

# *In Celebration of the Life of Leonard Arthur Nelson*

**PRELUDE** Jennifer Nagy

**OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Mary Saylor

**HYMN** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* Hymn 611

**A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE** Darryl Nelson  
Rev. Terry Palmer

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
John 3:16 & Psalm 23

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

**SONG** *“If You See Me Now”* Gary Brigham

**PRAYER OF COMMENDATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN** *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”* Hymn 649

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Jennifer Nagy

*Art is survived by:  
His wife Gloria; his son Darryl; his daughter Michelle and her wife,  
Claudia Trott; grandchildren Nicolette and Alexander.*

*Thank you to the Honor Guard for recognition of Art’s military service.  
Thank you to Gary Brigham, Soloist  
Thank you to Michael Lanathan, Bagpiper  
Thank you to Cheri Workman, Hymn Leader  
The family of Art Nelson invites you to a time of fellowship  
in the Palmer Center following the service.*

## ***The Rest of the Story.....***

Art’s many interests in Renton, WA and Arizona included a great deal of voluntary work such as Habitat for Humanity (his favorite), helping out at U MOM, Justa Center, Paz de Cristo, East Valley Men’s Center and Gilbert Presbyterian Church. Art was a mentor in the YMCA for a troubled boy offering him many adventures within Arizona. Art & Gloria were members of the African Violet Society competing in shows. They had over 340 African Violets they propagated and became experts in their growing. Both Art & Gloria did football and baseball coaching. Spent fun times with SCCA, Sports Car Club of America at car races at SIR (Seattle International Raceway). Darryl and Michelle grew up with boat and car racing. When the children were small Gloria would heat their bottles or meals on the radiator of their car.

In 1975 Art was sent to Anchorage, Alaska for Nordstrom, as director in making the purchased empty stores “Nordyized”. He also did this in the Kenai and Fairbanks stores. After several months, Gloria, Darryl and Michelle joined him. They bought a lot and had a house built, and while waiting for the house they lived in a couple of apartments. They had a dispute with the contractor as a telephone pole sat where the kitchen was to be. The first attempt with Chugach Electric to remove the pole was unsuccessful. The builder finally took down the pole and set up 2x4’s to hold the lines. Finally, they moved in and celebrated with a housewarming and the “gift” was the downed telephone pole that was taken out of their front yard.

In Alaska, Art was Manager of the Anchorage store. He enjoyed ice fishing, and snowmobiling, with all Alaska has to offer for adventure. Darryl and Michelle and friends would go picnicking and water skiing at night. Gloria had many jobs. Michelle was in the school band and Darryl was on the basketball team. After a little over two years the family returned to the Seattle/Renton area. From Renton, WA they moved to Anacortes, WA and onto Mesa, AZ.

*A service of witness to the resurrection  
remembering the life of*

**Leonard Arthur Nelson**

*John 3:16*

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten  
Son, that whosoever believeth  
in Him should not perish but  
have everlasting life.*



**November 17, 1934—  
October 10, 2021**

**Gilbert Presbyterian Church**

Officiating: Rev. Terry Palmer & Rev. Mary Saylor

3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021