



## Dennis E. Nelson

September 19, 1955 - October 14, 2023

Dennis Nelson, 68, of rural Eddyville, passed away at home on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Dennis Eugene Nelson, son of Fred and Betty (Griffin) Nelson, was born September 19, 1955, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. As a young man, Dennis attended and graduated from the Oskaloosa Senior High School. After high school, Dennis later attended Indian Hills Community College and graduated with an associate degree. Dennis married Geneva Padgett, and three children were born to this union. They later divorced. Dennis was also a soldier in the United States Army from September 30, 1972, until his honorable discharge on May 9, 1974.

Following his education and military service, Dennis began working at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Knoxville, Iowa. He assisted fellow veterans as an alcohol abuse counselor. He also owned and operated his own lawn care business in Oskaloosa. Dennis later moved to South Dakota, where he worked in security and later in patient advocacy. While in South Dakota, Dennis met Melissa Janise in 2002, and they were married by the grace of God in 2004, committing their lives to one another. Together, they continued to make their home in Sioux Falls until Melissa's passing on August 22, 2010. Dennis was a member of the V.F.W. and enjoyed volunteering to help the homeless communities. He also enjoyed fishing, playing chess, and checkers. Dennis's family includes his three children: Moses Schumacher of Sioux City, Josh Nelson of Eddyville, Nate (Beth) Nelson of Eddyville, and Cassandra

(Larry) Goodwin of Austin, MN; his grandchildren: Richard, Joshua Jr., Andrea, Freddie, Nichole, Abby, Anna, Tanisha, Ayanna, (Matika), Elektra, and Larry III (Bubba); and his sister Linda of Des Moines.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Melissa, his granddaughter Matika, and his sister Sheila Nelson.

As was his wish, Dennis's body has been cremated, and burial of his urn will occur in spring 2024.

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with his arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
secretary@forestcemetery.com  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Have some good memories of Dennis. He used to work for me years ago. So sorry for the loss.

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**Bruce Rietveld** - October 18, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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“ I am so glad I saw and visited with Dennis awhile back. We grew up together and my Dad always took care of Fred and Dennis. Fly with the angels my childhood friend .

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**Carol beadle** - October 17, 2023 at 07:43 PM