



Mr. Dwight Arthur Nelson

February 22, 1922 - November 2, 2018

Dwight Arthur Nelson passed away peacefully early Friday morning, November 2, 2018, at the age of 96, sitting in his favorite chair in the home where he had lived for 76 years, after a brief illness and declining health.

He was a true American original. He rebuilt and flew airplanes. He loved to water ski behind his friends Chris Crafts and ski jump in winter. During WWII, he taught radio and electronics in the Navy and tested top secret audio recording equipment. He owned a men's clothing store and also an electronics repair business. He could fix anything whether cars, TVs or heart machines. He was an outspoken advocate for nutrition, alternative medicine and mindfulness years before they were popular.

He defied labels. He was Christian, conservative, Republican, pro-environment, anti-establishment. He was active in his church and a faithful patron at the local coop. He often said, "Life is a designed compromise." He also liked to quote, "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." At 40, he married Mavis Ellingson and they spent the next 50 years together. He often referred to her as, "my bride." Together, they built a family business selling Shaklee products.

Dwight was born February 24, 1922 in Slayton, MN, but lived in same

South Minneapolis neighborhood for 95 years. Washburn Class of '40. WWII Navy vet. He owned Nelson Style Shop (selling custom suits) and Nelson Electronics (the first TV repair shop in Minneapolis) and was president of Viking Aviation at Flying Cloud Field, before focusing the rest of his life's work on Shaklee. Avocations included: Hennepin County Deputy Sheriff, cofounder- MANACOAS Flying Club, Captain in the Civil Air Patrol and avid ham radio operator (W0EOK).

Dwight's faith played a central role in his life. In the early '70's, he came to a deeper appreciation of Jesus as his only hope and salvation. A long time member and elder of Knox Presbyterian Church, he migrated to Grace Church in 1981, where he helped coordinate the Tape/CD ministry for over 20 years.

Dwight is preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mavis Nelson, parents P.J. and Mary Nelson, older brother Osmond and older sister Eloise. He is survived by two sons, Brooke and Brett; daughter-in-law, Anne; three beloved grandchildren, Jonah, Peter and Eloise; and extended family.

Funeral to be held at 2:00pm, Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. Interment 9:00am, Monday, November 12, 2018 at Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be given to Grace Church (grace.church/give) or Shaklee Cares (go.shaklee.com/shaklee-cares).

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

NOV 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
info@washburn-mcreavy.com