

**Norman Eugene Nelson** was born May 14, 1932, on a family farm west of Eagle Bend, Minnesota to Algot and Monica (Kuhne) Nelson. He attended country school #172 and then graduated from Parkers Prairie High School in 1950. Norman farmed with his father until he enlisted into the U.S. Army in January of 1954 where he received advanced training in Fort Lewis, Washington. He was discharged in 1956 with Honors. Norman took over the family farm in 1958 after the sudden death of his father.

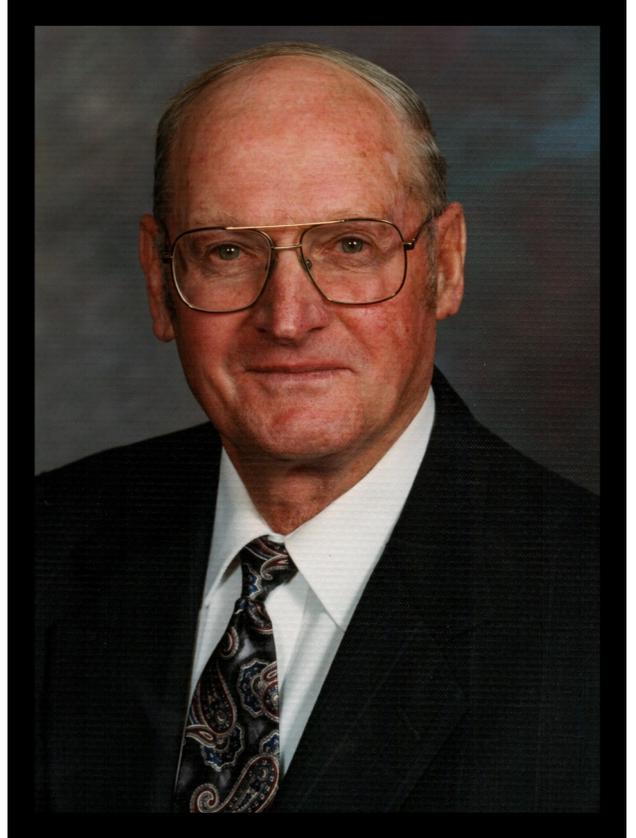
Norman was united in marriage to Joan Wolters on August 26, 1958, in St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Belle River. The couple lived on the family farm and later started their family and was blessed with four children, Diane, Duane, Alan, and Brian. As a family they would enjoy taking a week or two off in the summer to travel.

Every September, for eighteen years, Norman would get together with his army buddies in Flandreu, South Dakota to talk over the old times. Norman retired in 2005 from farming. He then enjoyed taking time to spend with family, six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Meeting at local casinos for family fun and camping on the weekends at the farm where the grandchildren enjoyed tractor rides, four wheeler rides, bonfires, and cookouts. After retirement, Norman also enjoyed daily breakfast with his friends at Grannys Café in Eagle Bend, the Farm House in Clarissa, or the Cozy Cup Café in Parkers Prairie.

He was a member of St. Williams Catholic Church in Parkers Prairie, MN. Norman and several others loaded bricks onto railcars at St. John Abby that were used to build the original church. He was also a 50 year member of the Eagle Bend American Legion Post #280.

Norman died peacefully on October 25, 2017 in the home he was born in 85 years ago west of Eagle Bend. He is survived by his four children, Diane (David) Rajdl - Burgett of Eagle Bend, Duane Nelson of Anoka, Alan Nelson of Eagle Bend, and Brian Nelson of Alexandria. Six Grandchildren; Desirae Rajdl of Hugo, Robert (Tara) Rajdl of Ham Lake, Rachel (Jeremy) Bartunek of Chicago, Sarah (Jeff) Marier of Big Lake, Grace (Joe) Cannon of San Diego, and Abigail (Jaco) Janse Van Vuuren of Perham, MN; and seven greatgrandchildren. Norman is preceded in death by his wife Joan Nelson

## In Loving Memory



## Norman Eugene Nelson 1932 - 2017

### *The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.*

*He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*In Memory of*

### **Norman Eugene Nelson**

May 14, 1932 † October 25, 2017

#### **Mass of Christian Burial**

St. Williams Catholic Church  
Parkers Prairie, Minnesota

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 11:00 AM

#### **Officiant**

Reverend Peter Vander Weyst

#### **Musician**

Paul Malecha

#### **Casket Bearers**

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Desirae Rajdl   | Robert Rajdl             |
| Rachel Bartunek | Sarah Marier             |
| Grace Cannon    | Abigail Janse Van Vuuren |

#### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

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|---------------|---------------|
| Sophia Marier | April Marier  |
| Josie Marier  | Elliot Marier |
| Reese Rajdl   | Tessa Rajdl   |

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#### **Interment**

St. Williams Catholic Cemetery  
Parkers Prairie, Minnesota

#### **Military Honors**

Eagle Bend Honor Guard