



Beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, James (Jim) DeWayne Nelson, formerly of Spicer, age 80, passed away unexpectedly on April 8, in Fort Myers, FL. He is preceded in death by his son, Brian, both of his parents, one brother, three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, and four nephews.

Jim was born to Leonard and Alice Nelson on April 23, 1941, one of nine children. He grew up in Colfax Township on the farm. After high school, Jim spent three years in the U.S. Army, during that time he was stationed in Germany for two years. He worked in residential home building and commercial construction for more than 40 years.

He met his wife, Jeanine Werner, of Wabasso, MN and they married in 1965. They had two children: son Brian and daughter Gina (Andrew) McCabe. They lived in Prior Lake and moved to Spicer in 1978, where they lived for eleven years and then moved to Plymouth, MN. Jim and Jeanine retired in 2000 and bought a hobby farm in Woonsocket, SD where they enjoyed working the land, hunting, and tending to their horses. In 2011 they moved to Pierre, SD where Jim built a house in a small fishing community along the Missouri River, they made lifelong friends in South Dakota and enjoyed spending time with them. They were eventually drawn back to Minnesota to be closer to their daughter Gina, son-in-law Andrew and three granddaughters: Josie (16), Brynn (14) and Fallon (10). Jim is also survived by his siblings: Alma Holcomb, Doris Boie, Roger (Joyce) Nelson, Jeanne Jorgenson, Larry (Mary) Nelson, Dianne (Larry) Henjum and Nancy (Ron) Nelson.

Jim enjoyed many hobbies over the years including snowmobiling, hunting, camping, and fishing, which was one of his true passions. He wintered down in southern Texas for several years where he made lifelong friendships. The past few winters were spent in Fort Myers, FL where he enjoyed the weather. He adored his three granddaughters and loved spending time with them – watching them play soccer, run track and picking them up from school.

Throughout his life, Jim was always a kind, gentle person with a big smile on his face and a positive, “can-do” attitude. He was no stranger to hard work and always offering to help others. He loved to tell stories, especially funny ones, and always made those around him feel good.

Celebrating the Life of



Jim Nelson

1941 - 2022



You Can

*You can shed tears because they are gone,
or you can smile because they lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray they will come back,
or you can open your eyes
and see all that they left for you.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,
or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember only that they are gone,
or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind and feel empty,
or you can do what they would want.*

Smile, open your heart, love ... and go on.

-Elizabeth Ammons

Arrangements By
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Jim Nelson

April 23, 1941
Colfax Township, Minnesota

April 8, 2022
Fort Myers, Florida

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, May 14, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake
New London, Minnesota

Prelude	Donna Jo Kopitzke
Gathering Rite at rear of the nave	ELW p. 279
Thanksgiving for Baptism	p. 280
Processional Hymn "Lift High the Cross"	ELW #660
The Greeting	
The Prayer of the Day	p. 281
Reading of the Obituary	
The Lessons Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Philippians 4:4-7 & John 14:1-6	
Hymn "On Eagle's Wings"	ELW #787
Sermon	Rev. Wayne D. Kopitzke
Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"	ELW #574
The Apostles' Creed	p. 282
The Prayers of Intercession	
The Commendation	
The Committal Prayers	p. 284
Table Prayer (spoken)	
Benediction	
Recessional Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"	LW #365
Postlude	

Military Honor Guard

Robert Ihlang American Legion Post #537
New London, Minnesota