



## Michael Allen Nelson

March 23, 1945 - November 15, 2024

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Michael A. Nelson, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, went home to meet his Heavenly Father on Friday November 15, 2024, at the age of 79. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thorwald and Jane Nelson and his grandson, Thalen Nelson.

Mike was born and raised in the Twin Cities and graduated from Alexander Ramsey high school before enrolling at the University of Minnesota. After two years of college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served proudly while stationed in Germany. His service was a defining part of his life, and he was grateful for the opportunity to serve his country.

On November 16, 1968, Mike married Kathy, the love of his life, and together they built a beautiful family. They raised their three children in Mankato, Minnesota, where Mike worked in sales for over 40 years. His career spanned several decades, but it was his role as a faith filled and devoted husband, father and grandpa that truly defined him. He was a constant source of support and love for his family, and he found great joy in watching them grow.

Mike had many passions in life, including reading, listening to music, and

watching sports. However, his greatest joy came from spending time with his family. He was especially proud of his seven grandchildren, whom he adored. Mike was a constant presence at their events, offering support and encouragement no matter the activity. His love for them was immeasurable, and he always took great pride in watching them flourish.

Mike is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kathy; his children, Derek (Stacy) Nelson, Danielle (JR) Werbick, and Darin (Connie) Nelson; his grandchildren, Raya, Meghan, Nikolina, Lochlan, Samantha, Elayna, and Grady; his brother, Randy (Nancy) Nelson; his nephews, Jacob and Matthew; and many other relatives and friends. His kindness, warmth, and generosity will be deeply missed.

Mike's legacy of faith, love, and laughter will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Service will be held at Grace Church on Tuesday, November 26th. Visitation will be at 1pm followed by a celebration of life at 2pm. Refreshments to follow.

Grace Church

9301 Eden Prairie Rd

Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Please enter through Door 2.

Flowers are welcome to be sent.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Church (Eden Prairie)  
9301 Eden Prairie Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Memorial Service

NOV **26.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Church (Eden Prairie)  
9301 Eden Prairie Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Reception

NOV **26.** 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Linda (Syverson) Stinar purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Michael Allen Nelson.*



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**Linda (Syverson) Stinar** - November 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Michael Allen Nelson.*



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November 24, 2024 at 02:38 PM

LS

“ *Michael was my cousin and my best friend during childhood. We spent many times together playing outside and playing games indoors while the adults were visiting. Since he was a few years older than me, I really idolized him. He was such a great role model for a young kid like me. I wish we had spent more time together as adults. I send my love and condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed, I'm sure.*

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**Linda Stinar** - November 24, 2024 at 09:20 AM

LG

“ Love, True Talent Grouo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Allen Nelson.



Love, True Talent Grouo - November 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM

YF

“ Your Kohler Family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Allen Nelson.



Your Kohler Family. - November 22, 2024 at 12:19 PM

YF

“ Your Kohler Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Allen Nelson.

Your Kohler Family. - November 22, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Allen Nelson.



November 21, 2024 at 04:46 PM

PB

“ *What a gift to have known Mike. We worked together for many years. He deeply loved his family and church. I know these have been difficult weeks and hard to say goodbye. The hole he leaves is big - the edges become softer with time. With love and sadness.*  
*Patty B*

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**Patty Blanchard** - November 21, 2024 at 09:30 AM

TC

“ *I worked with Mike for several years. He was always great to talk to about his latest garage sale finds which included everything from cool watches to a variety of leather briefcases. In later years, he loved to share stories about his kids & grand kids. What a great guy. Godspeed Mike! (Tom C.)*

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**Tom C** - November 20, 2024 at 08:05 PM

KY

“ *Mike was a wonderful person who I worked with for many years. He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Rest in Peace my friend. Ken*

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**Ken Young** - November 20, 2024 at 06:27 PM

DS

“ *what a great brother-in-law . fun times at our get togethers*



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**dolores simdorn** - November 20, 2024 at 02:25 PM

PT

“ *Uncle Mike was always fun at family gatherings! My beloved Godfather ❤️ So many memories! Love you Jody*



**Peter and Jody Thom** - November 20, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Michael Allen Nelson.*



November 20, 2024 at 01:47 PM

SB

“ *Such a kind neighbor and wholesome family man. My sympathy to his family.*

**Sara Botten** - November 20, 2024 at 12:38 PM

JR

“ *Coach Nelson was a great coach and very supportive parent growing up. Deepest condolences to the Nelson family*

*Jon Rausch*

**Jon Rausch** - November 20, 2024 at 12:21 PM