



Eddie Nolen

February 6, 1951 - July 31, 2025

Remembering the Life of SFC E7 Mr. Eddie Wayne Nolen, U.S. Army Retired, Vietnam Veteran

Eddie Wayne Nolen, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to many was welcome into the world on February 6, 1951, in Talladega, Alabama by his loving and devoted mother, Earline Nolen.

Eddie's journey was one marked by resilience and strength. He embraced faith from a young age, uniting with the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, where he developed a lifelong dedication to his faith and community. Educated in the Talladega City School System, he graduated from Westside High School in 1969 before embarking on a distinguished 21½-year career in the United States Army showing determination and commitment to his country. His military career lead him in many directions after his enlistment in Ft. Ord, California serving with distinction in diverse roles including: Serving in the Vietnam War as a devoted Combat Medic from 1972-1973, National Registered EMT in California from 1974-1979, Platoon SGT in Germany from 1978-1982, Training NCO for HHC 44th Medical Brigade in Ft. Bragg from 1982-1985, Combat Medic Instructor '85 Advanced Honor Graduate in Ft. Sam Houston from 1985-1989, Equal Opportunity Advisor; 1990 Graduate of Department of Equal Opportunity Management Institute (Patrick AFB, Florida) from 1989-1992, and last, but not least, ultimately retiring SFC E7 on August

31, 1992 in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Eddie received many awards, medals, and badges including MSM, two Accommodation Medals, two Achievement Medals, Vietnam Service Cross with three Campaign Stars, and seven Good Conduct Awards. With education being a fundamental part of Eddie's life, following his retirement in 1992 from the military, Eddie returned home to the Anniston/Talladega area attending Jacksonville State University from June 1993 - April 1996, where he earned a bachelor's degree in social work. His second career with the U.S. Postal Service from 1998 to 2002 allowed him to continue his service to the community before retiring once more to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Known affectionately as "Eddie Wayne" to those who loved him, he was a man of compassion and kindness. His selfless spirit touched countless lives, with his wife Tanya often recalling him as the best husband anyone could have asked for. Eddie's leisure brought him comfort relaxing by the tranquil waters on the riverbanks with a fishing rod and reel in hand waiting for the big catch, and joy on beautiful green turf golfing, where laughter echoed in the gentle breeze.

He found a sense of peace and contentment in pressing his luck with the slots and watching a good football game. His expertise in being a family man was unparalleled, earning him the reputation of a dependable husband, father, and grandfather.

After a lifetime filled with love, laughter, and unwavering commitment to his family and country. On Thursday, July 31, 2025, Mr. Eddie Wayne Nolen peacefully departed this walk of life and entered the heavenly realm joining his beloved mother, Earline Nolen, daughter, Alyssa Nolen, brothers, Willie Andrew Nolen and Charles H. "Main" Nolen and sister, Lois Nolen Curry.

Eddie will be forever etched in our hearts and his memories will forever be

cherished by his loving and devoted wife of 48 years, Tanya Nolen; son, Shawn Nix; daughter, Shanelle Nolen; grandchildren, Keoni Spears, JaKyiah Nix, Makala Raye Nolen, Jariya McKinley Nolen, Kemari Reynolds, KeAndres Reynolds, and Jermaine "Jo-Jo" Carter; great-grandchildren, Journee Nix, Nymeria Burnett, Addelyn Burnett, Remi Nolen, and Aiden Burnett; uncle, Willie (Lil) Nolen, Jr.; honorary daughter/niece, Andrea (Hugh) Morris; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom were touched by his gentle spirit and unwavering love.

Eddie Wayne Nolen's love, kindness, and steadfast faith will be woven into the fabric of our memories, inspiring us as we reflect on his beautiful life. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory forever remain a blessing to us all.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ A past gone athlete at Westside High School. I remember particularly his class following our class on the basketball court. He was a standout player.

Michael Simmons - September 12, 2025 at 04:45 PM

DI

“ Denise Isbell lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen



Denise Isbell - August 16, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DD

“ Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen



Deborah Dickerson - August 09, 2025 at 01:21 AM

TM

“ What a beautiful obituary! Eddie Wayne lived a full life and was loved by many. Sending hugs and love to all of his family and friends.

Tina McGee - August 08, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eddie Nolen.

August 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Eddie Nolen.



August 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen*



Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin - August 08, 2025 at 12:32 AM



My deepest sympathy is extended to my neighbor once upon a time. May God give your family peace at this time of sorrow at your loss.

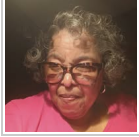
Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin - August 08, 2025 at 12:37 AM



“ *In remembrance of playing basketball at Westside High gym.*



Archie Harmon - August 07, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ I am Sorry for your loss. Please accept my Sincere Condolences. Classmate of Westside High School of 69. Rest well



Alice Chapman - August 07, 2025 at 09:15 AM

PB

“ Lit a candle in remembrance of Me. Eddie W.Noland



Pamela Bradford - August 06, 2025 at 10:32 AM

YM

“ On behalf of the class of '69 Westside High School I express our deeps sympathy to Tanya and the family. Eddie Wayne was truly a PANTHER FOREVER. He gathered with us for outings when we knew he wasn't 100% but he loved being with his classmates. We gathered and visited him during his failing days. He always participated in whatever we did whether it was physically or financially. He will be, rather, has been missed by everyone because he always brought fun and laughter to any occasion. Tanya, you know he loves his classmates and I know you know we love him as well. May God's Grace and Mercy comfort you in the days ahead. He fought a good fight. He ran a good race. Now may he rest in peace. Rest Eddie! I pray we'll all be together again around God's throne. FINE AS WINE IN '69. WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969. PANTHERS FOREVER

Yvonne Estell McElderry - August 05, 2025 at 09:09 AM

BE

Deepest & Most Sincere Condolences. Prayers extended for healing & restoration... God bless!!!

Barbara D. Embry - August 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Eddie Nolen*



Barbara Harmon - August 04, 2025 at 08:24 PM

GT

“ *Grace T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Nolen.*

Grace T. - August 04, 2025 at 01:18 PM

DD

“ *Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen*



Deborah Dickerson - August 04, 2025 at 01:00 PM

PF

“ *Pink Panther Franklin lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen*



Pink Panther Franklin - August 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM

BL

“ Eddie Wayne, as we called him, was a classmate (1969) and neighbor of mine . He played football with Lamar. and was very smart. He called me a few months ago and I am glad we were able to talk to one another. He wasn't feeling the best but he kept me laughing. May the Lord continue to bless and comfort his family during this difficult time. Barbara Lawler Lane

Barbara Lawler Lane - August 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM

VD

“ Von Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen



Von Dickerson - August 01, 2025 at 01:54 PM

AT

“ Light a candle in memory of Mr.Eddie Nolan



Angela Turner - August 01, 2025 at 12:04 PM

KH

“ Kerry Holt lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen



Kerry Holt - July 31, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Eddie Nolen* ”



Gwennette Duncan - July 31, 2025 at 02:22 PM