James Nelson, 88, of Oberon, ND, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Heartland Care Center, Devils Lake, ND.

James Nelson was born on March 24, 1932, to Hartley and Mabel (Christianson) Nelson at Oberon, ND. He was raised there, and graduated from Benson County Agricultural School in Maddock, ND in 1952. On April 18th, 1953, he married Anne Marie Lindstrom at Oberon. Together, they raised 3 children.

James farmed and ranched from an early age, raising cattle and crops. He still had his cattle up until last year. He became a resident of the Heartland Care Center in Devils Lake in 2017.

James' loved traveling, fishing, gardening, and visiting with family and friends. He loved all of his family trips with his children! He was a well-known, respected, and active member in the Oberon community, and served that community in many capacities including mayor and on the fire Department. James also served on the Board of the Oberon Farmers Elevator. He was an active member of the Calvary Lutheran Church of Oberon and the Devils Lake Elks Lodge. James was a great supporter of the Desperado Band, which both his sons were members of, and loved traveling to hear them play.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne Marie and parents, Hartley and Mabel (Christianson) Nelson, step-mother, Florence Nelson, sisters Vivian Hegland, Wanda Paulson, and Dallas Erickson, and brothers Wayne Nelson and Glenn Nelson.

James is survived by his two sons, David (Bonnie) Nelson, Devils Lake, ND, and Carlyle (Dianne) Nelson, Newtown, CT; his daughter, Nancy (Keith) Tweten, Grand Island, NE; brother, Mayo Nelson, of Oregon, six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.



In Memory



God Saw He

God saw he was getting tired And a cure was not to be So He put His arms around him And whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer And saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating; Hard working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. Celebrating The Life Of

James Carlyle Nelson

March 24, 1932 – Oberon, ND November 19, 2020 – Devils Lake, ND

VISITATION Monday, November 23, 2020 ~ 9:00AM - 5:00PM Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 ~ 11:00AM Hillside Cemetery, Oberon, ND

> **OFFICIATING** Pastor Jeff Halvorson

RECORDED MUSIC The Old Rugged Cross & How Great Thou Art

> **PALLBEARERS** All of James' Grandchildren

BURIAL Hillside Cemetery, Oberon, ND

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com