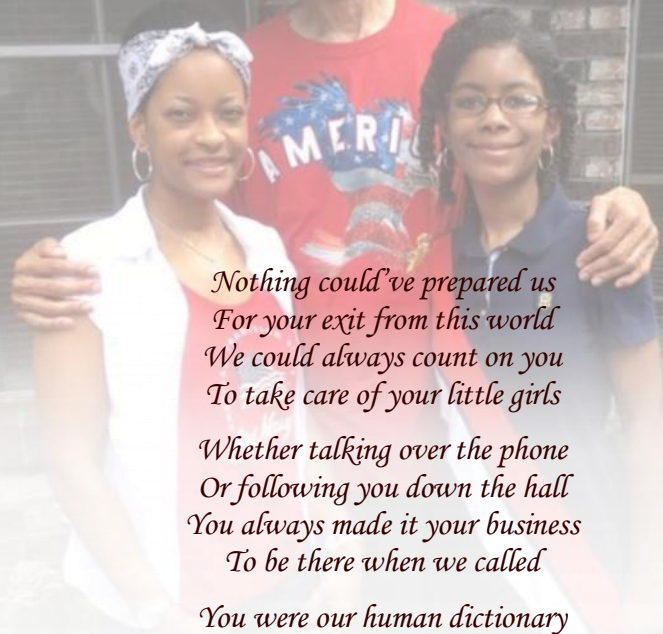


"Daddy's Girls"



*Nothing could've prepared us
For your exit from this world
We could always count on you
To take care of your little girls*

*Whether talking over the phone
Or following you down the hall
You always made it your business
To be there when we called*

*You were our human dictionary
Always knowing what something meant
And watching all those movies with you
Was definitely time well spent*

*As we prepare to do life without you
The pain of it all sets in
But we know where your beautiful soul rests
And we look forward to seeing you again*

*So please know we love you
And we'll cherish your time with us here
We'll live out loud and make you proud
As your legacy lives on year after year*

Love, your daughters, Carla and Jasmine

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Celebrating the Life

of

Obie Bernard Nevells, Jr.

April 17, 1948 - July 3, 2025



Saturday, July 12, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
655 Beasley Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39206
Reverend Dr. Lewis E. Logan, II,
Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Song ~~~~~ How Great is Our God

Processional ~~~~~ Ministers and Family

Prayer ~~~~~ Reverend Jennifer Biard

Scriptures ~~~~~ Reverend Debra Burks

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Song ~~~~~ Total Praise

Obituary ~~~~~ (Read Silently)

Slide Show ~~~~~ Media Department

Song ~~~~~ Order My Steps

Eulogy ~~~~~ Reverend Cynthia Ashford Cross
Retired UMC Pastor

Closing Prayer / Blessing of the Repast ~~ Reverend Dr. Lewis E.
Logan, II

Song ~~~~~ Going Up Yonder

Recessional

Repast - Aldersgate Fellowship Hall (immediately following)

Acknowledgements

The family of Obie B. Nevels, Jr., would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy, prayers, phone calls, text messages, and comforting words during our time of bereavement. We would like to extend a special thanks to all program participants, members of Aldersgate UMC, and the music department at Anderson UMC.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice in memory of Obie Nevels.



REFLECTIONS OF THE LIFE OF **OBIE B. NEVELS, Jr.**

Obie Bernard Nevels, Jr., was born April 17, 1948, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to O. B. Nevels and Velma O. Nevels, who preceded him in death. He was the oldest of five children, having two sisters and two brothers.

Obie attended Mary Johnson Elementary School and Lanier High School (833) in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from Lanier High School in 1966, he attended what was then known as Jackson State College (presently Jackson State University), graduating with a bachelor's degree in art education.

Upon graduation, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and began his teaching career. After seven years of teaching there, he decided to move back to Jackson, Mississippi, and continued his teaching career at Pearl High School and later Pearl Jr. High School in Pearl, Mississippi. Obie taught in Pearl for fourteen years then moved to Jackson Public Schools, where he taught art at Chastain, Siwell, and Powell Middle Schools. In 2004, after thirty-three years of teaching, he retired and decided he would "sit at home and watch the grass grow" (his exact words).

In 1986, Obie was introduced to Betty Fox Williams by a mutual friend. After a year of dating, he proposed and was proudly married on June 26, 1987. He became father to Betty's daughter (Carla) from a previous marriage, and in 1989, they had a second daughter (Jasmine). For many years, Obie was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church and later joined Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where he was a member until his passing.

Obie loved humor, all genres of music, art, and the beauty of nature. His favorite holiday was Christmas. He was a genuinely kind person who enjoyed giving to the less fortunate. He also loved shopping, especially for clothes and tennis shoes. Obie had a love for comic books, martial arts (having 2 black belts in Shotokan and Taekwondo), cars, and all things technology (gadgets). Though he didn't wear religion on his sleeve, he followed the teachings of Jesus and lived them daily. If you truly want to know what kind of man Obie was, just take a look at the comments on his Facebook page.

Obie departed this life on July 3, 2025, and is survived by: his wife, Betty Nevels; his two daughters, Carla Williams of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jasmine Nevels of Jackson, Mississippi; his siblings, Marilyn Nappier (Joe) of Bowie, Maryland; Danette Nevels of Jackson, Mississippi; Orlando Nevels of Jackson, Mississippi; and Kelvin Nevels of Chicago, Illinois; as well as nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives, friends, and former students.



