



Dale Edward Nelson

April 29, 1941 - August 27, 2025

Dale Edward Nelson, age 84, of St. Ignace, Michigan, passed away on August 27, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on April 29, 1941, at his family home in St. Ignace, to Kenneth and Helen (Szymanski) Nelson.

Dale spent his whole life in St. Ignace, graduating from LaSalle High School with the class of 1959. He worked for McGregor Oil for twenty-five years and then went on to work for the Michigan Department of Transportation, where he retired after twenty years. Dale was also the St. Ignace Township Supervisor and Assessor for thirty-five years and concurrently worked for Garfield and Hudson Townships as well.

A man of quiet strength and faith, Dale lived each day with gratitude and grace. He was a longtime member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. His love for his family was the foundation of his life, and he modeled compassion, patience, and integrity in all he did. He was also a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge #999.

Throughout his life, Dale loved to hunt and fish. He truly loved the outdoors spending a lot of time at the cabin and the lake property around bonfires with the family. He spent many years enjoying playing darts, participating in a bowling league and cross-country skiing. Later in life, he enjoyed attending the sporting events of his granddaughters and Friday nights consisted of date

nights with close friends. One thing we all know...Hands off his banana bread from Linda!

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Dale is survived by the love of his life since their early teens, Dawn Nelson, they shared sixty-four years married and seventy years together. This is a union marked by love, faith, and support. Together, they built a strong and faithful family.

Dale is also survived by his son, Alan (Angela) Nelson of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Staci Jo Nelson of St. Ignace; son, Nicholas Nelson of St. Ignace; he was a proud and loving Papa to Chelsey (Kody) King of Moran, Michigan, Abigail (Laura) Kubicki of San Antonio, Texas, and Brooklyn (Patric) Schlehuder of St. Ignace; he was blessed with five cherished great-grandchildren, Kynslie and Kashtyn King, and Everett, Otto, and Beckett Schlehuder. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Rochelle Nelson; sister-in-law, Judy Midyett; brother-in-law, Walter Miller; and many nieces and nephews that cherished him dearly.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Helen; brother, Leonard "Ducky" Nelson; and in-laws, Walter and Edna Miller.

Dale will be remembered for his warm smile, his gentle spirit, his friendly banter with those he loved, and the way he made everyone feel welcome. His legacy of faith, kindness, and dedication lives on in the generations he helped guide and nurture.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 120 Church St, St Ignace, MI 49781. Mass will begin at 12:00 P.M. with a burial to follow at St. Ignatius

Loyola Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Moose Lodge #999 in Dale's honor, 2999 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace, MI, 49781.

Family Life Funeral Home – St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Cemetery

Chambers Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church
120 Church
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church
120 Church
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall

EK

“ Condolences to Alan and your family from the Withum Cyber Team. In memory of Dale Edward Nelson we have planted a grove of 5 trees.

Edward Keck - September 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dale Edward Nelson.

September 02, 2025 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ Condolences to you and your family, Dawn. I remember Dale from all of us growing up in the 1st Ward.

Miriam Sterk Strohpaal - August 30, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Nelson.



August 30, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dale Edward Nelson.

August 30, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JE

“ *Jereme Ebaugh purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dale Edward Nelson.*



Jereme Ebaugh - August 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JE

“ *Jereme Ebaugh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Edward Nelson.*

Jereme Ebaugh - August 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM

TN

“ *My prayers go out for the wonderful Nelson family at this time. I'll remember Dale as a gentle and thoughtful person, who was very pleasant and personable to know at all times. Unfortunately, I can't get back from the holiday weekend in time for the services on Tuesday. I'll be watching for a memorial charity to donate to in his memory, and thinking of his family.*

Tom North - August 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM

TN

Oops! The holiday had my dates mixed up, I know now that the 3rd is Wednesday and I don't want to mislead anyone else. I'll be at the visitation. (There isn't a way to edit my original comment that I can see)

Tom North - August 29, 2025 at 04:02 PM

AB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Dawn and family Prayers with them and Dale*

ALAN BOIKE - August 29, 2025 at 11:53 AM

RM

“ *Reinette & Jerry Murray lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Nelson*



Reinette & Jerry Murray - August 29, 2025 at 10:46 AM

RM

We will miss you dear friend 😊 and have been so blessed having you in our lives.

Reinette & Jerry Murray - August 29, 2025 at 11:18 AM

MR

I never met Mr. Nelson, but felt like I knew him through his daughter, Staci.

She spoke of her Father and Mother with such love and respect and always had their best interest in mind.

I am in awe of that kind of love and respect shown for others. I think God honors that kind of love for Family as well.

Marjorie Rauch & Family

Marjorie RAUCH - August 29, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DF

“ *Danesi and Chambers families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dale Edward Nelson.*



Danesi and Chambers families - August 28, 2025 at 10:26 PM

DF

“ *Danesi and Chambers families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Edward Nelson.*

Danesi and Chambers families - August 28, 2025 at 10:26 PM

EM

“ *Emily Miller purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dale Edward Nelson.*



Emily Miller - August 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM