



## Richard Nelson

September 18, 2009

NIAGARA, Wis. - Richard A. "Dick" Nelson, 78, of Niagara, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

He was born on Nov. 4, 1930, in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Enoch and Elin (Johnson) Nelson.

Dick graduated from Niagara High School. He worked as a millwright at the Niagara Paper Mill for 44 years, retiring in 1992.

He married Mary Jane Lough on Dec. 6, 1951, in Norway. The couple enjoyed 57 years of marriage.

Dick was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, R.S.V.P., and the Golden K. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and cross country skiing. He also enjoyed field training his hunting dogs and coaching youth sports.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jane; five children, Lisa (John) Mitchem of Niagara, Scott (Pam) Nelson of Naperville, Ill., Robert (Tess) Nelson of Lino Lakes, Minn., Brian (Lori) Nelson of Royal Oak, Mich., and Eric (Mark Hackbarth) Nelson of Milwaukee; one brother Donald (Gladys) Nelson of Aurora, Colo., 11 grandchildren, Andrew Mitchem, Mary Kaye Ryan, Adrian Mitchem, Katie Jo Nelson, Jack Nelson, Rob Nelson, Amanda Nelson, Matt

Nelson, Emily Nelson, Haley Nelson, and Madelyn Nelson; and five great grandchildren, Madelyn, Emma, Chloe, Alex, and Austin Mitchem; and several nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by one brother, Albert Nelson.

Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara.

Funeral services will be Monday at 4:30 p.m. at the church. Fr. Matt Settle will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Mary Jane Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund C/O the Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation or the Golden K.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard "Dick" Nelson online at [www.tondinfuneralhome.com](http://www.tondinfuneralhome.com)

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ To the Nelson family: I am very sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

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**Debbie McLean** - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.  
Love the Holmes Family

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**Keith & Tanya Holmes** - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We would like express our sincere sympathy to the Nelson family. Dick was a very loyal and faithful family man, as well as being active and well liked/ respected in his beloved community. You are in our prayers as you remember the good times and the great man that Dick was. A special prayer and support for my friend and former College "roomie" Scott, during this difficult time.

Gary, Naomi, Scott, Ben, and Emily Greene Scottsdale, Arizona

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**Dr. and Mrs. Gary H. Greene** - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Lisa Mitchem and the entire Nelson family,  
Sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my prayers.

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**Beth Perla** - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Dear Mrs. Nelson, Eric, and family,  
I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Nelson. This is a difficult and I am thinking of you and praying for your peace and contentment. Mr. Nelson was a kind man who was easy to be around, even when I was a shy teenager. He used to call me a "spitfire", which I enjoyed because I knew deep down it wasn't really true.

My sister, Patti, reminded me this morning that Mr. Nelson was our first soccer coach when the program first started in Niagara in the early 1980s. "We'll learn this together", he'd said.

Mr. Nelson had many wonderful memories that I will unfortunately miss sharing with you in the next few days. One of his greatest accomplishments was raising my dear friend, Eric.

In lieu of flowers, my husband, Kevin, and I are making a donation to the Mary Jane Nelson Scholarship Fund.

Love,

Katie O'Neill Peskie

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**Katie O'Neill Peskie** - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Mary Jane, Eric & Family, we are so sorry for your loss. You're in our prayers.

Sincerely, Jen & Brad Allen

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**Jennifer & Brad Allen** - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Mary Jane and Family, We were sorry to read about Dicks death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I know you all have some nice memories of the time you spent at our cottage on Bush Lake. Cherish the memories!!!

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**Janet & Roger Roell** - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Lisa, Mary Jane and Family,

*It is very sad to hear of Dick's passing. I didn't know him as well as Charlie did, but Charlie was 'quite' fond of him. I know he enjoyed a great life. As sad as his loss is, let's celebrate his life. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in these trying days. Love, Sandie and Charlie Mitchem*

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**Sandie and Charlie Mitchem** - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ZF

“ Scott and family - We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts.

*With deep sympathy, Zhaleh, Yuriy, and Teddy*

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**Zhaleh Naghibzadeh and Family** - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Dear Mary Jane and Family-*

*I am really saddened to hear of Dick's passing. He was always one of my favorites of my dad's friends and I loved hearing stories about Dick. He will really be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tom (Jr) and Nancy Anderson and family.*

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**Tom Anderson** - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Scott Nelson & Family:*

*You have our deepest sympathy during this time of loss. Your father Richard is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely*

*Roger, Becky,*

*Jessica, Eric and Brian Smith*

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**Roger Smith Family** - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM