



## Arden J. Nelson

January 23, 1951 - May 8, 2023

Dr. Arden Nelson was a talented woodworker, acoustic guitarist and melodious vocalist, and was proud to have coached his children in both basketball and swimming. He was a big fan of women's sports and could often be heard yelling "BASKETBALL!" after a great play at CSU Women's Basketball games. He loved to take close-up photographs of the perfection of a flower or bee and remake it with even greater symmetry. He would gladly lecture any kind stranger over the merits of consuming omega 3 fatty acids from farm and ocean foods. He was a stern but loving role model who loved to teach and a staunch supporter of generations of friends and his two beloved families.

In his professional life, Arden was a board certified dairy veterinarian and proponent of grass feeding and keeping cows healthy through nutrition and management. During his career he helped develop several dairy production certification standards to optimize both the nutritional quality of food and health of the animals. He was recognized by his colleagues as AABP Practitioner of the Year of 1994. With his wife, veterinarian Dr. Meg Cattell, he owned and operated Windsor Dairy, which produced raw organic milk, cheese, eggs, pork, lamb and beef for up to 1,200 members. Together they consulted for livestock operations and educated veterinarians around the world. Their family produces and consumes traditional foods and relies on natural remedies for their health needs.

Dr. Arden J. Nelson of LaPorte Colorado (January 23rd, 1951 to May 8th, 2023) son of the late Rev. Vernon and Arlene Nelson of Bemidji, MN died in his home of natural causes surrounded by his family after shoveling sand for the ditch headgate one last time. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Marguerita B. (Meg) Cattell, his children, Carin Nelson, Britt Schmidt, Fiona and Sam Nelson of LaPorte, CO, his grandson, Clark Schmidt and his sisters, Beth and Norene Nelson. He will be sorely missed but his influence will go on.

His life and death will be celebrated and he will be returned to the earth at his home, 3715 W County Rd 54G Laporte, CO 80535 Sunday May 14th from 2-4pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Nelson Home  
3715 West County Road 54G  
Laporte, 80535

# Tribute Wall

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“ Arden and I were classmates in Bemidji, Minnesota. I remember when he and his family moved to Bemidji (we were in the 3rd grade) when Vern answered the call to serve as pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church - the same church where my family attended. Arden and I attended the same elementary school and participated in many of the same high school activities - band, choir, plays, and social gatherings. We attended Sunday School and were confirmed together. I remember him as fun, smart, and kind. I'm afraid that we didn't stay in touch after high school, but I surely have fond memories of Arden and admired him for his vision for his future.  
Anne Swedmark Sand

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**Anne Swedmark Sand** - August 15, 2023 at 02:19 PM

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“ Arden and I were best friends in high school in Bemidji, MN. We had many great pickup basketball games in his driveway. And partridge hunting trips in the fall. We lost touch after HS. And now it turns out he was on the other side of the Rockies. I now live in Grand Junction. Wish we could have gotten together for a round of remembrances.

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**Jerry Nelson** - July 18, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Arden and Meg from their Windsor Dairy days in the Pitchfork Pinups Farmer’s calendar. Arden’s passion for wholistic health of farms, animals, and people and his deep intelligence and kindness touched everyone who knew him and made a big impact on me. May his memory and wisdom live on in our hearts and minds.*



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**Kelsi Nagy** - May 12, 2023 at 09:03 AM

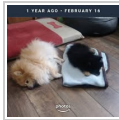


“ *Brenda Fraser lit a candle in memory of Arden J. Nelson*



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**Brenda Fraser** - May 11, 2023 at 02:50 PM



*Our condolences to Meg and the family. I know he is and will be watching over you. We will miss his quick smile, friendly banter, and endless wealth of knowledge and assistance. His friendship touched us more than we can express. Brenda and Bob.*

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**Brenda Fraser** - May 11, 2023 at 02:56 PM

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“ One of the most inspiring person I have ever had the honor to meet. I wil never forget the time you taught me how to move these bails of hay! 💜



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**Florian** - May 10, 2023 at 11:31 PM