



Mr. Gary Allen Nelson

October 26, 1950 - January 5, 2013

Gary Allen Nelson was born on October 26th, 1950 in South Gate, California to Bud and Dorothy Nelson. He went to school at Roosevelt Elementary School, Paramount Junior High School, and Graduated from Paramount High School.

Gary married his wife JoAnn Armijo on February 21st, 1970. They were married for 42 years and had 3 children, Tina, Crystal, and Erick. They resided in Bell, California for many years before moving to Anaheim, California where Gary decided to make a change in careers. He went back to school and became a Psyc. Technician. Both he and JoAnn moved to Desert Hot Springs, California where Gary worked in his new craft that he loved and felt inspired to do. He continued to work doing what he loved until he was forced to retire because of the health issues he was dealing with.

Gary is survived by his mother Dorothy, his wife JoAnn, his two sister, his 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

While we lay his physical body to rest, we take comfort that his eternal soul is residing with the LORD and that we will see him again one day. Gary loved his family and wanted everybody not to morn his passing but to celebrate the life he has now entered.

We love him and will miss him, but thank God for the time he was with us.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rose Mortuary of Desert Hot Springs.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary Allen Nelson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Wow, this just popped up in my email dad. I cant believe you've been gone for this long. It literally seems like yesterday. I miss you so much. I wish you were here. But I also know you are not suffering anymore and that gives me peace. You and Nick must be having a blast in heaven. I wish I could talk to you like we use to. I feel you were the only one who understood me like noone else could. You should see dad, Joshua looks so much like you. We miss you and I wish I didnt have to write on this. I wish i could just converse with you like when you were here. I love you dad. And one day I will join you in heaven. Pretty soon maybe. Your girl is old now lol*

Crystal Aguilera - January 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hey Grandpa, its been so long. The last memory I have of you while you were alive was when I was at your old house in Desert Hot Springs. I remember you being in the back room, and I went in to see you and you grabbed my hand and we prayed. I was little and was scared to see you so sick. I wish you could still be here. Im really happy for the time I had you. I wish you were to see me grow up. I wish I can talk to you and ask you for advice. I remember you would come home from work and we would be watching tv until we both fell asleep eating late night snacks. So much has happen since you been gone. So many hard times. I wish I could talk to you. I talked to you when I was little but I wish i could talk to you now that I'm older. I love you so much,. I have so many questions for you when I see you again. Sometimes I feel alone. I have family here for me but I just don't like to express my feelings much, so I keep it all to myself. I wish I could just talk to you. Well I just wanted to leave you this message. Love you Grandpa.

anonymous anonymous - March 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I miss you dad so much. Sometimes I see a man that resembles you and I just wanna run up and hug him. I can still hear your voice. I miss talking to you. I wish you were still here all the time,

Crystal Aguilera - November 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Every day that passes, I miss you as much as the day you were born into the eternal life. I still am thankful for every memory and experience I had with you. I see you every time I look in my son's eyes. The joy and pain of life may sway back and forth, but my love is still strong, a gift you gave me. Thank you. God Bless you. And I will see you again one day...

Erick Nelson Nelson - October 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ So today it has been 5 years since I lost the most influential person in my life. I miss him dearly, but I do what he asked me before he passed to the best of my ability. He stressed the importance of the relationship with God. It is in the lessons he taught me that I found the promise that me and him will meet again. No more tears, now its only anticipation (and ok, yes, many many tears) for that day. When I ride to heaven in full Raider gear, I fully expect to see his smiling face in his full Ram gear. Much love, respect, appreciation, and gratitude for your life and its impact. I love you dad. I saw a hawk circling in the sky today and I know that represents your freedom from this earth. Rest well my friend.

Erick Nelson - January 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Happy Birthday Dad. I miss you everyday not just on your bday. I miss celebrating together. I love you. One day we will see each other again and I can't wait. I feel you a lot with me lately. ❤️

Crystal Aguilera - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm really missing you today. I love you dad and wish you were still here. I hate that I can't pick up that phone anymore and just call to say hi...Josh misses you so much. It kills me. We all do.

Crystal Nelson Aguilera - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Hi Tina, Crystal and Erick,
I was very sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a very nice guy. He will be missed.

My name is Janet Hare. I am the sister of Paula Sandel. Your Grandmother Joann and Paula were friends from high school. They also lived a couple of houses apart from each other on Cresson St. in Norwalk where they grew up. The phone number I had for Joann was not a good number. I need to notify Joann of some terrible news regarding Paula. Please help me to get in touch with Joann as soon as possible.

My e-mail is twokul440@aol.com and my phone number is (760) 887-3939.

Thank you,
Janet Hare

Janet Hare - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Well Dad, it's been 5 months since we said good-bye. I miss you so much. I didn't realize growing up and bumping heads like we did was because we were so much alike. As I became an adult you were the one person who "really" got me. Dad, I just want to tell you that I love and miss you so much and I thank you for teaching me to have a good heart, to be honest and thankful. I respect you for being such a hard worker and always providing for all of us. I can't tell you how much I miss your voice on the other end of the line saying, "hey Chris, how you doing"? You taught me to be a survivor and to never give up, you loved me when I didn't love myself and you never gave up on me. You are my hero dad, you fought like a soldier to the end..I celebrate that you are in heaven where you are no longer in pain, yet I grieve because we have to live without you. I can't wait for that beautiful day I get to see you again and catch up...love you dad. I miss you every minute of every single day....

Crystal Nelson - June 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ It has been a little over two months since my father has passed and this is the first time I have been able to try to write what I feel. My dad was more than just the man who raised me, he was the man who taught me to treat people better than they treat you. He taught me to work for the only person who matters - Jesus. He was my heart and my friend. There is nothing on this earth that can replace the hole that is in my heart, but I will use the pain that I feel as fuel to live my life as he always asked: be there for family, friends, and those that need you. My father never believed blood made you family, but instead the binding of souls. He bound many around him and cared for them all in kind. I thank God for the time he gave me with this amazing man, I just can not wait for the day I can see his smile, hear his laugh, and feel the hug that used to let me know that I was love. I love you dad and I know that when we meet again there will be joy to replace these tears. Until then Rest, of all the people I have meet on earth, you deserve to Rest In Peace.

Erick Nelson - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM