



David Allen Nelson

November 1, 1943 - January 22, 2018

David Allen Nelson, 74, died at the Aneta Parkview Health Center on January 22, 2018. Dave was born on November 1, 1943, in Valley City, ND, to Lloyd W. and Elizabeth A. (Anderson) Nelson. He grew up in Marsh Township and attended King School, rural Valley City, and then transferred to Valley City High School and graduated in 1961. He attended Valley City State College and participated on the wrestling team. In 1964, he joined the North Dakota National Guard and served 6 years.

On June 25, 1966, he married Vivian Berntson in Valley City. Dave started selling real estate at Lawn Realty, Inc., in 1968. He purchased the firm from his dad in 1970. He continued in the business until retiring in 2014.

He was an avid bowler in his younger years and he bowled two 300 games. At the time he bowled his first perfect game, local businesses offered a \$2000 prize for such a feat. He used this prize money to buy his first 5 cows and get started in the cattle business, which was a lifelong passion for him. He raised registered polled herefords and showed cattle at various local, state, and national competitions. He was a member of the American Hereford Association and leader of the Marsh 4-H club for several years.

He enjoyed hunting both locally and in far flung places such as the Yukon Territory, Alaska and South Africa.

Dave is survived by his wife Vivian; son Brett, Palmer, AK; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Jessica, Valley City, ND and their children Bryce, Corey and Jada; son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Brooke, Valley City, ND and their daughter Harper; siblings, Cheryl (Myron) Senechal, Bismarck, ND; Gary, Valley City, ND; sisters-in-law, Ellrene (Duane) Sortland, Eileen Berntson, Lois (Bud) Badger, Anita (Tom) Erickson, Barbara (Raymond) Mewes, Olive (Howard) Rasmusson, and Gail Christl; brothers-in-law, Douglas (Ruth) Berntson, Delbert (Joan) Berntson, Durwin (Mary) Berntson, Dallas Berntson, and Darryl (Jeanne) Berntson; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Denton and Paulette Berntson; brothers-in-law Elmer Christl and David Berntson and nephew, Tod Erickson.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

3725 - 110th Ave. SE
Valley City, ND 58072

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

DB

“ We purchased our first home from Dave in 1974 and he sold our last home in Valley City in 1996! We enjoyed a long time relationship with him and his office. My siblings shared some exciting baseball with the Maresh 4-h'ers! We extend our sincere sympathies to Vivian, the boys and their families. You should be proud to call him husband and father. Jack and Diane Bjerke

Diane Bjerke - January 27, 2018 at 06:54 PM

JM

“ The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Our paths crossed back in the day. 4-H, living south of VC and Class of 1961. John, aka Jack Manstrom.

Jack Manstrom - January 27, 2018 at 04:44 PM

MH

“ We enjoyed our friendship over the years with Dave. His love of Hereford cattle made a very great partner on many of our top cattle. Our condolences to the family. Ian and Marlene Harvie

Marlene Harvie - January 27, 2018 at 09:26 AM

MC

“ Hugs, love and prayers to all of Dave's family! Terry and Mavis Carter

mavis carter - January 26, 2018 at 12:21 PM

KM

“ Prayers and hugs to all of David's family.
Greg, Kim, Kylee and Kendra Myers



Kim Myers - January 26, 2018 at 10:15 AM

TW

“ Todd Willson lit a candle in memory of David
Allen Nelson



Todd Willson - January 25, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of David Allen Nelson.



January 25, 2018 at 02:19 PM

LF

“ So very sorry about your loss. Sympathy to you all at this time and
in the long days ahead.

Leah Thoreson & family - January 24, 2018 at 09:52 PM

RF

“ Vivian and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We have many great memories of our days following our boys in their sporting events and activities. Am sure all your wonderful memories will help you during this difficult time. God Bless!
Rick and Jo Fitzner

Rick and Jo Fitzner - January 24, 2018 at 04:50 PM

JF

“ Jay & Malynda Penner & Family lit a candle in memory of David Allen Nelson



Jay & Malynda Penner & family - January 23, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Allen Nelson.



January 23, 2018 at 10:37 AM

JA

“ JoAnn Adams lit a candle in memory of David Allen Nelson



JoAnn Adams - January 23, 2018 at 08:56 AM

BG

“ *BONNIE Gordon lit a candle in memory of David Allen Nelson*



BONNIE Gordon - January 22, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *Carole Sorenson Wheeler lit a candle in memory of David Allen Nelson*



Carole Sorenson Wheeler - January 22, 2018 at 09:06 PM

BW

“ *Bob/Kay Willson lit a candle in memory of David Allen Nelson*



Bob/Kay Willson - January 22, 2018 at 07:17 PM