



Delores Philomina Nelson

September 26, 1942 - January 14, 2024

Nelson, Delores P. Age 81 of Bloomington, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on January 14 following complications from heart surgery. Preceded in death by parents Herbert and Margaret Rathje. She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Jerry and their four children, their spouses and families: Scott Nelson (Julie), granddaughters Karlie (Ryan) and Abbie; Jeff Nelson (Dana), grandchildren Nick, Jacob and Emily; David (Eva), grandson Cager; Nancy (Ryan) Becker, granddaughters Maggie and Katie. She is also survived by her brothers, Kenneth (Connie) Rathje, Wayne (Leslie) Rathje and sisters Lois (Larry) Jensen, Mary Lange, Janice (Duane) Matter, brother-in-law Norman Nelson, and sister-in-law Carol (Bob) Vincent, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Delores grew up in Annandale, Minnesota as the oldest of six siblings. She moved to Minneapolis following high school graduation, met Jerry Nelson and married on October 3, 1964. Together they raised four children in their home in Bloomington. She worked at Holiday in customer service for over 40 years and made her customers' days better with her beautiful smile and willingness to help others. Delores couldn't go many places without running into someone she knew and it didn't take long for her to make new friends wherever she went. She spent many years enjoying summer weekends at the family cabin in Annandale and took great pride in helping take care of her grandchildren. She had a generous heart taking care of her family and friends by making treats (her famous Rice Krispy bars and Special K bars), having

conversations, sending notes, or doing many other nice gestures.

Funeral service to be held Tuesday January 23rd at 11 am at St. Edwards Catholic Church, 9401 Nesbit Ave. S, Bloomington, with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Following Mass, the interment of her ashes will be at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Memorial at 9940 Bush Lake Road, Bloomington, with a lunch gathering back at St. Edwards.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Church Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 23. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delores Philomina Nelson.*



January 20, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *Jamie and I are saddened to hear this news. Our thoughts and blessings for comfort are with the family. Doug Vieau (Cousin)*

Doug Vieau - January 19, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *John And Sandy Powers lit a candle in memory of Delores Philomina Nelson*



John and Sandy Powers - January 19, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *Roger, Karen and Leah Chizek purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Delores Philomina Nelson.*



Roger, Karen and Leah Chizek - January 18, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Delores Philomina Nelson.



January 18, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Jerry & family, So sorry to hear about Delores. May she rest in peace. Neal & I have many fond memories that we have shared in the past. May our Lord grant you his peace & comfort in the days to come.*

Mary Spaulding - January 17, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ *God Bless, Kurt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores Philomina Nelson.*

God Bless, Kurt - January 17, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Delores Philomina Nelson.



January 17, 2024 at 08:47 PM