



## Mario E. Nelson

September 11, 1957 - April 19, 2016

Mario E. Nelson, son of the late Vincent Nelson and Gladys V. Belgrave Nelson, was born on September 11, 1957. He departed this life on April 19, 2016. Mario graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College and Master of Science degree from Wilmington University with honors. Mario joined the United States Air Force. He married Judy V. Webb on April 10, 1982.

Mario retired honorably from the United States Air Force after 20 years of faithful service. Later, he was employed by the State of Delaware for over 15 years. Mario enjoyed mentoring and working with people of all ages. He was fascinated by people's creativity and thought process. He was an avid reader and placed a lot of importance in education. But most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his family, whom meant the world to him. He always thanked the Lord for his family. He protected, guided and served us. Mario Nelson was a quiet gentleman but a giant in heart, mind, and spirit. He willingly gave support, encouragement and made commitments to assist others. Mario truly endorsed, "my word is my bond." If he stated he would do something it was good as done. Mario loved the Lord and allowed Him to guide his steps. He was also a role model and an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Mario held the position of Director of Education and Director of Membership, Zeta Rho Lambda Chapter-Dover, DE. He loved the brotherhood and the mission.

Mario leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 34 years, Judy V. Nelson; his

daughters, Keyonna and Keshonna Nelson both of Milford, DE; his son, Mario Eric and daughter-in-law, Teena Nelson; one granddaughter, Mariah B. Nelson of Newark, DE; two sisters, Alicia Nelson and Vilma Gorin both of Brooklyn, NY; one brother, Michael (Tamara) Nelson of Brooklyn, NY; close cousins, Ray (Deneen) King, Sr., of Brooklyn, NY and Dwayne (Zena) King; one brother-in-law, Michael Webb of Henderson, NC; one sister-in-law, Kathy Thompson of Milford, DE; five nieces, Karen Frazer, Tanya Nelson, Chontel Simmons, Tiffany Webb and Nicole Webb; three nephews, Tyrone Gorin, Jeffrey Thompson and Kevin Thompson; great-nieces, Shamira Frazer, Tamia Gorin and Raven King; great-nephews, Ray King, Jr., Terrence Gorin, Darrell Clarke and Azariah Chestnut; and a host of family and friends.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mario E. Nelson, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I am deeply saddened to here the passing of Mario. I had the honor and privilege to work with Mario at the 436th MDG and I can truly say he was the best of the best, not only as a med tech, leader and mentor, but as a man. God Bless you and your family. You are all in our prayers.  
Sincerely, Mike and Kendy

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**Mike Prystajko** - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ My deepest sympathy to Judy and family for your unexpected loss. I was blessed to have worked closely with Mario at Dover AFB. He was such a positive role model for the medics. It was truly an honor to have served in the military with him. May God give you all added strength and peace with each new day.

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**Terry Towne** - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am proud to have known Mario throughout his career with the State of Delaware. He always had a smile, a warm greeting and would talk always of his family. My life was blessed to have worked with his wife, Judy, for many years at the Division of Public Health. Never has a couple loved their children more. This world, this state, and our community was blessed by his presence. He truly will be missed by his family, friends and co-workers. God Bless you Mario and your family.

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**Jim Shepherd** - May 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Mr. Nelson was an avid reader, and he and his family were frequent visitors to the Harrington Public Library. He was a kind man who loved his family very much.*

*On behalf of the Library staff, I send our sincere sympathy and prayers to his wife and his children.*

*Christine Hayward - Director - Harrington Public Library*

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**Christine Hayward** - April 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My deepest condolence to the Nelson family during your time of sorrow. Mario will be missed deeply and a wonderful person to have known for such a short period of time.*

*May your family find peace knowing that so many have found it a pleasure to have known such a kind and gentle man.*

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**Rita Butterfield** - April 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Mario worked for me 1988-1989 at USAF Hospital Dover. He was a strong, but quiet leader who worked extremely hard for all involved. I can't imagine what life is without him for you and your family, but I pray the great memories you have of Mario and the Lord's help will get you through these dark times. Again, I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to you and yours. God bless you all.*

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**Cheryl M. Hontz, USAF Retired** - April 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *We both had the honor of serving with Mario at Dover AFB. He was a true professional. Our prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement.*

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**Vanessa and Jasper Little** - April 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please find comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. (John 5:28,29) Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace (2 Cor. 1:3,4) while many fond memories of Mario warm your hearts.*

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**A. Wingfield** - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I am thinking of you in sorrow and sympathy. Mario was my NCOIC on the Medical/Surgical Unit at Dover AFB He was a great leader, teacher and mentor of many young Airmen.He was a joy to work with, a highly trained medical technician and a man of integrity. I felt fortunate to have him leading our Airmen. I will always remember his sense of humor and smile. May precious memories comfort you during this tragic time.*

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**Joan Henderson** - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM