



## Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.

October 11, 1967 - June 6, 2020

Alvin Nelson Berry, Jr., 52 of Irmo, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2020, at Agape Hospice House in Lexington, SC after a courageous battle with cancer for over 4 years.

Born in Sumter, SC on October 11, 1967, he was the son of a Joyce Carter Berry and Alvin N. and Evelyn Berry, and the grandson of the late Raymond E. and Caronelle Berry of Ward, SC and the late Marion E. Carter Jr. and Sadie Carter of Elliott, SC.

Nelson was of Baptist faith and spent uncountable opportunities sharing his faith and witnessing to people. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed organizing golf trips for family and friends to Scotland and Ireland. He was also a tremendous Clemson fan. He attended approximately 350 Clemson games in person. His last game he attended in-person was the beat down over Alabama in California. He had an incredible memory and could recite the score and remember the plays of games from decades ago.

After graduating from Lexington High School in 1986, he attended Clemson University where he received a BS in Financial Management and BS in Packaging Science. He was also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Before moving back to the Irmo area, Nelson lived in Hickory, NC.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his awesome son and the love of his life, Thomas of North Myrtle Beach; brothers, Ken (Durema) of Westminster, SC, and Brian (Trena) of Auburn, GA; sisters, stepsisters, Lynn (Kevin) Swygert of Wagener, SC and Amy Tapp of Mount Pleasant, SC; a special friend, Leah Dorman of West Columbia; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Due to COVID-19, a private burial will be held on Friday, June 12, 2020, in Elliott, SC. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to assist with the cost of the Celebration of Life Service and sent to Leah B. Dorman, Attn: Nelson Berry Celebration of Life, 800 State Street, Apt. 125, West Columbia, SC 29169; to the American Cancer Society in your local area (please note for Nelson Berry and have acknowledgment to Leah Dorman at the above address); or to HCSC Corporate Office, Attention: Karen Diercks/HPCF, 110 Dillon Drive, Spartanburg, SC, 29307, with checks payable to Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation.

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Only knew this man as Capt N-R from our online sports handicapping forum that he contributed at with his love of football. One of the original members, joining in 1999, he posted regularly in the NFL forum where he was a respected and respectful friend to many over the years. It's strange to lose a friend like this when you only knew him like that but I know many many who will dearly miss him in that capacity myself included. Sincere condolences from our internet family to his family and friends, may he find the peace he deserves as he starts his next journey, God Bless Him*

*Tom Fuchs  
Talksport/scoresline  
Regina, Canada*

**Thomas Fuchs** - June 15, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Nelson's passing. He was always a chip off his dad's block. Bonnie and I extend our sincere condolences to the family. Know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Benny & Bonnie Counts*

**Bonnie Counts** - June 13, 2020 at 09:03 AM

RA

“ *Rachael sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



Rachael - June 12, 2020 at 08:33 PM

RA

*Missing you so... i only knew you for a brief time but you made a lasting impression*

Rachael - June 12, 2020 at 08:35 PM

DS

*We did not know of Nelson's illness until we read the obit in the paper today. Please know we are praying for his family and friends in your loss. May God bless you and hold your hands during the days ahead. Don and Libby Still - Blackville, SC 29817*

Don and Libby Still - June 12, 2020 at 11:20 PM

 Sherry Kerr

“ *Sherry Kerr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



Sherry Kerr - June 11, 2020 at 09:42 PM

SB

“ *Susan Thrasher, Bishopville, SC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



Susan Thrasher, Bishopville, SC - June 11, 2020 at 11:55 AM

SB

*I became Facebook friends with Nelson last year as he was friends of my niece, Samantha Molnar of Lexington, who is also battling this terrible disease. He and I communicated often and shared prayers for Sam and of course for him. When I read the obituary, I saw that his mother Joyce was someone I remember from years ago. I pass by her home in Elliot often. I know her brothers and their families. My heart is sad, but I know from this past year, that Nelson was ready for this last important part of his journey. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around y'all and send you the peace that only comes from Him.*

*Susan O'Kelly Thrasher, Bishopville, SC.*

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**Susan Thrasher, Bishopville,SC** - June 11, 2020 at 12:05 PM

PR

“ *Al and Joyce,  
I am so sorry to hear about Nelson. He fought long and courageously. Know that you all are in our prayers and we share in your loss.*

*Paul & Lynda Rawl*

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**Paul Rawl** - June 11, 2020 at 10:51 AM

LD

“ *Leah B. Dorman lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



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**Leah B. Dorman** - June 11, 2020 at 03:35 AM

CQ

“ Joyce,  
I send you love and prayers for this sad time. I pray the comfort of the Lord Jesus will be with you, Ken and Brian and their families. Nelson will be remembered for his bold witness of the Lord Jesus and his courage in sharing his faith.  
Love always,  
Cathy Quinton

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**Cathy Quinton** - June 10, 2020 at 09:16 PM

LD

“ Where to begin?! From “hoboing” across the country to watch the Natty in California to watch the big win, to the the seas at Pebble Beach, to the massive snow in Boston, we saw a lot...your vision to do so much no matter how sick you were or became. Thank you, my friend. We will never forget! You and I talked about our individual purpose in life...like you, your legacy will be one in a million! Thank you for always having my back, striving to survive (you did it...just not how we prayed), and for enlarging my tribe. My 100 new brothers and sisters are awesome and all are missing you. Fly high, Nelson! You are free of everything! Until we meet again.  
#TigerTough #TeamNelRel



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**Leah Dormam** - June 10, 2020 at 06:27 AM

CR

“ Cynthia, Ben, Sissy, and Robert purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr..



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**Cynthia, Ben, Sissy, and Robert** - June 09, 2020 at 10:58 AM

JW

“ Brian and the Berry family, Gabriela and I are praying for you during this hard time.

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**john west** - June 09, 2020 at 06:35 AM

DB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy. Dianne & Jerry Brock



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**Dianne Brock** - June 09, 2020 at 05:33 AM

TD

“ Nelson...my dear friend, you will be so missed! The laughs we had trying to sell advertisement I will cherish forever! You were a great friend and I can still hear your chuckle and see that grin. You were always quizzing me on topics and giving me great advice...you were such an intelligent godly man. I told my kids about your passing...they were sad to hear the news as well. My mom said she will always remember you Nelson because you were so sweet and you certainly were...to every soul you encountered! RIP my friend...you fought hard, but the good Lord needed you more 😞 Thomas will be ok Nelson...fly high! 🙏❤️



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**Tonya Florence Douglass** - June 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

JG

“ Nelson was a dear friend and we shared some good times together. I was able to witness his courage in the face of this battle. He never lost faith and was determined to win against the odds. I will miss his wit and wisdom. In honor of Nelson, #GoTigers.

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**John Griggs** - June 08, 2020 at 08:42 PM

NM

Nelson and I worked together with 4 and 5 year olds at Viewmont Baptist church in Hickory,NC. He loved sharing his love for God and how God loved all boys and girls around the world. Missed him when he got married and left us.Rest in peace .

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**Nova Jean Miller** - June 08, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DG

*When you hear the expression, "One in a million", that was Nelson. He was the most courageous, God fearing man I've ever known. My husband and I had the honor of meeting Nelson nearly 2 years ago through our daughter Leah. Oh how we wish we could have known him longer.*

*We know he's now happy, healed and is in the presence of our Lord. Heaven has also been rewarded by Nelson's arrival.*

*As we feel an enormous loss when he passed, we will see Nelson again as long as we follow Nelson's lead in preparing our hearts and mind for the journey we will all make, when our time comes. Nelson wants to see all his family and friends again.*

*Let's remember Nelson by doing something kind for someone. We never know how soon it could be to late.*

*Our deepest sympathy,  
Scott and Dianne Glover*

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**Dianne Glover** - June 09, 2020 at 08:07 AM

BM

“ *Bill & Betty Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



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**Bill & Betty Mann** - June 08, 2020 at 07:50 PM

NA

“ *Nancy Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



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**Nancy Allen** - June 08, 2020 at 06:43 PM

SB

“ *Sally Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Alvin Nelson Berry Jr.*



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**Sally Barrett** - June 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM