

LaVerne J. Nelson

Hixton, WI

LaVerne J. Nelson, 76, of Hixton, WI, passed away Monday, May 12, 2014, at his home, while under the care of Black River Memorial Hospice. He was born December 13, 1937 to Juel M. and Esther J. (Olstad) Nelson in Black River Falls, WI.

LaVerne was a lifelong resident of the Hixton area. He was a graduate of Hixton High School in 1955, as salutatorian. LaVerne then went on to Gale Institute, where he spent an additional 2 years.

He was united in marriage to Nancy Jo Cartwright on October 12, 1957 in Elk Mound, WI. She preceded him in death on February 16, 2006.

LaVerne worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, as a Depot agent, Telegrapher, and Computer Operator.

He enjoyed trout fishing, hunting, trap shooting, politics, watching western movies, and the Green Bay Packers. La Verne was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hixton Rod and Gun Club, a past volunteer firefighter of Hixton Fire Department, and helped organize and start up the Hixton Fast Pitch League.

LaVerne is survived by his daughters, Debbie (Mick) Hawley of Hixton, Theresa (Pat) Franks of Black River Falls, and Patty (Gordy) Nighbor of Marinette, WI; 7 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; brother, Richard (Ruth) Nelson of Turtle Lake, WI; other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Jo; parents, Juel and Esther; infant brother, Robert.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 16, 2014, 11:00 a.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hixton. Reverend Mara Ahles-Iverson will be officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Rest Cemetery, Hixton.

Family and friends are invited for visitation Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Online Condolences are available at [www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com](http://www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com).

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.