



Warren L. Nelson

March 17, 1931 - May 4, 2021

The private graveside service for Warren “Pat” Nelson of Staples, will be held on Friday, May 14, at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, MN.

With family at his side, Warren “Pat” Nelson, age 90, passed away on May 4, 2021, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples MN, under the compassionate care of Lakewood Hospice.

Warren, known as Pat, was born to Albert and Agnes (Palm) Nelson on March 17, 1931, in Princeton, MN. He graduated from high school in St. Francis, MN. He joined the US Air Force in April 1951 and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1955. On a blind date, Warren met Carolyn Edith Cates and they were united in marriage on July 1, 1955, at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield, MN. Warren and Carolyn operated a dairy farm in St. Francis MN, where they raised their 4 daughters, 2 foster daughters and grieved the loss of their infant son. In 1971, Staples, MN became their home where they farmed for many years and became very active members of the Alliance Church.

Warren and Carolyn retired from farming in 1997 and moved to a cozy home on their daughter’s property in Motley MN. Due to declining health they moved into The Pines in Staples in 2012, where they enjoyed the company of many

special people.

Over the years, Warren belonged to the Agricultural Committee, and served his church as a very active board member and trustee. His interests included metal detecting, gardening, restoring vintage toys, and deer hunting. He was also an avid fur trapper for over 72 years which included many fond memories of beaver trapping for numerous counties!

Preceding Warren in death were his beloved wife Carolyn (2015); parents Albert and Agnes; infant son, David; brothers; Vernal, Morris, and Ronald, sisters; Margorie Ackerson, Dorothy Arthur, Marian Reed and Marvel Lange.

Memories of Warren will be treasured by his daughters Deb (Dave) Mennis of Benson MN, Kathy (Denny) Ulmer of Park Rapids MN, Lori (Ross) Miller of North Branch MN, and Becky (Jay) Landis of Motley MN; foster daughters Lucille Ellefson Hanson and Laretta Ellefson Curtin; grandchildren Leah (Mennis) Montgomery, Emily (Mennis) Cummings, Sarah (Ulmer) Frieden, Anna Ulmer, Jason Miller, Darcy Miller, Zackery Weber, Ernest Weber, Amy (Miller) Waldvogel, Rachel (Landis) Aakre and Rebekah (Landis) Daly & 27 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; sibling Gerald Nelson; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be; Dave Mennis, Denny Ulmer, Ross Miller & Jay Landis

Burial will be next to his wife in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley near Little Falls, MN.

Due to the COVID pandemic the family is unable to accept flowers at this private outdoor service. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Lakewood Health System Memory Care Unit, Staples, MN. (<https://www.lakew>

oodhealthsystem.com/about-us/foundation/donate) and specify Memory Care.

Cemetery Details

MN State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Hwy 15
Little Falls, MN 56345

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Prayers for God's peace and comfort.

Cheryl Hahn

Cheryl Hahn - May 26, 2021 at 02:36 PM

PL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I will never forget the laughs when the boys got together at Gerry and Jeanne's. May your grief be gentle and your memories long.

Pattie Liestman-schmid - May 11, 2021 at 07:14 PM

BL

They certainly liked to laugh! Thank you for your kind words! The Nelson Family

Becky Nelson Landis - May 18, 2021 at 02:11 PM

PH

“ Lori and Ross, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. What a great man he was to have raised such a wonderful daughter! Thoughts and prayers are with you. Patsy Holmquist

Patsy Holmquist - May 11, 2021 at 02:50 PM

MH

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Warren was a great guy. I loved his hearty laugh and always had a twinkle in his eyes trying to figure out what joke he was going to play on someone. Mike would always come home from work and say "that Warren, he sure is a hard worker!". He loved working with him.
I know your hearts are broken. May your memories bring you peace and smiles and laughter.
Love Jeannie and Mike

Mike & Jeannie Hajek - May 11, 2021 at 10:04 AM

BL

I will miss his big ole belly laugh and his jokes. Thank you for your kind words! I will miss him dearly!

Becky Nelson Landis - May 18, 2021 at 02:15 PM



i enjoyed working with Warren very much.

Gary Thorman - May 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM