



Dale E. Nelson

October 5, 1934 - January 11, 2014

Dale E. Nelson, age 79 of rural Little Falls, passed away on January 11, 2014 at the VA Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M on Friday, January 17, 2014 at the Camp Ripley Chapel north of Little Falls, MN with Rev. Nate Bjorge officiating. Burial will be at the Darling Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday at the Camp Ripley Chapel north of Little Falls.

Dale was born on October 5, 1934 at Dr. Hall's Hospital in Little Falls, Minnesota to August (Monnie) and Ethel (Johnson) Nelson. He attended country school District 49 and graduated from Little Falls High School in May of 1952. After graduation, Dale worked for Land O' Lakes Creamery hauling milk. In January 1954, he entered the US Army until January of 1956. After his service, he worked for the Little Falls Transcript for one year and then went back to hauling milk for the West Side Creamery for the next ten years. In June 1964, Dale and Joanne (Schultz) were married at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls. After living in Little Falls for two years, Dale and Joanne purchased Dale's home farm and began raising turkeys and crop farmed until he turned the farm over to his sons, Jon and Mike in 2007. Dale was proud when this farm was named a Century Farm in 2005. Dale enjoyed many hunting trips to Montana, Canada, Colorado and in Minnesota. He was a retired member of the Bonnie Doone hunting camp in Northern MN. He enjoyed fishing in many of Minnesota's lakes and in Canada. But his greatest

joy was fishing with his grandkids. Dale was an avid bowler, bowling in several men's leagues for many years and bowling with Joanne in a mixed couples league. He was treasurer for Darling Township for 40 years and served as Chairman on the Morrison County Association Board. Dale was a charter member of the Randall/Cushing Lion's Club, a certified Auctioneer and had his Real Estate License. Dale served on various committees while attending Bethel Lutheran Church. He was a Charter Member of Faith Lutheran Church in Little Falls, was a member of the Little Falls American Legion Post #46, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and helped with the DAV's clothing drive each summer. In their retirement years, Dale and Joanne enjoyed traveling to visit friends, relatives, National Parks, and sightseeing. They were able to visit all but three of Minnesota's 74 State Parks. In his spare time, Dale restored two old tractors and was working on a 1929 Ford Model A. Dale is survived by his wife, Joanne Nelson of 49 ½ years; daughters, Deborah (Scott) Hagen of Belle Plaine, MN, Becky (Greg) Pietrowski of Sartell, MN; sons, Jonathan Nelson, and Michael Nelson (significant other, Raena Wellman) of rural Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Brooke and Benjamin Hagen, Amber and Austin Pietrowski; sisters, Hazel Lindborg of Little Falls, MN and Juliette Mohr of Hemet, CA.; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends. Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Monnie and Ethel; grandparents; brothers-in-law, Robert Lindborg and Emil Mohr. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jerry Wiczek, Mike Roach, Gary Justin, Jim Ring, members of the Darling Township Board: Roland (Shag) and Mary Mammenga, Duane Ballou and Greg Zilka and members of the Bonnie Doone Hunting Camp.

Memorials can be made to the DAV, church or donor's choice.

Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN
(320)632-5242

www.shelleyfuneralchapels.com

Cemetery Details

Darling Cemetery

10815 190th Street
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Camp Ripley Chapel
15000 Highway #115
Little Falls, MN 56345-4173
(320) 616-2708

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale E. Nelson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dale E. Nelson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Amber lit a candle in memory of Dale E. Nelson*



Amber - December 26, 2015 at 06:12 PM

BB

“ *Your loss leaves a big hole in your family and our world. Dale was always cheerful when we'd talk on the phone in spite of his pain. We will all miss that Norwegian brogue when he spoke and loved to hear him laugh that special laugh only he had, well his dad did too. Wonderful childhood memories that time or distance can't erase – oops, I remember one that Dale didn't remember. We'll always be grateful for the wonderful friendship with the Nelson family that we all just loved. Dale was the embodiment of honesty, integrity, truthfulness and kindness. We love you Dale. Bette Brown*

Bette Brown - January 28, 2014 at 11:50 PM

RO

“ *2 files added to the album Dale and Ian*



rosi - January 17, 2014 at 09:06 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Brastad purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Dale E. Nelson.*



Kimberly Brastad - January 15, 2014 at 07:38 PM

SH

“ *Deb, we are very sorry for your loss. Please share our condolences with Ben and Brooke for the loss of their grandpa.*

Sarah, Eric, and Dylan Hagen

Sarah Hagen - January 15, 2014 at 04:07 PM

KS

“ *Katie Schultz lit a candle in memory of Dale E. Nelson*



Katie Schultz - January 15, 2014 at 10:22 AM

TK

“ *Deb & Family, Our heart's are heavy today as we think of all of you & this tremendous loss. This city girl remembers fondly her trips to the farm!! We are so very sorry we cannot be there in person to celebrate your wonderful dad!! You will all be in our prayers. God Bless.*

Tiffany, Chris, Jordan, Mason & Parker

Tiffany Klett - January 15, 2014 at 10:03 AM

KS

“ *Uncle Dale...we shared some good laughs over the years. You and I will always have a special bond, I will miss you and I am grateful for you. Rest in peace, I love you...*

Your niece, Katie xxoo

Katie Schultz - January 15, 2014 at 08:09 AM

JM

“ Dear Joanne, Jon, Becky/Greg, Debbie/Scott, Mike/Raena and grandchildren,

Condolences to all of you. I'm also saddened by the loss of my "baby" brother.

Living so far away we've missed a lot by not seeing one another very often. However, we did enjoy the many vacations spent with all of you and am grateful for the trips you made out west to visit us, always wishing them to be longer. I cherish the phone calls between Dale and me as we often shared our many memories of the past. Growing up Dale played several pranks on me. One morning as I was ready for my two-mile walk to our little country school, I saw Dale riding Dolly, our gentle workhorse. I decided I wanted to try riding her, too, a short ride from the barn to the house. After all I was four and one-half years older than Dale. Soon as he helped getting me positioned on Dolly, Dale "sicked" the dog after us and off we went, scaring me to death. He thought that was quite funny. Much later I appreciated his sense of humor, but not then. Dale often spoke to me of his appreciation and love for all his family. May you all feel God's love and comfort during this difficult time and in the coming days. Dale will be missed.

I love you, Dale, and now you are Home with our Mom and Dad. We miss you, but know that you are now pain free and at peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Juliette Nelson Mohr (Dale's sister).

Juliette Mohr - January 14, 2014 at 11:26 PM

BC

“ Bonne and Richard Chandler purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Dale E. Nelson.



Bonne and Richard Chandler - January 14, 2014 at 07:10 PM

TR

“ *Deb, we are so sorry to hear about your dad. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Trista (Lutzwick) and Brian Wochnick

Trista - January 14, 2014 at 06:59 PM

SN

“ *I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Know that we are thinking and praying for you!*

Steph (Larsen) Newland

Stephanie Newland - January 14, 2014 at 05:47 PM

MF

“ *Mark Jude Moran and Family purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Dale E. Nelson.*



Mark Jude Moran and Family - January 14, 2014 at 05:33 PM

ST

“ *mike & family... I'm sorry to hear of your dad's passing. cherish the memories friend!*

hugs, steph (meyer) kliber

steph - January 14, 2014 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dale E. Nelson.



January 14, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *To the Nelson Family, You are in my thoughts. I enjoyed many days conversing with Dale and sharing a pot or two of coffee over the many stories he had to share. May he rest in peace. Condolences to all!*

Sally Kloss - January 14, 2014 at 12:24 PM

SM

“ I am so saddened by the loss of my uncle Dale. My parents moved to CA after they were married, so I wasn't able to grow up near my relatives, but my mom took us to MN many times while growing up to see her family. One summer while visiting uncle Dale, he took us kids fishing. I remember fishing in a near by lake when I thought I had landed a "big one." Dale was excited to see my expression and encouraged me to keep reeling and not lose the fish. After a wonderful fight, I had landed not a fish but a turtle. He had swallowed the hook and Dale was so disappointed and even a little upset that the turtle has taken his tackle. I had a wonderful time fishing with my uncle, and I have caught his love for fishing and hunting. His passion for these sports lives on in me. I was able to talk to Dale at Christmas and again on New Years. It has been years since we have connected, but what a joy to talk to him again. We talked about God which is my passion along with fishing and hunting. We both love the Lord and I am sure Dale is now spending time with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will all miss him. May God comfort all his family and friends knowing that Dale is now resting in eternity with no more pain or sorrow. Dale thanks for the memories.

Pastor Steve Mohr (Dale's nephew)

Steve Mohr - January 14, 2014 at 10:05 AM

JF

“ Deb---so sorry to hear about your dad. Thinking of you & hoping good memories will carry you through when the days are tough.

Jen (Ambuehl) Moen & family - January 14, 2014 at 08:35 AM

HM

“ Joann, I'm sorry for your loss. I enjoyed Dale's sense of humor and appreciated how he always felt about the farm and maintaining it for the family. He will be missed by a lot of friends.

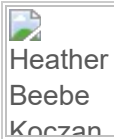
Helen McLennan

Helen McLennan - January 14, 2014 at 08:23 AM



“ You are all in my heart and prayers! So sorry to hear of this loss.

Susan Thelander-im - January 13, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Joann and family! Praying for you in the days to come! Peace be your constant companion! Love, Heather Koczan (Beebe)



Heather Beebe Koczan - January 13, 2014 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ Jeri Betts lit a candle in memory of Dale E. Nelson



Jeri Betts - January 13, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JB

Dear Joanne & Family, we are sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you trying time!!

Jeri Betts - January 13, 2014 at 02:17 PM

ME

“ *Jon and family~
So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our
thoughts and prayers.
Missy Sharon-Gerads*

Melissa - January 13, 2014 at 02:05 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of
Dale E. Nelson*



Claudette Moran - January 13, 2014 at 12:57 PM

CM

*Joanie, Jon, Becky and Greg, Debbie and Scott, Mike and Raena, and
the grandchildren too, hugs and prayers to all of you! I am most
positive that Dad and Dale are playing cards, and having fun! May Dale
rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of
his hand. He will be missed!*

Claudette Moran - January 13, 2014 at 01:02 PM

AT

“ *My thought and prayers go out to you, Joanne, Jon, Mike, Becky
and Debbie and your families.*

Alan Thelander - January 13, 2014 at 10:55 AM