

Rudolph "Rudy" Gunnar Nelson was born on September 5, 1932, in Cherokee, IA to Levi and Christine (Schonsted) Nelson. He was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Arpin, IA and baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL. His father died at a young age and his mother, remarried Eric Wallin.

Rudy was united in marriage to Norma Bliele on August 25, 1952, in Rockford, IL. The couple lived in Rockford, IL for 14 years where Rudy worked as a machinist at Sunstrands Company and served in the United States Navy. In December of 1964, the family moved to Alexandria where Rudy started to work as an electrician. Rudy then started his own company Rudy's Electric in 1971. His son, Randy joined him in 1974, and he was proud to have his grandson Ryan join the family business from the day he was born.

Rudy enjoyed watching and coaching the softball team he sponsored, as well as his race car team that raced at Viking Speedway. He also enjoyed playing Rolle Bolle and traveling with family and friends in various motorhomes, with the theme song being "On The Road Again." Rudy also enjoyed being with family and attending family gatherings.

Rudy passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at Knute Nelson in Alexandria at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Norma of Alexandria, MN; sons, Bruce (Deb) Lindquist of Brooklyn Center, MN and Randy (Vicki) Nelson of Alexandria, MN; daughter, Trudy (Robert) Jahnke of Rosemount, MN; grandchildren, Ryan Nelson, Scott (Jill) Rudd, Shelly (Buck) Pepera, Shawn (Marrisa) Rudd, Kelly (Vinni Capra) Byrd, Stephanie Lindquist, Gary Jahnke and Steve Jahnke; 13 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandson; brother, Carl Wallin of Rockford, IL; and many nieces and nephews. Rudy is preceded in death by his parents, Levi and Christine; step-father, Eric Wallin; siblings, Bud Nelson, Levi Nelson, Alleda Lutzow, and Betsy Graham; grandchild, Baby Nelson; and great-grandchild, Crystal Lindquist.

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

In Memory of

**Rudolph "Rudy"
G. Nelson**

September 5, 1932



March 15, 2018

Funeral Service

United Methodist Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, March 19, 2018

11:00 AM

Officiant ~ Reverend Craig Haberman

Musician ~ Reverend Michael Peterson

Casket Bearers

Shawn Rudd

Scott Rudd

Tony Graham

Ryan Nelson

Joe Graham

Buck Pepera

Honorary Casket Bearers

Members of Alexandria Eagles Aerie 3063

Military Honors

Alexandria Veterans Memorial Unit

U.S. Navy Funeral Honors

Interment

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

