



Calvin Fredrick Nelson

February 27, 1935 - August 13, 2018

Calvin F. Nelson, 83 of Cloquet, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2018 in Essentia Health- St. Mary's surrounded by his family.

Calvin was born on February 27, 1935 in Cloquet to Alfred and Grace Nelson. He graduated from Cloquet High School with the class of 1953. Calvin was drafted into the US Army in 1958, and was stationed in Germany, and discharged in 1964. He worked for over 40 years at Ulland Brothers Construction as a superintendent. He enjoyed playing pool, hunting, and agate picking. Calvin's passion was fishing with his grandchildren and all members of his family. He will be remembered for always lending a helping hand to anyone in need.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

He is survived by his special friend, Sandra Karppinen of Cloquet; children, Brenda (Mark) Johnson of Saginaw, Kimberly (Lee) Johnson of Iron River, WI, Brad (Shelley) Nelson of Cloquet, Scott (Mary) Nelson of Cloquet; Sandra's children, Kevin (Carmen) Karppinen, Kerry (Mark) Dynneson, Kyle (Lea) Karppinen, Kelly (Roxie) Karppinen; sister, Phyllis (Steve) Montgomery; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018 in Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th Street, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

Events

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Atkins Northland Funeral Home

801 14th St., Cloquet, MN, US, 55720

Comments



“ Cal was a great guy.... no nonsense fellow. I have thought of him often over the past 20+ years. I and the community of Carlton are eternally grateful for his volunteer work for Ulland Brothers during the site excavation of the Four Seasons Arena. Do they still make men like him?
Reminds me of my dad in many ways! Happy fishing Cal and thanks again!!

Scott Olean - August 29, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ Cal, so long and farewell. What a great team mate and pool player. I know you will save the best pool table up there for when the rest of us show up. Oh, and find a good fishing lake, too. We will miss you and you will always be in our thoughts.
John Hummel

John Hummel - August 17, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ Cal...a dear friend and boss...He taught me so much about life and hard work. I never had to wonder what Cal was thinking!! He was truly a great man and one I will miss. Love you Cal...and thank you...B.J. Hansen

B.j. Hansen - August 17, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ Dad, just sitting here waiting for you to pop in for coffee... and then tell me you asked for coffee, not road tar... and you would know road tar! Going to miss you... love you!
Brenda

Brenda Johnson - August 17, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin Fredrick Nelson.



August 16, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ Turk & Deb, Al & Stacy, Greg & Tam, Kathy & John purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Calvin Frederick Nelson.



Turk & Deb, Al & Stacy, Greg & Tam, Kathy & John - August 16, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ Always had a good time with Cal he was just one of those guys you wanted to be around. He would always reflect back to an earlier time in his life working for Ulland. The stories of different employees and places he worked.

Playing pool with Cal was always a fun time, I will miss our weekly get togethers. Brother Cal I would call him from time to time. Onions, he sure liked them...he would say onions are good even on chocolate cake.

I'll be thinking of you Cal on your new journey....RIP my friend.

Larry Monchamp - August 16, 2018 at 07:54 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Cal over the years. His contributions to Ulland's were many, he trained many new people. It seemed that he could always see the bright side of things.

Cal was truly a great man.

My sympathies to all of Cal's family.

Bob Ulland

Bob Ulland - August 15, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ I remember cal from when I was little driving in my dads car. His “handle” was 113 and I always remember his laugh and his smile. I worked in his crew after graduation and he was the best superintendent. So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man.

jana hossli (ulland) - August 15, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I worked for Cal as a flag girl. He was kind, fair, and funny.

He and several of the truck drivers were staying at a campground and invited my sister and me (the flag girls) to join them for mojakkä one night. We had to drive around the campground twice and be flagged down by Cal because we didn't recognize him cleaned up and out of his hard hat. We still talk about that.

He will be missed.

Kim Ulland

Kim Ulland - August 15, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ I worked as an inspector on what may have been Cal's last job with UB - Ugstad Rd in Hermantown back in the 90's. Over the years I have worked with Ulland's on many jobs and I never worked with anyone that knew Cal that didn't have anything but praise for him, and I'm sure you're all so proud of him. He has left his legacy. I think the only one's that won't miss him are the fish.

Scott Southworth

Scott Southworth - August 16, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ Thank you, Scott. I'm sure there are a few grouse and whitetails breathing a sigh of relief also.

Brenda - August 17, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go to all Cal's family, with sympathy.

I am sure Cal is playing a game of cribbage right now with my Dad!

I will never forget the fishing trips, especially the ones to Canada! Thanks for the memories, I will miss you Cal!

Leona Carlson

Leona Carlson - August 17, 2018 at 02:34 PM