



Ryan J Nelson

April 17, 1973 - June 13, 2026

Ryan J. Nelson, 53, of Bonita Springs, Florida, died unexpectedly at his residence on June 13, 2026.

Born on April 17, 1973, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Ryan was the son of Thomas N. Nelson and the late Constance P. Nelson. He moved to Southwest Florida in 1989 from Marathon, Florida, and made the area his lifelong home.

Ryan graduated from Edison Community College, where he earned an Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy. From an early age, he dreamed of becoming a firefighter. Pursuing that passion, he attended the fire academy and joined the Iona-McGregor Fire District serving as a firefighter/EMT and Paramedic. Ryan dedicated many years of service to protecting his community before retiring from the fire department in February 2016.

Following his retirement, he opened and operated a specialty clinic in Bonita Springs, where he continued serving others until his untimely passing.

Ryan will be remembered for his dedication to helping others, his commitment to his community, and, above all, his love for his family.

He is survived by his beloved son, Charlie Orth-Nelson, age 8, of Naples, Florida; Charlie's mother, Lindsay Orth; his father, Thomas N. Nelson of North Fort Myers, Florida; and his brother, Rodney K. Nelson of Somers, Connecticut and his nephew and niece Max and Ashlyn Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Constance P. Nelson.

A memorial service celebrating Ryan's life will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026, at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail

South, Bonita Springs, Florida. Family and friends are invited to attend.
To sign Ryan's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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