



Gerald "Jerry" Kent Nelson

October 17, 1934 - January 16, 2025

Jerry's funeral service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/4859523>

The funeral service for Gerald "Jerry" Nelson, 90, Valley City, ND will be 11 am Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 4-6 pm Monday at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in the spring in Memory Gardens. He passed away Thursday morning, January 16, at his home with his family at his side.

Gerald Kent Nelson was born October 17, 1934, in Valley City to Alfred and Mildred (Velure) Nelson. He graduated from College High. Jerry began college but then began working at Valley City Grocery. He started working in the office and then continued to learn the trade. He began doing the bookkeeping and became office manager for many years before having the opportunity of purchasing the business in 1975. Phyllis and Jerry sold their business in 1992 after 42 years in the business.

He was united in marriage to Phyllis Scott on October 28, 1955, in Wimbledon, North Dakota. They had met at College High.

Jerry was very active in the Eagles organization. He had been a member for 57 years. Jerry served in all capacities on the local board chairs and held many state positions including being the Dakota State Secretary for over 20 years. Jerry's biggest accomplishment with the Eagles is when he was inducted to Eagles Hall of Fame. He and Phyllis attended many state and

national conventions over the years.

He was a Viking and Twins fan. Jerry was also a number and score keeper type of person, writing score of games and keeping track of time and appointments down in his pocket calendar. The most important thing to him in later years was his grandchildren and being able to attend their function.

Jerry is survived by his wife Phyllis of 69 years, sons Michael and Rod (Kathy) all of Valley City, a daughter Joyce (Kevin) Kelly, St. Paul, MN, grandchildren Ryan (Chrissy) Nelson, Lance (Samantha) Nelson and Jarod Nelson (Emily Fletcher), and four great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - January 20, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Kent Nelson*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - January 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BN

“ *Just learned of Jerry's passing. Sorry to have missed the funeral service. Sympathies to you, Phyllis, Michael, Rodney and Joyce.*

Barry Nelson - January 25, 2025 at 09:31 PM

JH

“ *Jerry was a great boss to me, and treated me very well he is going to be missed and also was a neighbor in the neighbor hood. god bless the family*

James Hegdahl - January 24, 2025 at 09:37 PM

YI

“ Your friends at Aggregate Industries purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Kent Nelson.



Your friends at Aggregate Industries - January 20, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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“ Your friends at Aggregate Industries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Kent Nelson.

Your friends at Aggregate Industries - January 20, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DS

“ Sorry for your loss. We enjoyed seeing Jerry at the Great Grandkids birthday celebrations.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dan and Jan Schmit - January 19, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LW

“ Phyllis,
So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. It is so hard to lose a loved one.
Mom and I loved you both. God's Blessings to you.

Lisa A Webster - January 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM

IF

Sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He will be missed. Our prayers for comfort fir you, Phyllis and family. Iris and family

Iris Fogderud - January 20, 2025 at 02:52 PM