

Leonard Eugene Nash, 79

Leonard Eugene Nash, 79, "went to meet his blessed Savior whom he loved and served all his life" on Feb. 17, 2003, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Clancy, with his loving wife and family at his side.



Funeral services for Leonard will be Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at 3 p.m. at the Christian Center/Assembly of God with Pastor Robert Ross officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Leonard was born on Dec. 7, 1923, in Great Falls, to Earl and Nina (Anderson) Nash. He was the fourth of five brothers. He graduated from high school in Great Falls, in 1943, and went on to attend Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo., graduating in 1948.

Leonard worked on Hungry Horse Dam during and after college. He met his wife, Myrtle Nordberg, and they were married June 21, 1949. He did some construction work in Glacier National Park and built houses. During those busy years his first three children were born, Carol, Doug and Melodee. In 1961, he started and was the owner of Flathead Janitorial Service. His fourth child, Bruce, was born in 1963. He continued operating Flathead Janitorial Service until 1980. In 1964, Leonard joined Gideon's International and was a member until he passed away.

Leonard's love of the Lord

showed through his constant desire to reach out to others and introduce them to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ "through whom all hope abounds." His strong work ethic was instilled in all his children as they served the Lord and others, and as they worked, played, vacationed and laughed. Leonard leaves a great legacy of Christ's love in his wife, children and grandchildren. He wanted nothing more than to see his family love and serve the Lord.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Alvin, Donald, and Marlin.

He is survived by his loving wife, Myrtle; two daughters: Carol and husband, John McDougall, and Melodee Robins, all of Helena; two sons, Doug and wife, Cathy Nash, of Lakeside, and Bruce and wife, Sharon Nash, of Kalispell; and 13 grandchildren, Heather, Katie, Ana, Desire', Alia, Colby, Brandon, Christi, Jesse, Krystal, Karest, Kayla, and Cody. He is also survived by one brother, Clayton and wife, Myrtle Nash, of Moses Lake, Wash.; three sisters-in-law, Ruth Nash and Margaret Nash of Kalispell, and Barb Nash of Ephrata, Wash.; and many precious nieces and nephews.

Leonard's family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59903-0305.

"May the memory of Leonard's life be a living memorial to the faithfulness of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Betty L. Nebel, 77

Betty L. Nebel, 77, died on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Nebel of Kalispell; and two sons, Fred Nebel of Lake Quinault, Wash., and

Curt Nebel of Enterprise, Ore.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Darlene I. Neil

Darlene I. Neil, of Folsom, Calif., "completed her earthly journey" the morning of July 6, 2003. After a courageous battle with breast cancer, Darlene died at home, in the presence and care of her loving husband and family. She "left this life taking with her the knowledge of a life hereafter" and a deep faith in God.



The third child and only daughter of Francis A. and Bessie C. Bitney, Darlene was born and raised in Kalispell. A graduate of Sacred Heart Nurses Training in Spokane, she served as a registered nurse for 35 years at Mercy Hospitals in Sacramento, specializing in nuclear medicine.

Darlene was a loving mother and devoted wife; always thinking of others first. She loved with an unflinching heart, and she gave wholly to the caring of her husband,

family, and dogs Colby and Abby.

Darlene is preceded in death by her brother, Francis Bitney Jr.; and her son, Steven Nelson.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, George Neil; daughter, Gwen Wynter, her husband Clive and daughter Mykaela; son, Paul Nelson, his wife Cathleen and son Zac; daughter-in-law, Sheri Nelson and her children Shayla, Shawna and Seth; her brother, Duane Bitney, sister-in-law Betty and their family; sister-in-law, Joanna Bitney and her family; stepdaughters, Heather and Lesley Neil; and stepgrandchildren, Sarah, Joseph and Rachael.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Mount Vernon Mortuary, 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

A funeral service will be at 10 am, Thursday, July 10, at Mount Vernon Mortuary. Remembrances may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 2443 Fair Oaks Blvd, No. 223, Sacramento, CA 95828.

June O. Neisess, 61

June O. Neisess, 61, of Troy, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Joe, of Troy; and her children, Joe Neisess Jr. of Libby, Stanley Neisess and Karen Neisess Erickson, both of Troy.

Services will be 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby with the Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating; interment services will follow at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home and Tuesday until service time at the church.

Lucia Georgia (Campanian) Nelson, 85

Lucia Georgia (Campanian) Nelson, 85, of Whitefish, passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning at her home in Whitefish with her daughter by her side. Visitation will be 1 to 8



p.m., Sunday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Liturgy of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m., Monday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst with burial to follow in Sweet Grass Cemetery. A reception will be held afterward at the Legion Hall in Sweet Grass followed by a get-together at the Glocca Morra Bar in Sweet Grass. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

Lucia was born February 25, 1918, on the family ranch near Lewistown, to Leo and Veda (Hill-dahl) Campanian. After graduating from high school in Lewistown, she moved to Portland, where she worked for Mier and Franks Department Store selling cosmetics and perfume, along with doing some modeling.

In 1950, she moved to Sweet Grass and worked at several places in Shelby including for Doc and Margaret Williamson at their drug store, and for Jack Wells at Wells Drug.

In 1951, she married Canadian Saddle Bronc World Champion, Carl Olson. She moved to Helena for a brief period before moving to Whitefish in 1972. Carl died in 1983.

In 1990, she married retired Air Force major and retired Amtrak conductor, Glen Nelson. He died in

1995.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Sweet Grass.

Family was a very important part of Lucia's life. She was known for her love of entertaining and feeding her family and was a big part in helping raise her grandson, John, who considered Lucia his second mother. She also enjoyed spending time with Glen on his boat on Whitefish Lake. She always said she didn't have many friends, but those she loved she took to her heart and held them as close as family.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirley Olson Nelson of Whitefish; grandson, John Morris Nelson, of Whitefish; sisters, Margaret Micheals of Napa Valley, Calif., Carmela Campanian-Grill and husband Lou of Billings, and Linda Mydland and husband Dave of Shelby; brothers, Howard Campanian of Portland, Bobby Campanian of Vallejo, Calif., Leo John Campanian of Sweet Grass and Alaska, and Danny Campanian of Sweet Grass. Also surviving Lucia are sister-in-law, Doll Campanian of Portland and adopted loved ones, Mary Ann and Rich Comstock of Sweet Grass, Carla's son, Laurie Olson of Saskatchewan and Howard Potter of Whitefish.

The family would like to thank hospice of Kalispell for their loving care, without whose help, Lucia could not have been at home in her final days. "Your kindness will not be forgotten."

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Ruth Helen Nelson, 91

Ruth Helen Nelson, 91, of Whitefish, passed away on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at Village Healthcare Center in Missoula.

She was born June 20, 1912, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Albert and Bertha Tande. As a young girl she lived with her family on the family's homestead north of Scobey. She was the salutatorian of her 1931 graduating class at Scobey High School and received her teaching certificate from Northern Montana College in Havre, in 1933.

She taught grades 1-8 in a one-room rural school on the prairies of northeastern Montana until her marriage to Wilfred Nelson on Dec. 31, 1935. The couple lived in Scobey, until 1948, while Wilfred operated Nelson Music Co. The family then sold their business and moved to Whitefish, establishing the current family business of Nelson Hardware in downtown Whitefish. Mrs. Nelson was an active part of that business all of her life.

Ruth and Wilfred were active members of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish for many years. She was also an active founding member of the Whitefish Soroptimist Club and both she and Wilfred were active in many community organizations including the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, Whitefish Moose Club and the Whitefish Winter Carnival.

She enjoyed, most of all, life with her family. She took great and caring pleasure in her family and many friends, always a posi-

tive force in their lives. She loved Montana and certainly her home and the community of Whitefish. She was a lover of life and provided strength for her family.

Wilfred preceded her in death in 1988.

Survivors include: daughters, Yvonne Bradford and husband, Bill, of Missoula, and Lana Nelson of Butte; sons, Don Nelson and wife, Laura, and Rick Nelson and wife, Marilyn, of Whitefish; sister, Lucille Koser of Bigfork; grandchildren, Eric Bradford and wife, Connie, of Helena, Jennifer and husband, Alon Golan, of San Francisco, Lisa and husband, Sean Bell, of Louisville, Colo., Leif Nelson and wife, Jen, of Whitefish, Chris Nelson of Whitefish, Mariah and husband, Brian Joos, of Pittsburgh, and Jill Nelson, Whitefish; and seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation took place in Missoula. Services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, at Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, with Pastor John Bent officiating.

The family wishes memorials to go to the Whitefish Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1060, Whitefish, MT 59937 or to Christ Lutheran Church, 233 Kalispell Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Stanley M. Nelson, 94

Stanley M. Nelson, 94, formerly of East Glacier, died July 10, 2003, in Medford, Ore.

He had owned Stan's Repair

and done excavation work in East Glacier.

Arrangements are by Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives in Medford.

Gladys E. (Germain) Nentl, 89

Gladys E. (Germain) Nentl, 89, collapsed suddenly and died Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, 2003, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell, after suffering from multi-infarct dementia the last few years of her life.



Gladys was born Jan. 31, 1914, "on the farm" at New Richmond, Wis., of parent who were homesteading in southeastern Montana, near Baker. Gladys was the second of three girls. She graduated from high school in 1932, at Wheaton, Minn., and in 1939, she married Jerome J. "Jerry" Nentl at Ave Maria Catholic Church in Wheaton.

Jerry worked for the Milwaukee Railroad, and together they moved 36 times during his 42-year career with the railroad, taking them from Minnesota as far east as Chicago and Terre Haute, Ind., and as far west as Tacoma, Wash., including a few years in Miles City, and St. Maries, Idaho.

Gladys was a homemaker and care giver. She and Jerry lived simply and treasured their faith, their family, and their friends. They loved to be with people and do volunteer work. They liked to bowl and to play cards, especially bridge.

They enjoyed small travels, two weeks every summer to various points in the United States — Grand Canyon National Park, Niagara Falls, the east coast from Florida to New York City, and also

the west coast, from Vancouver, British Columbia to California.

They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary before Jerry died on New Years Eve in 1995.

They had one daughter, Jerolyn Ann, born in 1945, and in 1979 they welcomed into their family a son-in-law, Bill Peters from Australia.

They retired to Wahpeton, N.D., in 1973, where Gladys served many hours as a volunteer at the gift shop for St. Francis Medical Center. She also was an active member of the Richland County Senior Citizens Center and the Christian Mothers Organization at St. John's Catholic Church in Wahpeton. She had been an active member and past president of the Milwaukee Railroad Woman's Club.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, Anne and Frank Germain, and her older sister, Viola Beal.

Gladys is survived by her daughter, Jerolyn, and husband, Bill Peters, of Lakeside, and sister, Dorothy Boon, of St. Paul, Minn.

A celebration of her life and prayers for the repose of her soul will take place today at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church with Deacon Tony Martin officiating. Mass of Resurrection will be said on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. with Monsignor Donald Shea as celebrant. A luncheon will follow the Mass in the church social room. Burial will take place next to her husband at Wildwood Cemetery in in Wheaton, Minn.

The family requests no flowers please.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Nathaniel 'Jimmy' Ness, 22

James Nathaniel "Jimmy" Ness, 22, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at his home in Kalispell, after a courageous fight with cystic fibrosis.



Jimmy was born July 10, 1981, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, the son of Lillian (Stubbert) Ness and James R. Ness. He was very sick when he was born, but God made him well so he did not die when he was a baby. He grew up doing what normal kids do, and he felt pretty healthy most of his life. In all he did, he put his whole heart into it.

About 1991, Jim was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a disease that attacks the lungs and liver. In January 2003, Jim had a double lung transplant because his own were so scarred. After the transplant, it was a rough recovery, but within three months Jim was back on his feet and with the new lungs he could finally breathe. He no longer had to cough all the time as he did before the transplant. For seven months he could do some of the things he always wanted to do, without coughing. In October of this year, Jim started to feel rough. In November he felt real weak and light-headed. On Dec. 11, he "went home to be with the Lord," surrounded by his family and friends.

Jimmy graduated from Flathead High School in June of 2000. He attended Montana State University for a year, and then went to Flathead Valley Community College for almost a year, studying photography. He worked for Montana Mapping, which he really enjoyed. He worked with two great people — his boss, Rick, who treated him like family, and Peggy.

Jimmy loved to hunt, fish, do photography, watch movies, kick back and hang out with his friends, and he was an avid 49'ers football fan. He would have graduated from college in the fall of 2003 with an associates of arts degree, had he not been sick.

Jimmy always knew how to make people laugh; he had a sense of humor about him that always kept you smiling when you were around him. He was a very bright and smart person. Going through life with this sickness of cystic fibrosis, he kept pushing on, and did many things when most people would have just given up under the same circumstances. He kept a positive outlook on life.

He loved Jesus and kept Him close to his heart. "Jimmy is not gone for he will live on in all of us. May Jim's courage inspire you in

all you do, and may his smile always warm your heart. When you go through tough times in life just think of Jim and have his same courage to pull you through. Take a deep breath, and that alone will make you realize that you have it pretty good."

To all those who knew Jim he left a video message and in it he said, "I know these are sad times but please do not be sad. Rejoice for me for I am in a better place now. I love you, I will miss you, and good-bye."

"Jim, you have inspired so many people, we all love you and we will see you again soon in heaven. Breathe easy for you're in God's hands now. You will be with us everyday."

Jimmy was preceded in death by his father, James R. Ness, in June of 1990.

He is survived by his mother, Lillian Ness, of Kalispell; two sisters, Daniella Ketchen, and her husband, Dean, and their children, Saige and Savanna, all of Kalispell, and Valentine Hopp, and her husband, Thomas, and their children, Rebekah, Josiah, Gabriel, Caleb and "baby boy on the way," all of Marion; a brother, Chris Stubbert, and his wife, Guyla, and their children, Dennis, Jesse and Aurora; Aunt Sandy and Uncle Mike Jacobs of St. Francis, Kan., Aunt Virginia and Uncle Lonnie of Wrangell, Alaska; Joe and Jenny Tuck, Julie Tuck and Caleb, Bonnie, and Justin Tuck, all of Kalispell, Jared Tuck of Florida, and Mary Tuck of Kalispell, Rick and Mindy Breckenridge, and boys, of Proctor, Peggy and Jim Mathiason, Bev Kerzman, Scott Mast and Josh Loudon, all of Kalispell; and all the friends who knew and loved you, Jimmy and whom we counted on. "You will be greatly missed but you will always be with us, always ..."

For all who knew and loved Jim, your presence is requested at his memorial service which will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Country Way Church of God, 554 Country Way North (corner of Reserve and Country Way North across from Semitool.) There will be a meal following the service provided by Family of Faith Church.

On Friday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at the request of Jim, his cremated remains will be scattered at the Tuck's residence where he spent a lot of his time and where he loved to go shoot guns. There will also be a bonfire and a time to share about Jim. If you would like to attend on the 19th, please phone 752-5192 for directions. Thank you and may God bless you.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jessie May Rautz Downing Ness, 66

Jessie May Rautz Downing Ness, 66, passed away on April 26, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell.

Jessie was born in Harriston, Neb., to William Rautz and Bertha A. Baltz, on March 17, 1937. Bertha moved her two sons and Jessie to Ronan in 1941. She married Elmer J. Ness on Aug. 9, 1953, and they lived in Charlo, and eventually moved to Drummond, where Elmer worked in road construction.

In 1965, Jessie divorced Elmer and moved with her three children back to Ronan, where she worked in a cafe as a bartender. Jessie married Gerald D. Downing in 1968 and later divorced in 1981.

Jessie is survived by her mother, Bertha A. Welker of Ronan; four siblings, brothers, Jerry Welker and wife, Sharyle, of Lakeside, Robert Rautz and wife, Joan, of Missoula, and Alvin J. Rautz of Ronan; and her sister, Alberta

Welker Hagfelt and husband, Gerald, of Las Vegas. She is also survived by her three children, Doreen K. Krupa and husband, Richard, of Benton City, Wash., William Ness and his wife, Lisa, of Frenchtown, and Crystal L. Jordan of Kalispell. Jessie had 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and cousins, all whom she loved very much.

Jessie lived in Kalispell at Glacier Manor since November of 2001.

She enjoyed many friends at the Manor during her short stay, and was loved by all those around her. She will be greatly missed.

Jessie enjoyed cooking and baking as well as crocheting, knitting and many crafts. She often shared her talents with her family and friends. Jessie's greatest joy was being surrounded by her family.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at the cemetery in Ronan.

Nita Josephine Nestegard, 86

Nita Josephine Nestegard, 86, passed away on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Nita was born on May 2, 1917, in Outlook, to John and Hazel Madill Nelson. She attended elementary school in Outlook. She attended high school in Cusick, Wash., then attended beauty school in Spokane.

Nita married Carlton Nestegard in 1938, in Kalispell. She had owned her own beauty shop, worked as a waitress for 15 years, and helped with special education classes at the Evergreen school for seven years. She was very active in her church.

Nita loved cooking, pie making, flower gardening, kids, traveling, and caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gary Nestegard; two brothers, Wallace F. and Francis W. Nelson; and one great-grandson, Tyler Nestegard.

She is survived by her husband

of 66 years, Carlton, of Kalispell; one son, Larry Jackie, and his wife, Maren Nestegard, of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Jewel Nestegard, and her husband, Bob Henneman, of Kalispell; brother, Reuban Nelson, of Kalispell; twin sister, Rita Zella Crowe of Mesa, Ariz.; brother, Irving Jackie Nelson, of Bozeman; grandchildren, Chris, and his wife, Kim Nestegard, Tim Nestegard, and Allison Nestegard and husband, Todd Hawes; great-grandchildren, Nathan, Jessica, Kyle, Chase, and Lexi Nestegard, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Burial will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are requested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tyler Gary Nestegard, 17

Tyler Gary Nestegard, 17, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, surrounded by his loving family and friends at his home in Kalispell.



Tyler was born on Oct. 24, 1985, in Kalispell, to Christopher and Kimberly Nestegard. He was a sophomore at Flathead High School for a brief time, before his illness made it impossible for him to continue.

He was very active in his young men's organizations and the Boy Scout troop through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Tyler was a priest in the Aaronic priesthood.

Tyler loved to draw, and was particularly interested in the Native American culture. He spent countless hours working with his friends, Brian and Teri Canavero, Mark and Mary Miller, and Buzz and Erma Clark.

He loved the time he was able to spend with his loving family;

they were first and foremost in his life.

Tyler was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gary Nestegard, and his great-grandfather, Oscar Oftedahl.

He is survived by his parents, Christopher and Kimberly Nestegard of Kalispell; brother, Nathan, and sister, Jessica Nestegard, of Kalispell; grandparents, Charlotte Kendrick, Jerry and Vickie Oftedahl, and Bob and Jewel Henneman; and great-grandparents, Carlton and Nita Nestegard, Edna Oftedahl, Nople Gibson and Alice McCullough.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in the Relief Society room at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. with the Bishop Steve Perrone officiating. Burial will follow the services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to be made to Eagle Mount Big Sky Kids 6901 Goldenstein Lane Bozeman, MT 59715.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Leona Lydia (Wenzel) Neugebauer, 94

Leona Lydia (Wenzel) Neugebauer passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sunday, March 2, 2003, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born June 22, 1908, in Douglas County, S.D. She married Fred Neugebauer on Jan. 28, 1930, and they had seven children — five boys and two girls. In 1954, they moved to Michigan, and then in 1962 on to Gillette, Wyo., where they lived for five years. In 1967, they moved to Whitefish.

Leona's life and love were her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She loved music; old-time polkas and gospel were among her favorites. And she loved her Christian faith that carried her for nearly 95 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; a son, Willy N.; a grandson, Wade Neugebauer; a

brother, Max Wenzel; and a sister, Anita Schunacher.

She is survived by two daughters, Esther Combs of Rockford, Mich., and Gloria and husband Al Serr of Whitefish; four sons, Ron and wife Marion Neugebauer of Gillette, Wyo., Guy and wife Dianna Neugebauer of Moorcroft, Wyo., Bob and wife Vonnie Neugebauer of Allendale, Mich., and Morrie and wife Carla Neugebauer of Whitefish; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy and husband Willy Neugebauer of Moorcroft, Wyo.; four brothers, Reuben, Herbert, Norbert and Gottleib Wenzel; and a sister, Dorothy Helling.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Whitefish Cemetery with Rev. Ron Nail officiating. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Mindy Nichols, 48

Mindy Nichols, 48, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003 in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at

the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene with Dr. David Kauffman officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alexander Harold Nicholls, 77

Alexander Harold Nicholls, 77, died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, Ore.

He was born at Great Falls, on June 17, 1926.

He was a past member of Masonic Order and Order of Eastern Star in Columbia Falls, Moose Lodge in Whitefish, Shriners and IBEW in Kalispell.

He worked as an electrical maintenance foreman for Anaconda Aluminum Company from 1955-1984 in Columbia Falls.

Since 1984 he wintered in Hermiston and spent summers at Ashley Lake in Kalispell.

Hobbies included woodworking, fishing and listening to Trailblazers and high school basketball games on the radio.

Alex was a veteran of World War II and Korea, serving in the U.S. Navy and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He married his wife, Marge, on Feb. 11, 1956 in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Bogden Smith Nicholls; father, Al H. Smith; adopted father, William F. Nicholls; and daughter, Mary K. Reddington.

He is survived by his wife, Marge Nicholls of Hermiston; son, Rodney G. Nicholls of Cheney, Wash.; son-in-law, John Reddington of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughters, Sheri Wadekamper and husband, Lon Wadekamper of Hermiston, Patricia Crawley and her husband, Gordon, of Sammamish, Wash.; brother, Ron Smith of Spokane; sister, Sharon Morrison of Green Acres, Wash.; grandchildren, Lane Wadekamper, Rodney Nicholls, Matthew Nicholls, Peter Reddington, Britnee Crawley and Kristin Crawley.

Memorial services have been held.

Memorials to the First United Methodist Church.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Doris Elaine Nielsen, 83

Doris Elaine Nielsen, 83, of Kalispell, died on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1920, in Bloomingdale, Wis. Elaine graduated from Westby High School in Westby, Wis., in 1937. She and her husband, Kenneth, moved to Kalispell in 1965 when they purchased Torberts Store. After closing the store, Elaine sold real estate in the Kalispell area from 1975 to 1985, prior to her retirement.

She was an active member of her church and volunteered weekly in the church office.

She was preceded in death by



four brothers, and one sister.

She is survived by one sister, Lylice Gernert of Lake Port, Calif. She is also survived by her husband, Kenneth; three sons, Michael and wife, Gloria, of Spokane, Paul and wife, Debbie, of Grafton, W. Va., and Bruce and wife, Nancy, of Yakima, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive in Kalispell. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Northridge Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mateel Wynne Newcomb, 75

Mateel Wynne Newcomb, 75, passed away at her home in Bigfork on May 3, 2003, after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1927, in Jackson, Miss., and got her schooling in Coolidge, Ariz., Polson and Pasadena, Calif., graduating from Pasadena Junior College.

Her life interests, in addition to her family, included gardening, with an accent on herbs and flowers, working as a library volunteer and traveling whenever possible. She never knew a stranger and was vitally interested in everyone she met. She counseled many and influenced young and old.

Survivors include her husband,

Fred Newcomb of Bigfork; sisters Sharon Bergman of Big Arm and Betty Brill of Polson; daughters Jackie Schutte of Sheridan, Wyo., and Christine Veeh of Glendale, Calif.; son Vince Beggs of Torrance, Calif.; and grandchildren Casie Lopez of San Pedro, Calif., Vincent Schutte of Sheridan, Wyo., Tom Veeh of Arcata, Calif., Dan Veeh of San Diego, Katrina Veeh of Glendale, Calif., and Serena Beggs of Torrance, Calif.

Memorial remembrances will be held in June in Glendale, Calif., and in Bigfork. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation be made in her name to the Polson City Library, P.O. Box 820, Polson, MT 59660.

Matthew Lee 'Matt' Nielson, 48

Matthew Lee "Matt" Nielson, 48, died Oct. 31, 2003, in Sidney.

He was affectionately called "Bear" by his family and friends.

Matt, his parents and brother, Louie, moved to the Flathead in the early 70s from Quartz Hill, Calif. He made his home in the valley for 32 years.

Matt enjoyed fishing, hunting and socializing with his friends.

Matt was preceded in death by

his father, Bill Nielson.

Matt is survived by his mother, Eileen Nielson; brother and his wife, Louie and Cindy Nielson, of Sidney; and three nieces that were his pride and joy, Jennifer and Hannah, of Sidney, and Christy of California.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 5, in Sidney.

Arrangements are under the care of the Fulkerson Funeral home in Sidney.

Jack Thomas Nolley, 57

Jack Thomas Nolley, 57, died on Wednesday Sept. 10, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, at

the Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Pauline Dudden-Nool, 94

Pauline Dudden-Nool, 94, passed away Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1908, in Furth, Germany, to Lorenz and Maria Bauer.

She married Altie Dudden in Butte and was preceded in death by him. She later married George "Sonny" Nool who also preceded her in death. She moved from Butte to Lakeside in 1972.

Pauline is survived by her daughter, Barbara, and son-in-law,

Howard, at home in Lakeside; her son, Altie Dudden and daughter-in-law, Sharon, in Butte; her granddaughter, Lynn Dudden in California; her grandson, Gary Dudden; and two great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Shayna Dudden of Butte.

At her request, there will be no services.

Memorials may be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ester Joy Norick, infant

Ester Joy Norick, infant, died Aug. 22, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She is the precious daughter of Sterling and Anysse (Rader) Norick of Kalispell.

Ester is survived by her loving parents; her sister, Eleanor Eclatte

Norick; as well as her grandparents.

Memorial services for baby Ester will be held privately at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ruby W. Norris, 91

Ruby W. Norris, 91, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She is survived by her daughters, Joyce Norris of Libby, and Ellen Bloomgren of

Missoula.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Libby Christian Church.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Morris E. Norstebon, 72

Morris E. Norstebon, 72, of Libby, died Sunday, June 8, 2003, at the Libby Care Center in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include his three sons, Dale Norstebon of Libby, Dennis Norstebon of Boville, Idaho, and Marvin

Norstebon of Warroad, Minn.; and daughters, Carol Johnson of Libby, and Linda Snyder of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. June 17, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

Douglas C. Nosler, 79

Douglas C. Nosler, 79, of Libby, died on Monday, July 21, 2003, at his home on Pipe Creek from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Paulette Nosler, of Libby; a daughter, Barbara Schile of Covington, Wash.; sons, John Nosler of Wichita, Kan., and Charles Nosler of Vancouver,

Wash.; and stepsons, Paul Resch of Libby, and Scott Resch of Spokane.

A celebration of his life will take place at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at his home on Pipe Creek.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Edward Nurse, 74

On Monday morning, March 3, 2003, Edward Nurse "went to be with the Lord" following a short bout with cancer.

Ed was born on June 18, 1928, in Missoula to Edward Elliott Nurse and Vida Claire Crane. He attended Roosevelt grade school in Missoula until he moved with his mother and stepfather, Johnny Potter, to Lonepine. There he attended junior high and high school and graduated in 1946. During his high school years he was involved in every sport and enjoyed playing the drums and sang in the school chorus.

From 1943-45, Ed was a packer for the U.S. Forest Service in Missoula and in 1948 and '49 he was a smoke jumper for the USFS in Missoula. Ed jumped on the Mann Gulch fire that killed many of his smoke-jumping friends.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as electric mate, third class for 22 months in the Pacific and American theaters.

Ed worked as an instrument man for the county surveyor in Missoula in 1950-51 and as student lab assistant at Montana State University-Bozeman in 1952-53.

Ed married Marian Louise Sampson on Dec. 31, 1951. He graduated from Montana State University with a civil engineering degree. He also belonged to the Lambda Chi Alpha social organization. After MSU, Ed attended Berkeley College in California and received a "fast track" masters in engineering.

During the summer of 1953 he was employed as surveyor for the Montana State College Service Department in Bozeman. He also was distributor operator for Blacktop Construction in Billings in the summer of 1952.

Ed and Marian made their home in Helena in 1955 when Ed went to work for Morrison and Maierle. They bought their first home on Lockey Street in 1963, and he resided there at the time of his death.

After a few years of working for Morrison and Maierle, with the help and support of his good friends John Morrison and Jim Maierle, Ed opened Foundation and Material Consultant Engineering located in downtown Helena. F&M Consulting was an active Helena business for 40 years.

Ed was a devoted father and grandfather. He will be remembered as a very active part of the Helena community. He was active



in politics with the Republican party. He was a member of the King Solomon's Lodge No. 9, AF&AM and Helena Scottish Rite Bodies, in which he participated in many Easter Tableaux as head of the makeup committee. He also was a member of the Algeria Shrine Wrecking Crew and was a very active member of the Whoopie Wagon Committee. Ed served on the Board of the Masonic home for many years.

He was a member of the chamber of commerce for many years and also served as president of the chamber and was a Red Coat. Ed was also a member of the Optimist club and worked many Saturday nights for many years at the county fair in the taco booth. He also was president and member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Ed was a deacon and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Helena.

In his younger days he enjoyed hunting, camping and hiking with his great friend Herb Buckley and his family. As his children were growing up, he enjoyed camping, making Pinewood Derby cars and watching his children in sporting events.

Ed is survived by his children, Richard and Becky Nurse and granddaughter Salem of Juneau, Alaska; Kenneth and Renae Nurse and grandsons Tyler and Nathaniel of Concord, N.C.; and daughter Michele and grandson Jake Melton; many nieces and nephews; and a very special woman in his life, Cathy Carraway.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Marian; his mother, Vida Crane Potter; stepfather, John Potter; father, Ed Nurse; brother, Don Nurse; and son-in-law, Robert MacArthur.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church of Helena, 535 N. Ewing with Rev. Jim Fiedler officiating. This will be followed by military graveside honors conducted by the Lewis and Clark Veteran's Council at the Montana State Veteran Cemetery, Fort Harrison, with Father Herb Buckley officiating; followed by a lunch back at the First Presbyterian Church.

The family prefers memorials be made to the Building and Grounds Committee at the First Presbyterian Church, 535 N. Ewing Helena, MT 59601, or to the Algeria Shrine Childrens Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 1174, Helena, MT 59624.

Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home was entrusted with local arrangements.