MacAlpine Funeral Homes & Cremation Services

David Arthur Nelson

(February 05, 1942 - April 28, 2013)

David Arthur Nelson, 71, a resident of Filion, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2013. He was born February 5, 1942, in Bad Axe to the late Roland and Alberta (Eddy) Nelson.
David graduated from Bad Axe High School and continued his education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. After earning his bachelor degree at U of M, David earned a juris doctorate (J.D.) from the Detroit College of Law, graduating at the top of his class. David ran a private legal practice in Davison, Michigan, for many years. He was an avid University of Michigan football fan, and enjoyed "the good life." He will be remembered for his amazing memory (especially of history and geography), vast knowledge of trivia, his skill in playing the piano and accordion, and his love of collecting rocks, clocks, magazines, beer cans and coins. David enjoyed quizzing people about their knowledge of history, the Bible, and anything related to the University of Michigan. He also enjoyed sharing stories, building fires, and setting off fireworks.
He is survived by his son Albert C. (Kerry) Nelson of Punta Gorda, FL, and his children Kyla, A.J., Tom and Karys; daughter Alicia V. (Mark) Gresser of San Diego, CA, and her children, Phil, Emily and Melanie; son William W. (Michelle) Nelson of Tampa, FL, and his children, Olivia and William; and son Christopher M.L. (Dawn) Nelson of Huntington, IN. He is also survived by nieces and a nephew: Cyndy Leigh (Bryan) Barney of Columbus, OH, and her sons, Dustin, Jacob and Michael; Jeff (Janet) Leigh of Lake Orion and his sons, James and Jonathan; Greta Eileen (Brion) Umidi of Arnold, MD, and her sons, Samuel and Thomas. He was preceded in death by sisters Theda "T" Ione Leigh and Eileen June Nelson, as well as his former wife, Diane P. (Ward) Nelson.

David was interred Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Nelson family plot in Colfax Township Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. A memorial service will be held later this year.

His family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the many people of Bad Axe and the surrounding communities, both family and acquaintances, who reached out to David in his final years. You will

always be appreciated for your warmth and caring.

David would have liked to leave you with the following facts:
• How many seats in Michigan Stadium? 109,901.
• Do you know why it's 109,901 and not 109,900? The one extra seat is reserved for Fritz Crisler.
• How many games in a row has Michigan had over 100,000 in attendance? Every home game since November 8, 1975, has drawn a crowd in excess of 100,000; an active streak of more than 200 contests.
• How did Bob Ufer refer to Michigan Stadium? Longtime radio announcer Bob Ufer dubbed Michigan Stadium "The hole that Yost dug, Crisler paid for, Canham carpeted, and Schembechler fills every cotton-pickin' Saturday afternoon."
• Do you know what Fielding Yost's record was? During his 25 seasons as the head football coach in Ann Arbor, Yost's Michigan Wolverines won six national championships, captured ten Big Ten Conference titles, and amassed a record of 165–29–10.
• Do you know who played in the first college bowl game ever? The 1901 Michigan team, coached by Fielding H. Yost, beat Stanford, 49–0, in the 1902 Rose Bowl, the first college football bowl game ever played.

Go Blue!