



Carleton Nelson

April 24, 2012

Nelson, Carleton E. age 91 of Bloomington, passed away with honor and dignity on April 20, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by grandson, Jacob Nelson; brothers, Dr. Leroy and Wayne; sisters, Lorraine Thulin and Rona Tipka. Survived by loving wife of 71 years, Beth; sister, Dorothy; sister-in-law, Jeanne Nelson; children, Judy (Les) Liudahl, Bonnie Tell, Michael (Jan), Colleen (Les) Rablin, Craig (Christine), Mark (Rhonda); 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great- grandson. Born on October 21, 1920 to Carl and Frances Nelson in Meeker Co., MN. Married Beth on December 27, 1941. WWII Naval Veteran. Carleton was the Culligan Man in Virginia, MN. In 1970 Carleton started his 2nd career at JC Penneys (Southdale). He loved gardening. His specialties were marigolds and dahlias which turned his house in Bloomington into a show piece. Carleton was a great man who easily made friends due to his warmth, humor, kindness, outgoing and engaging personality. Thanks to Dr. Ali and the staff at Fairview Southdale Heart Center. There was joy in heaven when Carleton walked through the gates. It is heaven's gain and our loss. He was loved by many and we will miss him dearly. Funeral service Thursday, April 26, 10:30 AM at Hillcrest UMC, 9100 Russell Ave S, Bloomington. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service at the church and Wednesday, April 25, 5-8 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers Chapel 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd 952-884-8145

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Tomorrows the big day and I know you will be with us. Your garden friends sent flowers to honor you, but you can see that. I miss and love you always..Love, Bonnie*

~

Bonnie Tell,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Bonnie Tell - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ 2 days away and I am missing you more then ever.... I love you

~

Helena

August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We Miss you Grandpa...Helena & Emma

July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Today is 100 days since you died, I miss you so much, I am not feeling well these days, I love you, Bonnie

July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Dad, today is your youngest son's birthday. You must be sooooo proud to see how he is taking care of Grandma!!! I love you, Bonnie*

~

Bonnie Tell,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Bonnie Tell - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I miss you everyday!*”

~

Colleen

July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ ~

Marc Rabideau,

San Francisco, California

Contact Me

Marc Rabideau - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Beth and family. Sorry to hear of Carletons passing. Our prayers are with you. Sorry we are unable to attend the services at this time, but will be thinking of you. Erv and Opal Muth*

April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Helena, sorry for your family's loss and I hope your family gets through this hard time*

~

Aaron Goff,

Fridley, Minnesota

Aaron Goff - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Beth, Heidi, Tom & Family We are sad to hear of Carleton's passing. What a great man to be around. His great sense of humor and his artistic flair in the gardens will live on in all of you. Our prayers are with you all.

~

Barb Tourville & George Johnson,

Columbia Heights, Minnesota

Contact Me

Barb Tourville & George Johnson - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Craig, I only met your dad a few times and he was a fun guy to be around. I know he was a very special person to you and all your family. Jim and Joan Conte

~

jim conte,

new berlin, Wisconsin

jim conte - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Colleen I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. I understand the feeling of loss of a parent. My Heart goes out to you and your family, Cookie (Superior WI)

April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I asked God for a Dad and He gave me you. How lucky for me. I miss you and will never forget you, Bonnie*

~

Bonnie

April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I Love You Grandpa. You are my rock, my hero and everything I could ever wish to be...Helena*

~

Helena

April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Craig and Family ~ I am sorry for your loss. I have never had the opportunity to meet your Dad, Craig, but I know he must have been a great man to raise such a wonderful son. I always enjoyed working for you and hearing the stories you had about your family. I know he will be truly missed. Thinking of you,*

~

Karen Krueger,

Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Karen Krueger - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ No words can take away the sting; no writings can remove the hurt, but the knowledge that Carleton is safe in the loving arms of the Lord must give comfort.

~

Steve Kiehnau,

Grafton, Wisconsin

Steve Kiehnau - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Craig, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. We are never ready to lose a parent. I hope the sorrow you and your family are feeling will be replaced by the wonderful memories. You are in my thoughts. Judi Hauser, Muskego, WI

April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Craig, your dad was a wonderful example of how to live life to the fullest. He touched a lot of peoples lives through his work, his garden, and his relationships . I will always remember the personal garden tour he gave me and Donna and how his smile lite up our church dinning hall at the state fair.

~

Roger Kufus,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Roger Kufus - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I'm sorry that I didn't know your dad, Craig. But I know you are the man you are because of him. I'm sure he was very proud of all his children and he will live on in your hearts. Take good care, Lois

~

Lois Niemi,

Maple Plain, Minnesota

Lois Niemi - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember Carleton, his furniture is a centerpiece in our home and our daughters. The Young Family

April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Hello Aunt Beth and all of the many Nelson progeny (If in doubt, ask Uncle Ed what "progeny" means :)). We are very sad to hear of Carleton's passing. He was a fun uncle, to be sure. When I think of him I see his smile and hear his laughter! He will be missed! Sorry we cannot attend the funeral. We're home in Texas, but on our way to the East coast soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pat Davison, Marites and Mabelle

~

Pat Davison and Family,

Mission, Texas

Pat Davison and Family - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Hi Colleen and family, sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have loved hearing the stories of your mom and dad over the years. I would have loved meeting him and seeing his flowers. The country has lost a real patriot from the great generation! Much Aloha, Judy

~

Judy Philson,

Aiea, Hawaii

Judy Philson - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Colleen and Les, It's never easy loosing anyone, esp a partent. My heart is with you and yours.love Mike

~

Mike Cloutier,

Superior, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Mike Cloutier - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Oh Colleeen I am so sorry. I do love how you have spoke of usch love in your famiyy. You are an important part of my life if you need anything please do not hesitate to say.... my house is your house.Love to you and your familyTheresa.

~

Theresa Cloutier,

Superior, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Theresa Cloutier - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Beth and Family, We were blessed to have enjoyed growing dahlias with your family over the years. We had many fun times and great memories in the Minnesota Dahlia Society. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

~

Jon and Cindy Soule,

Fridley, Minnesota

Jon and Cindy Soule - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ We'll miss you grandpa! We love you!

~

Michelle, Angel, Emily, Max and Molly Arreola

Contact Me

Michelle, Angel, Emily - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Nelson family, We have been so blessed by your family and will so miss Carleton. We always enjoyed our visits and were so glad he married into the Davison family so that we got to know him well. We sorry we won't be able to make it down for the funeral as we have a conflicting medical appointment ourselves that day. You will be in our thoughts and prayers, and hope to see you soon.

~

Richard and Charlotte,

Tintah, Minnesota

Richard and Charlotte - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ To the Nelson family, I want to express my condolence's to all of you in this very difficult time.... I know that Carleton will missed but also that he will be very fondly remembered by so many for his contributions to all that knew him....Again I am so sorry for your loss.

~

Chris Dalbec,

Phoenix, Arizona

Chris Dalbec - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Beth & family, how sad we were to hear of our friend Carleton's death and so sorry we are still in AZ. and won't be there for service. Many good memories we have spent with you guys, so happy we got over see you before left for AZ. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. We will miss Carleton. Our love Myron & Myrna

April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ZK

“ *Beth and family, we have such fond memories of all the fun times we had with Carleton. It was wonderful to be included in so many of your family get-togethers. Although he will be missed, he will never be forgotten. With our love,*

~

Zoe & Rudy Koshir,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Zoe & Rudy Koshir - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mike and Jan, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Carleton was such a wonderful and loving man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Darcy

~

Darcy Muniz,

Cisne, Illinois

Contact Me

Darcy Muniz - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM