



Bruce Nelson

June 3, 1926 - September 28, 2007

Bruce Howard Nelson passed away quietly at his home on Friday, September 28th. Bruce was born to his parents Elmer A. & Mabel (Ellison) Nelson on June 3, 1926 in Clarissa. Bruce was a lifelong member of the Wadena community. He owned and operated Wadena Implement for many years. On Oct. 6, 1947 he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Schmith at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Both he and his wife were very active members of the community. Bruce was a member of the Wadena Lions Club, where he served as a past president and a Melvin Jones Fellow, the Wadena Elks Lodge and the Wadena VFW where he served as post commander. He was also active in politics and served as mayor of Wadena for many years. Bruce served his country in the US Army from Nov. 13, 1944 to Nov. 11, 1946. In his spare time he enjoyed volunteering, woodworking and spending time with his family. Bruce was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Ann on Mar. 2, 2003; his parents; 6 brothers and 2 sisters. He is survived by his daughters: Connie (Mike) Kelley and Marilyn Morgan both of Minneapolis, Shirley (Geoff) Williams of Brainerd and Judy Spahn of Burnsville; sons Steve (Janice) of Blanche Lake, Scott of Woodbury, Wayne and David (Janet) both of Edina; 20 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, Oct. 1st at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Donald Wagner as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers will be Dudes Richter, Jim Logan and all of the Boondocks Cafe coffee gang. Active pallbearers will be his children; Steve, Connie, Marilyn, Scott, Shirley, Judy,

Wayne & David. Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Wadena. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *This is the best way to let all of you know how I feel your loss. Your parents were extraordinary people, always thinking of the needs of others and interested in what a person had to say. We shared news of our children and delighted in their accomplishments. I watched the video tribute and enjoyed it very much. It was good to "see" all of you. While viewing other tributes I noticed several Oregon addresses. I now live in central Oregon, between Sisters and Bend, right next door to my daughter, Kris and her husband Phil. I am very happy here. Stop in if you are ever in the area. Your dad was a wonderful guy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you adjust to life without him. Fondly,
Mary Ellen Kollodge*

Mary Ellen Kollodge - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *The dearest sweetest Uncle anyone has ever had. I will miss him, but am happy to realize that he and Maryann are together again.*

Carol Bookout - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Dear cousins,

I am sad to learn of your father's passing! You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
With sympathy,
Ruth*

Ruth Nelson - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ We were so saddened to hear of Bruce's death. Clarence was a neighbor of the Nelson family when they were young. Clarence moved to Oregon with Gordon many years ago. We have kept in contact with Bruce and Maryann through out the years, and always visited with them when we would be in Wadena. Our sympathies are with the whole family. Please know we care.

Clarence & Grace Politiske - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ We feel very blessed to have Bruce as our uncle. We have great memories of snow mobile and sea doo rides, to just start the list of memories. You are all in our prayers and hearts. Blessings, Brenda, Craig & Paige

Brenda Nulliner - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dear Nelsons,
Our best wishes to all of you. We are thinking of you.
Lynn and Gail

Lynn and Gail Nelson - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ My sincerest condolences. The entire Nelson family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kyle W. Kiene - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am sorry to hear about your father..It is always hard to see them go but he went in such a great way...no suffering. My prayers are with you.

Betty Cordes - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Nelson Family,

Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. You were blessed to have had Bruce in your life and when you see him next, a celebration in Heaven will commence. God Bless You!

Ray and Mary Hawes

Ray and Mary Hawes - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To the Nelson Family,

It was our privilege to know your dad as our neighbor on First St./Garfield Avenue. He and your mom were the best!

In memory of Bruce, we will have a Mass said at St. Mary's heere in Alexandria.

With deepest sympathy,

Dave and Lynda Wosmek

Dave and Lynda Wosmek - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Thinking of you all....please keep in touch....pip

Lynne "Pip" Piepkorn - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ My condolences go to all the family and friends in this very sad time.

Gregg Lind - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Thanks Bruce for all the milk you allowd me to drink from that grandios milk dispenser you had in the kitchen for all of your kids!!!! I know that Marilyn loves you dearly and will miss you very much. Thanks for being such a great Dad to her. Give Mary Ann a hug for me. Fondly, Barbie

Barbara Browne Kosovich - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Nelson kids,

So sorry about the loss of your dad. A good parent is so hard to lose - and you had wonderful parents. And what a legacy they left; eight wonderful kids to carry on their goodness.

I will not be able to attend your dad's funeral but I do plan to get to the visitation tomorrow night.

God bless you all and know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerise (Jeri) Nelson - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM