



## Dale William Nelson

December 4, 1944 - January 12, 2022

Dale William Nelson, age 77, passed away peacefully at his home in Lakeland, Florida on January 12, 2022. Dale was born December 4, 1944 in Red Wing, Minnesota to Victor Nelson and Evelyn (Cordes) Nelson. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Orlin V. Nelson and son-in-law, Clifton Cook.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Lauriel (Christopherson) Nelson, daughter, Briana and son, Ross.

His professional accomplishments include being the first in his family to attend college and receive a bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University. He continued his education by receiving his certified financial planner degree (CFP) from the National Institute of Financial Planning.

Dale had a long and successful career in financial management, serving as Chief Financial Officer at Golden Plump Poultry; and later becoming President and CEO of Liberty Savings Bank in St. Cloud, MN. Throughout his professional years, Dale played an active role in the Chamber of Commerce and the St. Cloud Downtown Development Council.

The titles that meant the most to Dale, however, were that of husband, father, and fisherman. Dale and Laurie were married for 49 years and successfully

survived raising two kids through the teenage years into adulthood. He taught Briana and Ross how to ride a bike (into a pine tree), create a budget (which they didn't listen to) and how hard work pays off (they follow this every day). If there was water nearby, you could always find Dale trying to catch the "biggest bass you've ever seen!".

"There are always new places to go fishing. For any fisherman, there's always a new place, a new horizon." – Jack Nicklaus

Gone fishin'...

A Celebration of Life will be held in the future in both Lakeland, FL and Red Wing, MN. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to The American Cancer Society or Good Sheperd Hospice of Lakeland.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale William Nelson*



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - February 02, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dale William Nelson*

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November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Nelson Family- I just learned of Dale's passing and have such a pit in my stomach. I was fortunate to talk to Dale a month or so ago and laugh about some of the crazy things that we did in our past. I have a lot of fun memories with Dale, particularly on the golf course. I unstrapped his big golf bag so many times and when it would fall off the back of the cart he would just stop and stare at me. Or I would yell in his backswing just to mess with him. More than anything though that I admired about Dale was his love of life. Whether he was working or playing Dale made the most of the time and was a pleasure to be around. I will be forever grateful for the time that I got to spend with Dale and the fun times we had together. I wish you my heart felt condolences as you grieve his loss.*

*Ron Mumm*

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**Ron Mumm** - February 17, 2022 at 03:39 PM

SR

“ Laurie, Bri and Ross, it is with sad hearts that we heard of Dale’s death. It brings back many memories of our friendship with all of you. From basketball games at SCSU and post game gatherings, to watching Ross and Brian playing basketball, also watching Bri and the Apollo dance team at Apollo basketball half time shows, the many events we worked on at Atonement, and Laurie, our many bike rides together as we “trained” for the annual 50 mile Tour of Saints bike ride. We will continue to remember and pray for you as you remember Dale and your lives together. Herb and Sally Reichert St Cloud, MN

Sally Reichert - January 16, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DT

“ David And Annette Tobin lit a candle in memory of Dale William Nelson



David and Annette Tobin - January 15, 2022 at 01:42 PM

SW

“ I was saddened to hear of Dale’s passing and yet put a smile on my face thinking of the memories. Dale was always a stickler when it came to poker! It was a blast in the Wings, Wheels and Water Festival parade in St. Cloud when Dale pulled our ‘nest’ that carried the ‘four ducks’ with his beloved Charger! The fishing trip he took with my husband to Lynn Lake, Manitoba, has pictures to prove the great and interesting trip that it was! He and my husband, Tom, can now reminisce about all the times they enjoyed together and the stories they shared and even embellish some new ones! Your personality, antics and smile will be missed. 💕💕

Susan Williams - January 15, 2022 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. He was such a sweet, sweet man. Always smiling! My sympathy to your family. Hugs & prayers that you can find peace. Love you cousin!!

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**Teresa Flynn** - January 14, 2022 at 10:37 PM

JT

“ Judy Thuman lit a candle in memory of Dale William Nelson



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**Judy Thuman** - January 14, 2022 at 05:38 PM

GK

“ Upon learning of Dales Death, I spent some time remembering many of the good times and Events we shared over 43 years of friendship. Even in this time of sadness it brought a smile to my face and an occasional chuckle as I recalled and celebrated our friendship.

*I remembered:*

*The St. Joseph 4th of July Parade in Dales Challenger Convertible and our Look-A-Like daughters walking beside in their chicken costumes.*

*Attending the 1987 Twins playoff games and eventually the 7th game of the World Series.*

*Following the SCSU Husky basketball team both at home and on many road trips.*

*Pontoon Brunches and Evening Cruse's.*

*Family events at the Park in Pleasant Acres. Birthdays, Anniversaries, graduations, swimming parties, and Donkey Ball.*

*Nerd Herd events: Moving the Nelson's, Camping, Gourmet Dinners, Wine Stomping at Alex and Phelps Mill.*

*Saturday breakfast's as we explored Central MN,*

*Searching for Depression Glass in Antique Shops around MN.*

*State Park Camping Trips at Sibley, Itasca, Cascade, Frontenac, and White Water. Each of them a Special Adventure.*

*Adventures on Crane Lake and Clitherall. Fishing the Flow at Glendalough and a few beers and pull tabs at the town of Clitherall.*

*Following our daughters in their Quest for a State Dance Line .*

*We had a good run Dale. I will miss you. Blessings and Peace be with you and your family.*

*Gary and Sharon*

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**Gary and Sharon Kraft** - January 14, 2022 at 03:43 PM

GE

“ Laurie, Ross, Bri, thinking of you, caring about you and wishing you calm and peace. Sending love from Ron and Gerry Kline in St Cloud.

gerry - January 14, 2022 at 02:14 PM

BR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Briana - January 14, 2022 at 01:56 PM

BE

“ Laurie, Bri, and Ross - will miss Dale being part of future get-togethers; he always had a joke or song or piece of advice and knew how to have a good time. Fish on, Dale! Enjoyed the water with you in the many locations you lived and recreated. Fish will continue to be caught in your honor! Bonnie and Chuck

Bonnie Eckert - January 14, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale William Nelson.



January 14, 2022 at 09:19 AM

BF

“ Laurie, Bri and Ross,  
So sorry to hear of Dale's passing. We have great memories of times we spent with your family over the past 40+ years. Always enjoyed our visits to St Joseph, Peter's Sunset Beach Resort, the Crane Lake cabin and then Lakeland. Dale enjoyed life to the fullest!

Bri and Ross - whenever we got together with your folks in recent years - Dale always had pictures of times spent with the two of you, or a big fish he caught! He was so proud of you two.

You are in our thoughts and prayers, Bob and Nora

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**Bob Fox** - January 13, 2022 at 11:13 AM