



## Richard Lee Nelson

April 20, 1945 - November 7, 2025

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Dick Nelson beloved brother and uncle, age 80 of Little Canada left us on November 7, 2025. He graduated from Columbia Heights High School in 1963. United States Air Force Sergeant. Service dates August 31, 1965 to August 30, 1971 He served in Nha Trang Vietnam. He Studied Addiction, Co-dependency, and Counseling. He had an immense devotion to helping so many with counseling and sponsorships. Dick loved to travel and had many adventures all over the world he would always seek out new friends at each destination. He truly lived life to the fullest. His love of animals especially dogs was extraordinary and every dog at his apartment would stop at his door for their daily treat. You are truly loved and missed.

He is proceeded in death by Raymond Nelson (Father), Mae Nelson (Mother). Robert "Bob" Nelson (Brother) Sharon "Suz" Thorstensen (Sister) Paul Thorstensen (Brother In-Law) LeRoy "Jack" DeNio (Brother In-Law)

Survived by sister Roberta Nelson; nephew Jeffery DeNio niece Jackie Waggoner. Connie Nelson (Sister In-Law) niece Nita Cruse (Brian) nephew Scott Nelson nephew Steve Thorstensen (Robin) niece Shar Solem (Tim)

niece Melissa Bailey (Steve). Many grand nieces and nephews

Visitation is Wednesday, December 3, 5pm to 8:00 pm at Columbia Heights Chapel. Funeral Service will be on Thursday at 11:00 AM, Visitation from 10am to 11am at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel 4101 Central Ave. NE Columbia Heights, Mn, 55421 Internment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 1pm. Assembly area 2 with Cemetery Honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel  
4101 Central Ave NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
(763) 789-4436  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Visitation

DEC 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel  
4101 Central Ave NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
(763) 789-4436  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Funeral Service

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DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel  
4101 Central Ave NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
(763) 789-4436  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Graveside Service

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DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall



“ *To our Beloved Uncle We will always have you in our hearts.* ”

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**Nita Cruse** - December 04, 2025 at 07:24 AM