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Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Nelson of Harvest, AL; daughter Bonnie (Jeff) Flowers of Madison, AL; son Kevin (Christel) Nelson of Irmenach, Germany; Grandchildren: Neil (Mai) Nelson and Anna Flowers; sister Donna Lou (Robert) Hutchings of Barrett, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice for the care and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in his name to Alzheimer's research, Messiah Lutheran Church, or your favorite charity.



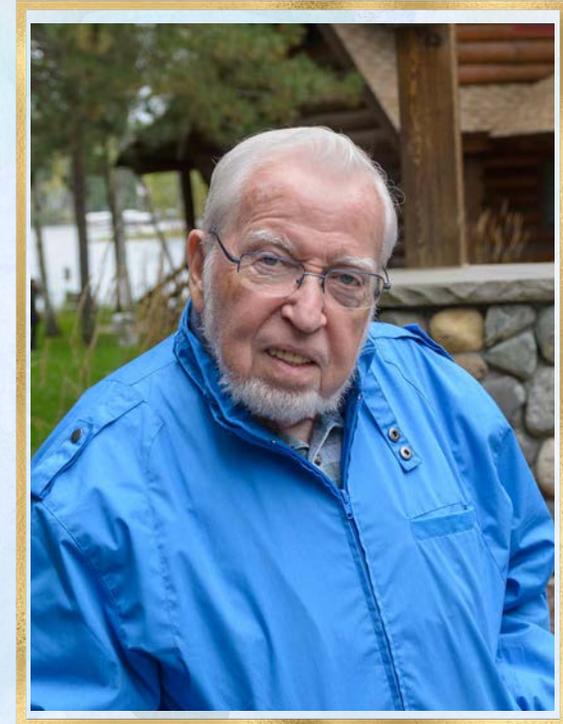
Jim made and gave many wood-carved ornaments as gifts.

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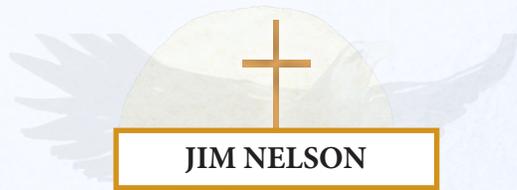


A Celebration of Life



James Franklin Nelson
May 15, 1934 - January 29, 2021

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9



JIM NELSON

James Franklin Nelson died Friday, January 29, 2021, at home surrounded by family and under the care of Hospice. Born on May 15, 1934, in Fergus Falls, MN, he was the fifth child of Leslie and Gertrude Nelson. He attended Washington High School in Fergus Falls and then enlisted in the Air Force for 4 years where he especially enjoyed serving in Germany. Upon his return, he worked at the Fergus Falls State Hospital as a Psychiatric Technician. There he met Eleanor Johnson, a student nurse, and they were married on September 9, 1961 in Trimont, MN.

Their early years were spent in Amor, MN near Fergus Falls where he worked at the hospital and started a private upholstery business. His children, Bonnie and Kevin, were born there. In 1966 he enrolled in a Technical School program for Electronic Technician and was hired by IBM in Rochester. He worked there for 22 years, living in Pine Island, MN where Bonnie and Kevin graduated from high school.

Taking early retirement in 1990, they moved to Kimble Lake near Pequot Lakes, MN and realized their dream of building a log cabin by the lake, where he was able to employ his carpentry skills to do all the interior work himself. Jim then returned to school, completing a 2-year degree in accounting and worked for 11 years at Grandview Lodge. They also enjoyed several visits to Germany to visit Kevin, his wife Christel, and grandson Neil.

In 2002, Jim and Ellie moved to Harvest, AL to be near Bonnie, her husband Jeff, and granddaughter Anna and continue their retirement in a milder climate. They enjoyed being able to participate in Anna's many activities and became very active at Messiah Lutheran Church. Throughout his life, Jim had enjoyed wood carving so he joined the North Alabama Woodcarvers Association where he took a class in chip carving. Using this new skill, he created many beautiful and special ornaments, plates, boxes and other items that he shared with friends and family and sold items in the annual Lunches for Learning fundraiser at church. He also won many top prizes at the Annual Wood Carving Show. *(Continued on reverse)*

In Memory of Jim Nelson

Memorial Service of Worship

Saturday, February 6, 2021 2:30 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Madison, Alabama

Pastor Scott Peterson, Officiating | Lois Graff, Pianist

We invite you to view a photo montage at the following link
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PRELUDES Lois Graff
CLARINET SOLO: *Beautiful Savior* Anna Flowers
WELCOME
OBITUARY of JIM NELSON Seminarian William Strand
REMINISCENCES
ROMANS 6
PRAYER
VIOLIN SOLO: *Amazing Grace* Gretchen Perry
READINGS: Genesis 12:1-2, Psalm 121, Ephesians 2:8-9
GOSPEL: John 11:25-26
HYMN: *When Peace, like a River* (see insert) LBW #346
SERMON
THE APOSTLES' CREED
THE PRAYERS
THE LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* (see insert) WOV #770
COMMENDATION
BENEDICTION
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE: *Lift High the Cross*



JIM NELSON
MEMORIAL SERVICE HYMNS
February 6, 2021

HYMN: "When Peace, like a River"

LBW 346

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

3. He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.

HYMN: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" WOVS 770

1. I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.

2. When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun.

3. In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.

4. I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.