



## John H. Nelson

March 29, 1959 - March 22, 2017

John H. Nelson, 57 year old resident of Hillman MN passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. A prayer service will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hillman, MN with Rev. Jean Megorden officiating. A gathering of family and friends will take place from 11-12 P.M. on Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hillman, MN. A celebration of life will be held in Alden, MN on May 6, 2017 for family and friends in the Alden area. Burial will be held at that time in the Alden Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

John was born on March 29, 1959 in Phoenix, AZ to Mary Jean (Mason) and the late Russell Nelson. He grew up in Alden, MN where he attended school and graduated from the area High School. Upon graduation, John enrolled at Minnesota West Technical School, where he studied plumbing and heating. John was united in marriage to Marilyn Hayes to which his daughter Abby was born. He was employed by Benton County where he was the facilities manager for many years. In his younger years, John was very athletic and excelled at all sports. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap shooting, and driving his Jeep pickup. John was also a very talented woodworker, making many wood burned plaques and clocks for friends and family. His greatest love in life was his daughter Abby, who was his life and John loved dearly. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorials are preferred to the Abby Nelson Trust Fund in care of Debby Merritt.

John is survived by mother, Mary Jean Nelson of Hastings, MN; daughter, Abby Nelson of Hillman, MN; siblings, Debby (Mark) Merritt of Farmington, MN, Russ (Bonnie) Nelson of Austin, MN, Rich (Lori) Nelson of Albert Lea, MN, and Andy Nelson of Farmington, MN; step-children, Jeff Hoffman, Jon Hoffman, Greg Hoffman, and Cody Hoffman; and many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his father, Russell Nelson.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hillman, MN  
36055 213th St  
Hillman, MN 56338

## Prayer Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Nelson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *John Boy was a very special person. He had such a love of life and free spirit. He lived each day in the moment. I was a newcomer to Alsen and he treated me like a brother. We lived next to each other above the Millhouse bar. The good times we had and parties were many. Spunks "22" forever. Our loss is heaven's gain. You now have your legs back Johnny.*

**Rick Zieser** - May 11, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ *John's Celebration of Life will be held at the Alden Community Center in Alden, MN on May 6, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All friend and family are invited to celebrate the life of "John Boy" and share special memories. He is gone from our presence but will never be forgotten.*

**Debby Merritt** - April 17, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ *Sandi Nielsen-Schmidt lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



**Sandi Nielsen-Schmidt** - April 03, 2017 at 09:25 AM

KM

“ *Kevin Machacek lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



**kevin machacek** - March 29, 2017 at 07:11 PM

FG

“ *Fernando Gonzales lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



**fernando gonzales** - March 29, 2017 at 07:55 AM

RO

“ *Rose/Bob Otters lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



**Rose/Bob Otters** - March 29, 2017 at 07:33 AM

TT

“ *Tate & Kathi Tetrick lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



**Tate & Kathi Tetrick** - March 29, 2017 at 07:20 AM

JF

“ *Jane Fleming lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



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**Jane Fleming** - March 27, 2017 at 01:51 PM

JF

*Rest In Peace John Boy*

*Janebone*

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**Jane Fleming** - March 27, 2017 at 01:51 PM

SF

“ *Steve Foss lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



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**Steve Foss** - March 27, 2017 at 07:34 AM

JH

“ *Jayne (gilbert) Mark Hatteberg lit a candle in memory of John H. Nelson*



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**Jayne (gilbert) Mark Hatteberg** - March 26, 2017 at 07:08 PM

RS

“ We have some great memories of John and your family.

*Thinking about all of you.*

*Ron and Ruth Sommers*

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**Ron and Ruth Sommers** - March 26, 2017 at 03:49 PM

GD

“ John was a person full of life. Always a huge smile and a pat on the back. I met John through friends in Albert Lea and Alden. I was proud to help build his handicapped home, although a small part. I will always remember him for his lust for life.

*Godspeed, John.*

*Gary Dunn  
Andover, MN*

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**Gary Dunn** - March 25, 2017 at 06:15 PM

KW

“ We're here for you Abby.

*Kaylee*



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**Kaylee Wisneski** - March 24, 2017 at 09:37 PM

KF

“ *Thinking of all of you during this difficult time  
Sorry for your loss  
Kathy and Joe Faust and Family*



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**Kathy Faust** - March 24, 2017 at 06:48 AM