Willis G. "Willie" Nelson

January 31, 2013

Nelson, Willis "Willie" succumbed to old age on Thurs., Jan. 31, 2013, at 8 am. He was peacefully in bed at home, in his Nancy's arms, with whom he had lived since 2001. Willie was born in his parent's home in South Minneapolis, November 27, 1917. Survived by his only child, Nancy Nelson; beloved brother and sister-in-law, James and Shirley Norton; treasured niece, Cheryl Norton; his "not by blood, but by love" granddaughter, Jillian Baker; step-granddaughter, Susie; step- great-granddaughters, Sarah and Megan; the pets who provided endless love and joy: Billy, Danny, Daisy, Pepe and Baby Bird; family and friends, who showed so much love and care through the years, making life rich and full. Preceded in death by his wife, Florence who passed in 1980 from ALS; his parents, Hannah and Frank; his brother, Frank; and his son-in-law, Bill Carlson, who passed in 2008. Willie drove a truck and sold food products for a living. He sang a lot. His life's goal was to make people laugh. He loved to attend the state fair, and dine as often as possible at the "elegant" Old Country Buffet! He loved to sit in the sun, feed the birds, and enjoy all of nature's creatures. He loved every day of life, and fought hard to stay as long as he could. A proud WWII Vet, radio communications operator Staff Sgt. Nelson, to his last day, flew the flag every day. In his last 11 years a stroke had compromised his ability to walk and drive. Not driving was the hardest for him. Now, with music blaring, Willie is "On the Road Again." In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Visitation Sat., Feb. 9, 2013 Noon. Service at 1 PM. Reception follows. All at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Road (1 blk N. of Hwy 5)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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