



John Nelson

July 8, 1947 - November 14, 2019

John Lewis Nelson age 72 of Norman, passed away Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 at Cornerstone Hospital in Shawnee. John was born July 8, 1947, in Spearman, Texas. He was the 2nd child of four born to John Lawson Nelson and Ethel Mae "Teel" Nelson. John grew up in Western Oklahoma, living in various towns while his father followed work as a farmer. As a sophomore he moved to Purcell where he later graduated with the class of 1967.

After high school, John worked a short time in the oil field. In 1968, he moved to Norman and later worked several years for International Harvester. In the mid 1970's he began working for the State of Oklahoma at Thunderbird Lake State Park east of Norman. John worked at Thunderbird for 30 years before retiring on Oct. 1, 2003 as the Park Maintenance Manager, electrician and plumber.

Throughout his life, John loved being outdoors and working with his hands. He was a "Jack of all trades" and could fix and build about anything. He enjoyed woodworking, working on tractors and equipment and doing lawn work. He was a nature lover and liked taking nature walks on the trails at Thunderbird. He loved kids and especially enjoyed taking pictures of kids and wildlife. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by:

Parents, John and Ethel Nelson.

Two sisters, Linda and Brenda Nelson.

He is survived by:

One sister, Carol Nelson of Norman,

One aunt, Dorothy Layton of Wynnewood,

Two uncles, Perry Teel of Noble,

Floyd Teel of OKC.

Several cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Monday, November 18, 2019 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. A public visitation at the funeral home will be held Sunday, Nov. 17th from 1-8 pm. Send online condolences @wilsonlittle.com.