



Don C. Nelson

December 5, 1941 - December 18, 2013

Don Nelson 72 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 23, 23, 2013 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Nate Bjorge officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Friends may call from 10-11 A.M. on Monday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Military Honors provided by the Little Falls American Legion Post #46. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Don was born on December 5, 1941 in Little Falls, MN to the late Walter and Ruth (Bjorklund) Nelson. He grew up in the Randall, MN area where he attended school. Don was united in marriage to Janet DeRosier on August 3, 1962 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN. He honorably served his country for 23 years in the US Army, serving during the Laos Conflict. Don was employed as a telephone tech for 30 years, working for Northwest Bell, US West, and Qwest. His greatest joy in life was spending time and loving his family. He also enjoyed having coffee at McDonalds, dancing, tinkering with everything, and collecting elephants. Don was gifted with the ability to be very mechanical, which came in handy when working on his many old Chevrolet trucks. He also tolerated the casino, mostly for his wife Janet. Don was a member of the Little Falls American Legion Post #46 and The Telephone Pioneers. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed.

Don is survived by wife, Janet Nelson of Little Falls, MN; sons, Stacy (Kathy) Nelson of Arden Hills, MN and Brett (fiancé Debra Pearson) Nelson of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Jordan, Taylor, Kaitlin, & Kaylee Nelson; brothers, Jim Nelson of Maryland, Walter Nelson of Colorado, Gerald Nelson of Texas, Gary Nelson of Little Falls, MN, and DuWayne Nelson of Hinkley, MN. Don was preceded in death by parents, Walter and Ruth Nelson and brother, Gerome Nelson.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Don C. Nelson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Don C. Nelson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Been a few months now dad. I am so glad to have had you for a father, and a true friend. I really miss you, and man do I wish you and I could have a few more cups of coffee together. Thank you so much for everything you did as a father, husband, grandfather, and friend. You are what all men should be. I have a feeling you know this. Anyhow dad, goodbye for now, ok. I Love You... Brett*

Brett Nelson - April 21, 2014 at 07:27 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. My dad (Dick Benson) and I both send our condolences. Mindi Benson*

Mindi Benson - December 24, 2013 at 07:01 PM

Kara
Kurr
Karnowski

“ *Jan, Brett and Stacy,
I am so sorry to hear about Don, how
heartbreaking. He was such a good man and
always had that big smile. I will always
remember him and all the good times you
guys had with mom and dad. Many nights of laughter!! Always
cherish the memories and know he is your angel. I can only bet that
mom was there greeting him with a hot cup of coffee. I so wish I
could have come to the service but know you all our in my thoughts
and prayers. Hugs to all of you. What a wonderful tribute video, he
was a happy man and had a wonderful family. Take care*
Kara (Kurr) Karnowski



Kara Kurr Karnowski - December 24, 2013 at 06:52 PM

LD

“ *To Don Nelson's Family! Just wanted to pass
on my deepest sympathy! I first met Don
when I enlisted into the MNARNG in 47th
S&T Bn. So many good memories of time
spent in that unit. And good memories of
sharing time with Don and Janet at Lynne and Brett's place. So
many years ago! Blessings and Hooah! Lynn Duxbury*



Lynn Duxbury - December 23, 2013 at 05:08 PM

BG

“ *Jan, Brett, Stacy and Family,*

Very sorry to hear that Don has passed. My thoughts are with you all.

God Bless,

Brad Gillingham

Brad Gillingham - December 23, 2013 at 01:21 PM

LS

“ *LaVonne Sharon lit a candle in memory of Don C. Nelson*



LaVonne Sharon - December 23, 2013 at 05:03 AM

DW

“ *Duane & Cindy Witucki lit a candle in memory of Don C. Nelson*



Duane & Cindy Witucki - December 22, 2013 at 05:40 PM

DU

Sorry to here about Don He was a great Guy

Duane - December 22, 2013 at 05:43 PM

SO

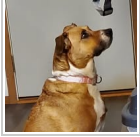
“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He was a special person and passed away too young. The memories you have will always be with you. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sandy Opatz

Sandy Opatz - December 22, 2013 at 11:17 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear that Don has passed. I have not seen you guys for years, but still remember all the laughs we used to have. He was too young. May you find God's peace in your heart, at this difficult time. Take care. From my heart to yours, Lois Bieganeck. :). <3

Lois Marie Bieganeck - December 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ *Jan, Brett and Stacy,*
I was truly sadden to hear the news of Dons passing. He was like part of the family with his humor, his hearty laughs and his smile but what made it all truly special to me was when he and you would call me Schnitzzy. My family nickname that continues to be said as if they have all forgotten my true name!! lol The camping days of him with his coffee, making sure the fire stayed going and us kids going to get the firewood, which we all experienced someones first public expression of what happens when you pull the wood from way deep inside (sorry mother but had to). He will be missed dearly and I know that he and dad are having their coffee together once again. May you all find some comfort during this trying time and know that God has gained a wise and wonderful Angel who will always be with you in heart and soul. Celebrate the life that he lived and keep his memories alive. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Denise Ploof
aka: Schnitzzy

Denise Ploof - December 22, 2013 at 05:52 AM

WH

“ *Wayne & Karen Hansmamm lit a candle in memory of Don C. Nelson*



Wayne & Karen Hansmamm - December 21, 2013 at 07:24 PM

WA

you have our deepest sympathy

Wayne - December 21, 2013 at 07:24 PM

SP

“ Jan, Brett and Stacy, I am so sorry to hear the passing of your husband, "Best Friend. and to you Brett and Stacy your Dad. I have so many memories of our camping days, going to basketball games, coffee at McDonalds and all the other fun things we did as a couple. I can still see Don doing steak on the grill and telling the kids to watch when he would flip it in the air as we all watched it hit the ground and Don would quickly go run some water over it to get rid of the sand and then it was back to finish grilling it. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.. Shirley Ploof

Shirley Ploof - December 21, 2013 at 03:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Don C. Nelson.



December 21, 2013 at 10:47 AM

LL

“ Jan, Brett and Stacy: I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Don.. He was a very special person with a huge heart.. Oh how I remember all the days of spending at KOA camping. Oh I love those days.. We had so much fun. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Ploof Larson - December 21, 2013 at 10:02 AM

JF

“ *Juli, Jim Nelson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don C. Nelson.*



Juli, Jim Nelson and Family - December 21, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JN

“ *Aunt Jan, Brett, and Stacy: We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Don's passing. We apologize for not being able to make the service. We will be praying for you all during your loss and getting through the Holiday. Love you all, Juli, Jim Nelson and family*

Juli Nelson-Rowan - December 21, 2013 at 07:55 AM

FT

“ *Fred & Judy Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Don C. Nelson*



Fred & Judy Tabatt - December 21, 2013 at 07:22 AM

JL

“ *Very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this hard time and over the holiday season.*

Jaci LaPorte - December 20, 2013 at 08:04 PM

JB

“ *Jan & Family, so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with each of you!!*



Jeri & Larry Betts - December 20, 2013 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Don C. Nelson.*



December 20, 2013 at 04:16 PM

CW

“ *Jan and Family
My sympathy, and prayers for your loss. May your love and memories comfort you all.*

Craig Weidenbach

Craig Weidenbach - December 20, 2013 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ *Jean Sigurdson lit a candle in memory of Don C. Nelson*



Jean Sigurdson - December 20, 2013 at 12:14 PM

JS

Stacy, Kathy, Brett and Jan,

I am so sorry about the loss of Don. I remember him as such a nice loving guy to be around while growing up through our school years. My thoughts are with each of you during this tough time and over the holidays. Hold onto the memories and keep his light shining!! God bless.

Jean (Bailey) Sigurdson

Jean Sigurdson - December 20, 2013 at 12:17 PM

DE

“ *We will miss Don dearly. Don was a great person and an awesome uncle. We have great memories of the times we spent with Don that we will always cherish. God bless.*
Derrick and Family



Derrick - December 20, 2013 at 11:14 AM

GR

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family of Don Nelson! Great man with a great family!!* *Greg & Julie Hubbard*

Greg - December 20, 2013 at 08:58 AM

 Jill
Mackissock

“ *Brett & Family*

So sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Thoughts and prayers are going out to all of you and your family.

Jill. Matt & Kayla (kay-kay)



Jill Mackissock - December 20, 2013 at 08:50 AM