1980. He became an executive with the National Defense Industry Association and was a Director with National Training Systems Association in Arlington, Virginia. Nelson was a founder and Director of the International Training and Education Conference Ltd. in London, England. He continued working for NDIA, NTSA and ITEC up until the time of his death.

In 1999 Nelson and Earlene were married and lived in Durham, North Carolina for three years before moving to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in 2003. Nelson and Earlene spent much of their time traveling and enjoying their new life at the beach. Nelson had many wonderful friends and enjoyed entertaining and singing for them. He and Earlene were Patrons of the Arts in Myrtle Beach and one of his favorite yearly events was the Annual Christmas Soirée that he and Earlene gave for their friends. Nelson will always be remembered fondly every time "Danny Boy" is heard.

He leaves behind the love of his life, his loving children, numerous friends, colleagues, and his cherished nine grandchildren, Courtney and Julia Barber, Amanda Mullis, Taylor and Casey Jackson, Charlot Anne and Caroline Jackson, and MacKenzie and Brenna Whalon. He will be sorely missed by all, deeply loved, and always remembered. Capt. Nelson P. Jackson, USN (Ret.) will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia with full military honors.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Cancer Society or The Wounded Warrior Project.