

William Alan Nelson was born February 26, 1938, in St. Paul, MN, son of Rudolph B. and Ethel (Mattson) Nelson.

When Bill was a young child, the family moved to Sauk Rapids. He graduated from Sauk Rapids High School and St. Cloud State College. He taught history and art for 34 years at Agassiz Jr. High School, Fargo, ND, and was a life member of the National Education Association.

His interests and activities included researching the genealogy of his immigrant great-grandparents, all early residents of Douglas County. He is a past editor of the Glåma Ekko, newsletter for Solørlag of America and enjoyed meeting relatives in Norway and Sweden. He was a life member of the Douglas County Historical Society where he assisted in teaching genealogy classes.

Bill was a Boy Scout leader for many years, active in camping and canoeing with young people. He used his artistic talent by painting many watercolors, especially of the Boundary Water Canoe Area.

William died on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul at the age of 82. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rudolph Jr. He is survived by sisters and brothers, Gloria (Stan) Clewett, Marilyn (Don) Hill, Elinor Couture, Donald (Janet), JoAnn (Curt) Hogenson, Carol (Charles) Adleman, John (Nancy), and David, as well as many nieces and nephews.

## *In Loving Memory*



*William A. Nelson*  
1938 ~ 2020

### *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

*In Memory of*

### **William "Bill" Alan Nelson**

February 26, 1938 † November 12, 2020

#### **Funeral Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, November 19, 2020  
11:00 AM

#### **Officiant**

Reverend Marilee Bergerson

#### **Music**

Nearer My God To Thee  
My Faith Looks Up Thee  
Children Of The Heavenly Father  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

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| Steve Hill   | Len Clewett  |
| Jay Couture  | Chris Nelson |
| John Adleman | Matt Nelson  |
| Kurt Nelson  |              |

#### **Interment**

Fahlun Lutheran Cemetery  
Nelson, Minnesota