



Marshall S. Nelson

January 8, 1954 - May 8, 2025

Marshall S. Nelson, 71 of Summerhaven Lake passed away Thursday, May 8, 2025 at his home surrounded by family. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Marshall was born January 8, 1954 in Minden, NE to Vergil "Nic" Nelson and Lois (Jensen) Nelson. He was raised in Minden and was a graduate of Minden High School. Marshall later attended Kearney State College where he earned his degree. He was also employed as Director of Campus Security. In 1982, Marshall was elected as Kearney County Sheriff. He proudly served Kearney County for 18 years as Sheriff. He then became General Manager of the Harold Warp Pioneer Village until his retirement in October of 2021. On May 4, 1985, Marshall was united in marriage to Peggy Gardner in Minden, NE. This union was blessed with two sons.

Marshall enjoyed spending time at the lake especially when he was with family and friends. He also enjoyed camp fires, boating, splitting wood and flying. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Lions Club, Prairie

Fiber Weavers and Spinners Guild, and the National and Nebraska Association of Sheriffs.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Peggy Nelson of Summerhaven Lake; sons, Robert (Jessica) Nelson, and their children, Amelia, Emma, James and Finnegan all of Kearney and Vergil (Hope) Nelson of Hartington, NE; sister, Kay (Eugene) Iacono of Minden; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Marshall was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
3315 11th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed being neighbors and much time spent with Marshall at Summer Haven! Peggy you have my prayers. Dennis Van Winkle

Dennis Van Winkle - May 12, 2025 at 12:18 AM

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“ Beverly S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marshall S. Nelson.

Beverly S. - May 10, 2025 at 09:06 AM

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“ Marshall was such a personable and friendly young fellow. Hugs and condolences to you and the family from your classmates.

Gloria - May 09, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marshall S. Nelson.

May 09, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marshall S. Nelson.



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