



Obituary

Born: Tuesday, November 27, 1951

Died: Friday, April 23, 2021

Nelson Fischbach Serrano was born on November 27, 1951 in San Juan Puerto Rico to Richard Fischbach and America Marcelina Serrano. After high school, he enrolled at the University of Puerto Rico and earned his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. On completion of his college studies, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he completed basic military training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and went on to continue his training as an 11B (Basic Infantryman) and then onto basic Airborne School. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 173 Airborne Brigade Vicenza, Italy, 501st Airborne Infantry Regiment Fort Richardson, Alaska and completed his service while assigned the 162nd Infantry Brigade. Nelson also served with the 32nd Battalion known as the "Buffalo Battalion" in South Africa.

Service Summary

Memorial Service

6:00 PM Thu Apr 29, 2021

Thompson's Funeral Home Chapel

2305 Prospect Rd.
Pembroke, NC 28372

In 1985, he married Catherine Gail Brooks and happily took on the father role to Gerald and Derrick Dewayne Brooks and Serena Ann Oxendine. The family later moved to Plymouth Massachusetts, where they were blessed with another child, James Richard Fischbach. Nelson worked as a Correctional Officer for the Plymouth County Correctional Facility, and retired after twenty years of faithful service to the community and state of Massachusetts. In 2017 after retirement, he and Catherine relocated to Maxton, North Carolina where he called home until he passed on April 23, 2021.

Nelson is preceded in death by his father (Richard Fishbach), mother (America Marcelina Fischbach Serrano) and brother (Richard Fishbach Serrano). He is survived by his wife Catherine, three sons Gerald, Derrick and James and daughter Serena Oxendine, six grandchildren, Halie, Hunter, Tristan and Dylan Brooks, Liam and Aiden Oxendine. Nelson was a dedicated and loving husband, father and friend to all he encountered. He would always greet people he met with a smile, hug and a firm handshake. He will be remembered by his children as a no nonsense father with a firm hand, and a calming voice, who helped them grow into adults.