



Frank Brinkley Nelms, Jr.



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Suffolk , VA

05.08.1957 - 07.01.2019

Birthplace: Virginia

Frank Brinkley Nelms, Jr. 62, of Suffolk passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. Frank “Brink” was born on May 8, 1957 in Portsmouth and was the son of the late Frank B. Nelms, Sr. and Joan Joyce Harrison Nelms.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Catherine J. Nelms, their son Ryan J. Nelms and wife Lori, three grandchildren, Rylea, Ryan Justin and Logan, his sisters Jonie N. Mansfield and Lois M. Nelms, his brother Robert E. Nelms and wife Diane, his mother-in-law Myrtle S. Jones Fodrie, brother-in-law Wayne Jones and wife Cindy, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Brink graduated from Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in 1976. He and Cathy were married in 1977 and were members of Suffolk Christian Church. Together they founded Ryan Construction Company, Inc. and Ryan Marine, Inc. Brink deeply loved his family and was committed to the community, serving for years as a member and as Chief of Driver Volunteer Fire Department, on the Board of Directors of Riddick's Folly, Suffolk Jaycees, Driver Ruritan Club, and Jolly Boys. He lived an active and adventurous life, racing cars, boating, paddle boarding, and he loved hunting and golfing with his friends.

A funeral service will be held Friday, July 5, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Berea Christian Church, 4109 Driver Lane, Suffolk. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 4, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington Street, Suffolk. Burial will be at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, followed by a reception in the Berea Christian Church Social Hall in Driver. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your local volunteer fire department or rescue squad. Condolences may be offered at RWBakerFH.com.

Service

Start Time: Friday, July 5, 2019 - 11:00am

End Time: Friday, July 5, 2019 - 12:00pm

Berea Christian Church

4109 Driver Lane

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to Berea Christian Church](#)

Visitation

Start Time: Thursday, July 4, 2019 - 02:00pm

End Time: Thursday, July 4, 2019 - 04:00pm

R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home and

Crematory

509 W Washington St

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home and Crematory](#)

Guestbook

Jean Robb

Tue, 07/02/2019 -

08:06pm

My deepest sympathy to all of you . We had some good times a NSA!

You are all in my prayers.

Love you, Jean Robb

Jean Robb

Carmella

Tue, 07/02/2019 -

08:17pm

To The Nelms Family, Frank truly enjoyed life. May you keep memories of him close to your heart. May constant prayers & God's promises help to comfort you in the days to come - Isaiah 25:8

Carmella

Christy Salmon

**Wed, 07/03/2019 -
08:37am**

Deepest Sympathy to the Nelm's Family. Beginnings are scary and Endings are sad, but its what is in the middle that counts. remember the dash, the in between times, the Best times. Memories live forever in your hearts. Love and Hugs!

Christy Salmon

Christy Salmon

**Henry Chaney and
family**

**Wed, 07/03/2019 -
09:03am**

THE DASH

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end. He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...

remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

We want to thank The Nelm's family especially Brink and Ryan for our good business relationship through the years. You will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. The Chaney family.

Henry Chaney and family

**Bobby and Faye
Beale**

**Wed, 07/03/2019 -
11:53am**

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with each of you. Brink has left you each with precious memories of times spent together. Hold those deep in your heart. As Christians, we are promised a life forever with Christ. A great reunion will come.

Bobby and Faye Beale

**Brother Lamont
Simmons**

Wed, 07/03/2019 -
02:29pm

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of the beloved Frank. He is sorely missed.

Brother Lamont Simmons

Kymerly Taylor

Wed, 07/03/2019 -
02:45pm

Our deepest Sympathy & Condolences for your loss,
Sending Our Thoughts & Prayers...

Chesapeake Yachts, Inc.

Kymerly Taylor-VP

Kymerly Taylor

Jim Clark

Wed, 07/03/2019 -
06:02pm

Dear Cathy and Robert, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband, Cathy and your brother, Robert. It's been a long time since I have seen either one of you, but I have a lot of good memories of all of us back in the day at NSA. God bless Frank and may he Rest In Peace.

Jim Clark

Katherine Harrison

Wed, 07/03/2019 -
06:13pm

Brink was so loved by all, he will truly be missed. I will close my eyes and forever see that beautiful smile of his. Brink I know Our Lord, your DAD and MOM and many aunts and uncles are waiting with open arms to greet you. Until we meet again , all my LOVE AUNT KAT

Katherine Harrison

Patty Halsey

Wed, 07/03/2019 -
09:27pm

My deepest condolences to the family. My prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. Brink you will be missed by many. Fly high with Angel's Brink and rest in the arms of Jesus

Patty Halsey

**Thomas and Karen
Blair**

Thu, 07/04/2019 -
10:29am

We wanted to offer our sympathies to all your family members during this difficult time. We will miss our conversations with Brink on the Nansemond River. I regret not telling Brink about the time that his Daddy took me out of work, and taught me how to catch striper. Lunch included hot pepsi and stale nabs. Good times. Brink will me be missed.

Thomas and Karen Blair

Patricia Harrison and Mark Thompson

Thu, 07/04/2019 - 12:28pm

We offer our extreme sympathy to the Brink's family. He accomplished so much in his life. Family, work and play. We respect and admire him for that. Always enjoyed hearing of his newest adventure. His love and caring for family, friends and community will not be forgotten. Also, it was memorable and great to see him race in his 'quiet' car. Race on. We love you. Mark and Patricia ("Trissie")

Patricia Harrison and Mark Thompson

Hope

Thu, 07/04/2019 - 01:39pm

My sincere condolences goes out to the family during this difficult time. May you find a measure of comfort in God's promise at Revelation 21:3,4 where we look forward to a time when there will be no more pain and death any more. JW.ORG

Hope

C. Outland

Thu, 07/04/2019 - 02:36pm

I would like to express my sympathy and condolences at this time. Also, at Rev. 21:3,4, it tells us that sickness and death will be done away with forever and Isaiah 25:8, it tells us that God will swallow up death forever and he will wipe away the tears from all faces. I hope you find comfort in these words during your loss.

C. Outland

Kay Holland

Thu, 07/04/2019 - 04:33pm

Cathy, many thoughts and prayers are with and your family. Johnny and I are so very sorry!

Kay Holland

Judy Waive Crist

Thu, 07/04/2019 - 06:11pm

Cathy, so sorry to here of Frank's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Waive Crist

Betsy Stroud Barkley

Thu, 07/04/2019 - 10:16pm

Cathy and Robert,
Sending prayers of comfort to you and your families. I've spent the last few days recalling & reliving so many good times during our school years with Frank - always smiling, laughing or joking! That's how I will remember him. We know he is in his eternal home now in peace.

Betsy Stroud Barkley

Ronald H. Williams

**Mon, 07/08/2019 -
04:54pm**

Dear Cathy, Ryan and Family,

On behalf of the Suffolk Treasurer's Office, I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on the loss of Frank. He definitely left a lasting impression wherever he went. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. If we can be of assistance to you in any way please let us know.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Williams, City Treasurer and Office Staff

Ronald H. Williams



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