



Martha Allene Nelson

December 7, 1928 - January 6, 2024

Martha Allene Nelson of Lake Villa passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2024.

Allene was born in Lisbon, TX to Martha and Charles Lee Cox. Her parents chose to use her middle name Allene because her mother was also Martha. Allene's parents moved to Chicago in 1930, as her father was a newspaper man. Allene graduated from Amundsen High School in Chicago in 1945. Allene married Alan Oliver Nelson on December 18, 1948. In 1952, her first child Alana Lee was born. Then, in 1953 her second child Dale Alan was born. Alan's father, Axel Oliver Nelson, owned a summer house in Lake Villa where they moved in 1955 and converted to a year-round residence. Allene had two more children. Charles Oliver was born in 1961 at home, delivered by Alan. Charles was born with mental disability. Allene's 'last child', as she would often joke, Bruce Arthur, was born in 1963. Allene became a teacher's aide and worked for the Special Education District of Lake County for over 20 years. Together with her husband Alan, Allene and her family served the community of Lake Villa through volunteering with the Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department, the VFW, and the Special Olympics of Lake County. Allene volunteered at the Lake Villa Historical Society and Great Lakes Naval Base. She was also an active member of the Antioch Women's Club, the Women's Club of Illinois, and the Red Hat Society. She was a very active reader and yearly received awards from the Illinois Secretary of State Epsilon Sigma

Omicron Book Readers Club. The things Allene will be most remembered for is her positive disposition and kind and generous spirit. We are comforted by the fact that Allene is in heaven with her Savior. She will be missed by many.

Survivors include her daughter Alana (& John) Piniotes, Charles Nelson, Bruce (& April) Nelson, her daughter-in-law Rita Nelson, grandsons; Joshua (& Jill) Piniotes, and Jason Pappas, granddaughters: Annette Nelson and Abigail (& Lawrence) Fieber, great grandchildren: Alexis Piniotes, Miles Piniotes, Dominic Espino, Samuel Piniotes, Mateo Espino, Nico Piniotes, and Macy Piniotes. She was preceded in death by her husband Alan Nelson, son Dale Nelson, and grandson James Micah Piniotes.

A memorial visitation will be 2 - 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. A memorial service will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Please consider a contribution in Allene's memory to Samaritan's Purse International Relief: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/memorial-page/martha-allene-nelson-lake-villa-il/>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
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Memorial Service

JAN 11. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Nelson was a lovely woman, nice neighbor & such a faithful follower of Jesus! She was loved by many & I have fond memories of her! I admire her for many reasons! Welcome Home!* ”

Linda Polli - April 11, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martha Allene Nelson.* ”



January 10, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Martha Allene Nelson.* ”



January 09, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Allene Nelson.* ”



January 08, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ *The Krewer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Allene Nelson.*

The Krewer Family - January 08, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Jean E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Allene Nelson.*

Jean E. - January 07, 2024 at 01:04 PM