



## Roy M. Nelson

May 28, 1929 - September 21, 2017

Roy M. Nelson, 88-year-old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the VA Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN with Rev. Kevin Zellers officiating. Burial will take place in the East Swanville Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be held from 1-2 P.M. on Saturday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Swanville.

Roy was born on May 28, 1929 in Swanville, MN to the late John and Elsie (Besemann) Nelson. He grew up on the family farm near Swanville. He enlisted into the US Army in August, 1954 and served for two years. He was united in marriage to Beatrice Muriel Thelander on June 1, 1957 in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville. They lived, farmed and raised their family on the home place until 1986 when they sold the family farm and moved just across the woods to their "retirement home". Roy retired from farming but then worked at Crestliner Boats in Little Falls for 10 years when he "officially and totally" retired. Roy lived at this residence until the passing of his beloved Bea on September 28, 2000. On June 8, 2002 Roy married his long-time friend, Terri Holmgren and they resided at their home in Swanville until October, 2016, when Roy made his last but not final move to the St. Cloud Veterans Medical Center in St Cloud. He was a resident there under the watchful eye and loving care of a devoted nursing staff until Thursday, September 21, 2017,

when he peacefully passed to the ultimate home, Heaven.

He was a member of the Swanville VFW Post 6037, Swanville American Legion Post #313, Little Falls DAV, Swanville Sportsman Club and instructor for 50 years of the Minnesota Firearms Safety Course.

Roy Nelson is survived by his wife, Terri Holmgren of Fairborn, OH; children; Lynn (Berry) Duxbury of Pierz and Lori (Bob) Sutton, of Swanville; grandchildren, Crystal Wieshalla of Little Falls, Grace Duxbury of Pierz, Darren (Rochelle) Sutton of Melrose, Dustin Sutton of Melrose; great-grandchildren, Lee Sutton of Melrose, Ryker Sutton of Melrose; step-children, Michael (Natalie) Holmgren, Susan (J.D.) Dukes, Bruce (Alicia) Holmgren; step-grandchildren, Jonathan Holmgren, David Holmgren, Jesse Holmgren, Micah Holmgren, Matthew Holmgren, Elizabeth Holmgren, Paul Holmgren, Luke Holmgren, Casey Dukes, Molly Fae Dukes, Logan Holmgren, Tenley Holmgren; step-great-grandchildren, Seamus, Maeve and Rouri Rose.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, Lorraine Nelson, son, Lee Nelson and wife, Bea Nelson.

Casketbearers will be Darren Sutton, Dustin Sutton, Crystal Wieshalla, Grace Duxbury, David Holmgren and Micah Holmgren.

# Cemetery Details

## East Swanville Cemetery

3595 75th Street  
Swanville, MN 56382

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville  
502 Berkey Avenue  
Swanville, MN

## Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Swanville, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy M. Nelson*



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*Lorie I am so sorry! My sympathy to you and your family!*

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**Marilyn Anderson** - September 22, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ *Roy M. Nelson*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sorry for your lost please remember all the wonderful memories that you have of him*

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**Karen Haaland** - September 23, 2017 at 08:26 AM

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“ *Kathryn Gessell lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Nelson*



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**Kathryn Gessell** - September 22, 2017 at 03:24 PM



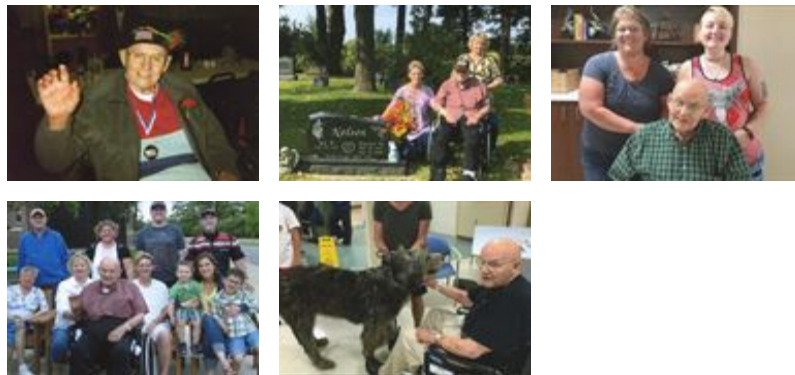
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“ So sorry for your loss. The memories last forever  
Jerry and Faye Waltman



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BT

Condolences to his entire family. So sorry for your loss.  
Betsy Tepley

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*LOVE YOU GUYS!!! SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR DAD.  
JOLENE SUTTON*

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