



## Charles Edward Nelson

July 4, 1941 - November 17, 2020

Charles Edward Nelson, 79, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away on November 17, 2020, at home surrounded by his family.

Charles was born in Crystal Falls to Eino and Mary (Karnack) Nelson on July 4, 1941. He married Virginia Kangas on July 29, 1961, in Amasa, MI. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1961 to 1965 as an aircraft hydraulics specialist, working on the C-130s. He worked for the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company in Crystal Falls for 29 years, retiring in 2000. He was a member of United Lutheran Church of Crystal Falls and was involved in the Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club, and the American Legion. Charles had his Country & Western band, The Chuck Nelson Trio, entertaining local crowds, weddings, and festivals for many years.

Charles is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Virginia; his children, Warren (Lisa) Nelson and Wendy Nelson; 4 grandchildren, Matthew and Kaisa Nelson and Lauren and Steven Cooper; 1 great-granddaughter, Lena Nelson; and 2 brothers, Jules and Leslie Nelson.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Catherine Gill.

Visitation will be 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 pm at

the church. Pastor DJ Rasner will officiate. Burial will take place at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of sending flowers, please plant a tree in Charles' name.

The Charles Nelson family wish to extend our sincere thanks to The UP Health System of Marquette and Pastor Vicky Prewitt.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Memorial Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Virginia and family,  
My sincere sympathies sent to all of you. I am forever humbled,  
honored and grateful to be able to own a piece of his musical  
equipment. Will always think of him when we play! Thank You and  
Peace to all of you.

Christopher C West - June 19, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Sweet Virginia. We are saddened by your loss and our prayers  
remain with you.  
You and Charles were such sweethearts and his memory will live  
on.

Ruth Johnson - December 04, 2020 at 09:31 PM

ES

“ So sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. I always  
enjoyed bumping into Charlie when I came  
back to Crystal. It's also one more member of  
the Class of 61 gone. So sorry.



Ed Sandri - November 25, 2020 at 07:40 AM

PK

“ Virginia and family,  
We are sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. We both remember when  
we were kids and he'd come out to the cabins at Gibson Lake and  
"perform" for the crew there. He was a wonderful man and will be  
missed by many.  
Sincerely, Phil & Peggy Ketola

Peggy Ketola - November 22, 2020 at 05:40 PM

SJ

“ *I am so sorry. He will be missed*

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**Sandy Jastrzemski** - November 22, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DS

“ *Our sympathy goes out to you. Lots of memories with Charlie. He sang at my camp warming back in the 70's. We followed him wherever he was playing.*

*Cousin Virginia, we are thinking of you.*

*Dave & Joanne Seppala.*

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**David Seppala** - November 21, 2020 at 02:15 PM

AC

“ *Oh Virg! Talk about memories!! I have pictures of him playing his guitar in our basement family room....seems there was never an occasion that didn't have "Chuck Nelson music" included. So sorry that he had to endure his suffering these past months. I hope you take care of yourself now, and stay safe. Heartfelt prayers are with you all. Donald & Adrienne Cheatham*

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**Adrienne cheatham** - November 20, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Chuck's passing.....he was a good man and loved by all who knew him. I enjoyed working with him at Great Lakes. He was always so kind and helpful. My prayers are with your family!*

*Mary Janov*

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**Mary Janov-Humphrey** - November 19, 2020 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ *It was always nice to see Charlie when we vacationed in Crystal Falls. His music was enjoyed by many. I remember his artistic talent in school. He will be missed by many!!!*  
*Sheila & Bob Casagranda*

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**Sheila Casagranda** - November 19, 2020 at 08:28 AM