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Funeral services for Terry J. Nelson, 88 of Heath will be held Thursday May 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Pastor Martin Gehring officiating. Visitation will be observed from 4 pm to 6 pm at the funeral home.

Private family interment will take place at a later date. Mr. Nelson passed away on Friday May 16, 2025 at Mt. Carmel East Medical Center. He was born September 27, 1936 in Neenah, Wisconsin to John H. and Nelda (Raehl) Nelson.

Terry retired from Rockwell International with over 41 years of services. He also was employed for 32 years as a bus driver for the Heath School System. He was a graduate of Newark High School. He was a member St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and had served as an usher. He also served in the local National Guard Unit.

He enjoyed being an outdoorsman, hunting small animals, deer and fishing. Favorite pastimes included traveling and gardening. He was a fan of OSU sports, Browns and Guardians. He was present at his grandson's car races whenever possible. Many delightful trips were spent at Lake Erie with a group of longtime friends.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Karen L. (Anco) Nelson; daughter, Brenda L. Nelson of Newark; son, Rick A. (Tamie) Nelson of Newark; grandson, Quinten T. (Payton) Nelson of Utica; great-grandchildren, Creed and Finley; several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Barbara Livingston, Doris (Donald) Olt. The family requests memorial contributions to Licking County Humane Society, 825 Thornwood Drive SW, Heath, OH 43056 or St. Paul's Evangelical Church, 67 N. 5th Street, Newark, OH 43055.



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JV

Jim Vernier posted:

Worked with Terry at the ROCK. Had some great times. RIP my friend.

May 25 at 5:37 AM

RM

Robert Morman posted:

I am a graduate of Heath schools in 1983. I remember I had a classmate that lived right across the street from our bus stop in Wedgewood. Myself and around 5 others would wait inside my classmates house in the winter and keep an eye out, then come running when the bus would arrive. Needless to say Terry was not a fan of this maneuver as he said it was making him late. But he always waited for us. My condolences to his family. Just know that he is remembered.

May 23 at 9:48 AM

MM

Mary Morman posted:

We live on Carey Lane. Terry drove the school bus for all of my children. They always spoke of him with respect and affection. My daughter told me if Terry was driving the bus she always felt safe. Prayers for him and the family

May 23 at 9:37 AM

TM

Tim Morman posted:

My condolences to Terry's family. I have several fond memories of Terry. He would always say "Hey Let's Sit Down" in his specific drawl anytime a student was taking too long to find a seat or getting a little ornery. It was just firm enough to get your attention and prompt action. My bus stop was close to a dead-end street and Terry would always drive by my house really slow if I wasn't at the stop, just in case I was running late. He is and always will be my favorite bus driver.

May 22 at 10:00 AM

CF

Cathy Ford posted:

Karen, so sorry. He was my handsome bus driver in Heath, had a huge crush on him, as many did, I am sure. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

May 21 at 4:13 AM



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Kevin Carson posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. I have so many fond memories of the Nelson family. Terry was my school bus driver when I went to Fulton Middle. My family along with the Nelson family and many other families were always celebrating something , somewhere, or watching an OSU game. I will always remember those times of laughter and joy.

May 21 at 3:37 AM



Theresa Bailey shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

From the Bailey Family Peaceful Meadowsweet was purchased for Visitation on Thursday, May 22nd.

May 20 at 8:00 PM



Douglas W Carson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest in Peace Terry...You will always be MY favorite Bus Driver. Our condolences and deepest sympathies for your family...Doug, Cindy and Joshua Carson Designer's Choice was purchased for Visitation on Thursday, May 22nd.

May 19 at 8:00 PM



Diana Loewendick Lombardo posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing off Terry, he was a great person he and my dad, Gus, had so many memories of driving the heath bus. great friends, keep your memories. close, God Bless, your family, Love, and prayers . The Lombardo Family.

May 19 at 2:50 PM



Kristin Lewis posted:

Terry was my bus driver when I was a kid at Heath then I delivered his Advocate for 23 years out in LeMar Heights. In 2007 along with delivering his Advocate I had gotten my cdl and driven bus for Heath as well. We chatted a few times about things. I left that rural route in 2018 and unfortunately never saw him any other time. I ended my bus driving career in 2024 driving bus 1 which was his bus number for some time. Terry was a great guy. The world is a little dimmer without him in it. I'm sorry for your loss and I'm praying for you.

May 19 at 11:05 AM



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Jeff Reed posted:

Terry was an amazing man. I have terrific memories of hunting/fishing adventures from childhood through adulthood. I will miss my dad's best friend.

May 19 at 9:47 AM



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