



Steven Nelsen was born in Williston on October 26, 1951 to Fred and Verna (Ellis) Nelsen. Steven grew up on the family farm south of Williston in McKenzie County. He joined the Navy and served for four years. He spent his time on the Aircraft Carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Steven met Mary Sack and on August 10, 1974 they were married. They had 3 children, Jennifer, Trinity and Bill. Although they did not stay together in marriage, Steven and Mary still enjoyed spending time together. Their friendship was as strong as ever and admired by many.

Steve spent many years working at Interstate Oil and drove truck locally and over the road until he retired. He enjoyed his retirement years by grilling, cooking and baking. He went hunting, fishing and looked forward to playing cribbage. Listening to music and tinkering on projects in his heated garage. He was extremely clever and full of knowledge from his many life experiences. He was known for his strong will, stubbornness and lack of patience mixed with his great sense of humor, generous heart, and devotion to his friends and family. If you were a friend, he was invested in that friendship and went above and beyond to show his loyalty and always had time to listen.

Although gone too soon his wit never diminished and he had his brilliant mind until his last breath. He was brave, even in the end he found a way to smile with his half smile and bright eyes. To relieve the pain of others whose hearts were breaking, Steven Fred "Bumper" Nelsen died the way he lived.....with dignity.

Steve is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Elsbury, Trinity (Evan) Wrolson; son, William Nelsen; brother, Gary (Shirley) Nelsen; best friend, Tammy Andre; grandchildren, Brandon (Amber Jo) Elsbury, Logan Mudge, Ty Wrolson, Nevin Turner-Elsbury, Telissa Wrolson, Kyla Nelsen, Kasey Nelsen; great-grandchildren, Jasper Elsbury, Rylee Elsbury, Hunter Elsbury, Willow Elsbury; nieces and nephews, Kerry Pascal, Travis Nelsen, Tracy (Jeremy) Ledahl, Ginger (Brandon) McLean; numerous friends and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred; mother, Verna; sister, Barbara Nelsen, sons-in-law, Roger Elsbury, Jay Emly; nephew, Valence Pascal.

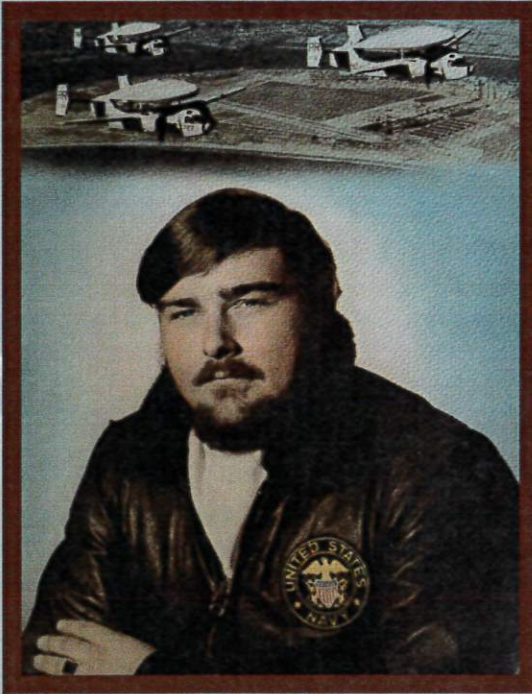


In Loving Memory Of Steven "Bumper" Nelsen

October 26, 1951 - January 1, 2025

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Steven Fred Nelsen

Born to Fred and Verna Nelsen
October 26, 1951 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father
January 1, 2025 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Rick Clemes

Obituary Reader

Kerry Andre

Scripture Readings

John 14:27 Mathew 5:4
3 Timothy: 4:7 Romans 12:2

Music

"Ships of Heaven"
"Supermarket Flowers"
"Never Not Remember You"
"How Do I Say Goodbye"
"You Can Let Go"

Pallbearers

Brandon McLean Damian Dunn
Darin Kirby Josey Ehresman
Aaron Enno Connor Maisey

Final Resting Place

Hillside Memory Gardens ~ Williston, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**