



## Carl R. Nelson

February 10, 1920 - August 6, 2013

Adrian—Carl Nelson, age 93, of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, August 06, 2013, at New Friends Community in Kalamazoo.

Born on February 10, 1920, in Russellville, AR, Carl was the son of the Metta M. (Underwood) and Charles Nelson. After graduating from Adrian High School, Carl attended Adrian College and later Southern Methodist University, where he obtained a degree in Business Administration. Carl married Dorothy Morse on June 3, 1942 in Adrian; she preceded him in death in 2005, celebrating 63 years of marriage. Carl was a WW II veteran serving in the Navy.

Carl worked as Director of Utilities for the City of Adrian from 1947 to 1985. He was a member of the American Water Works Association, Optimist Club, Toastmasters, YMCA, Northern Nut Growers Association. He served on the boards of the Optimist Club, YMCA, Goodwill Larc, United Way, Community Action Center and the Adrian College Alumni. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served as a moderator, trustee, deacon, Sunday school Superintendent and teacher, as well as chairman of numerous committees. After the closing of the First Baptist Church, Carl became an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Adrian, where he served as a greeter.

Survivors include his daughters, Barbara (Phillip) Covell of Temperence and Beverly (David) Griffioen of Kalamazoo; 4 grandchildren, James (Sara Woodward) Griffioen, Amy (Robert) Johnson, Jessica (Eric) Griffioen-Ulmer, and Andrew (Kathleen) Covell; and 6 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Carl was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward, Robert and Donald.

Funeral services for Carl will be at 11:00 am on Friday, August 9, 2013 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Brundage officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church or to the charity of choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences are welcomed at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl R. Nelson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *My condolences to the Nelson family. My thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "is healing the broken hearted ones, and is binding up their painful spots." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

**Williams family** - August 18, 2013 at 08:58 PM



“ *Barb & Bev, Your dad was one of the finest. He was and will always be Uncle Carl to me. He played such an important role in my growing up years and along with your beloved mother were in so many ways responsible for who I have become. So sorry I could not make the trip to be with you. You remain in thought and prayer. Much love, Garth*

**garth e brokaw** - August 13, 2013 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sending our love and sympathy. I remember many happy times at your home.*

*Carol Lue (Glaser) Weaver*



**Carol Lue Weaver** - August 10, 2013 at 04:15 PM

CW

“ Sending you our love and deepest sympathy.  
I remember so many good times in your  
home.

*Carol Lue (Glaser) Weaver  
Bruce Weaver*



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**Carol Lue Weaver** - August 10, 2013 at 04:06 PM

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“ Dear Barb and Bev,  
So sorry that I could not extend my condolences in person. Carl was  
a wonderful neighbor and friend. We would exchange gardening  
ideas and produce. He and Dorothy were very kind and gentle  
souls. Sonny and my little dog could have been twins and loved to  
play. God bless your families with comfort and strength.

*Clarice Rink*

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**Clarice Rink** - August 10, 2013 at 03:59 PM

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“ May Gods peace and love be with you as you celebrate his life. As  
a teenage boy he taught me by example how to be a Christian man.

*Bill Trebilcock*

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**Bill Trebilcock** - August 09, 2013 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ Remembering Carl's smiling face and gentle ways. Sylvia Stoner  
(Marge Hunt's niece)

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**sylvia stoner** - August 09, 2013 at 06:11 AM

RP

“ *A very kind and gentle person who always had the time to share a smile with all. Rose Powell*

Rose Powell - August 08, 2013 at 09:18 PM

SS

“ *Sylvia Stoner lit a candle in memory of Carl R. Nelson*



sylvia stoner - August 08, 2013 at 08:43 PM

SS

“ *A gentle man that was always happy. With Sympathy, Sylvia Stoner (niece of Marge Hunt, Carl's cousin)*

sylvia stoner - August 08, 2013 at 08:39 PM



“ *Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Carl R. Nelson.*



August 08, 2013 at 07:59 AM

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“ Carl was our next door neighbor and dear friend for the past 11 years. We have and will always be inspired by his kindness and positive spirit, determination, and love for his family, friends, nature, and much more. We will miss him.

We offer comfort to his family and friends, though we like to imagine the pure joy he experienced in seeing Dorothy again.

- Chris, Lori, and Drew Timmis (and our boxer, Dozer, who had a great relationship with him from across the fence)

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Lori - August 07, 2013 at 09:47 PM