



David Owen Nelson

April 6, 1942 - December 8, 2021

Mr. David Owen Nelson, age 79, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 in Muskegon, Michigan. He was born in Muskegon on April 6, 1942 to Owen and Ruby (Akom) Nelson. David was a proud member of the Muskegon High Big Reds and attended Central Michigan University. He was also a member of the CMU and Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame and played several seasons with the Muskegon Panthers and Grand Rapids Tackers. Initially a schoolteacher (Holton and North Muskegon) and golf professional (Lincoln Golf Club), Dave worked in Industrial Sales for most of his career prior to his retirement. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Lynn Nelson (Merbs), in 2006. He is survived by his two sons and their families, Nick and Jessica Nelson and their children, Annika, Alex, Anders, and Ayla (Folsom, CA) and Brandon and Heather Nelson and their children, Hayden and Jazzy (Bellingham, WA). According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. Arrangements by Sytsema Cremation Services, 773 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442. You may sign his online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com

Comments



“ I was just notified of Dave's passing..Dave and I were the best of friends in high school..I was a senior Dave was a junior..I enlisted in the United States Air Force and was gone for over 4 years..During that time Dave became a standout basketball player at CMU..While I was overseas Dave would keep me updated through newspaper clippings of how he was doing on the courts...Upon my discharge from the military Dave got in touch with me and strongly encourage me to go to college..I graduated from Michigan State and have Dave to thank for his encouragement and support during my college experience..Over the years we lost contact, but the strong good feelings and memories never went away...Dave was one of a kind...Fun, sensitive and above all he cared for others..Dave was a special friend and I am deeply saddened by his loss...

Sincerely,

Jack Olson
Traverse City, Michigan

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