



Mr Norman Dean Nelson

August 24, 1928 - December 23, 2014

Norman Dean Nelson was born on the ranch east of Springview on August 24th 1928 to John "Verner" and Margaret (Tanner) Nelson. He went to be with the Lord on Dec. 23, 2014.

Norman attended grade school at the Green Valley School, District #4, six and one half miles east of Springview. He attended Keya Paha County High school and graduated in 1946. Norman went right to work on the ranch with his father and brother E.R (Everett). Norman was drafted in to the Army in November of 1951 and served in Japan until April of 1953. While in the Army Norman was a welder, a skill that served him and the neighborhood his entire life. Norman crafted many hay sleds in his shop from old truck axels and hoof trimming chutes for his registered Herefords. Norman started his Registered Hereford herd after an honorable discharge from the Army. Norman spent many years building his registered herd.

Norman was united in marriage to Marilyn Beth Jensen on September 27, 1953 in Lexington, NE. Norman and Marilyn built their family on the ranch where Norman grew up. Norman was a very patient teacher. When the kids were in 4-H breaking the calves to lead, he always told the kids never let go of the rope." The kids remember being drug around the yard but never let go of the rope. Norman was very active in 4-H, Farm Bureau, Nebraska Hereford Association, and the Methodist Church.

Norman was a handy carpenter and after retirement he enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and gardening. He always looked forward to spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids. The grandkids always commented on his epic woodpiles and always wondered why he was cutting more. He was always willing to help his neighbors, whether it was branding or moving cattle, he was always ready with his horse. Most people called him ornery, but we knew he was just joking and fun loving. He also enjoyed playing cards with friends and singing in the Men's and Church Choir. For years, he and Marilyn sang for many funerals and hosted annual caroling parties. Norman will always be remembered for his smile, gentle personality, and his ability to make other people laugh.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Everett and Shirley Nelson; nephew, Ceile Nelson; and cousin, Margaret Haun.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn of 61 years; daughter, Peggy Scheffler and finance'

Marlan Smith of Johnstown, Nebraska; sons, Ricky Nelson and Scotty (Melody) Nelson of Springview, and Tracy (Ayse) Nelson of Atkinson, Nebraska; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church in Springview, Nebraska with Pastor Rod Heilbrun officiating the service. Music was provided by Stanley Libolt playing a saxophone medley and accompanied by Kristy Libolt on the piano. Congregational selections were, "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace." A special musical selection of "Blessed Assurance" was provided by the Methodist Men's Choir. Pallbearers were, Jim Ferguson, Rocky Sheehan, Jack Martin, Bill Barnes, Will Davis, and Dave Hesse.

Honorary bearers were, all of Norman's other friends and family. Burial was held at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Springview with Military Honors given by the Springview American Legion Post #98. Hoch Funeral Home of Ainsworth was in charge of the arrangements.

Comments



“ "Norman was an all time friend that I will always remember. Just an ordinary guy with a huge heart filled with lots of love. RIP Norman. Will miss you until we meet again. Hope they don't have cars in heaven so you can't back into my car."

Chris Hallock - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ "Norman was a wonderful man who always had a smile and a joke. He will be missed by so many. Prayers to his entire family and community!"

Amy Johnson - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ " Many memories of Norman from my days growing up in Springview-- Hugs and prayers are with you all during this difficult time."

Teri Carlstrom - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ "Sending prayers of comfort to all of Norman's family and friends"

Lisa Everett - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ "Our Deepest Sympathy to the family. Phil & Karen Herring"

KarenHerring - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ "I was sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you."

Evelyn Copelan - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Norman's passing. The news has brought back a flood of memories. Aunt Marilyn, Peg, Rick, Scott and Tracy - my thoughts are with you all. He was a kind and cheerful man. I feel blessed to have had him as an uncle, and lucky to have known him at all.”

Chauncey MacLean - December 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“Aunt Marilyn, Peggy, Rick, Scott and Tracy, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. It is with great fondness that I recall our times together, and I will always cherish the memories of Uncle Norman's good nature, kindness and the down-right fun that he injected into everything. Our earthly loss is heaven's gain.”

Kemmit MacLean - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“Dear Nelson Family, My heart goes out to you at this time of your loss. You just have to remember that you now have an angel watching over you. :) I will miss your dad and husband, he was a sweetheart. Debra Forgey Douglas”

Debra Douglas - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“So sorry to hear of the loss of a very wonderful man. I will miss his good natured teasing. Sending my prayers to Marilyn and family. You are in my thoughts. God Bless.”

Milinda Turpin - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Rejoice in the fact that Norman is celebrating his Lord, Jesus' birth with Him. My deepest condolences.”

Chris Nielsen - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM