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Eldon Nelson



Eldon Nelson, 76, a former Searsboro resident, died Thursday, Aug. 4, at Mercy Medical Center North Campus in Clinton, Iowa.

Funeral services for Eldon Nelson were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Lemke Funeral Home's North Chapel in Clinton, with the Rev. Larry Carter officiating. Visitation preceded the service. A private burial followed at Oakland Cemetery.

He was born March 29, 1929, in Lemons, Mo., to Percy and Violet Danielson Nelson. He graduated from high school there in 1947.

In 1955, he married Sally Kensinger in Clinton.

After working for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, he resided in Searsboro from 1975 until 2004. He had previously farmed in Missouri and farmed near Grinnell during that time.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his children, Julie Shepard of Clinton, Lori Keulper of Clinton, Jay Nelson of Indianola and Lisa Nelson of Chrystal Lake, Ill.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Edwin Nelson of Searsboro; and three sisters, Veda Critchfield of Denver, Colo., Avis Lunsford of Green City, Mo., and Roberta Mildward of Independence, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeff; and a grandson.

A memorial fund will be established.