



Clarence H. Nelson

March 24, 1922 - February 24, 2015

Clarence Harvey Nelson was born on March 24, 1922 to Chris and Christina Nelson in Bellevue, WA and passed peacefully into eternity on February 24, 2015 in Wenatchee, WA. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bertha; brother, Oliver. He is survived by his wife, Patty; brother, Philip and his wife, Mary; nieces and nephews, Douglas Nelson, Lori Hall, Beth Thompson, Marilyn Youngren, and Michael Nelson; eight grandnephews, and five grandnieces.

Clarence grew up on his family's dairy farm near Bellevue, WA. Raised by faithful parents, he expressed his own choice to serve the Lord in 1937 at the age of 15. Clarence graduated from Bellevue High School in 1940 and continued to manage the dairy farm, which moved to Monroe in 1950 with his brother, Oliver. In 1958, Clarence left the farm and entered the ministry, laboring in Washington and Alaska. He suffered a stroke in 1981 which required him to step aside from the ministry to recover, during which time he worked with computers and helped others with their business finances. Clarence re-entered the ministry in 1988, laboring in Montana and Wyoming, until 2012 when he was unable to continue due to failing health. Clarence and Patty Trammell married in April 2013, and Patty cared for him with great kindness until his death.

Clarence enjoyed many hobbies including woodworking, watch repair, building

PA systems with his brother, Philip, and making the tents used at church conventions. However, his greatest love was for the Word of God, and he was well known for the enthusiasm with which he preached the gospel message. Clarence truly loved and lived the message of truth and hope that he was so ready to share with others. He will be remembered for his all-consuming love for the Lord and for every soul.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Wenatchee Red Lion. Interment will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, at Acacia Memorial Park in Seattle. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I well remember Clarence's enthusiasm when preaching the Gospel, and I remember him often saying "Life, at best, is a struggle, so why not struggle for the best?" He was greatly appreciated and loved, my condolences to the family.

Alisa - March 13, 2015 at 11:45 AM

CF

“ Our first year married, we had the privilege of Clarence in our home a lot. That year he turned 90. We surely enjoyed each visit, every bit of his humor, and amazed and treasured over his study lists he kept on his ipad :) I still read over the Clarence-isms many times over the years:

"Put the kingdom first, it pays tremendous dividends"

"The young may, the old must. Eternity is a long time."

"Duty does things well, Love does things beautifully."

"Truth is truth whether we believe it or not.

Love is love whether we respond to it or not

There will be a wedding in heaven whether we're there or not."

There are so many to list. We will remember him for his unswerving faith and his desire that ALL would have the opportunity to get to know God. A true pillar in our heart, one of the faithful.

Dustin & Carmyn Frasch

Wibaux, MT

Carmyn Frasch - February 27, 2015 at 04:54 PM

ME

“ *A Faithful Finish of an amazing Shepard and Friend
Never a day passes , that thoughts of
Thankfulness didn't cross Our Hearts
for the kindness offered across the miles. You
will be missed Mr Clarence.*



Melissa Elley - February 27, 2015 at 12:46 AM

LA

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Linda A. - February 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

KP

“ *I have a note on my refrigerator that says, "Don't give in, don't give up, don't get out." That was from Clarence.*

Karen Perry - February 26, 2015 at 01:04 PM

BD

“ *CLARENCE MEANT SO MUCH WHEN I WAS IN WA STATE AND HE WAS THE CO-PILOT FOR THERALD. A KIND FRIEND, AND CONFIDENT. ONLY THE NICEST MEMORIES REMAIN OF HIS FAITHFUL SPENT LIFE. It was so nice he could spend his unable days with a dear friend, Patty.
Brtty (Weiland) Droel*

Betty (Weiland) Droel - February 26, 2015 at 09:42 AM

PZ

“ I had the privilege of being gospel meetings when he was in the Omak area. Also I enjoyed having him for supper at our house. My dad Stanley wasn't always nice when it came to the truth. My condolences to the family.

Patti Zbylski - February 26, 2015 at 01:17 AM

RF

“ Clarence was in our field some of the last years he was in the ministry in eastern Montana. We love and cherish those memories. The love he had for us was so obvious and we're so thankful for all he was, for his Godly life, and for the sweet influence he had on us. We wish so much that we could be there for his service.
With love & care,
Ron & Judy Frasch
Wibaux, MT

Ron & Judy Frasch - February 25, 2015 at 04:30 PM

JT

“ An angel is now watching over us all.

Jo Trammell - February 24, 2015 at 11:32 PM

BH

A little comment that I saw Clarence put in a letter when his brother passed away. “When our lives come to an end the world will go on as if we had never been, but when the world comes to an end, the Lord's people will go on as if the world had never been”

Bill House - February 26, 2015 at 07:03 AM

DD

Clarence was known for his kind words of encouragement. He is reaping rewards for faithfully serving the Lord.

Diane Dizayee - February 26, 2015 at 10:13 AM

LG

We so enjoyed having Clarence in our home and his help and comfort as we raised our boys.

Luke and Verla Groeneveld - February 26, 2015 at 06:34 PM

RC

In meetings and in our home, Clarence was always an inspiration!
Robert & Doris Craig

Robert & Doris Craig - February 26, 2015 at 07:21 PM

DB

I will always treasure memories of Clarence through the years. The first time at Republic, WA, his first year in the work with Don Fisher. We spent evenings together visiting. They were in a bach a couple of blocks away. Good times. Then, again, in Alaska...many memories...times of him visiting the Eskimo's at Anaktuvuk Pass...and in our home in Tok. Then, again, here in Washington ...good visits..So grateful for his faithfulness and help through the years.

Dee Bramhall

Deanna Bramhall - February 26, 2015 at 07:42 PM

AD

"Clarence has a special place in my heart. I remember the visits and bible studies we had at my home. He brought to me the Truth I had been searching for. Now his life journey on earth has ended. He touched many lives. I will miss him, but know he is in our fathers everlasting kingdom.. Such a faithful example and encouragement to all. "

Adele Birdwell

adele - February 27, 2015 at 09:39 PM

WF

Clarence was such a help, never gave up on me even when I gave up on myself! So glad he and Bill Shambaugh were here when my mom passed. They had her service...such a comfort. I remember one of the things he said afterward, "we write our own funeral sermon."

wanda fletcher - February 28, 2015 at 11:44 AM

JB

Good memories of the years in Alaska when Clarence and Bob I. made the effort to visit Eskimo country and help Mame Boese in her solitude. Clarence loved Alaska and Alaskans and he was willing for whatever the cost to take the truth to wherever there was a seeking soul.

Jack Bailey - February 28, 2015 at 07:24 PM

RB

I remember when Clarence came to Alaska in the early 60s. Grandpa Peterson had a stroke and was in a wheel chair. Clarence came with Bob Ingram to help cut firewood for Grandma. I have fond memories of when he was in our home.

Ray Block

Raymond Block - March 01, 2015 at 12:20 AM

PH

I experienced the food and fellowship of meeting with Clarence each Sunday for the last couple years. I valued his gentleness, kindness, and love for his God and the kingdom. I will miss him and his wisdom.

A special thanks to Patty for her love and tender kindness in caring for him these last years. You are an example to all of us!

Patti Hindman - March 02, 2015 at 10:19 AM