



## Phillip Franklin Nelson

December 12, 1944 - June 2, 2024

Phillip Franklin Nelson, 79, passed away June 2, 2024.

A native of Marion, Indiana, he was a retired employee of USFG and attended Greenville Fellowship. He was a published author of LBJ The Mastermind of the JFK Assassination, LBJ from Mastermind to Colossus, Remember the Liberty, and Who Really Killed Martin Luther King Jr. In his spare time, he loved his Pontiac Muscle Cars.

Surviving are his wife, Karen Baugher Nelson of the home; three sons, Craig Nelson (Heather) of Washington, Steve Nelson of Washington, and Jason McClure (Jessica) of Union, West Virginia; a brother, Dale Nelson (Glenda) of Florida; a sister, Cordi Van Lynn (Jim) of Wisconsin; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary conducted by Rev. Dr. George Gray with webcasting available at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
[woodmortuary@bellsouth.net](mailto:woodmortuary@bellsouth.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Phillip Franklin Nelson*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - June 15, 2024 at 01:40 PM

BL

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Phil and Karen through a mutual friend a few years ago. Phil was a captivating, truth telling author who opened my eyes to the darkness that happened in this country of which we are still feeling the ramifications today. Phil was one of those people that you can honestly say lived a life well lived. Phil, you will be sorely missed. Well done.*

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**Betsy Lamb** - June 14, 2024 at 11:13 PM

GM

“ *Hello, My name is Greg Maybury, and I live in Australia. I am a writer and a broadcaster, and interviewed Phil on my my radio show last year. We go back to around 10 years ago. I reached out to Phil after to publication of his first book and we've remained in contact since then. Phil and I chatted a few times on Zoom, and we got to know each other quite well. As a writer and a researcher he was an inspiration. I was very sorry to hear about his passing, and I extend my deepest condolences to his family.*

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**Greg Maybury** - June 13, 2024 at 10:28 AM

CV

“ *Cordelia V. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phillip Franklin Nelson.*



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**Cordelia V.** - June 12, 2024 at 10:50 AM

CV

“ *Cordelia V. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518> Memorial Tree* in honor of Phillip Franklin Nelson.

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**Cordelia V.** - June 12, 2024 at 10:50 AM

WR

“ Sorry to hear this news. Phillip was a guest on my show twice. I just reposted our discussions about his great books if anyone would like to listen to them. Here are links to both of them:

*Who REALLY Killed Martin Luther King Jr.?: The Case Against Lyndon B. Johnson and J. Edgar Hoover by Phillip F. Nelson.*

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/who-really-killed-martin-luther-king-jr-the-case/id1388815042?i=1000658273531>

*Author Phillip F. Nelson Discusses his Book "LBJ: From Mastermind to "The Colossus."*

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/author-phillip-f-nelson-discusses-his-book-lbj-from/id1388815042?i=1000658273820>

*He was exceptional as a truth-teller and an author who recorded the more authentic version of our history for the benefit of everyone. My condolences to his friends and family. He will be missed.*

*William Ramsey*

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**William Ramsey** - June 08, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CL

*I listened to this yesterday, just wanted to hear his voice , thank you for posting the link❤️*

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**Cordelia Van Linn** - June 18, 2025 at 12:06 PM

PM

“ My husband and I were good friends with Phil and his wife Suzann in the 1990's in Maryland when our kids were very young. I am sorry to hear of his passing and my condolences to his family.

Phyllis M.

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**Phyllis Marin** - June 07, 2024 at 05:30 PM

CL

“ I am proud to have been Phil's sister! My early memories were of us in Marion, Indiana where he liked to put worms in his pockets and throw them at me when he got close...we had our squabbles growing up, but he was always there for me as we grew older. He and our brother Dale took me to see England, Germany, and Italy, places I never dreamed I would be able to see. I am so glad that he was able to come for a visit recently, I will treasure those memories forever. ❤️ I only wish we had had more time and had not lived so far apart.

Cordelia Van Linn

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**Cordelia Van Linn** - June 07, 2024 at 02:34 PM

JG

Condolences. Your brother is one of my heroes. Gabe

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**James Gabriel** - June 07, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CL

Thank you, I had so much admiration for him and his work. It still doesn't seem possible that he is no longer with us.

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**Cordelia Van Linn** - June 08, 2024 at 09:43 AM

GA

“ *Phil was such a gentleman, gracious, ethical, erudite and a champion for truth, as his 4 books testify to his character, insight and writing talent. His passing is a tragic loss for family and friends of which I am proud to have been one of the latter but also a terrible loss for those with a passion for truth and illuminating the dark corners of the corrupt in power. Condolences to Karen, Craig and Steve and family. You will be profoundly missed. Vaya con dios amigo!*

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**Gabe** - June 06, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BB

“ *Bud and Brenda purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Phillip Franklin Nelson.*



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**Bud and Brenda** - June 05, 2024 at 03:00 PM

BB

“ *Bud and Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Franklin Nelson.*

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**Bud and Brenda** - June 05, 2024 at 03:00 PM

BM

“ Phil was a long-time friend since college at Uni. Wi. Whitewater 1969. We enjoyed emailing each other on all sorts of subjects. Brenda and I enjoyed having lunch together at my club in Milwaukee about a month ago. We all have lost a good man, a talented author, and a gentleman. I'm proud to have had Phil as a friend. My sorrows go out to Karen and their family. Bud and Brenda.

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**Bud Metzger** - June 05, 2024 at 02:53 PM

RS

“ Phil Nelson was a good friend, a trusted advisor and above all a truth teller. His precision, common passion for accuracy and courage as an author and researcher will be sorely missed.

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**Roger Stone** - June 05, 2024 at 09:23 AM

VT

“ What a magnificent soul you are Phil. Thank you for touching my life with your honesty, your humor, your vulnerability. You were the ultimate truth teller and you have left your mark. I shall miss you ! Travel on with joy! Now you KNOW even more truths. You were and are amazing. Love and Blessings to your family who will miss you even more than all of your adoring friends. Violet Trout

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**Violet Trout** - June 05, 2024 at 07:54 AM

RM

“ *R.I.P. Phil Nelson. I am forever indebted to Phil for educating me on the USS Liberty murders, which was Lyndon Johnson and Israel intentionally trying to sink an American ship so that the heinous crime could be blamed on Egypt so that USA/LBJ would have a pretext to attack Egypt and remove Nasser from power. In 2011, Phil recommended that I read Peter Hounam's book Operation Cyanide and it was an eye opener about what really happened with the USS Liberty. Also, all of Phil's own books have been very educational to me about the super villain known as Lyndon Johnson.*

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**Robert P. Morrow** - June 05, 2024 at 01:45 AM

JK

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Philip F. Nelson. I am the managing editor of CovertAction Magazine and Phil published several articles with CovertAction Magazine. Philip was a pleasure to work with and did some remarkable research in uncovering some of the dark secrets in American history. In undertaking my own research, I found Philip's writings to be well researched and valuable. Two books of his that I found especially insightful were the ones on the Martin Luther King Jr. assassination and attack the U.S.S. Liberty. The book on King showed that James Earl Ray was set up as a patsy and book on the U.S.S. Liberty showed that Lyndon B. Johnson masterminded this crime in a desperate effort to save his presidency by trying to trigger a war in the Middle East to divert attention from the disaster in Vietnam. (the scheme failed when only half the U.S.S. Liberty was destroyed and Israel was identified as the attacker and not Egypt whom Johnson had intended to blame) Nelson's scholarship showed that LBJ was a horrific person--an American Caligula-who set the groundwork for some of the terrible leaders we've seen in more recent years. Nelson deserves great credit for delving into dark areas of the American past few historians were willing to address, and for exposing some of the ugly truths about our history that puncture the myth of American exceptionalism. Nelson was in my estimation a man of high integrity and decency committed to telling the truth and exposing corruption in high circles of power, with the hope that the public could learn from history and prevent mistakes and disasters from being repeated.

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**Jeremy Kuzmarov** - June 05, 2024 at 12:26 AM

JG

Very well stated.  
Phil was passionate about truth and exposing the liars and their lies.

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**James Gabriel** - June 07, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JG

“ Phil and I met each other in the mid sixties during college. From 1967 until graduation in 1969 we lived together in a rental home in Whitewater Wisconsin. If it weren't for the Vietnam War, Phil and I were going to the same graduate school together. He was a marvelous friend.



Jack George - June 04, 2024 at 06:12 PM

PH

“ 1 file added to the album From Peter Hymans



Peter Hymans - June 04, 2024 at 06:04 PM

GF

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Phil was always a big supporter of my work and research and even wrote the first review to my first book. RIP my friend and you will be missed by the JFK Community. Prayers to the family.--Gary Fannin

Gary Fannin - June 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM

TP

“ So Sorry. He was a good man and a good friend. I will miss him RIP my friend. Tosh Plumlee

Tosh Plumlee - June 03, 2024 at 09:51 PM

DW

“ So sorry about the news and really glad I got to have lunch together in Dallas about a month or so ago. Many prayers for the family. We lost a good honorable researcher and God bless your search for truth Phil. America thanks you!!

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**Dory Wiley** - June 03, 2024 at 06:49 PM