



Lawrence V. "Cobb" Nelson

February 1, 1933 - August 9, 2024

Lawrence "Cobb" Victor Nelson of Tustin passed away peacefully, August 9, 2024, at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 91. Cobb was preceded in death by his parents: Victor Emmanuel and Elida Nelson and his brother Elmer "Speedy" Nelson. On September 24, 1954, in Big Rapids, he married Iliene J. Miller, she preceded him in death on August 5, 2014.

Cobb graduated from Luther High School in 1952. He worked at B.F. Goodrich and in road construction before starting his own business, Nelson Sawmill. Cobb owned and operated the sawmill, with his boys, for over 30 years before retiring.

A man of many passions, Cobb was well-known for his love of baseball. As a coach, he imparted not just the skills of the game but also the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship to countless young athletes. Cobb founded and maintained the Bristol Ball Fields for many years. He also enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events, golfing, deer hunting, gardening, hobby farming and fishing.

Cobb and Iliene's contributions and commitment to our community can be clearly seen as they were inducted into the Pine River Hall of Fame in 2017.

Cobb is survived by his sons: Jerry (Chris Pscodna-Nelson) Nelson, Mike

(Brenda) Nelson, Marv (Roberta) Nelson, Steve (Cindy) Nelson, and Bob (Brenda) Nelson all of Tustin; grandchildren: Lindsay (Justin) Sandelius, Christie (Zane) Kanouse, Chelsea (Jeffrey) Sykes, Kassy (Brendan) Wallace, Miranda (Corey) Hodges, Skyler (Lizzie) Nelson, Sheree (Austin) Skinner and Connor Nelson; great grandchildren: Austin & Whyitt Sandelius, Emmett Nelson Burns, Jackson Sykes, Trace Wallace, Graham & Rosalie Hodges and Miles Skinner along with several nieces and nephews and many other family members and friends.

Burial has taken place at Dover Township Cemetery in Lake County. A luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Lions Club of Luther.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Luther Lions Club, an organization that Cobb was a long-time member of. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Dover Township Cemetery

Previous Events

Luncheon

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Lions Club Of Luther

Tribute Wall

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“ I am grateful to know the Nelson family. They are special and a pleasure to have been associated with. Best wishes Cobb.

David A Williams - August 24, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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“ Sorry for the loss of this sweet soul. I have very fond memories of him and felt that he was a bright light that will be missed by so very many people.



Raylene Kruger - August 21, 2024 at 03:07 PM

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“ Cobb was a wonderful friend to so many. I have very fond memories of camping with him, Ilene and my parents. May all that mourn him find comfort knowing he is now at peace in the home of our Lord amongst his family and friends that have been waiting. Our deepest sympathy to all Cobbs family and friends.
Bill and Melanie Hall

Melanie Hall - August 18, 2024 at 10:51 AM

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“ Rest in peace Cobb! The Nelson family hold a special place in my heart!

sheila pline - August 17, 2024 at 04:38 PM