



## Frank Charles Nelson

August 5, 1940 - December 21, 2013

### Frank Charles Nelson

A much-loved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Frank Nelson, 73, of Soap Lake, Washington, passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, December 21, 2013 with his grandson by his side. He had bravely lived with diabetes and the ensuing medical struggles it brought. He was born August 5, 1940 to Grant and Clytie Nelson in Sedro Woolley, Washington. He attended school in Conway and Mount Vernon. He graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1958 and attended Skagit Valley Community College for a year. On December 31, 1962 he married Glenda Gee in Hamilton, WA. He has resided in the Soap Lake area for the past 41 years, having moved from Fir Island near Conway, Washington in 1973 to farm in the Lake View area.

Frank left the dairying behind when he moved to Eastern Washington, he drove truck, hauling mostly hay and some fruit. He also grew a variety of crops on the small acreage including wheat, corn, and alfalfa.

He enjoyed refurbishing old tractors and attending tractor pulling events. His spare time was spent with tractors of all sizes. He collected the small ones and rebuilt the big old ones. He was a member of the Columbia Basin Antique Power Club, enjoying the Tractor pulls.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Glenda Nelson of Soap Lake; Son Terry and wife Gerene of George, Son Tom and wife Shelly of George, Son Ted Nelson of Moses Lake; grandsons Neil and wife Nova Nelson of George, Erik, Dustin, and Riley Nelson of Quincy, Winston Nelson of Burbank, WA; Joseph and wife Tiffany Riordan, granddaughters Tanisha Riordan and Harley Riordan of George; sister Janet Goodwin and husband Roger of Royal City; nephews Jon, Jesse, and Joel Bartlett; nieces Barbara Bartlett and Lynn Woods; 3 great-grandsons, and 3 great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his father Grant Nelson, mother Clytie Nelson, and sister Beverly Bartlett.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2013 at Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata, WA with interment to follow at Valley View Memorial Park, Soap Lake, WA.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Research Institute, University of Washington.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA.

# Cemetery

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## Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.

Soap Lake, WA, 98851

# Events

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**DEC**

**Service**

01:00PM

**27**

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Nicoles Funeral Home

157 C St. N.W., Ephrata, WA, US, 98823

# Comments

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“ Sheila Gunerius lit a candle in memory of Frank Charles Nelson



**Sheila Gunerius** - January 05, 2014 at 03:31 PM

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“ We, here at GRANCO FCU, will miss you.

**Melissa Simmons** - December 27, 2013 at 12:26 PM

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“ Frank always had a smile on his face no matter what the situation was. Growing up he was always there for us as kids n adults. Passing him on the road , changing water , or on the tractor frank always waived. Every spring our family would try n guess what frank was going to plant... I always hoped for hay because the corn took away the view ... My mom just hoped for the water to come on so the dust would settle lol ... She would tease frank about the dust n he just smiled. Finally a circle was put in an then realized how much we missed seeing frank out in the field. Frank your a wonderful man n will be dearly missed !!! Glenda, Terry , Tom, Ted n Family We are very sorry for your loss. The Allen's

**jeff allen** - December 27, 2013 at 12:10 AM

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“ I am so sorry to read of Frank's passing. I have many fond memories from the past, starting on Fir Island, and the later years. I share and understand your loss and grief. Our family had a tough year with the passing of our mother (Margaret), brother (Carl) and an aunt and cousin. Our family greatly appreciated Frank coming over for Mom's service in February, even though he was having his own health problems. I enjoyed our occasional talks on the phone and a couple times in Soap Lake at the coffee shop. He will be remembered.

Don Johnson  
McMurray

Don Johnson - December 26, 2013 at 05:42 PM

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“ Our heartfelt love is with you in the passing of our Frankie! It will always be Frankie to me. So many memories with all the Nelson clan going back to when our Dad was a young man with Grandma Nellie and boys. We were always "family" there after. Won't be the same without Frankie but now he is pain free and I'm sure with Grant, Clytie, George and Mildred. Bless you Glenda and Janet. Love, Rita Wright Winbolt

Rita Wright Winbolt - December 26, 2013 at 03:36 PM

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“ Dear Glenda & boys,  
I cherish many many happy memories of childhood adventure with Frank, Bev, & Janet. How we loved to play in the haybarn tunnels, though now realizing how dangerous they could have been. Holding electric wires open while we passed through on the way to bringing the milking cows into the barn to be milked (by hand mind you!), squishing our toes in cowpies, plucking chickens with the family, and driving the ol' Burma around the fields, and even to Hope Island to fish, were just a few of the great memories we enjoy laughing over. What a wonderful childhood we all had there on the Fir Island farm. We think of you with much care as you begin this new chapter in your life. Just remember, you are loved by many many people.  
Love, Don & Ruth McLeod

Ruth McLeod - December 26, 2013 at 03:12 PM

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“ Frank had such a likeable, down to earth nature. Enjoyed the family photos. Imagine him driving tractor in the heavens.

Lucy Larkin - December 24, 2013 at 07:48 PM



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Hello! Glenda

I just read today's paper and I am thinking of you and the Burlington memories when you stayed with Jessie. Sorry to hear that you will be dealing with the same loss I had.

Willis passed away on January 14, 2012 with Alzheimer's. I never met Frank but I know how much comfort your boys and Grandchildren will bring to you.

Jean E. Mills

Sedro Woolley

**Jean E. Mills** - December 24, 2013 at 11:00 AM



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Janet, Ruth, Rita and Leota called to let me know about Frank. Sorry to hear about his illness and death. Glenda, I have never met you, but have known Frank since I was very young. Our family was a big part of Grant and Clytie's family and they were as much a large part of our family. Prayers to you and your families. I have lived in Colorado since 1961, shortly after I was married. We got to visit with Frank at our Mom's 90th birthday and when she passed away. Grace (Wright) Hooper

**Grace (Wright) Hooper** - December 26, 2013 at 07:16 PM



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I know this is a late share about Frank. As my sisters have said, all the Nelsons were our second family. There are so many memories, I don't know where to start. At convention, we played hooky and went to the Cemetary to see how many people we knew. We went to the store to get sweets to eat during meeting. The lunches were always great because Ralph Sienes ran the boilers and the kitchen, (what a man of GOD). Franks home was our home. We went to Sunday dinner so many times, we can't count them. Plowing the fields, taking in the hay, milking, feeding the cows and hiding in the hay forts. I could talk all night about Grant, Clytie and their family. Mom and Dad were friends since Grant was the best man at Mom and Dad's weding in 1935. I don't know if people have friends like them anymore. Allen right

**Allen Wright** - March 08, 2015 at 12:35 AM