



*God grant me the serenity to accept
The things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*



IN CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Arlen Peter Nelson

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, March 18, 2025-2:00 p.m.
Larson Funeral and Cremation Service
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor Phil Tobin

REMEMBRANCES

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace” by Guitarist Pastor Phil Tobin

SPECIAL RECORDED MUSIC

“I’ve Been Everywhere” by Hank Snow
“I Saw The Light” by Hank Williams

PALLBEARERS

Arlen’s Grandchildren

Danielle Ballweg, Sarah Meyhoff, Marie Grant
Roberta Stadum, Jarod Grant, Richard Stadum, Tyler Hultin

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Arlen’s Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Central Lutheran Cemetery
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Arlen’s family gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invite you to join them for bars, refreshments and fellowship before the service.

Arrangements by
Larson
Funeral and Cremation Service
12 5th Avenue NE, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota



REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Arlen Peter Nelson was born on July 17, 1937 in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, the son of Almer and Mabel (Rice) Nelson. He passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Pioneer Care in Fergus Falls, MN.

Arlen attended school in Pelican Rapids, was Confirmed at Central Lutheran Church in rural Pelican Rapids, and honorably served his country in the US Air Force, having been stationed in Germany.

On September 13, 1958, he married his soul-mate, Gladys R. Maneval of Vergas, MN at Central Lutheran Church. They lived in Pelican Rapids area until moving to Fergus Falls in 1964, where they continued their lives together for 35 years until moving to their Lake Lida home in 1999.

Arlen enjoyed golfing, pontooning, fishing, playing cribbage, and spending time with friends at the pool hall or just having coffee. In these later years, after moving back to Fergus falls, he enjoyed social breakfasts with old friends at the Viking Cafe or Perkins.

Arlen's love of trucking began at a young age, beginning with Farnam's in Pelican rapids. He drove over the road for different companies and as a dedicated and hard-working owner/operator, making his way throughout the US and Canada. He conquered the open road for International Transport, Gerald Evenson and others over the years, making many good and life-long friends. After retiring from a life spent over the road, he drove for Larry Ott of Fergus Falls, MN and ended his trucking career at the age of 80, driving beet trucks out of Wahpeton, ND.

Arlen and Gladys planned and hosted 11 memorable and meaningful reunions for the International Transport (IT) team over the years, beginning in 1986.

Arlen had a great sense of humor & wit. He would help anyone who asked, but stubbornly refused to ask anyone else for help. He did not talk about it much, but Arlen was rightfully very proud of his 48 years of sobriety.

Arlen is survived by his daughters, Jodeen Grant and Arlene Stadum; sons, Monte and Michael Nelson, all of Fergus Falls, MN; his faithful dog and best friend, Benji; seven grandchildren: Danielle (Lonnie) Ballweg, Fergus Falls, Mn, Sarah (Jyle) Meyhoff, Anacortes, WA, Marie Grant, Fergus Falls, MN, Roberta (Chris) Mavis, Battle Lake, MN, Jarod Grant, Fergus Falls, MN, Richard (Abby) Stadum, Fergus Falls, MN, Tyler (Samantha) Hultin, Moorhead, MN, and 16 Great Grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters-law, Cheryl Nelson (Al Ziegler) and Carol Maneval; brothers-in-law, Gary (Pen) Maneval, Robin (Barb) Maneval, Steven Maneval, David (Jani) Maneval; as well as many nieces, nephews, and his good friend, Donna Umlauf of Fergus Falls, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving spouse, Gladys R. Nelson; sister, Jean Satter; brother, Richard Nelson; brothers-in-law, Leslie Satter, Lamont Dehn, Donald Maneval, William Maneval, Donald Arntson, and Winton Nelson; sisters-in-law, Donetta Dehn, Janice Arntson, Darlene Maneval; son-in-law, Daniel Grant and great-grandson, Joshua Ballweg.

Blessed Be The Memory Of Arlen Peter Nelson



In Loving Memory

Arlen Peter Nelson

July 17, 1937 - March 9, 2025