



Mr. Mario Lanza Nelson Sr.

December 7, 1951 - May 7, 2024

Mario Lanza Nelson, Sr. was born December 7, 1951 in Prichard, AL. He was the seventh child of eleven born to the union of Lillian and Herbert O. Nelson II.

At a young age Mario and the Nelson family relocated from Alabama to Dayton, Ohio. Mario attended Roosevelt High School where he played the cornet in the band, thus beginning his journey of becoming an avid musician. Mario loved music of all kinds, but any music that included the brass section and had a great groove was ok in his book.

After graduating from high school, Mario enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 years old. After proudly serving his country, Mario returned to Ohio and enrolled in Central State University. It was there that he met the love of his life Anita Moody. The two were united in Holy matrimony and two sons were born to this union, Mario Lanza, Jr. and Joseph Alan.

Mario was very intelligent and knowledgeable in a variety of subjects. He was always providing a bevy of information to family and friends whether they wanted it or not.

Mario enjoyed fishing and people watching. Most of all he loved his family. He was always willing to help his family whenever needed.

Mario left an indelible impression on everyone who he came in contact with and was loved by all that knew him. Mario lived life to the fullest and on his terms, his presence will be sorely missed.

Mario was preceded in death by his father, Herbert II; his mother, Lillian; and

his siblings, Charletta, Carlie, and Willie.

On May 9, 2024, Mario made his transition leaving to cherish his memories: his wife, Anita; his sons, Mario, Jr. (Ava-Ziva), Joseph (Tierra); his sisters, Sheree, Myrtle, and Delois; his brothers, Herbert III (Lisa), Walter, Joseph (Margaret), Alphonse; his grandchildren, Kyra, Logan (Whitney), Parker, Charlotte, Conner (Tezra), Liam, Joseph, Jr., Johnathan, Jayden, and Jordan; his sisters-in-law, Valorie (Vernon) Brooks, Cynthia Hopkins and Roberta Vanorsby; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Mario Lanza Nelson Sr.*



Northside Chapel - May 09, 2024 at 02:16 PM

MH

My most sincere condolences to the family of Mario Nelson. I went to high school with Mario & his brother Herbert...we were in the high school band together. Mario had strong personality...if you knew him, you would never ever forget him!! Rest with God in peace, my friend.

Martha Henry-Croom - May 16, 2024 at 06:23 PM

DD

“ *Mr Mario was my next door neighbor at Henderson Circle
Both he and Anita were the best neighbors anyone could ask for
The first time I visited, they gave me a new throw blanket on my way
out.*

*They were always sharing and inviting me over whenever they
entertained*

*I remember Mario taking and picking up Anita from work daily until
he could no longer because of his illness.*

He certainly expressed his love for her.

He nicknamed my dog Vicious LOL!

*I loved him like a brother and am happy I got to see him one more
time before my move to Florida.*

Dawn

Dawn Dyer - May 18, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mr. Mario Lanza Nelson Sr..*



May 16, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr. Mario Lanza Nelson Sr..*



May 15, 2024 at 06:21 PM

TB

“ Mario was a very good friend for many years, at the age of 14 the start of my brief musical career Mario was instrumental in my learning to play the snare drum. something I hadn't done before. Practicing on my family's dining room table using practice pads, Mario taught me all the cadences being played by the Armer Temple Drum and Bugle Corps, I will always be grateful for his friendship and loyalty.

Todd Isaiah Bailey - May 15, 2024 at 06:16 PM