



Rodney Eugene Nelson

January 16, 1953 - December 5, 2024

Rod Nelson was born on January 16, 1953 in Pender, Nebraska passing away on December 5, 2024 in Omaha, Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Betty Nelson.

Rod grew up in Rosalie, Nebraska where he graduated high school in 1971. As a young man he enjoyed hunting, playing sports, spending time with friends, four-wheeling, love of classic cars and working on the farm. His love for hunting remained steadfast throughout the years which he shared with his kids and grandkids. He was an avid supporter of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, Chicago Bears and even fancied himself as a “Jaysker”.

Rod’s greatest joys in life were being with his wife, Jacky, spending time with their kids, but most of all spoiling his amazing grandkids. They were married August 7, 1993 blending their families with love and devotion. Together they built a life filled with cherished memories and the happiness of raising their children: John, Joey, and Calli.

The arrival of fall brought back countless cherished memories for Rod, as it was his favorite time of year. This love for the season was deeply rooted in his childhood, growing up on the farm and later continuing the tradition as a farmer himself. He spent countless autumn hours in the combine, blasting his favorite classic rock songs and listening to Kent Pavelka call Husker football games. From a young age, Rod took immense pride in his farm equipment and vehicles, always ensuring they were kept in immaculate condition.

When Rod transitioned to city life, he brought his strong work ethic from the

farm with him, applying it to his urban landscaping. His lawn was always pristine, and he took great pride in showing it off to anyone who visited. Rod also had a fondness for telling dad jokes—whether or not anyone was eager to hear them!

Rod is survived by his wife Jacky McMenamin Nelson, children Calli Jo Reynolds (Joe Dickinson) of Brunswick, OH, John (Andrea) McMenamin of Waterloo, NE and Joey (Mandy) McMenamin of Elkhorn, NE, his grandchildren Kennedy Reynolds, Jackson, Jessa, Cooper, Crosby and Jovie McMenamin, and sisters Cheryl (Mike) Barada and Vickie (Tim) Slaughter. Funeral service 10:30 AM Wednesday, Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church. Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Tuesday 5-8 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Memorials to the family.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church
20227 Veterans Drive
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Sorry for your loss. May Rod rest in peace. 🙏🙏
Lucinda Costello

Lucinda Costello - December 10, 2024 at 04:13 PM

KH

“ *Katie & Brian Hasley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



Katie & Brian Hasley - December 10, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



December 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PF

“ *Patrick and Sheila Beyer family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



Patrick and Sheila Beyer family - December 10, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



December 10, 2024 at 07:19 AM



“ *Thinking of you all and lifting you up in prayer 🙏*

Stan and Patty Wegner - December 09, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ *Ryker, Ray, Brett, Jenni and Niki purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



Ryker, Ray, Brett, Jenni and Niki - December 09, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ *Just found out about Rod Nelson passing I remember rod picking me up and riding around and listen to him sing his favorite only the beginning by Chicago sing it in heaven Rod deepest condolences to Nelson family by the way he would sing with the comb in his car loved it !!!*

randy miles - December 09, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



December 09, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



December 09, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Joe and Calli, Kennedy, Luren and Shawn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*

Joe and Calli, Kennedy, Luren and Shawn - December 08, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ *Joe and Calli, Kennedy, Luren and Shawn purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



Joe and Calli, Kennedy, Luren and Shawn - December 08, 2024 at 05:32 PM

JF

“ Jesse Shetlar and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.



Jesse Shetlar and Family - December 08, 2024 at 12:40 PM

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“ Jesse Shetlar and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Eugene Nelson.

Jesse Shetlar and Family - December 08, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Eugene Nelson.

December 08, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.



December 08, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



December 07, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Alan and Sheryl Anderson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rodney Eugene Nelson.*



Alan and Sheryl Anderson - December 07, 2024 at 12:34 PM