



## Vena Kay Nelson

April 15, 1960 - March 4, 2023

Vena Kay Orange Nelson, age 62 years, a former resident of Vienna, passed away Saturday morning, March 4, 2023, at 8 AM at the Metropolis Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Vena was born April 15, 1960 at the West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. She was the daughter of William “Bill” Orange and Barbara (Farris) Orange. She attended Steinmetz High School in Chicago and was a member of the ROTC Program throughout her high school years, graduating in 1978. In September 1989, Vena left Chicago with her two children and moved to Southern Illinois to be close to her family.

Vena was of the Baptist faith. She had attended Fellowship Baptist Church, where she was baptized. Also, Vena attended the First Baptist Church in Vienna.

She was employed by several businesses throughout her working career. She owned and operated her own business, The Attic, in the Orange complex. Vena was also employed by Shawnee Abstract and Title Company. She also worked as a security officer at Harrah’s Casino as well as Honeywell, Inc.. Vena had her own sewing alteration business “Vena Kay’s Corner” and was an Avon representative for many years.

Vena loved being outdoors. She enjoyed hunting, gardening, crafting and sewing. Vena was an accomplished artist and was skilled at drawing and painting. Having learned from her Grandmother Orange, Vena was a wonderful cook. She and her Dad, Bill, often competed together in the annual chili cookoff contests, which were a part of the local fall festival celebrations.

On August 24, 2016, Vena was united in marriage to Kevin David Nelson in Palm Springs, California. He preceded her in death.

Vena is survived by: children – Joey (Jennifer) Parenti, Amy Ballard, Melanie (Dillon) Peebles; a special stepdaughter in her life – Holly (Colby) Alexander; her siblings – Shane Orange of Creal Springs and Jennifer (Elflago) Delgado; her grandchildren – Owen and Jackson Peebles, Lilly, Andy, and Axyl Alexander; a cousin – Gina Briseno; an aunt – Mary Salas, and a special cousin & friend – Carol Bryant.

Vena was preceded in death by her parents – William “Bill” Orange and Barbara Sepulveda; her husband, Kevin David Nelson, her sister – Shari Mae Orange-Stepter; and a granddaughter – Emma Loren Ballard.

In accordance with Vena’s wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service.

Interment will be in the Belknap Masonic Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Shriner’s Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110 or online at <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>

# Cemetery Details

## **Belknap Masonic Cemetery**

Sunflower Lane  
Belknap, IL 62908

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson



Bobby Rentfro - March 10, 2023 at 01:15 AM

TA

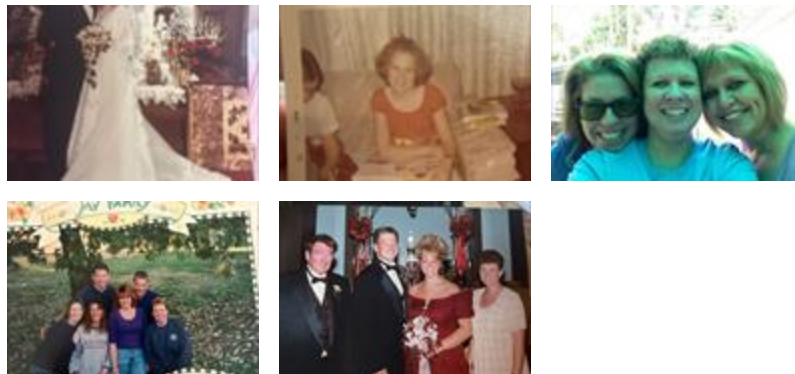
“ Tony Adams lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson



Tony Adams - March 08, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Memories of Vena



Carol Bryant - March 08, 2023 at 12:49 PM

KH

“ *Kaye Harris lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



**kaye harris** - March 07, 2023 at 08:02 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



**Gloria Bydalek** - March 07, 2023 at 06:23 PM

GB

*Remember your big smile and loved our visits in happier times. Prayers and sympathy for family and friends*

**Gloria Bydalek** - March 07, 2023 at 06:25 PM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



**Linda and Jeff Mathis** - March 07, 2023 at 05:26 PM

CF

“ So sorry for the family's loss.

*Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen*



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**c Joan Faulkner** - March 07, 2023 at 04:29 PM

FM

“ Dear Carol, so sorry about Vena. You always posted about her, so although I didn't really know her I felt I did, thru you. Love and God's blessing to all the family.

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**Faye McCoullough** - March 07, 2023 at 04:16 PM

BM

“ Beth Meinders lit a candle in memory of Vena  
Kay Nelson



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**Beth Meinders** - March 07, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LC

“ Dianna and I are saddened at the passing of Vena. Your family is in our prayers.

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**Larry Choate** - March 07, 2023 at 08:59 AM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson



Karen Brumley - March 07, 2023 at 08:41 AM

DM

“ Debbie Ming lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson



Debbie Ming - March 07, 2023 at 08:05 AM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson



Sheri Robinson - March 07, 2023 at 07:30 AM

GY

“ George Vicky Yates



George Vicky Yates - March 07, 2023 at 07:27 AM

EA

“ *Emilie Ashworth lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



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**Emilie Ashworth** - March 06, 2023 at 11:11 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



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**John Slack** - March 06, 2023 at 10:58 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



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**Bill and Barb Warmack** - March 06, 2023 at 07:55 PM

MV

“ *Michael And Shari Verkey lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



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**Michael and Shari Verkey** - March 06, 2023 at 07:35 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



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**Teresa Anderson** - March 06, 2023 at 07:23 PM

BJ

“ *Brittany Johnson lit a candle in memory of Vena Kay Nelson*



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**Brittany Johnson** - March 06, 2023 at 07:17 PM

BA

“ *My deepest condolences to her family and friends and all those that knew her. She was such a sweet, kind person. I got to know her working at Family Dollar as she was a regular customer. She will be greatly missed. 💜*



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**Barbara Averitt** - March 06, 2023 at 06:47 PM