



## Gary Lee Nelson

October 15, 1943 - September 18, 2020

Gary Lee Nelson, 77 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Friday, September 18, 2020 at his residence. A Memorial Service will be held at 1 PM on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN, with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Darling Cemetery outside of Little Falls. MDH Guidelines regarding Covid-19 will be followed.

Gary Lee Nelson was born on October 15, 1943 Little Falls, MN to the late Walter and Ruth Ann (Bjorklund) Nelson. He grew up in the Little Falls area and resided there all of his life. Gary loved his work at Employment Enterprises, Inc. and was excited to go each day. Gary loved going to church and was a very active participant up until Covid. Televised church was not as interesting to him after churches closed, but he enjoyed singing the songs with staff and would get very excited about Jesus. Some songs he really enjoyed and could sing along to are: Jesus Loves Me, and The Old Rugged Cross. He also would sing Somewhere Over The Rainbow, and You Are My Sunshine. Gary also really enjoyed his puzzles, firetrucks, farms, the fair and cotton candy. He was an outdoors kind of guy and would spend hours outside looking at birds, squirrels, butterflies and flowers. Gary was an all year long supporter of Christmas and his room was nothing short of a Christmas wonderland all year long. He always had a hanky in his pocket and jingle bells. Gary was a jokester and on several occasions had hid tiny fake spiders

throughout the house. Staff always new it was him but he wouldn't admit it (his roaring laughter gave him away every time). Gary was a kind soul, and he left an imprint in every ones lives that he encountered. He was full of life, and laughter. Gary will be missed incredibly by everyone that was blessed with his presence in their life.

Gary is survived by his brothers, James Nelson of Maryland, Gerald (Geraldine) Nelson of Texas, DuWayne (Julie) Nelson of Minnesota and Walter (Beverly) Nelson of Colorado.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ruth Ann Nelson, brothers, Jerome Nelson and Don Nelson.

# Cemetery Details

## Darling Cemetery

10815 190th Street  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Gathering

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Memorial Service

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



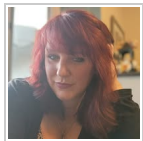
“ *Gary Lee Nelson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I took care of Gary when he lived in Oakridge. He had a special place in my heart. HE would always sweet talk me in letting him have a treat. RIP Dear Gary*

Anita Janey - September 24, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Memories Album*



Schailis Sievert - September 24, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MS

“ I will Love you and Miss you Forever my little Pancake buddy!! From my times working with you years ago at Oakridge, and St. Camillus, to finally at the Gap, my love for you never stopped! You brought so much Love and Joy to my heart, and to all the People you encountered on your Journey here on Earth! Words are not enough to express how saddened I am, but I know you are Soaring High above us watching down on us!! You will FOREVER be in my heart!! 26 years of having you Bless my life, I know I am the luckiest person!! I love you Firecracker!!



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**Michele Stang** - September 22, 2020 at 06:07 AM

GN

“ Gerald / Geraldine Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson



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**Gerald / Geraldine Nelson** - September 21, 2020 at 07:15 PM

JA

“ We hope you're enjoying a piece of pumpkin pie Gary. Thank you for many good memories.

*Chris and Jim Abelt*

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**JAMES ABELT** - September 21, 2020 at 02:27 PM

LF

“ *Your smile, laughter, and sense of humor will be deeply missed by all of us at the Gap.  
Rest easy my friend, and may your eternity be filled with all the "cotton candy" and "Christmas songs" you deserve.  
Sympathies to the Nelson Family.*

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**Linda Fellbaum** - September 21, 2020 at 02:12 PM

MB

“ *Always with a smile, Gary you will be missed.*



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**Myron Bahmer** - September 21, 2020 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ *Dorine Buermann lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson*



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**Dorine Buermann** - September 21, 2020 at 08:06 AM

KH

“ *Kelly Harris lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson*



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**Kelly Harris** - September 20, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MR

“ *Rest easy sweet man*



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**mateah robinson** - September 20, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CM

“ *May you rest in peace Gary.*



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**Carren miller** - September 20, 2020 at 12:34 AM

JN

“ *Juli Nelson-Rowan lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson*



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**Juli Nelson-Rowan** - September 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM

JN

“ *May your pancakes taste more heavenly now! Wished we lived closer. Love you big guy!*

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**Juli Nelson-Rowan** - September 19, 2020 at 10:59 AM

AT

“ Alan Thelander lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson



Alan Thelander - September 19, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson



Judy Berger - September 19, 2020 at 08:10 AM

SB

“ Sandie Brandle-Resch lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson



Sandie Brandle-Resch - September 18, 2020 at 11:24 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Nelson



Sandy Nelson - September 18, 2020 at 01:20 PM

BN

*I'm so sorry Uncle Gary that I didnt sneak ya some cotton candy before you left us. If ya can hear me, please say hi to my Dad, and some of the rest of the gang up there in Heaven. And I know this is where you are now. And I know there is one big Carnival up there, and Christmas every day!!! I love you!!! BRETT & DEBBIE.*

**Brett Nelson** - September 18, 2020 at 06:36 PM

MA

*My sympathies to the Nelson family!*

**Marilyn Anderson** - September 19, 2020 at 10:58 AM

CN

*Gary's in a happy place now with all our relatives in heaven*

**cindy nelson** - September 19, 2020 at 01:28 PM

ML

*My condolence to the Nelson family!*

**Mary LeMieur** - September 21, 2020 at 01:28 PM

GN

*I am soo sorry to hear that Gary passed away, I haven't seen him in 60 years but I do have good memories of visiting him. God will take good care of him for us.*

**Gary Nelson** - September 25, 2020 at 09:19 PM