



Rev. Norman K. Nelson

August 3, 1938 - August 31, 2020

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Rev. Norman K. Nelson, 82, of Norfolk will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2020 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Randy Rasmussen officiating. Interment will be at the Hope Cemetery, Newman Grove. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., Friday also at the church until service time.

The service will be live streamed on the St. John's Lutheran Church, Norfolk Facebook page. Rev. Nelson died on Monday, August 31, 2020, at Heritage of Bel-Air in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Pastor Norman Keith Nelson, son of Golden and Julianna (Bruland) Nelson, was born on August 3, 1938 in Boone County, Nebraska on his grandparents Bruland's farm. He was baptized on September 3, 1938 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Newman Grove. In 1940 he moved to western Washington State with his parents. Pastor Nelson was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church of Ferndale, Washington.

Pastor Nelson graduated from Blaine High School, Blaine, Washington in 1956 and received his B.A. degree from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington in 1960. He then received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1964.

In July of 1964, Pastor Nelson moved to his first parish at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Ellis, Kansas. He also served Immanuel Lutheran Church of WaKeeney, Kansas, Faith Lutheran Church, Norman, Nebraska,

Fredericksburg Lutheran Church of Minden, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Pender, as well as interim pastor at Rosalie and Lyons, for a short time. In October of 2003, Pastor Nelson retired from Pender and moved to Norfolk where he continued to serve as interim and supply pastor at various churches for a number of years.

Pastor Nelson is survived by one sister and brother in lay Borghild (Mrs. John Buchanan) of Vancouver, Washington, and two nephews: Matthew and Stuart of the Vancouver, Washington area. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and several aunts and uncles, and one nephew.

Organist will be Steve Reinke and soloist will be Ron Lofgren.

Casket bearers will be David A. DeCarolis, Kevin E. Prochaska, Ronny Hamida, David A. Freudenburg, Richard C. Kautzman, Mark D. Fitzgerald.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church - Norfolk
1300 W. Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Service

SEP 4. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Norman K. Nelson*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *I remember how he taught confirmation .*

Terry Nielsen - September 07, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Pastor Nelson was our pastor when I lived in Minden at Frederickburg Lutheran Church. He was a wonderful pastor and great mentor. The fact that he let our Luther League play Hide N Seek in the cemetery one winter speaks to the awesome man that he was!*

Melanie Thompson - September 06, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *John. Borgi, Matthew and Stuart purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rev. Norman K. Nelson.*



John. Borgi, Matthew and Stuart - September 02, 2020 at 05:45 PM

LP

“ I'm so glad that I phoned Norm when I did, not long ago, from India. In the same class at Pacific Lutheran College, near Tacoma, I had two best friends. We all were from around Bellingham--Norm, Carl Muir, and myself. Norm visited Bellingham at least once after that. We lost contact with Carl decades ago. Now I may be the only one left. I'm surprised. Here I am, traveling in a foreign country, and Norm was the next to go. I feel as if I must carry on for all three of us. I miss you Norm, our past, and our phone calls. Goodbye, Norm.

Lyle Pearson - September 02, 2020 at 05:10 AM

TK

“ Pastor Nelson presided over the funeral of Brian Gllissman in Pender. Not knowing the boy he talked to some of Brian's friends and told the story of the "fruitcake" tshirt. He did an excellent job that day, under extremely difficult circumstances. I was also privileged to work with him while completing my Internship with The Pender Ministerial Association,. He will be missed.

*My Deepest Sympathy,
Teresa Kai*

Teresa Kai - September 02, 2020 at 12:25 AM

EV

“ So many thoughts jump to mind about this gentle man ..We enjoyed his ministry with us here at St. Peters and remember his deep mellow voice.. he served us well. Our deepest Sympathy to his Family.

*SINCERELY,
Lester and Edine Vogt*

Edine Vogt - September 01, 2020 at 07:07 PM

VC

When my mother passed away in 2002 at the Pender hospital, Pastor Nelson was with the family. Her funeral was at St. Mark's and he gave a very comforting message.

Vicky Case - September 02, 2020 at 02:35 PM

WJ

Pastor Nelson Married My wife and I in 1972 at St. John's in Ellis, Ks. God Bless Pastor Nelson and His Family.

Wayne Johnston - September 27, 2020 at 09:13 AM