

**Cyril Richard Nelson** was born February 9, 1926 to Frank and Anna (Lamberg) Nelson in Garfield, MN. He grew up in the Alexandria area before graduating from what was then known as Central High School in 1944. Following graduation, Cyril enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1944-1946, eventually achieving the rank of Seaman First Class. After his honorable discharge, Cyril attended the Milwaukee School for Engineering before going to a barbering school in Fargo, ND. One evening, via a mutual friend, Cyril met Griselda “Poots” Bock at a dance, and the two eventually married on June 22, 1953. Poots and Cyril had five children: Kyle, Kole, Karleen, Kiara, and Kateri, and they lived on Lake LeHomme Dieu for 33 years before moving into town on Nokomis Street. Cyril worked as a second generation barber with his dad in his barbershop in Alexandria, before taking it over and working with his son, Kyle, until his retirement at the age of 62. Even in his golden years, Cyril would find time away from his beloved pastime of fishing to volunteer giving haircuts at Knute Nelson. He was also an active member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Alexandria and the local VFW and American Legion. Cyril will be remembered as a talkative yet gentle soul, with a dry sense of humor, and great love for his family. He loved all sports, but was especially fond of his Minnesota Twins.

On Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the age of 93, Cyril passed away at his home surrounded by his wife and family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Anna Nelson, and brother, Cedric Nelson.

Cyril is survived by the best catch of his life and wife of 66 years, Griselda “Poots” Nelson; sons, Kyle (Mary) Nelson and Kole (Marcia) Nelson; daughters, Karleen (Allen) Ras, Kiara (Norris) Vliem, and Kateri (Allen) Kiel; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Adam (Betty) Bock; sister-in-law, Camilla (John) Loch, and nieces and nephews.

*In Loving Memory*

## **Cyril Richard Nelson**

February 9, 1926



June 25, 2019



### **Mass of Christian Burial**

Church of St. Mary  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Saturday, June 29, 2019  
10:30 AM

#### **Celebrant**

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

#### **Pianist**

Laurie Youngers

#### **Cantor**

Carol Hughes

#### **Pallbearers**

Aaron Nelson  
Nick Vliem  
Kirby Nelson

Garett Vliem  
Neuby Ras  
Sierra Nelson

#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

All of Cyril's grandchildren &  
great-grandchildren

#### **Entombment**

St. Mary's Mausoleum  
Alexandria, Minnesota

#### **Military Honors**

Alexandria Veterans Honor Guard

## **Fisherman's Prayer**

*God grant that I may*

*Live to fish,*

*Until my dying day,*

*And when it comes*

*To my last cast,*

*I then most humbly pray,*

*When in the Lord's*

*Safe landing net,*

*I'm peacefully asleep,*

*That in his mercy I be judged,*

*As big enough to keep.*

