

Hazel E. Neas, 77

^{3 Jan 1985}
Hazel Evangeline Neas, 77, died at her home in Kalispell Sunday morning.

Mrs. Neas was a long-time resident of the Boorman area and taught school at Sparks, Kila, Batavia and Boorman schools. She was also a bookkeeper for the Walters Christmas Tree Co.

She was born April 20, 1907, in North Branch, Minn., to Halvor and Elma Corneliuson. She attended school in Minnesota and graduated from St. Cloud Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn. She taught school in Minnesota for two years, and in 1929 she moved to Montana and taught at the Elmo school.

On May 23, 1931, she married Howard Neas in Kalispell.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was active in community affairs. She worked in many projects to further the education of young people. She was an honorary grandparent for the local 4-H Club.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Royal Corneliuson, and a grandson, Harley Fisher.

She is survived by her husband, Howard, at the family home; a daughter, Fay Fisher, Whitefish; a son, Larry, Anchorage, Alaska; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Berthel and Chester Corneliuson, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Helen Williams of Mercer Island, Wash., and Lylah Peavy of Seattle, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the Neas Memorial Fund.

^{15 Jan 1985}
Edward P. Nash, 62

Edward Paul Nash, 62, Kalispell, died Tuesday evening at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 7, 1922, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Edward T. and Ethel Nash. In 1943, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and rose the rank of master sergeant by the time of his honorable discharge in 1948.

In 1959 he began employment with the Internal Revenue Service in Elliston, Mont. He was transferred to Denver, Colo., in 1968 and to San Bernardino, Calif., in 1970. Mr. Nash resigned in 1974 because of a disability. Later that year, he started a private service in San Diego, Calif. In 1979 he retired and moved to Kalispell.

His hobbies included fishing and cooking.

He married M. Ellen Markel in 1943, and she preceded him in death.

In 1969 he married Mary Ellen Stowe O'Connell in Reno, Nev., and she survives him at the family home in Kalispell.

Also surviving are two sons, Edward N. Nash of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Jeffrey D. O'Connell of Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Mich.; three daughters, Ardis K. Stockton of Billings, Terrie L. Bruce of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and Rosemary A. Nash of Kalispell; three grandchildren; and his mother, Ethel Rice of Cleveland, Ohio.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Friday at the Weatherford Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. The urn will be interred in Elliston at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice Project, P.O. Box 1532, Kalispell 59901.



Bert L. Napier, 76

^{2 June 1985}
LIBBY — Bert L. Napier, 76, Libby, died Sunday at St. John Lutheran Hospital following a heart attack.

He was born April 29, 1909, in Centralia, Ill., to Webb and Rosa Napier. He attended school in

Havre, and moved to Libby in 1920, where he worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. and later for the Zonalite Co. as a machinist.

He married Edith Schultz April 7, 1944, in Kalispell. They moved to Rochester, Minn., in 1947. Then, in 1950, they returned to Libby where Mr. Napier worked as a machinist for the J. Neils Lumber co. until his retirement in 1974.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith, Libby; two daughters, Barbara Napier, Libby, and Regina Hovland, Bremerton, Wash.; two sons, Roger and Richard Napier, both of Libby; a sister, Edna Postlethwaite, Libby; eight grandchildren and two nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Robert Grilley officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Ruth C. Nelson

Ruth C. Nelson, 67 of Great Falls, died Sunday in a local nursing home.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Great Falls and attended Franklin School through seventh grade. She graduated from Whitefish Central High School.

She married Orland N. Nelson in 1936

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in Kalispell. She worked for the VFW in Whitefish from 1935 to 1936, Navy shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., from 1945 to 1946 and Montgomery Ward in Portland, Ore., from 1947 to 1948. She returned to Whitefish in 1955.

They moved in 1964 to Havre, where her husband worked for the railroad,

retiring from Burlington Northern in 1979. They moved to Great Falls then.

Surviving are her husband, Orland of Great Falls; a son, Norman Nelson of Whitefish and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Hillcrest Mausoleum in Great Falls Thursday at 3 p.m.

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E. Neitzling, 87

Edward W. Neitzling, 87, died Friday afternoon at his Kalispell home.

He worked for the Post Office for 35 years, working his way up to assistant postmaster at Kalispell before retiring in 1959. Earlier, he had been superintendent of mails and a rural carrier.

He was also active in the Masons, Knights' Templar, the Shrine Club, and Eastern Star.

He was born Feb. 20, 1897, in Columbia Falls, the son of Henry and Anna Neitzling. His parents were early Flathead Valley pioneers, who settled in Columbia Falls about 1890.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1917 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. On his return to the Flathead, he worked first for a hardware store, then at the Carr-Elsethagen Grocery until he began his stint with the postal service in 1924.

After retiring from the Post Office, he was a timber-cruiser for Flathead County and private clients. He had been fully retired since 1981.

On Oct. 19, 1921, he married Ella Saurey in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife at the family home. He is also survived by a son, Robert Neitzling of Kalispell; one sister, Anna Christensen of Portland; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, Pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Flathead Industries for the Handicapped.

Hazel Nelson, 91

17 Jan 1985
Hazel J. Nelson, 91, Kalispell, died Thursday evening of natural causes at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Jan. 27, 1894, in Peterborough, Ontario, one of seven daughters born to William and Caroline Madill. When she was 11, the family moved to Outlook, Mont.

On March 5, 1912, she married John A. Nelson in Plentywood, and the couple homesteaded near Outlook for most of their lives. In 1941, she spent the summer working as a pastry cook at Many Glacier Hotel.

Her husband John died on Christmas Day on 1970, and in 1973 she moved to Kalispell. She had been a resident at Immanuel Lutheran Home since February 1983.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell. She enjoyed sewing, crochet and embroidery.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wallace; a grandson, Gary Nestegard; and five sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Nita Nestegard of Kalispell and Rita Crowe of San Jose, Calif.; three sons, Reuben Nelson of Kalispell, Francis Nelson of Fayetteville, Ark., and Irving Nelson of Bozeman; a sister, Gladys Ranck of Seattle; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

The family will receive friends at the Weatherford Funeral Home today from 3 to 5 p.m. Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Barry Dawson officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions either to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Flora Nelson, 65

EUREKA — Flora Belle Nelson, 65, Rexford, died Sunday evening in North Valley Hospital Extended Care, where she had lived for some time. The exact cause of her death is unavailable.

She was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Eureka, to Edward and Flora Belle Keller. She grew up in Eureka and Glen Lake. She lived in Libby and the Flathead Valley for many years.

She married Robert Nelson on June 20, 1950, in Libby. The couple returned to the Tobacco Valley in the 1950s and settled at Rexford.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, Rexford; four daughters, Patricia Gilder, Kalispell, Virginia Cook, Roseburg, Ore., Ruth Smith, Ashland, and Joann Taylor, Condon; a son, Kenneth Cook, Rexford; a sister, Tiny Schermerhorn, in California; a brother, Bud Keller, Spokane; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at First Church of God in Eureka with the Rev. Neil Anderson and the Rev. E.V. Swineheart officiating. Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Clarence Nitz, 70

^{13 Nov 1985}
Clarence W. Nitz, 70, Columbia Falls, died Monday evening in Evergreen.

He was born Sept. 10, 1915, in Malta to Herman and Ethel Nitz. He was raised and educated in Malta.

He married Irene V. Doucette on April 25, 1937, in Wolf Point. They farmed in the Malta area until moving to Columbia Falls in 1951. In 1955, they moved to their present home on Tamarack Lane near Columbia Falls, where they raised registered Hereford cattle.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 81st Infantry Division in Europe under General Patton.

As a teenager, he was a catcher in American Legion Baseball and his love for sports continued into adulthood. He was an enthusiastic follower of the Columbia Falls girls basketball team. He was a member of the Malta Council of Knights of Columbus for 40 years, the Moose Lodge in Whitefish, and was a 4-H livestock leader for 16 years.

He operated his own welding shop for many years, and he was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union for 25 years. He worked on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam as a welder.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, a brother and a grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Irene, at the family home near Columbia Falls; two daughters, Sherry Johnson of Wasilla, Alaska, and Joan Bunker of Fallon, Nev.; a brother, Raymond Nitz of Hingham; two sisters, Laura Clausen of Malta, and Anna May Lucht of Lewistown; six grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Friday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Bernard Sullivan and Charles Strom will officiate. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory. Arrangements are under the direction of Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls Fire Department or the Columbia Falls Ambulance Association.

Ehlers Nielsen, 82

^{5 Dec 1985}
Ehlers Nielsen, 82, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday morning.

He was born March 28, 1903, in Denmark, a son of Hans and Anna Nielsen. He received his education in Denmark.

In 1924, he came to America and settled at Hogeland. He farmed there until 1951, when he moved to the Flathead Valley and lived at Columbia Falls. He engaged in sawmill work and was employed by Stoltze Lumber, American Timber, Forest Products and Kalmont prior to his retirement in 1969.

He was Lutheran.

On Sept. 27, 1938, he married Mildred Zelmer in Chinook, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by two sons, Hans Nielsen and John Nielsen, both of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Gloria Schroeder of Kalispell, Anna Black of Federal Way, Wash., and Corliss Carr of Redding, Calif.; a brother, Peter Nielsen of Havre; three sisters, Ane Svendsen of Billings, and two sisters in Denmark; 15 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice. Cremation has taken place.

Allan Neufeld, 37

^{27 Sep 1985}
Allan L. Neufeld, 37, Kalispell, died Friday evening in St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula following a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 7, 1947, in Glasgow, a son of Arthur and Bess Neufeld. In 1953, he moved with his family to Kalispell and attended grade school in Evergreen. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1965.

He was a carpenter and worked with his father in construction work. He was baptized in Evergreen Alliance Church.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Phillip Norton, 62

^{15 Aug 1985}
Phillip L. Norton, 62, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday morning.

He was born Jan. 24, 1923, in Moccasin, a son of Kenneth and Beatrix Norton. As a young boy, he moved with his family to Kalispell, where he received his education.

On Sept. 1, 1945, he married Rodessa Bartel.

He was employed with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle for a time before returning to Kalispell. He was then employed with Western Montana Grocery until ill health forced his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Rodessa, at home; five daughters, Jan Weller, Terry Dell, Bea Norton, and Deborah Lakford, all of Kalispell, and Linda Hayes of Gustavus, Alaska; six grandchildren; two brothers, Forrest Norton of Tampa, Fla., and Everett Norton of Riverside, Calif.; a sister, Vera Theigs of Chapala, Jelisco, Mexico; a nephew; two nieces; a son; and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. Private memorial services are being planned later under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

On June 4, 1977, he married Kathy Naeve in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by a son, Jeff, in the Army in West Germany; a daughter, Shelli, at home; his parents, Arthur and Bess Neufeld of Kalispell; a sister, Carol Stocklin of Kalispell; his grandmother, Isabel Rogers of Kalispell, and several other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Donn Bergen of Evergreen Alliance Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Christian School, 315 E. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell.