

Nelson is retired from North Iowa Area Community College after spending 38 years in the field of education. At NIACC, he was the Director of Secondary Education. Prior to his 10 years at NIACC, he spent 28 years as an educator, counselor, coach, and administrator in the Clear Lake School system.

He and his wife, Darlene, have three children: Tina and her husband, Chris; Andy and his wife, Shawna; and Katie and her husband, Shawn. They also have six grandchildren.

Nelson is a native of New Jersey and graduated from Franklin High School, Franklin, N.J. He attended Rutgers University and Iowa Wesleyan College graduating with a B.S. in Biology. His graduate studies were completed at Iowa State University with a M.S. in Counseling and Ed. Administration.

His present hobbies and interests are: hunting; traveling; a Master Gardener; a sports spectator; enjoying a variety of lake activities; and an appreciation/exploration of the natural wonders of North Iowa.

Prior to his election as Mayor, he has been a member and Chair of the Clear Lake Parks and Recreation Board; President of the Iowa Counseling Association; President of the Iowa Association of Career and Technical Educators; and Past Master of Verity Masonic Lodge. Presently, he is a member of the Clear Lake Noon Lions, Pheasants Forever, and Zion Lutheran Church.

He is looking forward to serving the citizens of Clear Lake as their Mayor – ‘where people make the difference’.