

A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The flag is draped and slightly wrinkled, creating a sense of depth and texture. The colors are vibrant and the lighting is soft, highlighting the fabric's details.

IN LOVING MEMORY

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Memorial Service

2 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025

Harkers Island Pentecostal Holiness Church, Harkers Island, NC

Welcome, Words of Comfort, Prayer	Reverend Wesley Holmes
Song, "Scars in Heaven"	Casting Crowns
Remarks and Time of Remembrance	Brother Anthony Nelson
Song, "The Lighthouse"	The Nelsons
Poem	Brother Willis Nelson
Message	Reverend Wesley Holmes
Military Honors	U.S. Army
Closing Prayer	Brother Anthony Nelson



Benjamin Ray Nothern, 60, of Harkers Island, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Born on April 4, 1964, in Holly Grove, Arkansas, Benjamin was the loving son of the late James and Margaret Nothern. At the young age of 17, he proudly joined the United States Army, where he honorably served his country.

Benjamin loved living on the coast and often spent his time on the water enjoying his boat. He had a particular fondness for good food, with fried catfish being his favorite meal.

Benjamin's deep faith in the Lord was the strength of his life. He enjoyed the fellowship at Harkers Island Pentecostal Holiness Church, where he formed many meaningful connections. Known for his kindness and love for others, Benjamin's compassion knew no bounds; he embraced everyone without judgment or limitation. Benjamin will be remembered by his family as a devoted husband and an exceptional father.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Tanya Willis; daughters, Amber Dick (Dueco), Kimberly Willis, Kailey Willis, and Kristy Willis; son, Josh Thorn (Stacey), sisters, Linda Padgette, Raye Ellen Adams, Sharon Skinner (Robert), and Tracy Lewis; brothers, Mike Bivens (Sherry), Raymond Nothern, and Larry Nothern; and father and mother-in-law, Willis and Karen Nelson.

In addition to his parents, Benjamin was preceded in death by his brothers, James Nothern and Gary Nothern.

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The Lighthouse

There's a lighthouse on the hillside
That overlooks life's sea
When I'm tossed, it sends out a light
That I might see
And the light that shines in darkness now
Will safely lead us o'er
If it wasn't for the lighthouse
My ship would be no more

It seems that every one about us says,
Tear that old lighthouse down
The big ships just don't pass this way anymore
So there's no use in standin' round.
Then my mind goes back to that one dark, stormy night
When just in time I saw the light
Yes, it was the light from that old lighthouse
That stands up there on the hill

And I thank God for the lighthouse
I owe my life to Him
Jesus is the lighthouse
And from the rocks of sin
He has shown a light around me
That I might clearly see
If it wasn't for the lighthouse
Tell me where would this ship be



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