



## NELSON

### C. LEE

C. Lee Nelson of Maumee, OH, died Tuesday, January 8, 2002, in Medical College of Ohio at the age of 68. He was born in Wewoka, OK, January 1, 1934, to Roy and Jewel Nelson. He was a graduate of Wewoka High School in 1952, and lettered in football, baseball, track, and also wrestled. He continued his football career while attending Tulsa University and East Central State. He also attended the Institute for Organizational Management at the University of Houston and the Industrial Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. He was presented the Key Man Award by the Hugo Jaycees and was a member of the Economic Development Commission in Oklahoma. In 1961, he was honored as one of the forty men picked from throughout the country to attend the first Industrial Developmental Institute.

His working career began in Hugo, OK, where he was manager of the Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce and he was general manager of Industrial Development, Inc., a division of Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce in Texas. He then served as executive vice-president of Orange, TX, Chamber of Commerce and also in Odessa, TX.

His first position with Owens-Illinois in Toledo was manager of Public Affairs-Forest Products Division, which was then followed by Regional Director of Public Affairs. As he advanced in the company, he was named director of public affairs, held the position of administrative assistant to the executive office, and retired as vice-president and director of public affairs.

His memberships included the Social Lodge #217 F&AM in Lena, OK, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo, Zenobia Temple and the Temple Guard, and Royal Order of Jesters Toledo Court No. 21. He also was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, where he served as the youngest exalted ruler of any lodge in the U.S. at the age of 25 in Hugo, OK. He was also a member of BPOE #53 and National Order of Turtles, Pond #1, in Toledo. Other memberships included the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce, the Public Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and the National Society of State Legislators, and the Government Relations Committee of the Glass Packaging Institute.

He previously served on the Board of the Toledo Mud Hens and was vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Medical College of Ohio and chairman of its hospital committee and also was a past president of the Toledo Press Club.

Mr. Nelson was listed in the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce publication, "Outstanding Young Men in America". He also has been listed in "Outstanding Personalities in the South", "Outstanding Texans", "Personalities of the West and Midwest", and was named "Outstanding Young Man of 1965" by the Orange Junior Chamber of Commerce.

C. Lee enjoyed golf, pool, hunting, fishing, football, and a good party with good friends and family. His parents and first wife, Carol Lee Gilmore Nelson, preceded him in death.

Surviving is his wife, Shirley; children, Janet (Rudy) Castillo, Brent Nelson, and Cindy (Jeff) Hill; sisters, Helen (Eddy) McLain and Juanita (Frank) Brand; brother, Virgil (Linda) Nelson; step-children, Debra (James) Calevro, Keith (Linda) Weldner, and Kevin (Colleen) Weldner; 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 12, 2002, at 11 a.m. from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, OH. Interment will be in Oklahoma. The family prefers memorial contributions to the Elks Scholarship Fund, Shriner's Children's Burn Unit, or the charity of the donor's choice.