



Raymond F. Nelson

January 13, 1949 - June 16, 2016

Raymond Nelson, 67
Overton resident

Raymond Nelson, 67, of Overton, died Thursday, June 16, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. A Memorial Service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Spirit of Life Church in Kearney with the Rev. Greg Mast officiating.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Floyd Nelson was born January 13, 1949 in Salina, KS to Melvin and Waloka (Webb) Nelson. He was a 1967 graduate of Lebanon High School in Lebanon, KS. Following his graduation, Ray worked for a Harvest Crew for several years. On March 4, 1978, Ray was united in marriage to Betty L. Lewis in O'Neill, Nebraska. Ray drove a truck for several companies including; Ed Woods Trucking, Larry Schake, Gary Zak, Overton Sand and Gravel and for the past 20 plus years with Paulsen Sand and Gravel. In his spare time, Ray operated Website Designs. He was a ham radio operator and enjoyed repairing radios and computers. Ray was an avid golfer, a huge "OU" fan and cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Nelson of Overton; daughter Angie (Roger) Johnson of Montrose, CO; son Monty (Carlie) Nelson of Gibbon; grandchildren Chris and Amanda Roenfeldt, Tyler, Dylan, Devyn and Shad (Amanda) Johnson, Tanner (Callie) Nelson, Andrew Ward, Joshua and Makenzie Nelson, Danielle, Allison and Stefan Baker; great grandchildren Jaxon and Sophia Roenfeldt, Korbin and Laine Johnson; brother Russell (Laura) Nelson of Grand Island; sister Royalyn Nelson of Oklahoma City, OK, many nieces and nephews, and his faithful companion "Molly."

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and brother Randy Nelson.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Spirit of Life Church
3148 Dove Hill Road
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond F. Nelson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond F. Nelson.*



June 19, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I use to truck with Ray when he worked for Gary Zak, we two man'd together for a couple of years. We had dinner together a couple of years ago in Lexington at the truck stop.*



August & Barbara Waterman - June 19, 2016 at 07:58 AM



“ *I have special memories of summer visits with the Nelson family! It was great that our dads had been in the Army together and kept in touch thru the years. I remember Ray as fun-loving and kind guy. So very sad for all of you to lose him. Thinking of you and holding you up in prayer.*

*Blessings,
Deb Romberger*

Deb Romberger - June 17, 2016 at 09:52 PM

DR

“ Ray was always around as he was a close friend to our family & my brother, Jack. Seems like every Sunday Ray & Jack would go coyote hunting in Jack's old 59 pickup truck called the OLD BEATER. They would go out in the morning and hunt all day long with other hunters with pickup trucks and CB radios...As I remember them sitting around the shop drinking a beer after there day of hunting they were dying a laughing telling stories of how the day went. It seems that Jack was chasing a coyote in a disc field with Ray as his passenger and the coyote made a 90 degree turn and so did Jack. Ray was off guard and by surprise the door in the old pickup flew open and Ray rolled out in the field with his feet in the air! Thank heavens Ray didn't get hurt. He brushed himself off got back in the pickup and the chase was on once again. They never got the coyote but had a story to tell & remember for along time. Don't know if too many people knew of this story..but to hear them tell it and the expressions on there faces brought a good belly laugh! I can still hear them laughing! Memories don't die...they live on forever. RIP Ray... You will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Nelson Family.

Dana Reicks - June 17, 2016 at 08:19 PM

DR

“ Dana Reicks lit a candle in memory of Raymond F. Nelson



Dana Reicks - June 17, 2016 at 07:53 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Jeanne Sims purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Raymond F. Nelson.*



Mark & Jeanne Sims - June 17, 2016 at 12:26 PM

KA

“ *Ray, damn sorry to see you go so young, my sincere condolences to your loved ones. I well remember my visits to the Nelson farm every summer, I always enjoyed my time with y'all. Ray was always a great cousin: kind hearted, level headed, generous, fun and coooool. He built heath kits, did ham radio, worked on cars, worked with custom cutters, and listened to great music. Very fond memories. God Speed Ray, I definitely look forward to seeing you on the other side.*

Kevin Adams - June 17, 2016 at 12:25 PM

JM

So sorry to hear the news of Rays passing. I really enjoyed working with him back in the day and being around such a professional who took such pride in his work. Dad always said that Paulsens was damn lucky to have Ray as an employee!

John Myer - June 20, 2016 at 12:10 PM