



## Francis "Frank" McNelis

April 24, 1943 - August 30, 2017

Francis "Frank" McNelis, 74, of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 after a 10 year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Services will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Pastor Bill Pavuk will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 4, 2017 from 3 to 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Frank was born on April 24, 1943 in Greeley County, NE, son of Donald and Anna (Kramer) McNelis.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Barb McNelis of Grand Island; children, Lori (Tom) Harbin of Omaha, Mindy McNelis (Frank Contreras) of Kansas City, MO, Russ (Jodi) Heins of Sioux Falls, SD, Sean (Mikki) McNelis of Grand Island, Kendra (Keith) Goerl of Valparaiso, IN; sisters, Rose Mary (Don) Debban of Elwood, NE, Julia (Benny) Medina of Corvallis, OR; grandchildren, Cory Orcutt, Halie, Darrek, Mollie and Rylie McNelis, Austin and Zach Heins, Addison, Katie, Lauren and Grant Goerl; three greatgrandchildren; along with many friends and extended family.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, sister Delores Stafford and grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, and Tyler Heins.

His younger years were spent in Scotia. In 1957 Frank and his family moved to Grand Island where he graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1961.

On July 27, 1974, Frank was united in marriage to Barbara Heins (Knuth). The couple made their home in Grand Island where Frank was employed with Cargill Nutrena Feeds for thirty-two years.

Frank was a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church for over 40 years participating on the church council, various committees and serving as a communion deacon. He was also a member of the Platt-Duetsche and the Grand Island Saddle Club.

The family of Frank would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Edgewood Vista and Aseracare Hospice. Their support and care has greatly helped Frank and his family through the last year.

Memorials are suggested to St. Pauls Lutheran Church or Grand Island Central Catholic Development Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Service

SEP 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church  
1515 South Harrison Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis "Frank" McNelis

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" McNelis.



September 04, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" McNelis.



September 04, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *Barbara we are so so sorry for your loss Bridgette & I & my brother Bob, sisters Shirley & Georgia were glad we got see Francis at our mothers funeral, again we are sorry for your lost & wish we could make to his funeral we are praying for all of you.*

**Gene Geno & Bridgette Fenton** - September 03, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" McNelis.



September 02, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" McNelis.



September 02, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Frank was always so kind and I have many wonderful memories of all of you! Sorry I cannot make it back to Grand Island, but know you are all in my prayers! Love and blessings to you all.  
Melissa Howes

Melissa Howes - September 02, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" McNelis.



September 01, 2017 at 08:53 PM

SJ

“ *Barb and family,  
So sorry for your loss. I didn't get a chance to know Frank before he was in the depth of his disease, but he seemed like a very happy man and was lucky to have a caring family to spend time with him. We just had Blaze's funeral at All Faith's on Wednesday - sad to see them go but good to know that they are both at peace.*  
*Sue Jeffres*

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**Sue Jeffres** - September 01, 2017 at 06:15 PM

DE

“ *Dear Barb and family...Frank was such a very nice man and gave so much to everyone around him His last years were such a struggle for him and for all of you..Now he is at peace. My deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you..* *Dee Ewoldt*

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**dee ewoldt** - September 01, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Frank" McNelis.*



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September 01, 2017 at 10:24 AM

DP

“ *Sean and family: May the Lord bring comfort and peace.*  
*Dixon Powers*

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**Dixon Powers** - September 01, 2017 at 09:43 AM

KH

“ Frank was a very special guy! He always had a smile on his face and could whistle along to any song! He felt so much like my own grandfather, as I got to know and love him. He will be greatly missed but the pain is no longer there and he is in the arms of God. Rest peacefully, Mr. McNelis.

Barb, Sean, Mindy, Lori, Russ, Kendra, spouses, Diane and family, please know I am praying for you all. This is a very difficult time and you have all endured an extremely heartbreaking last few days.

Thank you for being there for Frank throughout his whole journey.

That means a lot to him. He may not have been able to express that to you, but I know deep down it was very touching to have you there. Prayers and hugs!

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**Kelly Hranac** - September 01, 2017 at 09:33 AM

SG

Dear Barb and kids, We were so sorry to read of Frank's passing. Please accept our sympathy and know that all of you will be in our prayers. He was a very nice man and now he's at peace. Sounds like it's been quite a struggle.

Don and Sue Gulzow, Jeff, Kelli, and Shane

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**Sue Gulzow** - September 02, 2017 at 12:05 PM