

John M Nelson Jr was born March 2, 1923, to parents John and Charlotte Nelson, he along with 4 sisters and 4 brothers, were all raised on Baltimore Avenue in Mt Holly Springs.

John was called to serve in World War II and enlisted in the United States Army in October 1942. He served in the 1763rd Ordinance Medium Automotive Maintenance Platoon as an automotive mechanic specializing in sheet metal and radiator repair. While serving his country, John earned the Good Conduct Medal (European, African, Middle Eastern service medal with 4 Bronze Stars). John was honorably discharged from the Army in October 1945.

John purchased his family home and Butcher shop business on Baltimore Avenue and created Nelson's Barbershop. John met Dorothy Shope (from Mechanicsburg) and the couple married on November 19,1952, together raising one son Thomas.

John was a member of the Mt Holly Springs Evangelical Lutheran Church and was also a member of the American Legion Post 674, and VFW Post 7343. He owned and operated Nelson's Barbershop for 67 years until his passing on July 2, 2005.