

Richard Lee Nelson, the son of Nelvin and Olga (Otteson) Nelson, of Linn Grove, Iowa, was born July 27, 1945 in Storm Lake, Iowa. He was baptized, confirmed and remained a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Linn Grove. Richard attended Sioux Valley Community School, graduating in 1963. He completed studies at National Business Training College in Sioux City and returned to the family farm, where he worked until entering the US Army in January 1967. He served for seven years in the Army Security Agency, stationed in the Philippine Islands, Vietnam, and Germany, achieving the rank of SP5. He was honorably discharged in March 1974.

Richard returned to Linn Grove where he farmed with his father and brother. On November 22, 1980, he was united in marriage to Nancy Rock at Trinity Lutheran Church. They made their home on the family farm, where they were blessed with two children, Aaron and Anna. In 2003, Rich began driving truck part time for Huberg Trucking of Royal, while continuing to farm.

Richard was active in his church and served with the honor guard of the Linn Grove Legion Post. Always willing to lend a helping hand, or take time for a good conversation with friends, his kindness, sense of humor, and sincerity were admired by all who knew him. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his children and grandson. They, in turn, considered him their hero and best friend.

Richard passed away suddenly on August 14, 2008, at the age of 63. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nelvin and Olga; father-in-law Joseph Rock; nephew Brian Nelson; and brother-in-law Larry Raveling.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his son, Aaron and Tanya Nelson and their son, Andrew Lee, all of Linn Grove; his daughter, Anna Nelson; mother-in-law Vivian Rock; brother Bernard and Maxine Nelson of Linn Grove; sisters: Nelda Nelson of Storm Lake; Carolyn and Francis Kies of Storm Lake; Dianne and Tom Petty of Sioux Rapids, Linda Raveling of Wayne, Nebraska; Janice and Ed Nelson of Ida Grove, Iowa; brother-in-law Jim and Margaret Rock of Peterson; uncle Arlo Nelson of Alta, Iowa; aunt Dorrene Wingerson of Wilkesboro, North Carolina; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. 🌿

The memory of Richard as a hard working, caring and devoted man will live on in our hearts until we are reunited in heaven.

In Loving Memory



For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts for a lifetime; weeping may last for the night but a shout of joy comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:5

Richard L. Nelson

1945 🌿 2008

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**And I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.**

— Psalm 23



We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing at the church immediately following the interment.

 *The Nelson Family*

IN MEMORY OF

Richard Lee Nelson

July 27, 1945  August 14, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church — Linn Grove, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Mark Youngquist

ORGANIST

Eloise Obman

EULOGIST

Jim Rock

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (p. 742)
"I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry" (p. 732)
"How Great Thou Art" (p. 856)

CASKET BEARERS

Mark Rehstrom, Roger Huberg, Steven Jessen
Ralph Warkentin, John Nelson, Frank Halverson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

"Richard's Nieces and Nephews"
Wade Reeves, Dallas Reeves, Justin Reeves, Jeff Kies, Mike Kies,
Christy Horan, Sara Gladson, Kevin Petty, Jessica Zulkosky,
Jenny Raveling, Joel Nelson, Sherry Nelson, John Rock, Brian Rock

INTERMENT

Military Honors by Linn Grove American Legion Post
Barnes Township Cemetery — Linn Grove, Iowa



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