



Donald "Don" E. Nelson

November 29, 1928 - March 27, 2022

Donald E. Nelson Sr., 93 year old resident of Brooklyn Park, MN, formerly of Brooklyn Center, MN, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Maranatha Senior Living in Brooklyn Center, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 1, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Brooklyn Center, MN with Father John Schmidt officiating. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 PM prior to the service on Friday at the church. Caring for Donald and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN.

Don was born on November 29, 1928 in Delano, MN to the late Wilmer & Elizabeth (Esser) Nelson. He grew up and attended school in St. Cloud, MN. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1948 to 1950, serving on the USS Guadalupe in the Philippines. He was united in marriage to Luverne A. Kociemba on November 9, 1950 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Saint Cloud, MN. They lived most of their life in Brooklyn Center, MN. Don worked as a foreman for Hoffer Glass Company in Minneapolis. After retirement, Don & Luverne enjoyed traveling visiting many states and countries. As a couple, they enjoyed many cruises together. They eventually purchased a home in Fort Myers, Florida. Don enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing, occasionally playing his button accordion, spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed tinkering with things and could fix just about anything.

Don is survived by his wife of 71 years, Luverne Nelson; sons, Steve and Candice Nelson of East Bethel, MN, Duane Nelson of Waukesha, WI, Don Jr. and Patti Nelson of Elk River, MN, Terry and Jodi Nelson of Little Falls, MN; daughter, Lori and Chad Charboneau of Brooklyn Park, MN; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Robert, Floyd, Kenneth, Dorothy; and his daughter-in-law, Judy Nelson.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
7025 Halifax Avenue North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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7025 Halifax Avenue North
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Don" E. Nelson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 30, 2022 at 01:03 PM

CM

Amazing video that shows so much love, a life well lived and loved. Great job!

Cheryl Moore - March 30, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Donald "Don" E. Nelson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

DH

“ *Terry and Jodi and families, my sincere sympathy on the loss of your father, grandfather. Cherish your memories. God Bless you all.*



Debbie Harakel - April 02, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" E. Nelson.*



April 01, 2022 at 09:25 AM



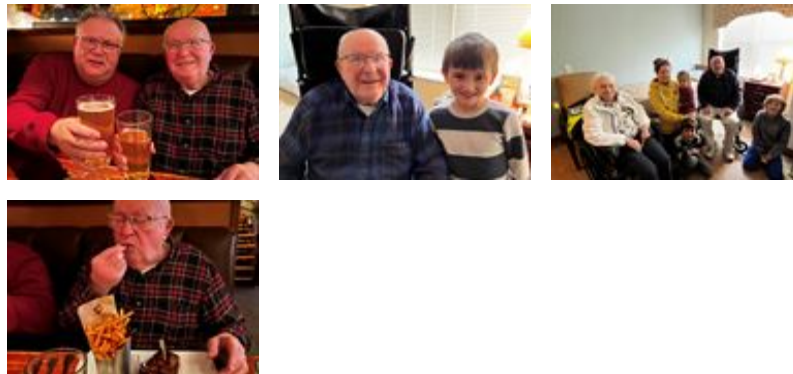
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 31, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 31, 2022 at 08:21 AM

CM

“ *Don was a kind and gentle, sensitive man. I only knew him a short time, but it was an honor to know him. Lori, you are amazing daughter and woman.* ”



Cheryl Moore - March 30, 2022 at 06:14 PM

LF

“ *Love Gerianne & Jeff Fleischhacker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald "Don" E. Nelson.* ”



Love Gerianne & Jeff Fleischhacker - March 30, 2022 at 05:09 PM

DN

“ Uncle Don was my favorite uncle. He was great to be around and always had so many great stories. He was especially good to my my mom and dad (his brother). Don, LuVerne and my folks were very close spending many winters together as snowbirds. My mom and dad always loved getting together with them and so did we as kids. For me, going on our annual summer week(s) long camping and cabin trips up north was better than Christmas. Don's favorite drink to make was Brandy Manhattans. A few years ago Julie and I setup a time to visit and when we got to their place he had already mixed up a pitcher full. We had a nice visit and played board games. I had driven there but wasn't about to drive home after the 2nd drink.

Don was so proud and loved his kids, grandkids and great grand kids. When LuVerne got ill Don was totally devoted to her needs and did more than anyone at his age could be expected. He was an example of unconditional Love. He lived his vows better than anyone I have known. What a perfect example for all of us! Julie and I send our condolences to the family. Prayers for both Don and LuVerne at this time. Through the Mercy of God may he rest in Peace.

Love,
Dan & Julie Nelson

Dan Nelson - March 30, 2022 at 03:17 PM

SN

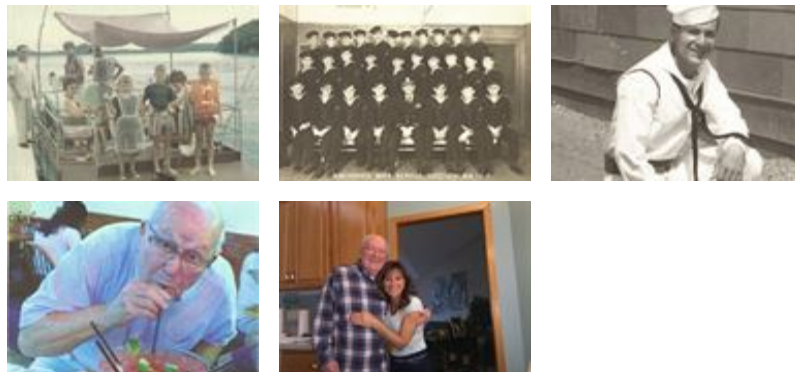
“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" E. Nelson



Sandy Nelson - March 30, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 30, 2022 at 12:58 PM

BK

“ TERRY, JODI AND FAMILY, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU ON THE LOSS OF YOUR DAD, FATHER-IN-LAW AND GRANDFATHER. MAY ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES BRING COMFORT TO YOU DURING THIS TRYING TIME. AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE.



Ben and Donna Kuklock - March 30, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 30, 2022 at 09:55 AM

DF

Don lived in our Woodland Villas neighborhood. He was an amazing caregiver to his wife for many years. We enjoyed the conversations we had with him.

May wonderful memories bring you comfort. Dan and Linda Fredenburg

Dan and Linda Fredenburg - March 31, 2022 at 02:06 AM

CZ

“ *Don was a very devoted husband to Luverne and he cherished his children and their spouses, his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. We loved his stories and dinner toasts. He was so competitive when playing 500 or Marbles. He was a true Gentlemen. You have your Angel Wings Don.*

Cindy And Dave Zachmeier - March 29, 2022 at 10:54 PM

GK

“ *Don was the best husband and father I ever know. Sorry for your loss.*



Gerry krawiecki - March 29, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" E. Nelson.*



March 29, 2022 at 02:08 PM

LC

“ Larry & Marion Charboneau have great memories of Don & Lavern, we spent many vacations in their mobile home in Florida. We will miss him he is with GOD now.
We send our thoughts and prayers to the entire family.
Larry & Marion

Larry & Marion Charboneau - March 29, 2022 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ Terry, Jodi and the entire Nelson family.
Sending our thoughts and prayers to you all,
during this most difficult time. Cherish those
memories and May He Rest in Peace.



Roger & Michelle Schneider - March 29, 2022 at 10:18 AM

GC

“ Gregg & Leone Chirhart lit a candle in
memory of Donald "Don" E. Nelson



Gregg & Leone Chirhart - March 28, 2022 at 08:26 PM



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family of Donald "Don" E. Nelson.



March 28, 2022 at 06:12 PM