



## Greg Nelson

March 21, 1953 - October 26, 2011

Gregory Martin Nelson, 58, of Gentry, Arkansas passed away at his home on October 26, 2011.

Greg was born on March 21, 1953 in Los Angeles, California, the son of the late Luverne “Bud” and Eleanor Nelson.

Greg was a loving brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He was also an amazing artist and craftsman whose work has touched the lives of countless people around the country. He was humble, yet noble; quiet, yet quick with a laugh or a comforting word. He will be sorely missed.

Greg is survived by his wife Velda, of Gentry; daughters Kendra Bookout and Vanessa McNair, both of Gentry; brothers Steven Nelson and Stan Nelson, sister Becci Lukes, his grandson Elliott Bookout; two sons-in-law, Charlie Bookout and Shane McNair; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Gary.

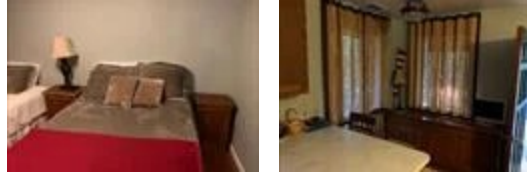
A Celebration of Life will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2011, at the Gentry Church of Christ, Gentry, Arkansas.

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Velda and girls,  
Hopefully this will find its way to you, Velda! I'm a person from your long-ago past!  
I doubt you have thought much about the home you left/sold in Grass Valley, CA, in 1983?? Or, the people who bought it?  
I am Marian Garner and my husband and I bought that home of yours! It was our first home and through YOUR KINDNESS you made our purchase possible! It was a very exciting time for us - to make this momentous purchase! To this day, I am grateful for having met you and Greg and the ability to buy our first home. You were moving your family to Arkansas to "start afresh". I've thought of your family through the years and have hoped your new start was all you prayed and hoped it would be!  
We also purchased from you and Greg some oak cabinetry and end tables that he had built to fit perfectly into your home on Bartlett Drive. We STILL OWN those pieces of furniture!! I'm very sentimental about these pieces as they represent our "first home", AND we knew they were lovingly "hand built" by Greg, a person who obviously loved his craft. (I will upload a few pictures if I can. You may enjoy seeing them.)  
We lived in your house and built the master bedroom and bathroom that we had dreamed of doing - enlarging your 650 sq. ft. home into a 950 sq. ft. home. Our third daughter was brought home from the hospital to that house. Eventually, I was hired down the street at Union Hill School where I had a career as a Sign Language Interpreter for 30 years! I retired 5 years ago. Although we eventually moved to a larger home, we pass your/our everyday! We moved up the street and around the corner! :o) I often look at it as I walk/drive by, smile to myself, and I "remember" your goodness and kindness to us. Your "old house" will always be a very special place in our hearts.  
This "posting" is unorthodox, I realize, but I hope you find pleasure in reading a little about your home in CA.  
We are sorry to discover Greg's passing, and at such a young age. May your faith and trust in a loving God bring you comfort.  
Sincerely, Craig and Marian Garner

---



Marian Garner - January 20, 2021 at 02:19 PM

RG

“ Grego was a true friend. I will always remember his kind words and gentle, light blue eyes and warm mustached smile. So many stories and too little space won't allow for my memories to ramble. But, do know this Velda, Kendra and Vanessa I love you all and it saddens me like no other to hear of Grego's passing. Always in my heart and thoughts, Lovingly Rick & Charlene George and kids.

Rick and Charlene George - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

TS

“ Velda and family; I was so sorry to read about the loss of your husband and father. You will all be in my prayers.  
Martha

Terry & Cris Stanfill - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

KZ

“ Greg, Your family was truly blessed to have you in their lives. So were other family members and friends. But you now have nothing to worry about. We will all get them thru this trying time. I know they love and miss you and will for the rest of their natural lives. But I know you will be waiting for them when the time comes. God bless you Greg.

Love Kathy and Jerry

Kathy and Jerry Zettler - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

CY

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

---

**Curtis and Toni Yankie** - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DM

“ Praying for God's comfort and protection as you grieve.

---

**Donnie and Sandy Millsap** - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

SM

“ I was saddened to hear of your loss. I am praying for God's protection and peace during this difficult time.

---

**Sandy Millsap** - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

HT

“ Vanessa, Shane and Family,

*Words escape us at a time such as this. However, we want each of you to know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers constantly. Praying for a Peace and Comfort from the Lord to surround each one of you.*

*Sincerely, Friends @ HSPT*

---

**Holly Street Physical Therapy** - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM