



Mr. Donald Jerome Nelson

October 5, 1959 - April 2, 2018

On Monday, April 2, 2018, at 10:36pm, Donald Jerome Nelson (known as DJ and Don) was unexpectedly called home at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Shortly after, many family members were present to wish him God's speed and to share memories of how he was a protector, a provider, and family-centered.

Life began on October 5, 1959, when Don was born to Benjamin and Zora Lee Nelson (nee Swan). As a child, he was playful, yet serious. He was an active member of Christ Temple C.O.G.I.c. in Milwaukee. During his teenage years, he learned what it meant to "be a man" from his late father and became a powerhouse on the basketball court.

After graduating from Brown Deer High School (Class of '77) and attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Don completed a steamfitting apprenticeship with Wenninger Co. and earned his journeyman plumber certification. For the past 25+ years, Don was a part of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (managed currently by Veolia Water), who is focused on protecting the drinking water for southeast Wisconsin. Don's co-workers say he was well-liked, knew his craft and could be relied on to ensure business was taken care of.

On September 1, 1988, Don married Alisa Ann Nelson (nee Larry). He was the father of Brandon Ferguson, Sydney Nelson, and David Nelson. Don enjoyed family life. He beamed when he touted the family accomplishments; whether sports, employment, or academia. Handing out cash to his

children and nieces with verification of good grades was his way of encouraging them to try their best. He supported their endeavors by attending sporting matches, National Honor Society inductions, and graduations. Additionally, Don loved to travel- nationally and internationally. He was always the first to tryout new technologies. Furthermore, he thought that his "doctored-up" recipes of spaghetti sauce, chili, and gumbo, and anything he cooked in his electric smoker, were the best in all the land and was not afraid to let that be known!

His late father was the man whom he looked up to and strived to emulate. He was a quiet observer.

After his father's passing, he became the family anchor whose actions and plans were always intended to wrap not only the immediate family, but also the extended family, within his arms.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Benjamin, and mother-in-law, Clarice Larry (nee Bell). He leaves to cherish and honor his memory: wife, Alisa; children, Brandon, Sydney, and David; mother, Zora; sister, Constance Millet; father-in-law, Lewis Larry; one sister-in-law, Cheryl (Larry) Jackson of Rowlett, TX; four brothers-in-law, Wyncie (Jackie) Larry of Killeen, TX, Terry Larry of Mesquite, TX, Theron (Paulette) Larry of Charlotte, NC, and Jeffery Larry of Jackson, MS, and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Good Hope UMC
8700 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Service

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ My sincere condolences to Don's family. I worked with Don at Veolia for four years. He was a great co-worker and just a wonderful person to be around. He always had a positive attitude no matter how tough the problem.
John Kittelson

John Kittelson - April 10, 2018 at 10:28 AM

 Sherry Hanke

“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a great person to work with.

Sherry Hanke - April 09, 2018 at 10:07 PM

CN

“ Charles W. Nelson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Donald Jerome Nelson.



Charles W. Nelson - April 09, 2018 at 05:12 PM

LS

“ Love Ms. Stocke purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Donald Jerome Nelson.



Love Ms. Stocke - April 09, 2018 at 11:51 AM

CN

“ I am so sorry for your Family's Loss of your Amazing Dad, Friend and Family Member. I taught David in my classroom years ago. My Daughter Holly played basketball with Sydney. An Incredible Family that always supported their Children. I am sending my Prayers to his Family at this very difficult time.

Cindy Nelsen - April 09, 2018 at 09:19 AM

TN

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Don Nelson. Praying for God's grace and comfort to be with you all. I went to high school with Don and Connie. I have very fond memories of him as a good friend and neighbor. Praying too, for the peace and loving embrace of God will be with you all.



Theresa Nealy-Burgos - April 08, 2018 at 12:23 AM

TT

“ Don was a great guy, he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you my friend.

Terry Tobel - April 06, 2018 at 09:11 AM

MN

“ My deepest sympathy. Don was a great guy to work with.

mike novak - April 05, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ *Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Jerome Nelson.*



April 04, 2018 at 08:16 PM