

Forever In Our Hearts

Frank LeRoy Nelson



November 23, 1954

February 20, 2024

Frank LeRoy Nelson passed away February 20, 2024, in Fort Collins, Colorado after a long battle with diabetes and complications of this disease. Frank was born in Norton, Kansas on November 23, 1954, to Billie and Patricia Worley Nelson. They moved to Gillette where Frank attended school and graduated from Campbell County High School in 1973. Right out of High School Frank went to work as a rough neck on a drilling rig. After only 2 weeks he was severely injured. He then attended Casper College for a short time where he met and married Monica (Kiki) McElles. To this union a child, Douglas Sherman was born December 2, 1974. They later divorced. Frank fell in love and married Marlys Braunstein Christophers on August 4, 1980. At this time, he welcomed three children Dawnette, Salome, and Phillip and treated them as his own. Frank worked various jobs throughout his career. He worked in the oil field in Gillette and Riverton, at a meat processing plant in Iowa and then after moving back to Gillette he went to work at the Gillette-News Record and print shops. He also started F.H.G Enterprises where he was a Funeral Transport for Wilson Memorial Chapel. Frank was a man of faith and was involved in many church activities. One of his great adventures of serving God was his trip to Africa, where he joined his church family in helping drill water wells. To this day he dreamed of eventually returning to Africa. Frank loved theatre both acting and watching stage performances. He volunteered at Gillette Public Access and was involved with AmeriCorps, Gillette Community Theatre, Buena Vista County Theatre, Family Life Player and Family Life Church. He enjoyed spending time with his dear friend John Simon and his church family. Frank made many trips to Flat Head Lake in Montana to get cherries. He spent many hours canning, making salsa, and green chili burritos. For several years he competed in the chili cook off (Grumpy's Kitchen) and won numerous prizes. Those that knew him well knew he was an honest, generous and strong-willed individual. Frank would give a person in need the shirt off of his back. He is survived by his 4 children, Douglas Sherman of Sheridan, Dawnette or Carroll, Iowa, Salome of Sac City, Iowa, Phillip of Fort Collins, Colorado. Brothers Nyle (Linda), Byron (Jane) Nelson of Gillette, Wyoming, John (Deanna) Nelson of Douglas, Wyoming and 8 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Memorials may be to benefit Family Life Church African Mission or a charity of your choice.



**Guy Casablanca Rita Mashak
Guy Casablanca**
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library, Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.

Please scan the QR code to
share a loving memory or
tribute.



Funeral Service

10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024

Family Life Church
Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Pastor Marty Crump

Music

“Amazing Grace”
“Some Glad Morning”
“Bone Deep”
“The Commission”

Musicians

John Simon
Tom & Connie Rothenbueler

Interment

Mt. Pisgah Cemetery
Gillette, Wyoming

*The family extends an invitation to a time of fellowship
and refreshments at the church immediately
following the service.*

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with a remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full. I've savored much.

Good friends, good times,
A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.

