



Gerald Lee Nelson

May 3, 1929 - April 16, 2023

Nelson, Gerald Lee of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully on April 16th after a stroke two days earlier. He was born on May 3, 1929, in Fullerton, ND to Joe and Maude Nelson. The family moved to Ellendale, ND for Gerald's school years. He graduated from college in Ellendale in 1952 with majors in Accounting & Education. He entered the army in September after college. He was married on October 29, 1960 to Geraldine E. Graber, formerly of Sioux Falls, SD. After discharge from the army, Gerald spent the rest of his working years in accounting, working for Arthur Anderson, then Montgomery Ward, then Control Data Corporation. After retiring, Gerald spent 20 years as a tax preparer. He volunteered several places: with Big Brothers of America, with AARP doing tax returns, with Habitat for Humanity, as a Board Member for 7500 York Ave Cooperative, and was a member of the Y's men organization. He was also always active in his church, as a Stephen Minister, serving on the Finance and Stewardship committees and as an active usher. Gerald was a devoted husband, father & grandfather. He loved to camp, travel, play cards, bake sweet treats, tell jokes, listen to stories of friends and family, and keep sharp pencils. He will be dearly missed: his ready smile, his brownies (esp. at the cabin!) and his love of jazz. He is survived by his wife, Geri of 62 years; daughters, Debra Jo Dieter (Mike) and Sandra Stiles; grandchildren Sarah Dieter, Anna Dieter, Rachel Dieter Oussoren (Geert-Jan), Bethany Stiles (Jeff Rodeck) and Nate Stiles (Kali). He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Melvin. Memorials to Normandale Lutheran Church

[normluth.org/...](http://normluth.org/) Camp Amnicon, amnicon.org/ . Memorial Services will be held Monday, April, 24, 2023 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd. Edina, MN 55436. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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6100 Normandale Road
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Memorial Service

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