



## Myron "Mike" J. Nelson

August 15, 1937 - November 7, 2023

NEWMAN GROVE -- Funeral service for Myron "Mike" Jay Nelson, 86, of Newman Grove, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Newman Grove, NE. Rev. Claire Meyer will be officiating the service. Burial will be at Hope Cemetery in rural Newman Grove. Visitation will be 3-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12th also at the church. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 73 and United States Army Honor Guard. Mike passed away on November 7, 2023 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Mike was born August 15, 1937 to Walter and Ida (Otis) Nelson in rural Newman Grove, Nebraska. Mike attended rural Madison County elementary school until 8th grade, and graduated from Newman Grove High school in 1955. After high school, he completed one year at Norfolk Junior College. Mike then joined the US Army Reserves for almost eight years. During his service, he trained in radio communications which led to his career at WJAG Radio Station as the farm director. He was known around Northeast Nebraska as "Radio Mike." He left the radio station to farm with his dad on the family farm. He had a passion of collecting International tractors, which turned into eight International tractors and a 1928 Model A, which was in turn was his first vehicle. Mike also collected eagles and windmills. You could find him at almost all the area parades with his tractors and Model A. He enjoyed spending time

with his family, but his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of his life. If you didn't find Mike in the field with his cows or around his tractors, you could find him at a cattle or farm sale.

Mike was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and later joined Trinity Lutheran Church in Newman Grove. He was on the Trinity Lutheran Church council and read scripture at the Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home for many years. He was actively involved in many organizations which included: Norfolk Jaycees, Farm Bureau, Madison County Fair Board, Madison County Extension Board, Gideons International - Norfolk Chapter, and in the Orphan Grain Train Organization as a driver with friend, Harlan King, District 97 School Board, the Newman Grove City Council and the Madison County Cattlemen's Association.

Mike married Betty Jane Leu on August 16, 1959 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. To this union, three children were born: Jody Rae, Jay D and Joey Jene. Dennis McCloud joined the Nelson family in 1973.

Survivors include his spouse Betty; daughter, Jody (Barry) Johnson; sons, Jay (Barbie 'Bub') Nelson, Joey (Renata) Nelson, Dennis (Jeanie) McCloud; grandchildren Jennie (Anthony) Krueger, Jaime (Eric) Reichmuth, Jesse (Samantha) Johnson, Benjamin (Anna) Nelson, Kevin (Abbie) Nelson, Jordan (Alyssa) Nelson, Alyssa (Eric) Moon, Stephanie (Bobby) McKinnis, Josh (Michelle) McCloud, Abbie (Branden) Murray, Katie (Bo) Brummels; thirty-four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Norma Monson and Myrna Higgins; brother in laws, Earl Monson, Jerry Higgins, Larry Russell and Gene Leu; and sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Russell.

Organist will be Peggy Patzel and soloist will be Ray Herbert. Casket bearers

will be Eric Reichmuth, Jesse Johnson, Benjamin Nelson, Kevin Nelson, Jordan Nelson, and Josh McCloud. Honorary casket bearers will be Jamie Reichmuth Jennie Krueger, Alyssa Moon, Stephanie McKinnis, Abbie Murray, and Katie Brummels.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hope Cemetery - rural Newman Grove

51473 NE-45  
Newman Grove, NE 68758

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Newman Grove  
804 Hale Ave,  
Newman Grove, NE 68758  
trinitylutherannewmangrove@gmail.com  
<https://sites.google.com/site/newmangrovetrinity/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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804 Hale Ave,  
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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Our deepest sympathies to you all at this very sad time. We always enjoyed visiting with Mike. Our prayers will include you all.....Al and Cindy Masur

Cindy Masur - November 12, 2023 at 05:41 PM

LJ

“ Betty and family: I was so sorry to read about Mike; he was such a good man, and was a friend to everyone. It was always a pleasure to talk to him. He is now at peace in glory land, where he will continue to be a bright shining light to those there. Sending sincere sympathy. Lee Jenkins



Lee A. Jenkins - November 12, 2023 at 09:13 AM

CO

“ Cody & Rhonda Ottley purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Myron "Mike" J. Nelson.



Cody & Rhonda Ottley - November 10, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" J. Nelson.



November 10, 2023 at 02:48 PM

TM

“ Mike was always friendly and had a smile. He will be missed by all.

Tracey Moore - November 10, 2023 at 10:06 AM

NB

“ So very sorry to learn of Mike's passing. A very kind man. Let his his great spirit be a comfort to all!

Nancy Burbach - November 10, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" J. Nelson.



November 09, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" J. Nelson.



November 08, 2023 at 07:06 PM

JN

“ Mike was a pillar in our Trinity Lutheran Church Choir for many years. He made it fun and lively. So enjoyed and respected him. Loved his bear hugs. We will miss you Mike.  
Jim and Janet Nathan

Janet Nathan - November 08, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ *Lisa King and Jamie Petersen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Myron "Mike" J. Nelson.*

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**Lisa King and Jamie Petersen** - November 08, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Myron "Mike" J. Nelson.*



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November 08, 2023 at 05:30 PM