

Celebrating the Life of

Donna Annette Reigstad Nelson was born on July 13, 1954, in Willmar, Minnesota, to Kermit and Una (Henjum) Reigstad. She grew up on the family farm between Swenson Lake and Lake Mary. She attended country school through 3rd grade. She graduated from New London-Spicer High School in 1972 and later graduated from Ridgewater College. She was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart, Jerry Nelson, on June 15, 1973. They were blessed with 51 years of marriage. They resided near Norway Lake where they had four children, Zachael, Tonia, Joshua, and Jed. They built their home on her family farm where she resumed her childhood love of horseback riding and country living.

Donna took great pride in her four children and fifteen grandchildren. Spending her life chasing her kids and grandkids to the court, field, mat, and various activities, brought her so much joy. The kids loved the fact that she would always be there. It didn't matter how far she had to travel, she would be there cheering them on.

She loved reading and was a lifelong learner. Although she worked various jobs and owned a business with her husband, her true passion was people. She spent her life serving as a wife, mom, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, friend, and most importantly, a grandma.

Her relationship with Jesus was the most important thing in her life. She was passionate about sharing her faith with everyone, especially her kids and grandkids. She was a prayer warrior and was the one everyone went to when there was any type of prayer need.

Donna passed away unexpectedly Friday evening, June 28, at CentraCare Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar at the age of 69.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; her four children, Zach (and Rachel) Nelson, Tonia (and Doug) Finstrom, Joshua (and Gina) Nelson, and Jed (and Lindsey) Nelson; fifteen grandchildren, Eli Nelson, Esau Nelson, Dia Linn Nelson, Isaac Call, Alex Call, Kierra Finstrom, Isaiah Nelson, Caleb Nelson, Jeremiah Nelson, Josiah Nelson, Addilyn Nelson, Ethan Nelson, Abram Nelson, Cannon Nelson, Olivia Nelson; her mother-in-law, Rose Nelson, and other relatives and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Kermit and Una; her sister Patsy; and father-in-law, Duaine Nelson.



Donna A. Nelson

1954 - 2024



When Peace, Like a River

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;

When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,

“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;

Even so it is well with my soul.

—Horatio G. Spafford

In Loving Memory Of

Donna A. Nelson

July 13, 1954

Willmar, Minnesota

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Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

Assembly of God Church

Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude

Leah Nibbe

Processional

Welcome and Prayer

Pastor Dave Hannig

Opening Hymn

“At The Cross”

Scripture Readings

John 3:16-18

I John 4:9-10

I Corinthians 15:1-4

I John 5:9-13

Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Life Story and Remembrances

Special Music

“Christ In Me”

Jay and Courtney Messerly

Message - *“Death Doesn’t Win”*

Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Recessional

Postlude

Casketbearers

Isaac Call

Alex Call

Eli Nelson

Esau Nelson

Isaiah Nelson

Caleb Nelson

Jeremiah Nelson

Ethan Nelson

Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery

New London, Minnesota