

Laura Leona Nelson

September 13, 1958 - January 16, 2026

Laura Nelson, 67, passed away on Friday, January 16, 2026, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. There will be a visitation held two hours prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be held at a later date in the Rush Lake Cemetery in Curlew, IA. The service will be livestreamed on the churches You Tube Page at <https://www.youtube.com/@SLUMC/streams>

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Laura Leona Nelson was born on September 13, 1958, to Robert and Ella (Gillman) Manwarren in Iowa City, IA. She graduated from Emmetsburg High School. She was united in marriage to Randall Nelson on June 3, 1978, at the catholic church in Emmetsburg, IA. She was a caretaker for Life Skills in Spirit Lake.

In her free time, she enjoyed playing bingo on Tuesday nights and spending time with her family, especially her nieces and nephews who she called her grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Randall Nelson of Spirit Lake, IA; siblings Jerry Manwarren of Flandreau, SD; Evelyn Schneider of Mallard, IA; Robert (Peggy) Manwarren of Armstrong, IA; Barbara (Tony) Schneider of Havelok, IA; Thomas Manwarren of Emmetsburg, IA; Bonnie (Hank) VanLenning of Spirit Lake, IA; sisters-in-law Alice Manwarren of Emmetsburg, IA; and Connie Manwarren of Emmetsburg, IA; her grandchildren Shelby, Achech, David, Marium, Musa, Oleme, Joella, Ajula, Javon, De De, Olivia, Megan, Raven, and Kristina; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews and her mother-in-law Lillan Nelson of Worthington, MN; brothers-in-law, Bruce (Dawn) Nelson, Gary (Jennifer) Nelson, and Roger Nelson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, father-in-law Arvid, and two brothers, James and Paul and her brother-in-law David Nelson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ *My sincere sympathy to Laura's family and friends. She was a lovely soft spoken sincerely caring lady. I always enjoyed our chats and she always was so kind others.* ”



Lisa T - January 21 at 12:13 AM

GT

“ *Laura was a wonderful neighbor and a very kind person.* ”

Greg and Christy Thompson - January 20 at 09:23 PM

JB

“ *Joanna Buhsmann/Knuths lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson* ”



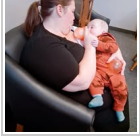
Joanna Buhsmann/Knuths - January 20 at 08:42 AM

CD

“ *Connie, Nicole, Craig and Destiny purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Laura Leona Nelson.* ”



Connie, Nicole, Craig and Destiny - January 19 at 10:41 PM



“ *Miranda Baudler lit a candle in memory of
Laura Leona Nelson*



Miranda Baudler - January 19 at 09:43 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Ericson lit a candle in memory of
Laura Leona Nelson*



Mary Ellen Ericson - January 19 at 06:48 PM



“ *Jeffrey Stevens lit a candle in memory of
Laura Leona Nelson*



Jeffrey Stevens - January 19 at 06:39 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was
purchased for the family of Laura Leona Nelson.*



January 19 at 05:36 PM

FD

“ From Mama A, Uncle, Aunt Stacey and Dad purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Laura Leona Nelson.



From Mama A, Uncle, Aunt Stacey and Dad - January 19 at 04:24 PM

SA

“ See above purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Laura Leona Nelson.



See above - January 19 at 03:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laura Leona Nelson.



January 19 at 01:01 PM

TH

“ The Nelsons - Roger, Chris, Deb & Hayden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Leona Nelson.

The Nelsons - Roger, Chris, Deb & Hayden - January 19 at 01:01 PM

KA

“ *Laura made others feel important. Her smile and laugh were absolute day brighteners. Her greatest gift, however, was her love for family. A wonderful woman.* ”

Kathy Anderson - January 19 at 11:14 AM

DL

“ *My condolences to the family!* ”



Deb Letscher - January 19 at 10:41 AM



“ *Rhonda Vandenhemel lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson* ”



Rhonda Vandenhemel - January 19 at 10:38 AM

AS

“ *Andrea & Jeff Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson* ”



Andrea & Jeff Schwarck - January 19 at 10:32 AM

PT

“ *Paula Krogman Tietz lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson*



Paula Krogman Tietz - January 19 at 09:27 AM

DA

“ *Dawn Alt lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson*



Dawn Alt - January 19 at 08:50 AM

MB

“ *Sending my most sincere condolences to all who knew and loved Laura.*

Monica Brenner - January 18 at 09:44 PM

SM

“ *Sarah Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson*



Sarah Mitchell - January 18 at 09:26 PM

KS

“ Karen Stoller lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson



Karen Stoller - January 18 at 09:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laura Leona Nelson.



January 18 at 07:19 PM

RU

“ Renee & Roger Ubben planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Leona Nelson.

Renee & Roger Ubben - January 18 at 07:19 PM

AP

“ It was a pleasure working with you at Lakes Lifeskills. You will be missed



Abby Pedersen - January 18 at 07:05 PM

JL

“ JULIE LOUDERBACK lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson



JULIE LOUDERBACK - January 18 at 06:25 PM

PE

“ Pam Edmunds lit a candle in memory of Laura Leona Nelson



Pam Edmunds - January 18 at 05:05 PM

PE

Laura was a fun person and always smiling. She will be missed. RIP Laura

Pam Edmunds - January 18 at 05:06 PM

LG

“ To the family of Laura, you have my deepest sympathy our prayers are with all the family, your cousin Linda Girres

Linda Girres - January 18 at 04:19 PM