



Robert Nielson

July 8, 1936 - January 17, 2026

Robert E. Nielson, 89, of Steinhatchee, Florida, passed away on January 17, 2026.

He was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia. He spent most of his youth in Pine Island, Florida before coming to Steinhatchee where he met and married Annie R. Nielson. They were married 64 years before her passing in 2020.

Mr. Nielson was a Vietnam era veteran where he proudly served 22 years before retiring. He spent the remainder of his working years working for Ace hardware in Steinhatchee.

He is survived by his three children, Tammy Nielson Kress (Jeff), Tracy Nielson, and Toby McKinney, multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Mr. Nielson was an extremely devout man that loved God, his church and his church family. He was an extremely kind, gentle man that loved his family. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City Chapel with Pastor George Hage officiating.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628

Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Robert Nielson



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - February 08 at 01:36 PM



“ Analyn A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Nielson.

Analyn A. - February 07 at 08:45 PM

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“ Bob was a giant of a man that was always a part of my mother’s childhood and quickly became an important part of my dad’s life as well. Bob had come to Steinhatchee to see an aunt of mine on a bus that dropped him off at Cross City and he called the house because he had been picked up as a vagrant and was in jail and did not know anyone else to call. Daddy went and picked him up and brought him to our house and they became great friends. Whenever he retired from the Navy, and moved his family to Steinhatchee, that friendship strengthened and grew. When Daddy started to build his last church, Bob was there along with Ruthie, every step of the way. After Daddy had his stroke, Bob checked on him and visited regularly. After Mom died, that friendship was even more important than ever before because Daddy was living alone with the affects of his stroke that limited his ability to do many of the things he had always done, but Bob was always as close as a phone call. The kind of friend he was to not only my mother, but my Dad as well, is the kind of loyalty and friendship that my parents were truly blessed to have had. A truly giant of a great man that I’m thankful I had the opportunity to see and know.

I’m so sorry Toby, Tamra, your brother and your boys for your loss. He truly stood heads and shoulders above most men with his loving and giving heart. He will be greatly missed by me, Ivey, and Glennis and I’m sure others who appreciated and loved him as well. He’s walking on streets of gold and met by many like my mom and dad and of course Ruthie and others who came to love and appreciate him while he sojourned on this earth. God bless and keep you all. We love you guys too and will be praying for you all.

Gloria Parker

Gloria Parker - February 01 at 03:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Nielson.



January 30 at 06:43 PM



“ Angie and Janice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Nielson.

Angie and Janice - January 30 at 06:43 PM