

He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone
or you can smile because he has lived.

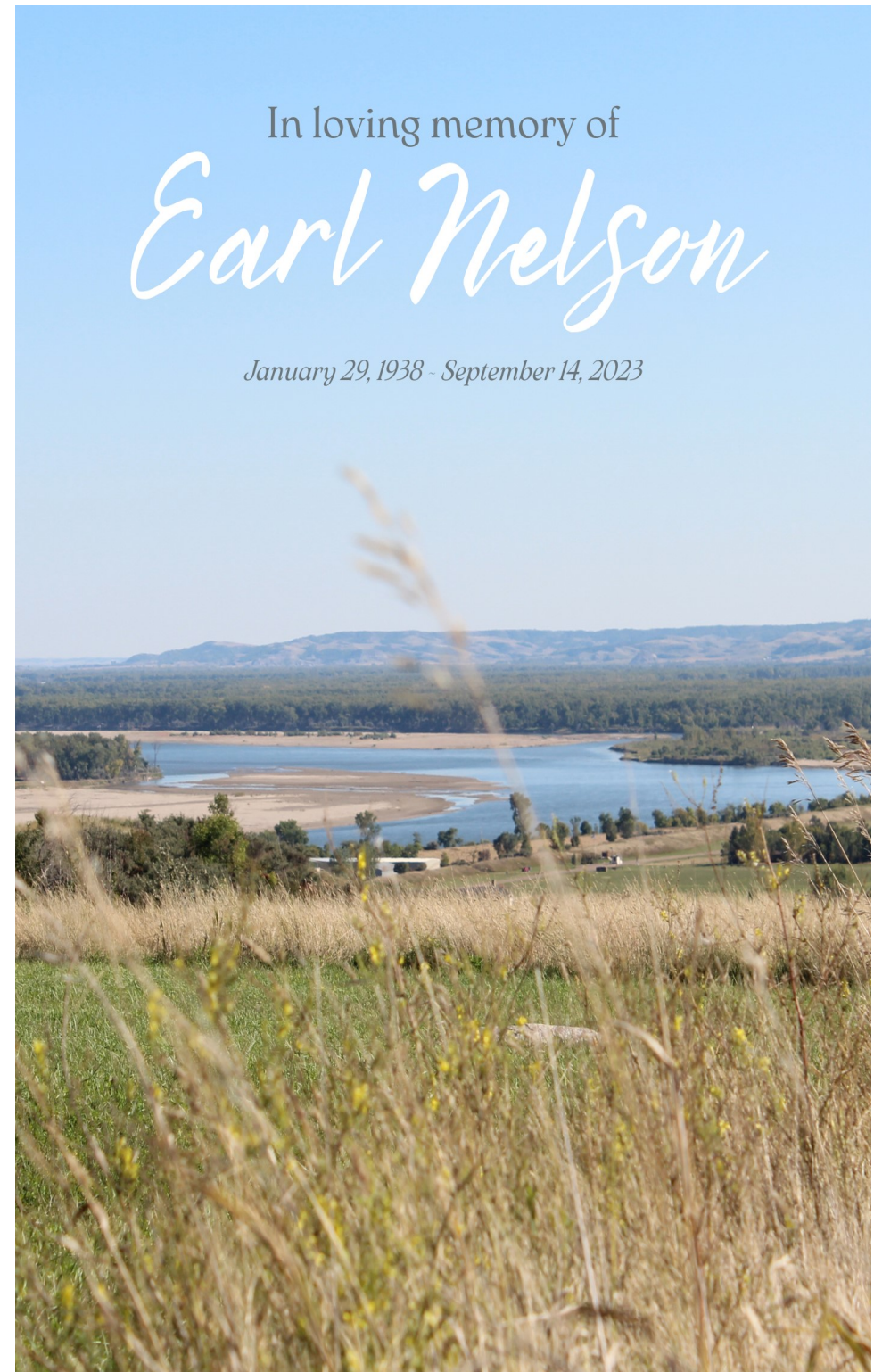
You can close your eyes
and pray that he'll come back
or you can open your eyes
and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty
because you can't see him
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 him
and only that he's gone
or you can cherish his memory
and let it live on.

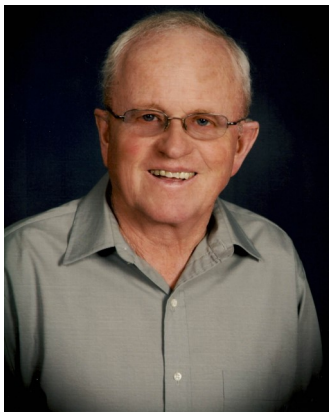
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
or you can do what he'd want
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



In loving memory of

Earl Nelson

January 29, 1938 - September 14, 2023



Earl Fred Nelson, 85, Bismarck, passed away September 14, 2023, after a two day stay at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in Bismarck.

Earl Fred Nelson was born January 29, 1938, at the Bismarck Hospital to Fred and Gladys (Friestad) Nelson of rural Braddock. He attended Tell School through the eighth grade and then started farming with his Dad and uncles at Fairdale Angus Farm. In 1962, Earl married Eunice Swanson and together they had

two children, Kimberly and Kevin. Earl farmed for several years in partnership with his brother, Wally, raising registered Angus cattle until 1988, when Earl took over the entire operation. Earl was a member of the American Angus Association, served as treasurer of Tell Cemetery for several years, and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kintyre for most of his life. One of his biggest honors was being named ND Angus Association Man of the Year in 1997.

In 1999, Earl married Dorothy (Gaebe) Mason. In 2001, he sold Fairdale Angus Ranch and he and Dorothy moved to their home south of Mandan that overlooked the Missouri River. Occasionally he helped nearby ranchers with their cattle and also tried his hand at woodworking and restoring furniture. Over the years, Earl enjoyed many trips to visit a friend in Alaska, often brining friends and family along to fish for salmon and halibut. Ah, the fish stories they would have. His biggest joy in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was patient, loving, and so proud of all of them. In October 2021, Earl and Dorothy moved into Missouri Slope Assisted Living in Bismarck.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his wife, Dorothy Nelson, Bismarck; daughter, Kim (John) Toney, Greenwood, IN; son, Kevin (Kate) Nelson, Morris Plains, NJ; stepson, Justin (Bethany) Mason, Conrad, MT; grandchildren, Jenna, Brittany, and Krista Toney, Joshua Nelson, and George and Juniper Mason; brothers, Wallace (DyVonne) Nelson, MO and Gary Nelson, CA; sisters, Dolores (Dick) Kounovsky, CO and Joyce (Tom) Mueller, Jamestown; brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard Jacobson, Robert (Mary Alice) Gaebe, Colleen Funk, and Robin (Sheila) Gaebe; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Olive Jacobson; sister-in-law, Lorraine (Gaebe) (Clarence) Kramer; and brother-in-law, James Funk.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Earl.

Funeral Service

Monday | September 18, 2023 | 11:00 AM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
106 Osage Avenue | Bismarck

Officiant

Pastor Bob Caranicas

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR EARL NELSON

Gathering Music

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Hymn

| Softly and Tenderly |

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23

John 14:1-7

Message

Special Music

| Borning Cry |

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Commendation

Recessional Hymn

| How Great Thou Art |

YOU ARE INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

Burial Service

Tell Cemetery | Kintyre, ND