



Elaine Lois Nelson

December 6, 1942 - February 27, 2025

Elaine Lois Nelson, age 82, of Grand Island, was welcomed into her true forever home by Jesus, Thursday, late afternoon, February 27, 2025. As she went up, she left from their home at Good Samaritan Village surrounded by her loving family.

Praise GOD for His love for her and all people by sending us, Jesus Christ our LORD and Risen Saviour. Jesus walked with and welcomed her into Heaven.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, May 9th at 11am at Peace Lutheran Church in the Life Center with Pastor Luke Biggs officiating. The service will be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page, Peace Lutheran Celebration of Life-Grand Island. Lunch will immediately follow the service. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 8th from 4:30 to 6:30pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Inurnment will take place at Loup Fork Cemetery in Boelus at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Peace Lutheran Foundation. Condolences can be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Elaine was born on December 6, 1942 in Garrison, ND to William and Edna (Wallner) Michels. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in Hillsboro, IL in 1960. She then went on to graduate from Concordia Teachers College in Seward. On October 12, 1963 she was united in marriage to John Edward Nelson in Fall City, NE. To this Union four children were born.

Elaine retired from American Bible Society where she managed the west coast field volunteer department. She was active with Lutheran Women and served as the LWML District President of the Pacific Southwest and Washington-Alaska districts. She was an influential part of several Bible study groups.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, John Nelson; children, Rev. John (Joanna) Nelson, Joel (Karen) Nelson, Julie (Tetsuya) Sugita and Jeremy Nelson; 15 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; brother, Gerald (Betty) Michels and sisters, Eunice (Richard) Schmidt, Ruth (Denny) Goshon and Nancy (Thomas) Nowiszewski.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jim Michels.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Elaine Lois Nelson.*



May 08, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family!*



Brian Schlote - May 05, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Bethel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elaine Lois Nelson.*



Bethel - May 05, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *Bethel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Lois Nelson.*

Bethel - May 05, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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“ I met Elaine through my friend Char Peapenburg at an LWML event. She became a friend through working with the LWML. Elaine was a beautiful Christian lady. She can now join her friend Char in Heaven, Condolences to John and Family. Judith Theel PSDLWML Districty

Mrs. Judith Theel - May 02, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ Elaine and John walked their faith daily. I loved working with Elaine in LWML. She and John welcomed me into their home as well. Pastor John's daily visits to my husband and I while Dave was at Harborview were a blessing to us both. I miss Elaine but look forward to someday saying hello again in heaven.

LeeAnn Tibbals - May 01, 2025 at 11:24 AM

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“ You guys always exuded God's Truth and Love! Eternally we will walk with Jesus with grateful hearts! Praying for you as you continue to run your race with the comfort of the Holy Spirit! He is risen! He is coming again!

Chrissy (Lutz) Dunn - April 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

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“ John, We are saddened by the death of our LWML friend Elaine, but rejoice that she is in heaven with Jesus! We had such a good time visiting you folks when we were traveling along the west coast. Please know that you are in our prayers during this difficult time. Larry and Shari Miller

Shari - March 13, 2025 at 02:42 PM