



Arleen F. Nelson

April 9, 2013

Arleen Frances Nelson, 88, passed away on April 9, 2013, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 7, 1924, in Renova, Minnesota to Royal and Ida Cross Lagervall.

Arleen grew up in Elkton, Minnesota. She graduated from Elkton High School in 1942. After high school she earned a certificate in cosmetology and also worked for Twin City Federal. During WWII she worked in the defense plant. Arleen met Erling (Bud) Nelson on the dance floor of the Terp Ballroom and they married in 1955 in Osage, Iowa. They lived in several states before settling in Jefferson, Iowa, where they owned and operated the 4-N Drive Inn until they retired. Arleen was a member of First United Methodist Church. She was active in veteran's organizations and served as the Iowa State DAV Auxiliary Commander. Her free time activities included traveling, bridge and visiting family.

Arleen was preceded in death by their son Brad; also by her parents, brother Don, sister Babe, and great-granddaughter Isabel.

Arleen is survived by her spouse, Erling, of Jefferson, Iowa; her daughters, Paula(Gary) Rabine and Rande (David) Garnett, both of St. Louis Park, Minnesota; her sister Yvonne (Nels) Lee of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota; her grandchildren Abigail, Samantha, Alexander, Matthew, Brigitte, Joanna, Jon and Meri; her great-grandchildren Olivia, Blake, Gavin and Kevin; and her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A funeral service will be held at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 7625

Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, at 2:00 on Sunday, April 14, with Pastor Skip Reeves officiating. Visitation will be held at 1:00, preceding the service.

Condolences may be sent to the house or left on Arleen's online guest book at <http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Arleen-Nelson/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
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Service

APR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I have fond memories of the fun we had in our single days. Will miss Arleen, always known as Pat to me.*

Elaine Fredericks



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Paula - April 12, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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Paula - April 12, 2013 at 08:18 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Arleen F. Nelson.*



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“ *I recall going over to Rande's home as a teenager and always being warmly welcomed by Arleen. She had an innocence about her that was endearing. She made a person feel totally accepted and her love washed over those who came into contact with her. She will be dearly missed. You will all be in our prayers that God will be your comfort & strength during this difficult time.*

God's peace,

Suzanne (Sorenson) Fink

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

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