



## Wallace "Wally" Nelson

March 29, 1936 - January 22, 2015

Wallace "Wally" Nelson, 78 year old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia, MN. A Memorial service will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Holy Cross Center in Onamia, MN with Pastor Joe Boeringa officiating.

Visitation with family & friends 1 hour prior to services. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Wally was born in Lowell, MA, and moved to Onamia, MN a few years later. He was the son of Isabelle and Hugo Nelson. In his early years, Wally helped his father move buildings and worked on the family farm. He attended Camp Johnson School and graduated from Onamia High School in 1954. He married his wife and purchased his parents farm in 1961. They raised a small dairy operation and Wally also worked for Wheeler Lath Mill and he hauled lath bolts and logs. As time went on, Wally sold Christmas trees and firewood until his logging accident that occurred in 1989. Once he completed rehabilitation, he then worked for Independent Lifestyles as a mentor for individuals who had sustained life-changing injuries up until a few years ago. Wally kept a positive outlook on life even after his accident. He had a passion for the woods and enjoyed fishing trips to Canada before his accident. He treasured his annual trips to Camp Courage until his health required him to use an electric wheelchair. Wally relished coffee with the gang up town and time spent with family.

He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Jane (Anderson) Nelson; his daughter,

Julie (Greg) Fackler of Brooklyn Park, MN; sons, Jeff (Karen) Nelson of Onamia, MN, and Andy (Fiancé, Karleny King) Nelson of Hudson, WI; 6 grandchildren, Jessica (Nick) Pedersen, Calvin Fackler, Layne Nelson, Jayden Nelson, Caleb Nelson, and Daniel King; brother, Dale (Meropi) Nelson of Greece; sister, Lorraine Gilbertson of Missouri; nephew, Bob (Cynthia) Gilbertson and family of Northfield, MN; mother-in-law, Pearl Anderson; and many close friends.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents, Hugo and Isabelle Nelson; and father-in-law, Leon Anderson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Center - Onamia  
102 Crosier Drive  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Service

MAR 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace "Wally" Nelson

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Nelson, Julie and family,

*We were so sad to hear about Wally. We extend our deepest sympathy and will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Marlene and Darwin Nelson*

Darwin and Marlene Nelson - March 07, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Wally was a very special man. We got to meet him after Donnie's accident when he came to visit and he helped us through a difficult time. They made a connection that I will always treasure as I know Donnie did, and be grateful for Wally sharing in our lives. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this difficult time!!

*Love,  
Deb Bialke  
( Angel Donnie Pohlkamp)*

Deb Bialke - March 06, 2015 at 10:16 PM