



Timothy Charles Nelson, MD

December 13, 1959 - August 18, 2016

Timothy Charles Nelson, MD of Cadillac passed away unexpectedly, Thursday, August 18, 2016. He was 56.

Tim was born December 13, 1959 in Elmhurst, Illinois to Robert D. and Barbara Jean (Bundy) Nelson. He graduated from Norway High School in the Upper Peninsula in 1978. Tim earned his undergrad degree from Michigan Technological University in 1982. He attended graduate school at Michigan State University from 1987 until 1991. He then spent five years, from 1991 to 1996 at Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin completing his surgical residency.

After completing his residency he returned to Michigan to the Keweenaw Medical Center in Calumet and also taught medical students at the Michigan State University, Upper Peninsula Campus. His medical career then took him to Gaffney, South Carolina for ten years while he worked at Novant Medical Center. Tim had most recently moved to Cadillac and was currently working at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital.

He loved engineering and restoring cars especially 1932 Fords. Tim also enjoyed trap shooting, hunting and fishing. Above all he cherished his family and was a devoted father and husband.

On May 24, 1980 in Iron Mountain, Michigan he married the former Jackie E.

Via and she survives him along with their children: Amber (Ira) Saunders of Fort Myers, Florida, Angela (Brandon) Alex of Omaha, Nebraska and Adam (Brittany) Nelson of Fort Campbell, Kentucky (who is to be deployed to Iraq by the end of the month. Tim was extremely proud of Adam's service to our county); two grandchildren, Grant Saunders and Liam Alex; his father, Robert (Lois) Nelson of Three Lakes, Wisconsin; his mother, Barbara J. Sitter of Cadillac; niece, Kristin Nelson Graham of Hermasville; mother-in-law, Sheila Via of Iron Mountain; sister-in-law, Lesley Querio of Iron Mountain; step brothers, Cary (Jonna) Dalaskey and Clarence Sitter, III; step sisters: Kathy (Kevin) Kinser, Vonnie (Alan) Fejef and Sherry (Pat) Raidy and many nieces and nephews.

Tim was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas J. Nelson on November 15, 1986.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 PM, Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Hospital Chaplain, Pastor Steve Boven officiating. Friends may meet the family Monday from 5-7 PM at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Norway Township Cemetery in Norway, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SA

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Saunders Amber - December 08, 2021 at 10:45 PM

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AS

“ I love you daddy. I miss you so much. It hurts everyday. I wish I could tell you everything that is going on in m life. My son Owen Nelson Saunders born Nov. 7, 2016 looks just like you. Your baby pics look identical to you. I wish I could tell U all about it.

amber mae (nelson) saunders - May 12, 2017 at 12:13 AM

BB

“ `So sorry to hear of Tim's death. Tim was part of our family when I directed the Surgical Residency Program at the Marshfield Clinic. He was a true person and excellent surgical resident. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and Tim/s family. Bruce and Patty Brink

Bruce Brink - August 25, 2016 at 11:23 AM

TP

“ Jackie, Bob & Lois - our hearts go out to all of you and the family. We feel privileged to have known Tim back in the ' old' (younger) days and were so proud of his successes. Please be strong in knowing he has left an indelible mark on the world.

Tom & Leslie Ponder - August 24, 2016 at 08:21 PM

AL

“ My thoughts and prayers for God's strength at this time.

Ann (Wicklund) Langlois - August 24, 2016 at 02:09 PM

CP

“ Jackie and family: So sorry to hear of your loss...I had worked with Dr. Nelson and also Amber when you were in the Keweenaw...Cherish your memories..Hugs to you and your family

Charlene Pearce - August 24, 2016 at 11:27 AM

CU

“ Amber and family we send our condolences. So sorry for your loss, the world lost a great man. Let us know how we can help in this time of need.

Carmen and Vincent Ursitti - August 23, 2016 at 08:44 PM

SC

“ Dr. Nelson saved my husband's life while in Gaffney, S.C. He was a gifted surgeon and a fine man. His passing saddens our family.

Susan Caggiano - August 23, 2016 at 08:33 PM

GN

“ I'm sure I will never have the absolute pleasure to work with another of his caliber, compassion, and passion! He was the first to talk to my father and I to give us the unfortunate news that he had the cancer that eventually took his life. He delivered this news in the most gentle way that I will forever and eternally be grateful for. To the family he adored, he was always so very proud of each of you! My heart breaks for all of you. Sending our love and prayers from my mother and I.

Gloria Burchett, RN (Dr. Shahs old nurse) - August 23, 2016 at 08:27 PM

EG

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all!

Elsa and Bill Green - August 23, 2016 at 03:42 PM

RS

“ Jackie, I am sorry very sorry to hear this sad news. From our time at Tech together to seeing Tim Graduate from MSU have always been cherished in my memory. Goodbye my friend!

Rich Sullenger - August 23, 2016 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ Our Sincere Condolences to Jackie and Family for the loss of their Loved One.
Proud to have been a part of Tim's team while he was at Calumet.
Dale and Carol Plante

Dale Plante CRNA - August 23, 2016 at 08:46 AM

KJ

“ Jackie and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Words seem inadequate at this time. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Opolka Johnson - August 22, 2016 at 10:18 PM

TM

“ Deepest sympathies to Jackie & family. Our hearts go out to all of you. May your memories be in your heart forever

Tom & Renee McConnon - August 22, 2016 at 03:01 PM

WM

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of husband-son. our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

William & Susan Melchi - August 22, 2016 at 11:14 AM

MO

“ Deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Prayers to each of you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Mike & Pam Ostransky - August 22, 2016 at 10:03 AM

CJ

“ My sincere sympathy to Jackie, Amber, Angela and Adam for their loss. But fond memories both professional and personal of Tim remain. May these latter, in time, give comfort to you.

Chuck Janovsky - August 22, 2016 at 09:07 AM

CL

“ I am so sorry for your loss.performed my first mastectomy. He was so kind and patient.

Christie Ledford - August 22, 2016 at 08:45 AM

KR

“ So sorry to hear about Dr Nelson. Worked with him for several years in Gaffney. Amber...you and your family are in my prayers.

Karen Moss RN - August 22, 2016 at 07:09 AM

TB

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss... Praying for peace and healing in your hearts...

Tammie Blanton - August 21, 2016 at 10:07 PM

PM

“ he was the doctor that saved my mothers life for a period of time .

pattie mcgowan - August 21, 2016 at 08:43 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It is hard to grasp. Dr Nelson and I had a good working relationship and I truly admired him. The world has lost a great surgeon and a wonderful man. He spoke often of his family while we worked in Gaffney. I know how much he loved you all. God Bless you Jackie and all of your family.

Deborah Bridges, RN - August 21, 2016 at 07:19 PM

NK

“ I am truly heartbroken to hear the news, Dr. Nelson was a great man always putting others before him. My son Christian was friends with his son Adam, my heartfelt condolences and prayers go to the family, May he find peace and know he will always be remembered for the remarkable Dr. he was !

Nichole Klahne - August 21, 2016 at 06:57 PM

KK

“ My prayers and thoughts for the family. I worked with him in Gaffney SC. He was a wonderful surgeon

Kim Keeter - August 21, 2016 at 06:32 PM

PW

“ Amber and family, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great addition to our community and had many patients who loved and trusted him here. We miss his laughter and sense of humor. Much love and many prayers to your entire family in the difficult days ahead.

Patty Wells - August 21, 2016 at 06:01 PM

BR

“ I worked with Dr Nelso in Gaffney .This is heartbreaking news.Peace be with you all.

Becky Bradley RN - August 21, 2016 at 05:52 PM

PG

“ My heart is breaking for you Jackie. May God hold you in the palm of his hand

peggy gattra - August 21, 2016 at 05:42 PM

AH

“ So sorry to hear of Tim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Allan Huntley - August 21, 2016 at 05:01 PM

EB

“ To the family and friends of Tim, so very sad when I heard the news of the sudden loss of Tim. I worked with him in the Upper Peninsula and found him to be a caring energetic physician that cared deeply about the community he worked in as I am sure he did everywhere he took his career. Very sorry for your loss and pain.

Elizabeth Benyi, D.O. - August 21, 2016 at 04:26 PM

CG

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Cheri Groh - August 21, 2016 at 02:28 PM

LS

“ My sincere sympathy Jackie to you and your children during this most difficult time. May God keep you close and comfort and bless you in the days to follow. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Sullenger - August 21, 2016 at 02:14 PM

TH

“ My heart is broken for your family. Tim was a wonderful man, husband and father. We are praying for you and your family during your time of loss. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Herstedt - August 21, 2016 at 12:46 PM

MF

“ Jackie and Family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Myke Forstrom and Family - August 21, 2016 at 12:38 PM

JA

“ So very sorry for your loss.
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
love leaves a memory no one can steal.
Cherish your memories until you meet again.

Jan Sandrin Al-Hafi - August 21, 2016 at 02:37 AM

MM

“ Dr Nelson was a wonderful surgeon and friend. He will be missed by everyone he came in contact with. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to work along side such a great surgeon.

Monica Marthers - August 20, 2016 at 07:38 PM

BH

“ I am heartbroken over this news. Tim was a good human being as well as a physician. Jackie, Amber, Angela and Adam, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I have so many good memories of times shared with you all and pray that you will find peace in knowing how people loved and appreciated Tim. He will be forever remembered.

Brenda Hill - August 20, 2016 at 09:06 AM

DW

“ My heart is breaking for everyone in Tim's family. Tim was a wonderful person, always friendly and loving, and respected surgeon. The world is a better place having had him here. He will be missed by many, as he touched so many lives. Take care, Jackie, I am here for anything I can help you with.

Doreen Temple Wilson - August 20, 2016 at 07:48 AM

CM

“ Dr Nelson will be truly missed by his adoring family, thank you all for allowing me the privilege to work with him during his time in Gaffney. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Cyndi McCraw - August 19, 2016 at 07:57 PM

FR

“ So very sorry to hear this heartbreaking news. I worked with Dr Nelson in Gaffney SC. I truly enjoyed working with him and I send thoughts and prayers to all of his family which I know he loved dearly.

Fran Abernathy RN - August 19, 2016 at 07:36 PM