



Nellie M. Weldon

July 30, 1931 - February 20, 2026

Nellie Walsh Weldon, 94

On February 20, 2026, Nellie Walsh Weldon, 94, peacefully completed her beautiful 94-year journey after a life devoted to family and kindness, leaving behind a legacy of love that will forever live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memory Gardens Cemetery in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Arrangements are under the direction of Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Nellie, daughter of Reed and Olive (Sproul) Skelton, was born on July 30, 1931, in Missouri Valley, Iowa. She later gained a devoted stepfather, Scott Willson. Nellie graduated in 1949 from Missouri Valley High School, where she formed many lifelong friendships and was crowned Homecoming Queen — a reflection of her cheerful spirit and the beautiful smile that would remain her trademark throughout her life.

On January 27, 1951, she married Thomas Martin Walsh in Omaha, Nebraska. Together they were blessed with seven beautiful children who became the center of Nellie's world and her proudest accomplishment.

Thomas preceded her in death on September 10, 1987.

Nellie later married Gene Weldon on January 19, 1990, in Missouri Valley, Iowa. The couple enjoyed their retirement years in Okoboji, treasuring time in

the lakes area and the companionship they shared. Gene preceded her in death on November 27, 2017.

Of all the roles she held in life, Nellie cherished being a mom and a grandma most of all. Her family was her greatest joy. She was devoted, steady, and selfless — always putting her children and grandchildren first. In the early years, she was a dedicated Den Mother for her sons in Cub Scouts, generously giving her time and energy to support their activities.

She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, watching her westerns, and observing birds. Nellie found happiness in the simple things in life — a good book, a quiet evening, cheering on her beloved Hawkeyes, and ending the day with her nightly glass of merlot. She was a huge Iowa Hawkeye fan and faithfully cheered them on; when the Hawkeyes weren't playing, she could occasionally be caught rooting for Iowa State. She was known for her cheerful spirit, her kindness, and her beautiful smile that brightened every room she entered.

For many years, Nellie worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge in Missouri Valley, spending her time in the visitor center and museum. She loved sharing the fascinating artifacts and rich history of the steamboat Bertrand and took great pride in telling its story to visitors from near and far.

A woman of strong faith, Nellie held dual membership at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Missouri Valley and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, Reed and Olive Skelton; her stepfather, Scott Willson; her husbands, Thomas Walsh and Gene Weldon; daughters Mary Jo Bieck and Lisa Crispin; granddaughter Maggie Walsh; grandson Tyler Bieck; infant great-granddaughter Elliana Jayde Crispin; son-in-law Dean Hansen; and half-brothers Tony Bond and Scott Willson, Jr. She is survived by her children: Gary (Rita) Walsh of Freeport, Florida; Sharon (Keith) Gundy of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; David (Julie) Walsh of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska; Michael Walsh of Chicago, Illinois; and Kristine (Matt) McHugh of Arnolds Park, Iowa; stepchildren Cheryl Tamisiea of Missouri

Valley, Iowa, and Dean Weldon of Omaha, Nebraska; and half-brothers John (Linda) Bond of Arcadia, Nebraska, and Daniel (Sherry) Bond of Renton, Washington. She also leaves behind many beloved grandchildren & great grandchildren, extended family members, and dear friends.

Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Carmel Cemetery

Summit St.
Missouri Valley, IA 51555

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
215 N 7th St.
Missouri Valley, IA 51555

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nellie M. Weldon*



Robinson Funeral Home - February 25 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.*



February 25 at 03:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.*



February 25 at 11:01 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nellie M. Weldon.*

February 25 at 11:01 AM

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“ North Emerald Hills Lot Owners Assoc purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.



North Emerald Hills Lot Owners Assoc - February 24 at 05:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.



February 24 at 11:17 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.



February 23 at 10:24 PM

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“ Very sorry for your loss. Nellie was my mom's friend in high school and they still kept in touch with each other until my mother's passing in 98. Prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Lori Spears - February 23 at 03:22 PM



“ *Mike Anfinson and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.*



Mike Anfinson and family - February 23 at 02:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nellie M. Weldon.*



February 23 at 09:25 AM