



Douglas John Nelson

June 11, 1942 - January 10, 2019

Douglas J. Nelson, 76, of Charles City died January 10, 2019, at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa in Mason City. A family and friends graveside service will be held at a future date at Riverside Cemetery in Charles City.

Doug was born June 11, 1942, to Kenneth and Ethel Nelson in Edgewood, Iowa. He graduated from Marion High School in 1960.

He met the love of his life, Jerri Ellery, in Cedar Rapids, and they were married on September 15, 1962. They made their home in Charles City, Grand Ledge MI, Tipton, and then returned to Charles City, which they always considered home. Doug worked at Salisbury Laboratories, then worked for various ag sales companies, and later retired from Kraft Foods in Mason City. He was always giving of his time and talents, serving for some time as a volunteer fireman, driving the van for Floyd County veterans, helping friends and neighbors, and he was a very active member of Trinity United, Methodist Church of Charles City.

He enjoyed watching the wildlife out his picture window, kayaking, fishing and hunting with family and friends, and taking occasional day trips to the casino and adventuring to the Minnesota North Shore, Wisconsin, and even Alaska. Most of all, he treasured time spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always had stories and humorous sayings he loved to

share with them.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, DeNeitt (Dale) VanDenBroeke of Spirit Lake; son, Bret (Tina) Nelson of Vinton; grandsons, Derick (Gwen) VanDenBroeke, Devin (Tiff) VanDenBroeke, Tanner (Alison) Nelson, Justin (Meaghan) Nelson and Dalton Nelson and fiancé, Madison; great-grandchildren, Ally, Oliver, Dillon, Clara, Anniko and Hannah; sister, Janet Cords and sister-in-law, Ervine Nelson; along with other family members and cherished friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Jerri, his parents; sisters Bertha Cornwell and Vera Cole; brother, Ronald Nelson; father and mother-in-law, L.R. (Budd) and Donna Jean Ellery; brother-in-law Gary (Skip) Ellery and sister-in-law DiOnna Ellery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Floyd County Veterans Affairs Volunteer Van Drivers program, or to a charity of your choice.

Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt, Charles City, Iowa 50616 641-228-4211. www.Fullertonfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas John Nelson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'"- John 11:25*

magallon famiky - January 24, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your brother Janet. It is painful to lose a sibling. My sister died several years ago at a young age and she has been in my thoughts every day. Cherish the memories,*

Marilyn Shaw - January 14, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Doug. He was a good customer and friend. We enjoyed sharing fishing stories and hearing about the wildlife activity on the river. He was always willing to help install the floating pier on the river by Ottos Oasis so that others could enjoy the river. We will miss his wonderful smile.*

Don McInroy - January 14, 2019 at 07:37 AM

PG

“ We are so sorry to hear that Doug has passed. We had many fun and eventful years working with him at Kraft. He was missed when he retired. He was a hard worker and always had a good story and laugh to share. We are grateful for knowing him. RIP Doug.
John and Pam Gore

Pam Gore - January 12, 2019 at 01:14 PM

LD

“ What a wonderful man and asset to our church. He was always a usher every Sunday and always with a smile. Miss Jerry too. Love and Blessings to his family

Lorraine Duffy - January 12, 2019 at 11:25 AM

DP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Doug. What a great loss. We worked with Doug at Kraft and enjoyed getting to know him and visiting. He was a true gentleman! He helped out whenever he could to keep production going and always could make us laugh when the stress was up. Our deepest sympathy to all! Richard and Diane Pfertzel

Diane and Richard Pfertzel - January 12, 2019 at 09:15 AM

TR

“ I was very saddened to hear of Doug's passing. I was so looking forward to our next Wisconsin kayaking trip to enjoy his company, his wonderful cooking, and his one-liners. He will be truly missed by many.



Terry Rex - January 11, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JM

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss of a great man and a good friend. Doug worked for me for many years at Kraft, and as a manager if I could pick a top 10 employee, he would have been near the top. He worked hard, had fun, and beyond a doubt he was a big part in making the Kraft plant a success. Though I've been gone now for several years, I've always had fond memories of working with Doug.

John Michel former Kraft Plant Manager

John Michel - January 11, 2019 at 09:53 PM

CH

Loved this guy !

craig hamm - January 12, 2019 at 07:40 PM

CG

Our deepest sympathies to Bret and family! Cherish the sweet memories.

Carol & Benny Geater - January 14, 2019 at 01:44 PM