



Roger was born on the family farm in Dell Rapids, on October 8, 1928. The fourth of six children, he was the second son of David and Emma (Christensen) Nelson. He attended the Nelson Country School through eighth grade and graduated from Dell Rapids High School in 1946. He married Darlene Hansen on June 16, 1955 and they have eight children.

Family, Farm and Stories were the anchors of his life. Nothing was as important as his family. He farmed for almost his entire life, and he had a story for everyone. He loved to tell “Ole and Lena” jokes, every event had a story, and every story led to another.

Roger also pitched for the Dell Rapids Rox, the local amateur baseball team. He threw for the team that played in the 1951 state tournament, and he taught every one of his kids to play catch early.

He passed away on January 16, at home, with his family around him.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Darlene (Hansen) Nelson, children Jeff (Crawfordsville, IN), Dean (Mary – Apple Valley, MN), children Colin, Christian, Katelyn; Scott (Wendy – Dell Rapids, SD), children Emma, Gabe; Brad (Jonie – Omaha, NE), children David (Kayla), Chris, Ashleigh; Bette Paulsen (Marc – Sioux Falls, SD), children Danny Gustafson, Chelsea (Matt) Sorenson; John (Annette – Littleton, CO), child Zach; Phyllis (Carl Jackson - Valparaiso, IN); Matt (Crooks SD), children, Mikayla, Meghan, Dylan; sister Loraine Ollis (Hull, GA); brother-in-law Tom Van Duzee (Gum Springs, VA); many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother David, sisters Dorothy Eriksen, Lucille Smith and Rosella Van Duzee.

In Memory of

Roger L. Nelson

Born - October 8, 1928 ~ Died - January 16, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary Catholic Church
Dell Rapids, South Dakota
Monday, January 21, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant

Father John Lantsberger

Casketbearers

Roger and Darlene's eight children will
serve as his casketbearers.

Eucharistic Ministers

David and Dianne Hansen

Gift Bearers

Christian, Gabe, Ashleigh, Zach and Mikayla Nelson ~
grandchildren

Gospel Reflection

Danny Gustafson SJ

Interment

St. Mary Cemetery
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall
not want. He causes me to lie
down in green pastures; He leads
me beside still waters. He restores
my soul; He leads me in paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.

The family of Roger Nelson would like to thank you for your presence and support. They invite you for lunch at the parish hall following the committal service.

*Funeral Arrangements by Kahler Funeral Home
Dell Rapids, South Dakota*