



Curtis Duane Nelson was born on March 14, 1939 at Dell Rapids, SD, the son of Ernest and Eva (Bates) Nelson. He grew up on a farm near Trent and attended school there. While in high school Curtis participated in football, basketball and track. He graduated from Trent High School in 1957. After high school Curtis joined the Air Guard. He worked for the Quaker Oats Elevator in Trent. He married

Mary Ann Janssen on December 19, 1964 at the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids. The couple made their home in Dell Rapids. Curtis then went to work for Weelborg Brothers Construction and Fisher Sand and Gravel as a heavy equipment operator. Curtis continued to work as a heavy equipment operator until his retirement. In retirement he went to work for the City of Sioux Falls where he mowed Falls Park until his final retirement.

He was a member of Trent Baptist Church where he served as an usher for many years. He enjoyed collecting coins, fishing, gardening, tinkering with his train set, attending car shows, stock car racing, tractor pulls and a fan of the Chicago Bears.

Curtis is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Norlan, Joyce and Erma.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife of 56 years, Mary Ann of Dell Rapids; his daughters, Jodi (Scott) Lovell of Cherokee, IA and Jennifer (Gary) Koistinen of Watertown; his four grandchildren, Meredith and Blake Lovell and Briley and Harper Koistinen; his sister, Betty Railsback of Belmont, MI and his brother, Wendell (Barb) Nelson of Orlando, FL.

In Memory of

Curtis D. Nelson

Born - March 14, 1939 ~ Died - April 20, 2021

Funeral Service

Trent Baptist Church
Trent, South Dakota
Friday, April 23, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Clergy

Pastor Randy Maass

Music

"The King is Coming"
"He touched Me"
"Amazing Grace"
"When We All Get to Heaven"

Casketbearers

Larry Nelson	Gary Nelson
Ivan Card	Keith Nelson
Scott Lovell	Gary Koistinen
Blake Lovell	

Interment

Dell Rapids Cemetery
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Funeral Arrangements by Kahler-Brende Funeral Home

Dad, how we thank you for such a great upbringing
Leading our household in christian love
We were blessed to have you as our Dad, from God's design
up above

Taking us to church each Sunday, not many that we missed
Ushering, bible reading, and praying before each meal
All done so quietly, yet so powerful and so real

We have such great memories
Basketball in the driveway
Taking trips to Sioux Falls
Our family trip to Disney
And Saturday morning breakfasts, to name a few
All fun things that we did and enjoyed so much with you

Then the diagnosis came, Lewy Body Dementia
Oh how we cried and felt deep sadness inside

Yet God gave us time for an extended goodbye
You left us little by little, getting smaller and brittle
Mind and body failing, losing your independence
Yet there were times of laughter, still comforted by your
presence

We rejoice with you, as now you can be yourself
We are happy for you in heaven, with your Savior restored
back to good health.

We miss you and we love you.

Mary Ann, Jodi, and Jennifer