



Del Nelson

August 4, 1926 - May 4, 2014

Delmer A. Nelson, age 87, of Wahpeton, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Largo Medical Center in Largo, Florida. He was born on August 4, 1926, in Wichita, Kansas, to Arnold and Alice (Tedrick) Nelson.

Del graduated from High School in 1944, and served his country in the United States Army from 1944, until 1946. When he returned from the service, Del earned a degree from the Wichita State University, graduating in 1950, while leasing and operating a Sinclair station. He was united in marriage to Thelma June Maure in 1950, and they had two children, Mark and Nancy. They lived in Iola, Kansas, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Cedar Rapids, before moving to Spencer.

Del started Dyno Oil Company Inc. in 1958, with the purchase of a Sinclair service station and tankwagon service. His business expanded to Spirit Lake, in 1976, and added Convenience Stores in the 80's. At the time of his death, there were eleven Dyno's stores across Northwest Iowa.

Del was united in marriage to Josephine Ditsworth in 1985. They enjoyed spending their winters in the Tampa Florida Area. Del served as a board member of the Petroleum Marketers of Iowa, was appointed to the Energy Council by Governor Robert Ray and received the "Bucket Box Award" in 1992, the highest honor given to a member of the Petroleum Marketers of Iowa.

Del is survived by his wife, Jo Nelson of Wahpeton; his children, Mark (Nellie) Nelson of Spencer; and Nancy (Gene) Hassebroek of Sibley and Spirit Lake;

Jo's children, Mark Ditsworth of Aurora, Colorado, Penny (Rick) Millspaugh of Grand Forks, ND, Chris Ditsworth of Largo, Florida, Amy (Dean) Gronmeyer of Spencer, Ann (Albert) Chiochon of Lake Park, and Brett Ditsworth of Largo, Florida; a sister, Jerrie Johnson of Wichita, Kansas; a niece, Lisa; a nephew, Tim; grandchildren, Garrett Nelson, Stefanie (Brandon) Kurtz, Emily Chiochon, Jacob Gronemeyer, Cassidy Ditsworth, Ben (Kristen) Chiochon, Molly (Jeff) Quintana and Tanna (Neil) Brothers; and great-grandchildren, Jackson, Lydia, Rylee, Tyler, Deuce and Tivona. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joan Caldwell; an infant son; and a son-in-law, Richard Hartman.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30A.M. Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Monday, from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Del's name.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *TOO MANY TO TELL*

BRUCE B FITTS - October 21, 2015 at 02:48 PM

KW

“ *I had not seen Del in quite a few years but the thing I remember most about him was his kind & gentle spirit. Having worked for him in the 1980's until 1992, I will never forget the opportunities he provided as an employer. Many sympathies to Nancy, Jo, Mark - and all of your family members - as we remember this kind man.*

Kay & Don Wilson - May 11, 2014 at 07:22 PM

CS

“ *Del Nelson*

Chad Schuchert - May 10, 2014 at 11:51 AM

BW

“ *Mark, Nellie and Garret, So very sorry to hear of your loss. Always have had fond memories of Del from the Hotel days.*

Barbie Walker - May 09, 2014 at 02:24 PM

JS

“ *Dear Jo,
Sorry to learn of Del's passing. We know you and your entire family will miss him. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Bob and Jan Stemme*

Jan Stemme - May 09, 2014 at 10:09 AM

DE

“ *Jo, Amy, Ann and Mark Nelson and families - We are thinking of you during this sad time. Del was quite the gentleman. What a blessing he was to each of you. His life lives on through you. May God wrap his loving arms around you and hold you close in the days ahead.
Love, Debbie and Dewey*

Dewey & Debbie Edeker - May 07, 2014 at 09:27 PM

DJ

“ *Mark, Nellie and Garret,
We keep you in our prayers as you grieve the loss of your father and grandfather. Reflect on all the happy moments that you shared with Del and remember that he will always be with you!!
Dean and Marla Jacobsen*

Dean and Marla Jacobsen - May 06, 2014 at 09:40 PM