



## Gayland Charles Nelson

March 3, 1943 - August 20, 2020

Gayland C. Nelson age 77 of Dixon died Thursday Aug. 20, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born March 3, 1943 in Rockford the son of Charles W. and Ruby Pearl (Reever) Nelson. Gayland was farmer and an operating engineer with Local 150 IUOE from 1964 to 2010 working for Prophet Construction for many years. He was a member of the Green River Saddle Club and enjoyed horseback riding, snowmobiling and riding in his side by side.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Linda Gorter.

Gayland is survived by three sons, Shane (Dona) Nelson of Dixon, Scott "Scooter" (Chasity) Nelson of Chana, Jeremy (Beth) Nelson of Byron, one grandson Shane "Beaner" Nelson. Gayland is also survived by his girlfriend Melody Reed of Grand Detour and one nephew Chuck Nelson.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday Aug. 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Jones Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Grand Detour Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home and on Tuesday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Face coverings required for visitation and services. A memorial has been established to the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Detour Cemetery

Grand Detour, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
info@thejonesfh.com  
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## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

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AUG **25**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gayland Charles Nelson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Gayland Charles Nelson*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Brett and I have been thinking of you all!*

*Brett and Sheila Dewey*



**Sheila Dewey** - September 15, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *sorry to hear of your dad's passing. may he rest in peace. sending you our deepest sympathies. johnny and flora*

**flora whitman** - August 30, 2020 at 01:29 AM



“ *Jean And Steve Spohn lit a candle in memory of Gayland Charles Nelson*



**Jean and Steve Spohn** - August 26, 2020 at 10:22 PM

JS

“ We were so saddened to hear about Gay’s passing. We have such fond memories of trail riding together. Gay was always so welcoming when he had rides at his place. Our sincere sympathy to his boys and family.

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**Jean and Steve Spohn** - August 26, 2020 at 10:21 PM

LE

“ Very sorry to read of Gay's passing. May he be at Peace now and you all Cherish the Memories you have made throughout the years.

*Lyn (Whitman) Eberhardt*

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**Lyn Eberhardt** - August 26, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayland Charles Nelson.



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August 24, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayland Charles Nelson.



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August 24, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gayland Charles Nelson.*



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August 23, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gayland Charles Nelson.*



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August 23, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *I Love you grandpa, it seems like it was yesterday when you'd pick me up from school and we would spend the rest of the day together, from working on tractors to bailing hay it was always the best time ever. I'm missing you so much and would give anything to just visit with you one more time, I miss the morning s with you and all the time we spent together. I love you grandpa and always will.*



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**Shane Nelson** - August 22, 2020 at 08:58 PM

PW

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the Nelson family. Gay was a really nice guy. Always friendly, and laughing. He will be missed by many..🙏

Pam Weigle - August 22, 2020 at 06:41 PM

KG

“ We shared many good times riding & camping. Never a dull moment. Happy Trails. Katy & Joe

Katy Gualandri - August 22, 2020 at 06:04 PM

CZ

“ Have known Gay and his whole family for years. Have been on many many trail rides with him and his Dad Chuck. Tipped a few brookies with them to! So sorry for your loss!  
Carla Zimmerman

Carla Zimmerman - August 22, 2020 at 03:42 PM

RA

“ Ron And Tami Ackert lit a candle in memory of Gayland Charles Nelson



Ron and Tami Ackert - August 22, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CB

“ Gay was a super nice guy, made me laugh. I was so sad to hear that he got sick, he will be missed at the old watering holes. Our deepest sympathy to his kids and Melody. Thinking of all of you at this sad time.

*With heartfelt sympathy, Rick, Chris and Landon Bollman*

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**Christine Bollman** - August 21, 2020 at 09:41 PM

JH

“ One of my dad's best friends. If you two get together in Heaven, look out! RIP Gayland. My sincere condolences to all the family. ❤️

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**Jenny Henson** - August 21, 2020 at 07:50 PM

GE

*While up north we read about the passing of Gay and we're so sorry for all of you. You'll be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Gary & Debbie Egert*

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**Gary & Debbie Egert** - August 26, 2020 at 12:55 PM

DD

*Sorry for your loss*

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**Dave Duncan** - August 24, 2023 at 10:57 AM