

THE FARMER'S CREED

I believe a person's greatest possession
is their dignity and that no calling bestows
this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat
are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming,
despite its hardships and disappointments,
is the most honest and honorable way
a person can spend their days on this earth.

I believe farming provides education for life
and that no other occupation
teaches so much about birth, growth
and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are free:
the splendor of a sunrise; the rapture of wide-open
spaces; the exhilarating sight of your
land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from
watching your crops ripen in the field
and your children grow tall in the sun.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately
by what I have done for my fellow man.

I believe in farming
because it makes all this possible.

— AUTHOR UNKNOWN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF NIEL JOHN NELSON

BORN TO ANDREW & ASBJORG NELSON

July 25, 1932
Arnegard, North Dakota

RETURNED TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER

July 5, 2022
Watford City, North Dakota

VISITATION

Sunday, July 10, 2022
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel
Watford City, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, July 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Living Faith Church
Watford City, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Roger Olson

PALLBEARERS

Chad Kieson Torey Kieson
Shane Johnson Cole Kieson
Mandi Dordal Mica Peterson

USHERS

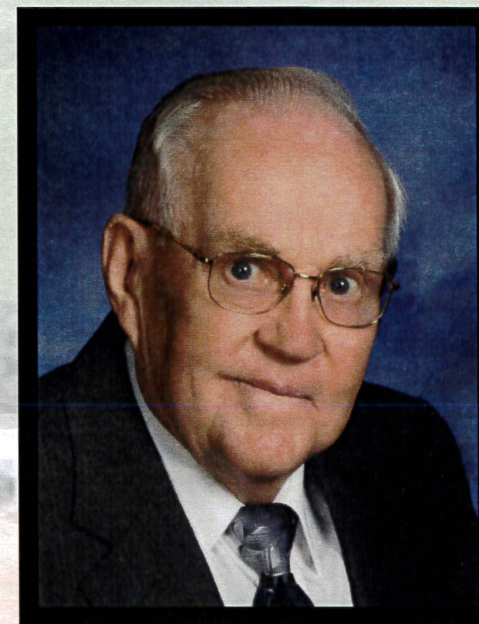
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FINAL RESTING PLACE

Red Wing Cemetery
Arnegard, North Dakota

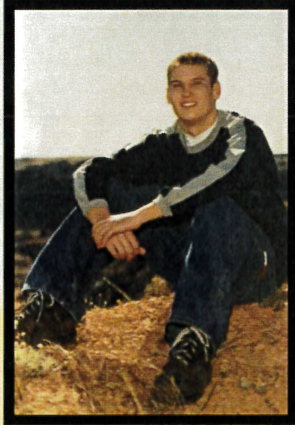
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JULY 25, 1932 - JULY 5, 2022



Niel Nelson was born July 25, 1932 to Andrew and Asbjorg Nelson on the family farm south of Arnegard. He was one of 7 children. In 1944 a move was made to Arnegard so they could attend school. Niel graduated from Arnegard High School in 1950.

After graduation he farmed with his father. In 1951 he married Maxine Sondrol and they lived on their farm 9 miles south of Arnegard. Niel started building their home in 1953 while working in the Oil Field and picking up jobs in the winter season. He managed Nelson Westlund Service in Arnegard for 5 years along with driving school bus.

In 1964 he went to work setting up Weather Modification programs in North Dakota and Montana. He was also involved in politics at that time lobbying for them.

Later, his interests turned to carpentry. He finished his own home in 1972 and with friends built homes and out buildings, while farming with the help of younger boys he hired to give the chance to experience farm life. In 1979, Wayne and Barb took over the farming operation.

Niel was a member of the Watford City School Board. He was a charter member of the Watford City Eagles Club where he served as President. He looked forward to Friday nights serving hamburgers in the part in Arnegard as a Lions member.

Niel and Maxine moved into the City of Arnegard in 1983. During the next few years they would travel to Arizona for most of the winter or enjoy a cruise or warm weather getaway.

His hobbies included hunting and fishing in Canada and the US. He and Maxine traveled to many parts of the US and abroad. Later in life his favorite was playing 10 ½ at the Arnegard café and fire hall.

He is survived by his wife Maxine and three daughters, Cindy (Rick) Andersen, Bismarck ND, Barb (Wayne) Johnson Arnegard ND, and Peggy Ostrum of Bismarck ND. Five grandchildren, Chad (Rhonda) Kieson, Dickinson ND, Torey (Jodi) Kieson, Bismarck ND, Mica (Graham) Peterson, Bismarck, ND, Mandi (Chris) Dordol, Somerset WI, Shane (Lindsay) Johnson, Arnegard, ND and 14 great grandchildren. Brother Marvin Nelson, Bismarck ND, and Sister Betty Bartolomei, Grand Forks ND. Many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Grandson Casey Johnson and son in law Derk Bakke. Parents Andrew and Asbjorg Nelson, three infant sisters, sisters Doris Fisketjon, Williston ND, Ida Evanson, Livingston MT, Lyla Tweet, Fargo, ND and Arlis Fritsvold, Chaska MN

On the 8th day
God looked
down on his
PARADISE
and decided **HE** needed a
caretaker so he
made a
FARMER