

## Jack Lewis Nelson

November 4, 1925 - April 3, 2015

Dateline Birdseye, Indiana

Jack Lewis Nelson, age 89 of Birdseye, Indiana, passed away at 12:33 a.m. on Good Friday (April 3, 2015) at home surrounded by his family.

Jack was born on November 4, 1925 in Birdseye Indiana, to Thomas and Mary (Ford) Nelson.

He married his wife of 62 years, Eileen Matilda Schnell, on March 10, 1951 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana. She preceded him in death on October 13, 2013.

Jack retired as a Petroleum Geologist from Chevron Oil Company after 27 years. He earned a masters degree in geology from Indiana University.

He was a proud veteran, serving with the Merchant Marines in WWII and the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Korea.

He was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville. He was a member and past secretary of the American Legion Post #493 in St. Anthony, a member of the V.F.W Post #673 in Jasper, the Schnellville and Birdseye Conservation Clubs, and the Schnellville Community Club.

Jack was known for his generosity and giving of his time, talent, and resources. He enjoyed cutting and delivering firewood to anyone in need. He also loved gardening and woodworking. Whether on a cross-country drive, or a wagon ride through the woods, his greatest joy in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Surviving,

Six daughters;

Jane Bromley, and her husband, Robert, Lubbock, TX

Mary Hutchison, and her husband Michael, Soldotna, AK

Margaret Reilly, and her husband Mark, Palisade, CO

Catherine Werner, and her husband, Steve, Boulder, CO

Laura Ruud, and her husband Eric, Sparks, NV

Teresa Kimminau, and her husband Donald, Huntsville, AL

Seven sons;

David Nelson, and his wife Julie, Mazomanie, WI

Daniel Nelson, and his wife Patricia, Midland, TX

Joseph Nelson, Golden, CO

Thomas Nelson, Jasper, IN

Arnold Nelson, and his wife Lynn, Kasilof, AK

John Nelson, and his wife Jensen, Normandy Park, WA

Timothy Nelson, and his wife Audra, Montgomery, IN

56 grandchildren

32 great grandchildren

Preceding him in death besides his wife were brothers Thomas Nelson Jr., Craig Nelson, George Wheeler Nelson, and Woodrow Nelson, and sisters Kathleen Baxter and Dorothy Jackson.

Funeral services for Jack L. Nelson will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday (April 7, 2015) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana, with

burial to follow in the church cemetery. The St. Anthony American Legion Post #493 will conduct military gravesite rites.

Friends may call from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday (April 6, 2015) at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper and one hour before services at the church. Sacred Heart Church will pray a rosary at 1:45 p.m. on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Dubois County Foundation - Jack and Eileen Nelson Memorial Endowment , or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

2504 Walnut Street  
Schnellville, IN 47580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North  
3221 N. Newton Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2504 Walnut Street  
Schnellville, IN 47580

## Mass

APR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2504 Walnut Street  
Schnellville, IN 47580



# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Lewis Nelson*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *What a terrific guy! He was one of my all time favorites. Jack was my office mate at Chevron when I went to work for them in 1975. He was an absolute delight to be around. He had a great sense of humor, was a very kind man and just seemed to have his priorities straight! My wife and I and our kids visited Jack and Eileen on their farm in Birdseye in 2001 while on vacation. We had a wonderful time! He was a real blessing to me during the early years of my career! I admired him greatly and will miss him a lot!*

*What a wonderful family you have and it's no wonder with a dad and mom like you had!*

Mike Plamondon - April 20, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *My condolences go out to your magnificent family. When I think of family I think of Jane and Burt. And, of course the whole family that surrounds them. I know this has to be a very sad time for you. But, I can't even imagine the joy that supersedes the loss. Your family has always shown me how to understand loss and hard times. I will hold you all up in prayer because we all need each other. I love you guys so much. ❤️🙏❤️. Please let me know if there is anything you guys need.*

Jennifer Hoeve - April 12, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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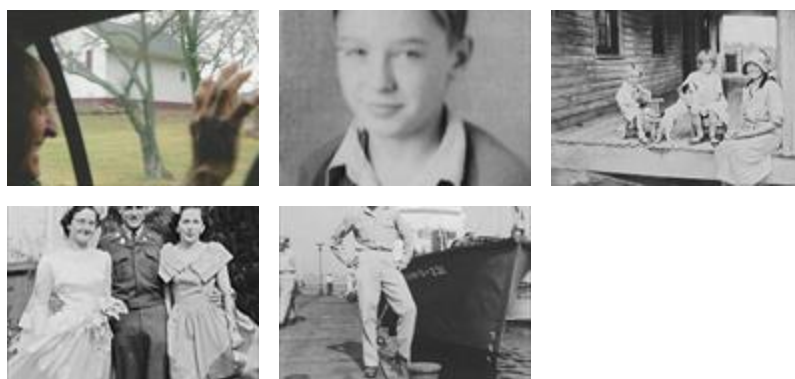
“ I remember his smile and his hospitality. He was a rich man in friends and family. I appreciate his service to God, our country, and people. He set a high standard for all of us. Love and prayers to all of the family.

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**Adell Garcia** - April 12, 2015 at 07:07 AM

JB

“ 25 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Jane Bromley** - April 11, 2015 at 08:16 PM

RG

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers to the Nelson family on the loss of Jack. Although I never met this man, it is apparent he was well-loved and served his family, community, church, and country well. I know from what Laura wrote and his obit, that he will be missed and that his family will be strong together over this sad time.



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**Rebecca Gonzales-Clayton** - April 10, 2015 at 01:22 PM

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“ ON BEHALF OF THE COMRADES AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND OUR DEPARTED COMRADE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERELY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE CHAPLAIN KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY

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**KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY** - April 06, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ I was blessed to call Jack and Eileen neighbors and friends for over 15 years! It is a treasure to have such a wonderful family right down the road. They were like having an extra set of grandparents. Jack and Eileen had huge hearts, an open door, and a warm smile to greet you!

*Natalie Combs*

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**Green Thumb** - April 06, 2015 at 10:19 AM

MJ

“ I always enjoyed talking to Jack when he came to Harrison Township, (Monroe City ind). He would come and see my mom and dad, Hollace Nelson Jones and Merlin (Mutt) Jones and my Aunt Claudia Nelson Elder. My Grandfather was Claude H. Nelson.

*Michael Nelson ( Mick Jones)*

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**Mick Jones** - April 06, 2015 at 08:03 AM

BJ

“ Jack was a favorite cousin and I shall miss him and our conversations. His father and my grandfather were brothers. I always remember how much he and Eileen valued their family and enjoyed visiting them.  
You have my deepest sympathy.  
Betty Nelson Jones (Atlanta)

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**Betty N. Jones** - April 05, 2015 at 05:41 PM

EF

“ Really got to talk to and know your Dad when your Mom was sick. He was a very quiet, kind, soft spoken man who always had a good word for me when I spoke with him. BUT I have to say I got on his good side with finding him a late night snack of a piece of apple pie when the kitchen was closed! He also was a very dear man that was a friend to my Dad. Two good souls together in talking of days gone past, family, friends, and card playing. Although being ill with cancer himself he made time to visit Dad for his birthday. Words cannot express the gratitude and love we all feel for your Dad. I'm grateful that he can rest in peace with your Mom. Many great memories have been made! Prayers and Blessings to your family. Sincere Sympathy, Elaine and Ralph Fleck Family



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**Elaine Fleck** - April 05, 2015 at 12:06 PM

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“ You have My Sympathy Nelson Family

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**ryan.kempf@gmail.com** - April 04, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Jane, we talked on the phone when your Mother died. Your Dad was my Mom's first Cousin even though Jack and I were very near the same age. When I was young, we visited Uncle Tom and Mary many times and I remember what great times we had.

*Dawn Turner Priest*

Dawn Priest - April 04, 2015 at 07:56 AM

JF

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



John Fischer - April 04, 2015 at 03:59 AM

Lisa George

“ Lisa George lit a candle in memory of Jack Lewis Nelson



Lisa George - April 03, 2015 at 09:00 PM

Lisa George

“ Praying at the dinner table with your family over many meals. What a blessing your parents were to me. Loved when Jack would come in with flowers that he picked just for Grammie. Listening to your father lead in prayer brought happy tears to my eyes many times. Very thankful for the love and friendship that your parents shared with so many.

Lisa George - April 03, 2015 at 08:59 PM