



Bradley "Brad" Lawrence Nelson was born on September 2, 1960, in Phoenix, Arizona, the son of Harlan and Adeline (Jennissen) Nelson. Soon after his birth the family moved to Austin Minnesota then later to a farm on Kasota Lake near Kandiyohi, where the family raised horses and other livestock. During this time Brad loved to waterski, spend time on the water, snowmobile and ride dirt bike.

He was baptized in the Lutheran faith and confirmed at Tripolis Evangelical Lutheran Church. Brad graduated from Willmar High School in 1979 and began working at the Sinclair Service Station on West Litchfield Avenue in Willmar. He later worked at Willmar Manufacturing and West Central Chemical before becoming employed with Larry Bruess Enterprises. Brad purchased his own hobby farm in the early 1990's where he raised a turkey, pheasants, ducks, bees and even had a pet goat for a short time. Brad also had many golden retrievers throughout his life.

Brad loved being outdoors with his family and friends. He was an avid waterfowl hunter, pheasant hunter and deer hunter. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and fishing. He had a true passion for catching walleyes and made many fishing trips to Lake of the Woods, Canada and Mexico.

He is survived by three siblings, Dan (and Eileen) Nelson of Pennock, Kim Davis of Willmar and Lisa Nelson of Pennock; six nieces and nephews, Jackie (and Jeffrey) Stegeman, Joshua (and Shelly) Nelson, Justen Nelson, Megan Davis (and Steve Peppin), Shelby (and Dres) Heiling and Austin Eliason; twelve great nieces and great nephews, Cheyenne, Tristin, Cody, Brody and Eliza Stegeman, Charlie and Maxwell Nelson, Maysen and Maya Nelson, Madeline Davis, Ellisyn Stadtherr and Quinten Peppin; and his Golden Retriever Bo; special friend, Jane Geer and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one nephew, Jason Nelson.



# *Celebrating the Life of*



*Bradley L. Nelson*

*1960 - 2023*



## *Fisherman's Prayer*

*I pray 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 great landing net*

*And peacefully asleep*

*That in His mercy I be judged*

*Big enough to keep.*

In Loving Memory Of

# *Bradley L. Nelson*

September 2, 1960  
Phoenix, Arizona

December 10, 2023  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

### **Celebration of Life Service**

Saturday, January 20, 2024 - 12:00 p.m.  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude	Naomi Baker
Gathering rite at rear of the nave	ELW p. 279
Thanksgiving for Baptism	p. 280
Processional Hymn	<i>"Borning Cry"</i> No. 732
Greeting and Prayer of the Day	p. 281
Words of Remembrance	
Reading of the Obituary	
Scripture Lessons	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Psalm 23 II Timothy 4:6-8
Duet	<i>"On Eagle's Wings"</i> Donna Jo & Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
	(The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain )
Sermon	Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Hymn	<i>"You Have Come Down to the Lake Shore"</i> No. 817
Apostle's Creed & Prayers of Intercession	p. 282
Commendation & Committal Prayers	pp. 283-284
Table Prayer	<i>"Be present...may feast in paradise with thee."</i> - Doxology
Recessional Hymn	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> No. 856
Postlude	

### **Urn Bearer**

(Brad's Godson)  
Tristin Stegeman

Arrangements By

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
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