



Kerry Scott Nelson

November 20, 1944 - July 19, 2025

Kerry Scott Nelson November 20, 1944 - July 19, 2025 Kerry Scott Nelson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully at 80 years old. Kerry was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 20, 1944, to Ralph and Estelle Nelson. He grew up in Columbia Heights, spending his summers working at his family's farm in western Minnesota, and was a proud Eagle Scout and sport enthusiast. Kerry graduated from Columbia Heights High School before attending Hamline University, where he earned a degree in Physics. He went on to complete a master's degree in Physics and Mathematics at Iowa State University - where he also met the love of his life, Patty. The two were married in February of 1968 and recently celebrated 57 years together. Kerry built a long and successful career at 3M, where he worked for over 30 years. Known for his intelligence, creativity, and quiet determination, he earned numerous patents and eventually rose to a director-level role before retiring in 2004. In retirement, Kerry embraced the things he loved most: long days of fishing at Ten Mile Lake, peaceful rounds of golf, and the satisfaction of solving a tough crossword or puzzle. He found joy in the outdoors, in the company of his family, and in the small, meaningful moments of everyday life. His curiosity, humility, and dry sense of humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Kerry is survived by his devoted wife, Patty; his children Mark (Leah), Amy (Chad), and Cyndi (Steve); and his nine beloved grandchildren: Caleb, Brady, Jackson, Davis, Alli, Edda, Maddie, Sylvie, and Stella. He also leaves behind

his dear siblings Bruce (Barb), Doug, and Val, along with sisters-in-law Sandy (Clair), Nancy (Tony), and Terry, and many nieces and nephews. Kerry's quiet wisdom, steadfast love, and gentle presence will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who knew and loved him. A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebration of life service at 11:00 a.m and a luncheon on Monday, July 28, 2025, at: Washburn-McReavy Shoreview Chapel. 515 Hwy 96W, Shoreview, MN 55126. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association or the Ten Mile Lake Association in Hackensack, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Chapel Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NK

“ *Niall Kelly lit a candle in memory of Kerry Scott Nelson*



Niall Kelly - July 28, 2025 at 05:31 AM

CP

“ *Carol T Martin & June Peteroli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kerry Scott Nelson.*

Carol T Martin & June Peteroli - July 26, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CP

“ *Carol T Martin & June Peteroli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kerry Scott Nelson.*



Carol T Martin & June Peteroli - July 26, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MS

“ *Medtronic Global Calibration Services purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kerry Scott Nelson.*



Medtronic Global Calibration Services - July 22, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JG

“ *Jerry and Jean Gieraltowski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kerry Scott Nelson.*



Jerry and Jean Gieraltowski - July 21, 2025 at 10:38 PM