



## Dirk H. Nelson

September 28, 1955 - October 4, 2017

Dirk Nelson, 62  
Kearney resident

Dirk Nelson, 62, of Kearney died Wednesday, October 04, 2017 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital. A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremations Services.

Dirk H. Nelson was born September 28, 1955 in Great Falls, MT to Dale and Glendora (Burns) Nelson. He was raised in Brooklyn Center, MN and was a 1973 graduate of Park Center High School. He completed a two-year technical degree from Brown Institute in electronics. Dirk was united in marriage to Lois G. Groen on September 20, 1980 in Holdrege.

Dirk pursued a variety of jobs. He dedicated the majority of his career to Chief Industries where he was the shipping manager at the Kearney division for 15+ years.

Dirk loved spending his time outdoors. In high school, he was on the varsity baseball team. He spent his summers traveling the country with his parents. As a young adult, he was an avid hunter, fisherman and stock car crew member. When he started a family, he began gardening and he became a renowned chef and baker of carrot cake and pie. He enjoyed remodeling the house, playing card games and fixing puzzles with his daughters. He loved cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and the Minneapolis Twins on TV and in person. Dirk loved making people laugh and he never let anyone go thirsty.

Survivors include his three daughters, Emily Nelson of Washington D.C., Jennifer Nelson and Stephanie Nelson both of Kearney; brother David Nelson and wife Linda of McGregor, MN; mother-in-law Cleone Groen of Sioux Falls, SD; two brothers-in-law, Mylo Groen of Tucson, AZ and John Groen, Jr. and his wife Pat of Fishkill, NY; a sister-in-law, Cathy Hoffman and her husband Matt of Atlanta, GA; and several nieces and nephews. Dirk was preceded in death by wife Lois Nelson and his parents; father-in-law John Groen Sr.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
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Kearney, NE 68847  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dirk H. Nelson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *To the beautiful daughters of Dirk.*

*You don't know me but I talked on the phone with your dad every week for years. We own a trucking company in Canada. Your Dad came to Canada several times and Dennis, Dirk and I would go out for supper. Over the years our business relationship turned to friendship and we have kept in touch with Dirk after he left Chief. We miss him at work every day. We will miss his beautiful deep voice. The girls in my office would pretend they did not know who was calling just so they could hear him say "This is Dirk from Chief" When we teased him about his great voice he would start singing to us on the phone! His great personality and easy manner did not interfere with his ability to be amazing at his job. He worked hard and was very good at what he did. When he wasn't talking about working or fishing he sure liked to brag about his beautiful daughters. Our hearts go out to you at this time. You are too young to have lost both your parents. Hopefully you find some comfort in the fact that Dirk was appreciated and adored by all of us at Campbell Transportation. He will not be forgotten.  
Pat & Dennis Campbell and the staff of Campbell Transportation*

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**E PATRICIA CAMPBELL** - October 05, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dirk H. Nelson.*



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October 05, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Rory & Lisa Nelson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dirk H. Nelson.*



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**Rory & Lisa Nelson** - October 05, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss and are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Mick, Eileen, Emma, and Heath Jahn*

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**Eileen Jahn** - October 05, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ *To the Family,*

*Will greatly miss Dirk and the times I had to spend with him thru the years. Sorry for the Loss of a great friend.*

*Joel Bergman,  
St. Paul, Ne*

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**joel bergman** - October 05, 2017 at 01:26 AM