



Marvin Wayne Nelson

November 2, 2023

We say goodbye to one of the funniest and most passionate men we know. Marvin was the life of the party and the king of photography. He cared deeply for his friends and was always there to support them. We'll miss his laugh, his signature phrases, his zest for life, his disapproving glare and his walk ... we could never keep up.

Dementia is a devastating disease, we saw the decline and helplessly watched our dear friend become a shadow of his former self ... but through this we still saw the light of recognition in his eyes, the humour seep through and his one liners continued until the very end.

Those of you who knew him best, know what a stubborn guy he could be, and will appreciate knowing that he was stubborn until the very end.

Marvin was born on September 15th 1950 and left us on November 2nd 2023. He is survived by his sister Bev, nieces Gayle (Michael), Arlene and 5 nephews.

Celebration of life will be held in Thunder Bay spring 2024.

Please share some of your memories and attach photos ...

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Rest peacefully in Jesus. You were a good man.*

Shawn Connell - May 05, 2024 at 11:25 AM

SC

“ *From the first moment I met Marvin (at the WCB), he welcomed me. He held me accountable, had a quick wit, and never ever forgot to send a Christmas letter. He wore turquoise contacts (I was fascinated), and he always made me feel I mattered. We reconnected in 2021 when he supported me through my dad's cancer journey. Marvin was a blessing in my life. Very sad to hear of his passing*

Sylvia Celentano

Sylvia Celentano - January 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM

SA

“ *Marvin my best friend you will be missed but not forgotten . I miss your laugh , jokes , big smiles , going away together and having dinner over the years . I know you are in a better place because you are with GOD now . See you soon Marvin on the other side my friend .*

Salvatore Ariganello - November 08, 2023 at 10:13 PM

LR

“ I first met Marvin working at 2 Bloor then called WCB and not only did I have the experience of being in his training class but we became fast friends outside of work. Marvin’s exuberant personality and thinking outside the box made everyone pay attention. He was fun, handsome, caring, dressed impeccably and always greeted me with a little dance and a “hey Linda baby, have I got a story for You” Marvin joined us at our home for dinners, and parties, outings at Swiss chalet and Cranberries for wings. Marvin’s sense of humour was one in a million. His style and grace, and his verve for life was infectious. Chris and I will miss him deeply. We send our condolences to his entire family whom he loved and spoke of highly. Rest Easy Marvin, we love you ❤️



Linda Chris Robinson - November 08, 2023 at 12:08 PM

DC

“ First meet Marvin at Westfort Baptist church. Marvin was always pleasant and positive which was exactly what I needed being a young boy growing up, Loved visiting him at his A & P haunt in Thunder Bay

Doug Carlson - November 07, 2023 at 12:07 PM

DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Marvin Nelson



Donna - November 07, 2023 at 07:25 AM

NH

“ *Marvin was a beautiful soul, a bright light. He knew how to tell a story and have everyone around him in giggles. He will be missed and remembered. Rest in peace.*

Nina Hajdas - November 06, 2023 at 09:53 AM

CH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Marvin at WSIB and was saddened to hear of his passing. Marvin had a big heart, pizzazz and a dazzling smile that light up the office. He will be remembered with the fondest of memories. Sending my deepest condolences to his entire family.*

cheryl - November 05, 2023 at 10:46 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



David BERNDORFF - November 04, 2023 at 09:55 PM

RH

Love this picture David ..

randy hodgson - November 05, 2023 at 04:12 PM

MR

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Marvin when he came out of retirement to return to training for one program. We had so much fun training together. I'll never forget his mannerisms and witty sayings. He always brought a smile to my face. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. Marvin, you will be greatly missed.

Michelle R - November 04, 2023 at 08:23 PM

KW

“ When you were with Marvin you never stopped laughing! I have many fond memories with him as he was great friends with my family! He will be dearly missed

Katelyn White - November 04, 2023 at 07:43 PM

VB

“ I have known Marvin as a dear friend for over fifty years . I loved him from the first day I met him. He was so friendly, up beat and full of laughs. We taught at the same school for a year and then he moved to Toronto. Later I married and ended up living in Thunder Bay where we were reunited. Marvin flew home three times each year to reunite with family. We eventually became like family and our children grew up calling him Uncle Marvin. Marvin was the light in the room, the star on the treethe icing on the cake. Everyone who met him grew to adore him. He had a real wit, a sense of humour and so many stories to tell. He was the entertainer in the room. My sides used to hurt from all of the laughter we often shared . He was a true gentleman and had a kind and giving heart. We shared many meals and shopping trips together. So much fun following him all over Toronto, which he knew like the back of his hand. So happy for him that he retired fairly young and was able to travel to places that he had dreamed about. We enjoyed seeing his pictures and hearing of his many adventures . He loved travel, people and new places. He treated me like a Queen and called me Victoria Daaaaarling. I loved that. He was a real character. He brought us joy.....we loved him well. Rest In Peace my sweet friend. Love him forever.

Vicki Benninghaus - November 04, 2023 at 07:08 PM

TC

“ Teresa Cickello lit a candle in memory of Marvin Nelson



Teresa Cickello - November 04, 2023 at 06:14 PM

TC

“ Teresa Cickello lit a candle in memory of Marvin Nelson



Teresa Cickello - November 04, 2023 at 06:10 PM

DB

“ I met Marvin in 1974 when my girlfriend(wife now) Victoria Darling as Marvin called her introduced Marvin to me..Let me say that he was a funny, kind, loving gentleman and a good sidekick..He was and still is my children’s surrogate Uncle Marvin. Or Senior Marvin as we knew him ...That was his official Title in Mexico(PV). He loved travelling and was very family oriented and always opened his home to us when we visited ..I miss the guy as he was just a genuine solid person...OTGDY!!!
Rip my buddy. Ted

drtedb@gmail.com Benninghaus - November 04, 2023 at 05:45 PM

MM

“ I had the absolute privilege of getting to know Marvin through Pensions training He made everyone feel present and comfortable So passionate about his teaching so wonderful to have this memory He and my Mum Joyce Gray had a special friendship during her time at WSIB many laughs and giggles Rest dear man

Maureen Mosey - November 04, 2023 at 05:07 PM

TD

“ Terri Desrosiers lit a candle in memory of Marvin Nelson



Terri Desrosiers - November 04, 2023 at 01:28 PM

DB

Marvin Nelson, I will dearly be missing you...I recall with complete clarity the day I met you for the first time, filling in for the receptionist in ISU 1. Your turquoise contact lenses immediately caught my attention! We worked on cases together and quickly found a mutual passion for history and humor. Over the years, we popped into one another's lives...You my friend, brought many years of laughter and cheer ..I will NEVER forget you, ADMIRAL NELSON ..and you will never forget being addressed as "Admiral" ! With utmost fondness, hoping to reuniting with you eventually, my dear friend ! Dave

David BERNDORFF - November 04, 2023 at 10:06 PM

KF

“ Marvin was one of the first people I met in ISU1 when I was a new adjudicator. Over the years, he was a dedicated trainer and he was specifically known for his skill as a Pensions and FEL trainer. He made the training fun and he made an impact. He had a great sense of humor and made you laugh with his funny jokes. Always a pleasure to work with. My condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace.

Karen Francis-Kebede - November 04, 2023 at 01:00 PM

RH

“ When we moved Marvin into assisted living system a short 18 months ago, the task of cleaning out his apartment and finding a home for his treasures was daunting. One of our mutual friends Jodee inherited his collection of 45’s ... I got a message from her just now saying “Im playing the records you gave me from Marvin today as a celebration of his life” I thought this was so lovely and wanted to share



randy hodgson - November 04, 2023 at 12:34 PM

SF

Very nice Jodee. ❤️
I wonder if Travis is mixing cocktails with all those swizzle sticks from Mexico.

Sheryl Ferguson - November 04, 2023 at 03:16 PM

JK

I met Marvin in 1978 in Norway, at Klakegg, where his father, Martin, was born. We had a road trip around Norway.


In 1979 I had my first trip to Canada, Thunder Bay and Toronto. He showed me a new way to live. I met some of his friends, good friends, and they all gave me a new seeing of life.

I met his family, and my canadian family, it was a good time.

Thank you, Marvin, that I learned to know you. Norway will miss you.

Jan Inge Klakegg - November 04, 2023 at 03:18 PM

HW

Had the good fortune of knowing Marvin most of my life! My older sister Vicki and Marvin were besties; I benefitted from that relationship - so many laughs and shenanigans. Will see you on the flip side Marvin! Until then, enjoy the sunshine, gin and tonics! Oh, and say hi to Mossa & Paw 

Heather White - November 04, 2023 at 04:57 PM

KB

“ Marvin was my Mom’s lifetime friend and an honorary “Uncle” to my brothers and I. As children, we looked so forward to his visits each Christmas & Easter. He always remembered us with treats, chocolate, gifts & the latest hit CD when he visited. Oh how I could not wait for that CD each year! As I grew, he instilled in me a love of languages & travel. He encouraged me to keep up with learning French, always made me practise with him, and inspired me to learn Spanish. As a teen, I lived vicariously through his stories of seeing the world, his photos, and the postcards he would send. Time passed, and he became an honorary “Uncle” to my own child, who always knew him as “Uncle Marvin”, just as I did growing up. He was our Toronto tour guide, never too busy to meet up & always made sure we made it safely around the city. We shared wine (sometimes too much!) and laughter together at his apartment, fine dining for lunch dates, pitchers of beer at some of his favorite local bars, baseball games and Christmas shopping excursions. I will always remember his laughter, his warm heart, his friendship & his love. How lucky we were to have known him & loved him in our lives. Te amo, Marvin. Fly high.



Kristina Bradbury - November 04, 2023 at 11:19 AM

GS

Thank you Kristina.. he really was a gem.. & valued the time he spent with you & your Family.. he really was everyone’s “ Uncle Marvin”.. we were so lucky!!❤️

Gayle Smith - November 04, 2023 at 07:08 PM

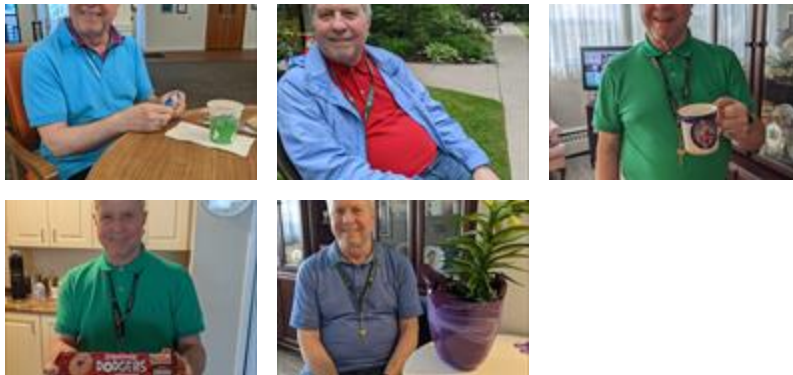
JH

“ Marvin and I were neighbours for a few years and in that time we had many many dinners together and went on a couple vacations together. His heart was as big as his personality. I've never seen anyone love life and living than this amazing man and dear friend!!! RIP dear Marvin. You will forever be missed.

John Hunking - November 04, 2023 at 11:16 AM

SF

“ 32 files added to the album *RECENT TIMES*: Never lost his sparkle for the camera!



Sheryl Ferguson - November 04, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ I had the pleasure to work with Marvin for over 15 years in Training & Development where we became fast friends. They were great years with great people, we had wonderful times and made great memories. I especially remember training groups in the afternoon shifts at 2 Bloor with Marvin, during the adjudicator assistant phase. I still run into people from WSIB that we trained who remember you Marvin so fondly and remember the training classes and the good times. I think of Marvin often especially when there is anything Royal on the news/tv, the colour purple and when I go for a walk with my son, I have to race to keep up with him, just like Marvin. A quirk I will share and remember is the first time we went to Swiss Chalet together and the way Marvin proceeded to eat his food, turning his plate around as he finished one food group before moving to the next. Never a piece of chicken and potatoe together. LOL. Marvin you provided joy and laughter, support and sage advice when I needed it most - a true friend who will be forever remembered. Marvin i will forever be your "Anna Banana Queen of Savannah".

Anna Capo Defina - November 04, 2023 at 10:55 AM

AN

“ 1 file added to the album WSIB FAMILY



anna - November 04, 2023 at 10:13 AM

RP

RIP Marvin. You were a good man💕💕

Rose Plewman - November 04, 2023 at 11:28 AM

NL

“ Marvin was one of my trainers, when I started at WSIB nearly 25yrs ago. I'm proud to have been able to call him a dear friend throughout the years. His infectious laugh and spirit will be missed. RIP dear friend 🙏 Nicole

Nicole Lindo - November 04, 2023 at 09:19 AM

LL

“ I knew Marvin my entire WSIB life. He was honestly the most kind, gentle and generous person I know. His laughter lit up a room and you couldn't help but join in. He loved his family and loved sharing stories about them. You were a light and now you've gone to the light. Rest easy Marvin 💕 and thank you for sharing the gift of you.

Lisa Lum - November 04, 2023 at 08:30 AM

JL

“ I met Marvin when we was 19 years old, working at A&P in Thunder Bay as a grocery packer, carry out boy & shelf stocker - he paid his way through university at Lakehead with that job. He was so young, full of life & quick witted even then. Over the years we remained friends though we never again lived in the same city. My entire family 'adopted' Marvin. We travelled together, shopped together (who could forget those shopping trips 😊), attended ball games & football games (Jean, why is that man throwing his hanky on the ground ?), did some fine dining, & some not quite so fine. His bon mots are legacy in our family. I will never have another friend like him. May he be at peace - I love him still.

Jean Lane - November 04, 2023 at 07:45 AM

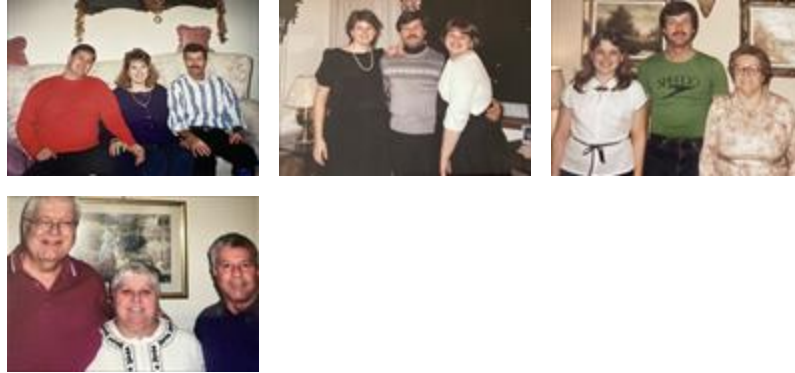
GS

Oh Jean... you had so many adventures together!!!❤️

Gayle Smith - November 04, 2023 at 07:11 PM

GS

“ More Family pics.. Mother, Sister Bev(Red), Gayle(Michael), Nieces (Gayle & Arlene)



Gayle Smith - November 03, 2023 at 06:13 PM



My condolences on the loss of your brother and uncle. i know how much he loved you all sharing many stories over the years. Hoping that the outpouring of sentiments and memories shared bring you comfort knowing he was cherished and loved by so many.

Anna Capo Defina - November 04, 2023 at 11:03 AM

GS

“ Marvin was a smart guy... graduating from University with a Teaching Degree, & worked at WCB for 30 years as a trainer..



Gayle Smith - November 03, 2023 at 06:11 PM

RH

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rhw - November 03, 2023 at 06:10 PM

GS

“ Marvin's great Nephews... Dayton, Connor, Brayden, Aubrey & Mikey



Gayle Smith - November 03, 2023 at 06:01 PM

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“ Family...Marvin's parents (Martin & Lizzie), sister Bev (Red), Gayle & Arlene, Norway Family



Gayle Smith - November 03, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ Marvin's 2 nieces... Gayle & Arlene



Gayle Smith - November 03, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ Marvin ... the Early Years...



Gayle Smith - November 03, 2023 at 05:52 PM