



Mark had the most youthful, joyful smile and touched many lives. John and I were shocked and saddened to receive this tragic news. He will be greatly missed. Jan Mikkelsen (you may email me if you are wanting Alice's contact information). Mark Steven Nelson, 62, passed away September 14, 2021 in Prescott, AZ. He was born January 24, 1959 in Bellflower, CA and raised on the family farm in Selma, CA, and graduated from Selma High in 1977. He proudly served in the US Army at Ft. Hood, Tx. He worked at Sun-Maid Growers in Kingsburg, CA for 40 years with the final 30 as an IAM union machinist. He retired in 2018 and moved to Chino Valley, AZ with his wife Alice.

He loved riding and training horses. He took pride in constantly learning new horsemanship skills. He loved pack trips into the Sierra backcountry with friends, including many trail cleaning work trips with the Backcountry Horsemen of California. Mark was always busy with household improvement projects and trying to make things better for others. He enjoyed creating metalwork projects that he shared with many. He loved spending time with close family and friends, and when out and about in the community he never met a stranger. He loved traveling throughout the United States and Canada in recent years.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gary. He is survived by his wife Alice, brother Les, numerous beloved family and friends, cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.