

Cecil Woodrow Nelson

Cecil Woodrow Nelson was one of nine children born to Charles M. and Cordelia (Burnett) Nelson on January 28, 1915, at Artesian, SD. He was married to Thelma (Sanmark) for 49 years until her death in 1986. He married Dakota (Threadgold) Hildebrandt on September 29, 1990, and they were married for 15 years until Dakota's death in 2005.

As a young man during the depression years, Cecil held several jobs, sometimes more than one at a time, to support his family. He farmed near Artesian until 1960 when he moved his family to Lead, SD, where he became a member of the Trinity Methodist Church, and entered into a new career as the owner-operator of a Sinclair station, and later as the owner-operator of the 76 Liquors in Deadwood, SD. After selling the liquor store he went into a home remodeling business with a lifelong friend, Ross O'Riley, Jr., until Ross's death.

Cecil then started enjoying his two favorite hobbies: woodworking and fishing. Cecil loved making wood projects for his family until his eyesight failed. He was an avid fisherman into his mid 90's, always challenging his fellow fishermen!

Cecil, 97, Sturgis, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2012, at Rapid City Regional Hospital from a brief illness.

He is survived by his daughters, Shirley (Alan) Raby, Atlanta, GA, and Sharon (John) Narem, Lead, SD; one son, David (Linda) Nelson, Golden, CO; a step-daughter, Wanita Gravatt, Rapid City, SD; and a step-son, Wayne (Linda) Hildebrandt, Maywood, NE. Cecil had five grandchildren, Randy Raby, Shelly Parker, Kristi Sandal, Kathleen Palamara, and Chad Nelson; two step-grandchildren, Coral Erickson and Amber Miller; ten great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to Thelma and Dakota, Cecil was preceded in death by his brothers, Earl, Elmer "Curly," Charles, Grover, Meredith, and Milo; his sisters, Bessie and Louise; and his step-son, Scott Hildebrandt.

A memorial has been established for the Trinity United Methodist Church in Lead.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Cecil Nelson

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*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free
I'm following the path
God has laid you see.
I took His hand
when I heard His call
I turned my back
and left it all.*

*I could not stay
another day
To laugh, to love,
to work or play.
Tasks left undone
must stay that way
I found the peace
at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*



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Born

January 28, 1915
Artesian, South Dakota

Died

October 31, 2012
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, November 3, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
Lead, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Mark Phillips

Organist

Margaret Sullivan

Soloist

Wayne King

Musical Selections

"In The Garden"
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Pallbearers

Todd Sandal ~ Tyler Sandal ~ Nathan Bowman
Matthew Bowman ~ Brian Mehlberg ~ John Sweaney

Interment

Oak Ridge Cemetery
Deadwood, South Dakota