

# *A Celebration of Life*



## ***Celebrating the Life of Frank Nelson, Sr.,***

December 30, 1937 – May 11, 2013

## Obituary

*NHRA Drag Racing Legend, Frank Nelson, Sr. of Auburn, Washington went peacefully to be with our Lord on May 11, 2013 surrounded by his family and friends after a 3 year long battle with cancer. Frank was born on December 30, 1937 in Seattle, WA. Frank grew up in Alger, WA and went to Burlington-Edison High School. Frank served in the United States Air Force from 1956-1959 at Schilling Air Force Base in Salina, Kansas. After his honorable Discharge from the AF, he made Auburn, WA his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Violet Nelson, and one grand-daughter, Amy Zacharias.*

*Frank is survived by his Wife Ruth, Daughter Theresa, Son's Frank Nelson, Jr., Donald, Christopher, Steven and Stanley Zacharias, a sister, Carolyn Canaday, 13 Grandchildren and 7 Great-Grandchildren.*

*Frank retired from the Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad after 45 years of service. Frank is best known as a NHRA Northwest Hall of Fame drag racing legend where he has raced locally and nationally for the past 50+ years.*

*In 2003 the City of Auburn presented Frank with the Local Legend Award.*

*In 2011, Frank was presented with the City of Auburn's Pioneer Spirit Award.*



USAF Honor Guard Presentation

Prelude Martin Schulz

Introductory Remarks Martin Schulz

Hymn Mel Canaday

A Time of Remembrance Open Mike for Sharing

Scripture Reading Isa 43:1-3 Martin Schulz

Concluding Remarks

Special Music Mel Canaday

Prayer

Benediction

A Time of Fellowship provided by

*LONGHORN BARBEQUE*

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To love, to laugh, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
GOD wanted me now;  
He set me free!*



*The Family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who  
have supported us during this time of loss.*

*The Nelson Family*