



Gary W Nelson

January 20, 1937 - August 19, 2018

Gary Wayne Nelson, passed away peacefully August 19, 2018 at his home surrounded by family. Gary was born in Alexandria City, MN in 1937 to Ardner Nelson and Lillian Loden. Gary graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1956. After graduation Gary went on to become a painter/paperhanger and retired from Painters Local 386 in 1983. He moved to Juneau, Alaska where his paperhanging talents became much sought after. He officially retired when he returned to Minnesota in 1996. He was self taught on the guitar and in his younger years spent many hours playing and singing Roger Miller and Johnny Cash while entertaining family and friends. Gary was a true craftsman, world class fixer of anything, and lover of the outdoors. He could typically be found working in his shop or going for a ride on his quad through the woods near Detroit Lakes. While in Alaska he was able to enjoy many hours fishing on his boat the JennEv. Gary was preceded in death by his loving wife, Evelyn; his brothers, Bob and Jack; and his sons, Roger and Kent. Gary and Evelyn combined a family in 1971 and all children were treated and loved as their own. Gary is survived by daughters, Jody (Jim) Marshall, Jennie Nelson, Lynn (Ramon) Serrano, Heather (Bob) Isenor; and sons, Todd Nelson and Jim (Melisa) Nelson; sisters, Jean McDonald and Betty Swearingen; fourteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was loved by all those who knew him and was always available to help a friend, neighbor, family member, or stranger without question. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 25 2018 at 2 PM with a visitation starting

at 1 PM at the Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd, NW, Coon Rapids.

Tribute Wall



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