



Mr. Nelson Stanley Noble

August 11, 1949 - May 28, 2026

Nelson Stanley Noble, of Bowdon Georgia, passed away in the loving embrace of his family on Thursday May 28, 2026. He was 76 years old.

The first son of Robert Nelson Noble and Yvonne Noble née Kimpanov of Forest Park Georgia, and formerly of Windsor, Ontario Canada, Nelson was born in Windsor on August 11, 1949.

The family immigrated to the U.S. and by 1960, had settled in Atlanta Georgia. Growing up, Nelson enjoyed playing with his brother Stan, their dog Ralph, and serving his neighborhood as a paper boy. Attending Forest Park high school, he found enjoyment in the drama club, French club, and school chorus before graduating in 1967. While attending Dekalb College in Clarkston, GA, Nelson worked several jobs while also supporting his family. In June 1969, faced with the worsening health of his father, Nelson became a U.S. citizen and enlisted in the Army.

His military service would continue for over 18 years, with additional time in the Army Reserves, Georgia Army National Guard, and a second term on active duty as a Commissioned Military Police Officer. In between his service in the Army, Nelson was a Law Enforcement Officer in the Fayetteville, Clayton County, and Cartersville Police departments, along with multiple private security firms. Nelson earned a BA in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University in 1975.

Nelson met the woman he would love forever, who served as his best friend and soulmate, Carol, in 1972. They fell in love and were married in July 1973.

Nelson's second career with the State of Georgia included leadership roles with the Dekalb College Campus Police Department, Georgia World Congress Center, assistant State park manager for Laura S. Walker park in Waycross, and Park Manager of Elijah Clark State Park near Lincolnton.

Moving to Bowdon in 2015, you could find Nelson volunteering at the Bowdon United Christian Ministries food pantry. He continued his 25 year membership to the American Legion, joining Post 70 in Villa Ricca where he truly enjoyed the weekly steak nights and fellowship.

Throughout Nelson's life, he had a fondness for camping, enjoyed hiking up Stone Mountain on his birthdays, suffered through countless seasons of Atlanta Falcon's football, and gave a laugh that would fill your soul. He was extremely proud of his two sons and would boast of their accomplishments to anyone who would listen. His patriotism and love of his adopted country were only surpassed by his love for his family.

Nelson was preceded in death by his father Robert (1973) and mother Yvonne (2019). Family who remain to share his love and joy to the world include his wife of 52 years, Carol, his brother Stan and wife Pamela Noble of Sandy Springs, children Robert and wife Susette Noble of Knoxville, Phillip and wife Rebacca and their daughter Rhea Noble of Atlanta, brother-in-law John Harrington Jr. of Kansas City, and aunt Ruby Gilbert of Windsor.

Memorial services will be held Saturday June 13, 2026 at 12pm at the Bowdon First Methodist Church, 302 Wedowee St. Bowdon GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Bowdon Area United Christian Ministries food bank in Nelson's name can be mailed to: "B.A.U.C.M. P.O. Box 124, Bowdon GA 30108".

The Noble family wishes to thank the Rainwater Funeral Home of Bowdon, Georgia for assisting with the cremation arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church
302 Wedowee Street
Bowdon, GA 30108