

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Floyd John "Ozzie" Nelson

Floyd was born in South Haven on July 28th, 1917. In College he received the nick-name Ozzie after Ozzie Simmons a famous black football player at Iowa. (Nonetheless Lois was called Harriet on frequent occasions thereafter.) He was the only child of Albert T and Alice Schule Nelson. His Dad was an Evangelical United Brethren pastor and served churches in South Haven, St. Cloud, Deer Creek, Wadena, Pequot Lakes, Laverne and Springfield. Alice was a tireless piano teacher. He attended college at Western Union in Le Mars Iowa and received his BS in Education. He met Lois, another teacher in 1939 and it took about a year to talk her into marrying him. (Get Lois to give you the details). From 1945 to 1950 Lois, he and the boys (Mike, Steve and Kent) spent their summers in Colorado as he attended Colorado State Teachers to receive his masters in Industrial Arts. He built an 18 foot Aluminum house trailer and pulled it west each summer to accommodate the family and a tight budget. He taught History, Agriculture, and Industrial Arts for nine years in Iowa. He was a three sport college athlete and moved naturally into coaching as well. He coached both girls and boys basketball and took his girls team to the state championship in Wellsburg. He taught at Elk Horn, Wellsburg, Independence and Norway in Iowa where all three boys were born. He and Lois moved to Minneapolis in 1948 and lived at 4241 11th Ave S for 29 years. He taught Industrial Arts for all of those years at Lincoln Jr. High in North Minneapolis making an impact on the lives of hundreds of students. The last few years were in troubled times and Lois accompanied him at school to help share the load of work amidst the tension. Floyd and Lois attended Asbury Methodist for 15 years and were active in youth activities. Dad helped with Cub Scouts and sports and they made lifelong friendships there that persist to this day. In 1963 they moved to Bethlehem Baptist church in downtown Minneapolis and once again became involved in youth ministries and Floyd, of course, with sports. This time he got to play as well as coach and during the heyday of softball at Bethlehem two teams from that same church played for the city championship. Floyd pitched for winning team and though that was glorious I think it paled beside what he considered to be his crowning work at Bethlehem. That was being on the call committee that brought John Piper to the church in 1980. Floyd and Lois built a cabin on Lake Sylvia in 1956 with the help of older son Mike and to a lesser extent pesky Kent and Steve. They lived there after retirement for 15 years before eventually settling at 7500 York. Almost all of those retirement years were spent actively supporting missions, specifically HCJB World Radio and the health care work that accompanies that radio outreach. He and Lois were tireless workers and peddled their craft wares in the cause of Christ over a span of thirty years and at several hundred craft fares. In addition they spent 15 winters in Mc Allen Texas volunteering at the HCJB radio station KTIS. Floyd suffered sudden onset of blindness a year and half before he died and spent almost all of that time in bed attended by God, Lois and a terrific team from Fairview Hospice. He never complained of the loss of those worldly privileges and received both again ... along with countless unimaginable others on the 27th of August 2009 as he joined his Savior in Heaven.

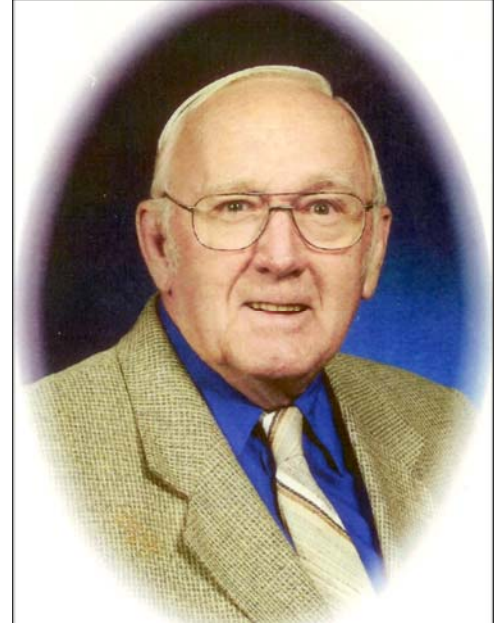
Preceded by Parents Alice and Albert Nelson, Daughter-in-law Betty Lou

Survived by: Wife of 68 years, Lois Clapsaddle Nelson

Sons and daughters in law, Mike (Bernie), Stephen (Dorothy), and Kent (Linda).

Grandchildren: Scott, Kim, Chad, Brenda, Jesse, Jessica, Camie and Chris

10 Great grandchildren and one Great great granddaughter



VISITATION

3-5PM Sunday August 30, 2009

.Albin Chapel

6855 Rowland Road
Eden Prairie, MN. 55344

www.albinchapel.com

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00AM Monday, August 31, 2009

With visitation 1 hour prior

Bethlehem Baptist Church

720 - 13th Avenue. South

Minneapolis, MN 55415

www.hopeingod.org , (612) 338.7653

INTERMENT

3:00 PM Monday, August 31, 2009

Woodlawn Cemetery, Annandale, MN

MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO

HCJB Global

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Colorado Springs

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Bethlehem Baptist Foundation

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Fairview Hospice

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