



Ronald D. Nelson

March 14, 1936 - December 11, 2018

Ronald D. Nelson, 82, Kearney, died Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., December 14, 2018 at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Melody Adams officiating. Burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church.

Ronald was born March 14, 1936 in Kearney to Ronald and Lucille (Andersen) Nelson. He grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1954. Ronald then earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degree of Education and Music from Kearney State College. He joined the Army in June of 1958 and served for two years in the 8th Army Headquarters Band in Seoul Korea. Ronald married Mary Rockefeller on September 7, 1958 in Gibbon. After the service Ron was a High School Teacher for 36 years. He taught in Bertrand, Newman Grove, Gothenburg, and Plattsmouth. Ron's life centered on music, being an instrumentalist, vocalist, and educator a majority of his life. He sang or directed the church choir throughout the towns he lived. Ron was also a fifty year member of the Rob Morris Masonic Lodge #46 AF AM in Kearney.

Ron is survived by his wife, Mary Nelson of Kearney; son, Mike and wife Nancy Nelson of Omaha, NE; grandsons, Jack and wife Kate Nelson of Lake Villa, IL, Joe Nelson of Omaha, NE; sister, Judy Dietz of Amherst; brother,

Roger and wife Jeannie Nelson of Lincoln, NE.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Susan Marie Dreznin.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald D. Nelson*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I just now found out about Mr. Nelson's death. He was a strong influence on my during my time at Plattsmouth High School. His teaching in music was a wonderful experience and I owe him a great deal of thanks for all the support and patience he showed me and my classmates. Loved him.*

Judi

judi gerbeling - March 10, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *It was always a joy to have Ron and Mary bring special music to our church in the summer. Thank You for sharing your gifts with us at Gibbon Faith United. Prayers for your family.*

Kathy Pierce - December 13, 2018 at 12:10 PM



Always liked Mr Nelson I will always remember the shows that we did in high school prayers for his family

Bruce Johnson - May 03, 2024 at 07:11 PM