

## Bruce D Nelsen

November 27, 1940 - May 22, 2015

Bruce D. Nelsen, age 74, of Storm Lake, Iowa died May 22, 2015 at North Lake Manor in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, May 25, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke and Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke and Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Bruce Dale Nelsen was born November 27, 1940 in Storm Lake, the son of Miles and Nora (Willadsen) Nelsen. As an infant, he was baptized and later confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake where he has remained a lifelong member.

Growing up, Bruce attended South School in Storm Lake and graduated from Storm Lake High School with the Class of 1959. Following high school graduation, Bruce attended Lincoln Aviation and graduated with a degree in Air Craft Mechanics in 1961.

On October 7, 1961, Bruce was united in marriage to Judy McKenna in Fonda, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with two children: Brian and Nancy.

Bruce worked several years as a Gas Mechanic for Alliant Energy. He was the president of UMM and a member of Izaak Walton League where he held various offices. Bruce was also a Scoutmaster for Troop 103 of Boy Scouts of America and served as an Assistant Chief for the Storm Lake Fire Department.

In his spare time, Bruce enjoyed wood working and fishing. He enjoyed traveling and especially spending time with his grandchildren. Family was very important to Bruce and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Judy Nelsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Brian (Sherri) Nelsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Nancy Nelsen of Grand Forks, North Dakota; grandchildren: Rick Nelsen of Sioux City, Iowa; Cory Nelsen of Fairfield, Iowa; Brett Nelsen of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and Shelby Nelsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; sisters-in-law: Jane (Dennis) Smith of Ames, Iowa; Lois Nelsen of Forsyth, Missouri; brother-in-law, Jerry (Gale) McKenna of Omaha, Nebraska; extended family and many friends.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Miles and Nora Nelsen; and one brother, Glen Nelsen.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 25.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Service

**MAY 26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Interment

**MAY 26** (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery  
Storm Lake, IA 50588





EK

“ Bruce was the Grandpa of my friend and former classmate Cory. I'm with the family through this very stressful time of loss.

Elizabeth Kosky - May 27, 2015 at 06:44 PM

BB

“ Many years ago I worked with Bruce when I came to Storm Lake to test large capacity gas meters for Iowa Electric light and power. It was always a pleasure to work with Bruce, he was a hard worker and always wanted to help out. I am sure he will be greatly missed by many. Farewell to a great guy, so sorry for your loss.

Bob Brown, Boone, IA.

Bob Brown - May 26, 2015 at 03:08 PM

BT

“ Bob Tuttle lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



Bob Tuttle - May 26, 2015 at 02:00 PM

DM

“ DMS lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



DMS - May 26, 2015 at 12:33 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Benson lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen*



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**Kathy Benson** - May 26, 2015 at 11:38 AM

KB

*So sorry to hear about the loss of your father Nancy, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**Kathy Benson** - May 26, 2015 at 11:42 AM

DM

*Judy and family. So sorry for your loss. I worked with Bruce for many years, early in my time with Alliant Energy.. I learned a lot from him over the years, work related skills and life skills. Being very young at the time, I have always looked up to him any many ways. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Dave Myers*

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**Dave Myers** - May 27, 2015 at 09:09 PM

CN

“ *Judy and family. I just learned of Bruce's passing today. I am so sorry and wish to convey my condolences to you and your family. I worked many years with Bruce at Alliant out of the Spirit Lake office. He was one of those guys who really cared and who you could always confide in. Thinking of you.*

*Cheryl Noble*

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**Cheryl Noble** - May 26, 2015 at 10:24 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - May 26, 2015 at 09:47 AM

DB

“ Dayle J Brooks purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Bruce D Nelsen.



Dayle J Brooks - May 26, 2015 at 09:12 AM

DB

“ Judy and famiy,

*I was sad to hear about Bruce today. I'm glad I got to talk to him a couple months ago.*

*He was a very special friend to me even after moving from Storm Lake.*

*My sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time.*

*Dayle*



Dayle Brooks - May 26, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



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Lynn Snyder - May 26, 2015 at 08:11 AM



“ Kathleen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



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Kathleen Quinn - May 25, 2015 at 10:37 PM

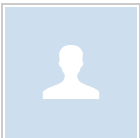


“ Kelly Eberle lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



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Kelly Eberle - May 25, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ a-DOG-able® in a Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce D Nelsen.



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May 25, 2015 at 06:19 PM

LD

“ *Lrry & Terry Davenport lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen*



**Lrry & Terry Davenport** - May 25, 2015 at 05:48 PM

LD

*Bruce worked as a Trustee to make his Church a safe and lasting place for all to worship in years to come. Thank You, Bruce, for that minstry.*

**Larry & Terry Davenport** - May 25, 2015 at 05:54 PM

KS

“ *Bruce was a great Boy Scout Scoutmaster who encourage many boys to achieve their Eagle Scout badge. We have always thanked and praised Bruce for his dedication and support when our son received his in 1985.*

**Ken and Janet Strouse** - May 25, 2015 at 05:41 PM

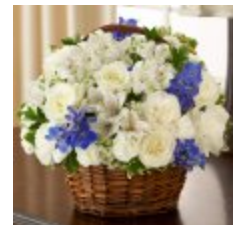
KS

“ *A great Scoutmaster who guided many young boys to achieving the Eagle Scout honor. Bruce will always be in our thoughts for guiding our son to making this honor with praise and thanks.*

**Ken and Janet Strouse** - May 25, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Bruce D Nelsen.*



May 25, 2015 at 12:53 PM

GB

“ Gene And Pat Barnett lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



Gene and Pat Barnett - May 25, 2015 at 09:06 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember meeting him in Alaska and his excitement of visiting Nancy there. I remember him motoring around in Florida on his scooter. But perhaps my fondest memory was on his pontoon in Storm Lake! 😊

Joyce Kitka - May 24, 2015 at 11:10 PM

TZ

“ Terry And Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen



Terry and Kim Zimmerman - May 24, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce D Nelsen.



May 23, 2015 at 09:41 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Bruce D Nelsen.*



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May 23, 2015 at 09:30 PM



“ *Gay Leask lit a candle in memory of Bruce D Nelsen*



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**Gay Leask** - May 23, 2015 at 07:58 AM