

# OBITUARIES

**Allen R. 'Dick' Naethe, 53**

20 Oct. 1988

*Died 17 Oct 1988*

Allen R. "Dick" Naethe, 53, Whitefish, died Monday morning of natural causes at North Valley Hospital.

He was born April 16, 1935, in Kalispell, the son of Max and Anna Naethe. He attended schools at Kila, then Oregon for a short while, and then Kalispell Central School and Flathead High School.

As a young man, he served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, stationed mostly at Bangor, Maine. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Kalispell.

Mr. Naethe worked as a body and fender man for several years, and had been an ironworker at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. ever since.

Surviving are two daughters, Candy Gneiting of Portland, Ore., and Lisa Babcock of Bozeman; two sons, Max Naethe of Kalispell, and Allen Naethe Jr. in California; three brothers, Gary Naethe of Kila, Gordon Naethe of Boise, Idaho, and Bob Naethe of Whitefish; six grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Visitation will be today until 7 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Weatherford Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

**Gene E. 'John' Nelson, 55**

13 Dec 1988

*Died 10 Dec 1988*

Gene E. "John" Nelson, 55, died on Saturday following a long illness.

He was born Oct. 18, 1933, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, a son of George W. and Alberta Nelson. As a child he moved to the Flathead Valley and started school at Mountain Brook School, later moving to Kalispell where he completed his education.

He worked as a sawyer for many years and then was employed with Forest Products until 1966. He had also worked as an attendant for Self Service gas station for several years until retiring due to ill health.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Kenneth.

On Aug. 7, 1954, he was married to Patricia Stockwell in Kalispell, and is now survived by her at home.

He is also survived by three daughters and a son, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford (Deborah) Bryan of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan) Doty of Kalispell, Lisa A. Nelson of Kalispell, and Steve Nelson of El Cajon, Calif.; his father, George Nelson of Kalispell; a sister, Mrs. Wayne (Tip) Perry of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; three nieces, Diana Marshall of Kalispell, Norma Loberg of Spokane, Wash., and Charlene Bandy Smith of Seattle, Wash.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Irwin Miller officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight and from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Wednesday for visitation.

## Marina owner killed

*Died 20 July 1988*

**POLSON** — Jim Namen, 47, owner of Jim's Marina at Polson, died after the high-performance speedboat he was test-driving flipped end-over-end on Flathead Lake Wednesday evening.

Namen was testing a new J-class tunnel-hull speedboat in which he planned to compete this weekend in the 50th annual Whitefish Regatta on Whitefish Lake.

Namen was heading west at high speed near the south shore of Polson Bay just beyond the docks of his marina when the accident occurred.

His daughter, Kimberly, and son, Michael, were on shore and witnessed the accident.

The boat came around a corner and flipped, throwing Namen into

administered as they took Namen to the shore.

Namen suffered head and neck injuries and was pronounced dead a short time later at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson.

He had owned his marina at Polson for 23 years and was active in power boat racing much of his life. In the early 1980s, he set a national speed record in the 280 class.

The boat Namen was driving is owned by Randy Borchers of Borchers Marina on Finley Point. The water and landing on top of him, his daughter said.

She and Michael and two other men rushed to the scene in a boat. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was

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## Mildred D. Nelson, 95

Mildred D. Nelson, 95, of Kalispell, died Wednesday (Dec. 28) of natural causes at Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she had lived since 1980.

She was born Jan. 17, 1893, in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Reuben and Fannie Danskin. She joined two older brothers.

Her family later moved to Hope, N.D., where she finished high school. They moved again to Minneapolis, Minn., where she attended the University of Minnesota School of Music and a city business college.

She was employed for many years as a secretary and saleswoman with Northwestern National Insurance Company in Minneapolis.

In 1942, she married Missoula dentist Dr. Ray H. Nelson in Hennipin County, Minn., and they made their home in Missoula. He preceded her in

death in 1957. Mrs. Nelson came to Kalispell in 1979.

She had been active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Order of the Eastern Star, and belonged to the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by one stepson, Dan S. Nelson, and his wife, Junia, of Kalispell, three step-grandsons, and four stepgreat-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and a daughter, Barbara Nelson.

There will be no public services. Private urn burial will take place at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

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## Area deaths

*Sept 23, 1988 Al H. Nelson  
Died Sep 23*

**WHITEFISH—Raymond R. Nelson, 78, of Whitefish, died Friday evening at his home. He was born July 17, 1910, in Whitefish to Cyrus and Mamie Nelson at the family home. He married Fern Deist in Columbia Falls in 1930. He was a clerk for the Great Northern Railroad and the Burlington Railroad for 48 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Whitefish Fire Department for 23 years and served as secretary and fire chief. He also served in the city-county planning board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 64 AF&AM, serving as master and high priest. He also was active in many other civic organizations, including the North Valley Food Bank. Surviving are his wife, Fern, at the family home in Whitefish; two sons, Jerry Nelson and Dallas Nelson, of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and other relatives.**

*Died 27 Jan 1988*

## Sarah Nelson, 8

Sarah Fern Nelson, 8, Kalispell, died early Wednesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.



She was born Oct. 4, 1979, in Kalispell, to Dallas and Marilyn Nelson. She attended Elrod and Russell schools.

She is survived by her parents, three brothers, Dallas Raymond, John and Bill, and two sisters, Dawn and Alice, all at the family home in Kalispell; her paternal grandparents, Ray and Fern Nelson of Whitefish; maternal grandparents, Pat and Elaine Patton of Coram and Ruby Patton of Whitefish; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home Chapel in Whitefish with the Rev. Darrel Aleson of Whitefish United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials have been suggested to the Melissa Head Foundation, c/o Glacier Bank in Columbia Falls or Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

*28 Jan 1988*

Died 4 Oct 1988

## Wilfred Nelson



Wilfred Nelson was born June 27, 1911, in Estavan, Saskatchewan, Canada. Both of his parents were born in Sweden. Wilfred is the 8th of 9 children. When he was a year old, his family moved to northeastern Montana. His parents homesteaded and farmed at Whitetail and Outlook and Wilfred attended school there. In 1928, the family moved to Scobey. Wilfred clerked for an oil company, a hardware store and a grocery and worked on the Fort Peck Dam. On Dec. 31, 1935, he married Ruth Tande, who was a teacher in Scobey. Wilfred owned and operated the Nelson Music Co. which supplied and serviced nickelodeons in 8 towns. In 1948, he sold this business and bought a hardware store in Whitefish.

MT. He and Ruth owned the Nelson Hardware and Home Center until Wilfred's retirement in 1976. The Nelsons raised 4 children: Don and Rick Nelson own the family business in Whitefish; Lois (Mrs. Bill Bradford) is a nurse with the Missoula County Health Department; Lana Nelson works in the medical records department at St. James Hospital in Butte. Wilfred belonged to many civic groups in Whitefish, including the Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Moose, Boat club and Ski Club. He likes fishing and has been an avid skier. He has traveled throughout the U.S., to Hawaii, and to Spain and Mexico. He and Ruth are members of Christ Lutheran Church. They have 7 grandchildren. Wilfred moved to Immanuel from Whitefish Extended Care on Nov. 4, 1987.

## Deaths

Died 12 Sep 1988

### Vincent Neudecker, 55

Vincent A. Neudecker, 55, Columbia Falls, died of a heart attack Monday at North Valley Hospital.

He moved to Montana in 1964 and was employed at lumber mills and later as a truck driver for Anaconda Aluminum Co.

Survivors include four stepsons, Kim Lingle, Columbia Falls, and Dean Lingle, Joel Lingle and Gerald Lingle, all of Kalispell; a stepdaughter; four brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Services will be conducted later in Redwood Falls, Minn., with burial to be at Clements Cemetery in Clements, Minn.

Visitation at the funeral home is until 8 tonight. 14 Sept. 1988

### E.T. Newman, 64

E.T. "Bub" Newman, 64, Columbia Falls, died Sunday evening at North Valley Hospital. 14 Sept 1988

He worked in construction all his life including Hungry Horse Dam, Libby Dam, Anaconda Aluminum Plant and the Highway Department. He retired from employment with Flathead County in 1976 due to ill health.

He was born Dec. 5, 1923, in Swatara, Minn., to Albert and Stella Newman. He was raised and educated in Minnesota. He moved to the Columbia Falls area in 1946.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and camping.

He married Faith Seville Aug. 14, 1948, in Martin City and she survives at the family home.

He is also survived by his parents in Togo, Minn.; three sons, Tom and Larry of Columbia Falls, and Ed of Modesto, Calif.; 11 brothers and

sisters, Ronald, Mike and Terrance Newman of Togo, Minn., Harold Newman of Columbia Falls, Warren Newman of Hibbing, Minn., Veda Mohler of Cohasset, Minn., Vanera Bolduc of Grand Rapids, Minn., Verla Darrington of Togo, Minn., Lorraine Ehlers and Dorothy Haugen of Burlington, Wis., and June Whitlock of Hibbing, Minn.; five granddaughters of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Van Leuven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Howard Hunter of United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Van Leuven Funeral Home.

## Albena Newman

*Jan 1988*  
Albena A. Newman, 90, Kalispell, died Friday at Brendan House where she had resided since June 1987.

She came to Kalispell to be near her family.

She was born Nov. 28, 1897 in Butte, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Pruss. In 1906, she moved with her family to Salt Lake City, where she was raised and educated.

She married Edward W. Newman on Aug. 26, 1921, in Odgen, Utah. He died on July 7, 1929.

Mrs. Newman worked in the Salt Lake City area as a secretary for many years. In 1942, she moved to the San Francisco Bay area.

She loved the outdoors and traveled extensively during her lift time.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Kent Newman; a daughter, Shirley; two brothers and a sister.

She is survived by a son, Jim of Lewistown; her daughter-in-law, Barbara Newman of Columbia Falls; four sisters, Mary P. Larson and Helen Halfhill, both of Salt Lake City, Angela West of Sterling Colo., and Justina Buller of Ogden, Utah; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Emmett O'Neill as celebrant. Services and interment also will be held later

in the week in Salt Lake City.

Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

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### Florence May Norton, 67

*Died 9 May 1988*  
Mrs. Florence May Norton, 67, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday evening.

She was born Jan. 18, 1921, in Whitefish, a daughter of Myrtle and Edith Arnold. She attended school in Whitefish.

She married Gene Beardsley, and they were later separated.

On June 21, 1960, she was married to John Thomas Norton in Polson.

The couple farmed in the Stillwater area until retiring and moving to Kalispell.

Mrs. Norton was a member of

the Salvation Army Church and the Kalispell Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on July 27, 1974, and by a son.

She is now survived by a daughter; a brother, Epharm "Bob" Arnold of Whitefish; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Norton will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Salvation Army Church, 204 7th Ave. W., Kalispell, with Lt. William Hathorn officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Evelyn Niles

Evelyn M. Niles, 74, passed away May 30, 1988, at her son's home in Half Moon.

She was born Oct. 8, 1913 in Tioga, N.Y. and was raised and educated there. She married Stanley Niles and he died in 1979. For the past several years she spent summers with her son, John, at Half Moon.

Surviving are two sons, John, of Half Moon, and Carl of Berkshire, N.Y.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Burial of her ashes has taken place in New York.

## Barry David Nicholls, 50

*20 Oct 1988*

Barry David Nicholls, 50, Birmingham, England, died Monday afternoon following a car-train accident east of Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 12, 1938, at Birmingham, the son of James and Hilda Nicholls. He was raised and educated at Birmingham, and lived there until coming to stay with his brother in Kalispell last June.

He was employed at the Fort Dunlop tire factory at Birmingham for a number of years, and also worked as a paint sprayer at a metal fabrication plant.

Surviving family members include two sons, Peter and his wife, Celia, of Birmingham, and Gary, of Melbourne, Australia;

one daughter, Jenny Nicholls, of Melbourne; two brothers, James, of Walsall, England, and Frank, of Kalispell; four sisters, Hilda Bayliss and Valery Dakin, both of Birmingham, Diane Ashton, of Melbourne, and Yvonne Boonham, of Lakemba, Australia; one granddaughter; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be tonight at 6 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kalispell. Burial will take place in Birmingham early next week.

Weatherford Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Anna Mary Nugent, 76

*27 March 1988*

Mrs. Anna Mary Nugent, age 76, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday evening.

She was born March 1, 1912, in Stockett, a daughter of John and Mary Dzivi. She attended school in Belt, where she graduated from high school. She also attended Western Montana College in Dillon and the University of Arizona in Tucson.

She had taught school in Belt and Stockett. In 1939, she came to Kalispell where she taught at the Evergreen School, Elrod School, and Hedges School until her retirement in 1973.

She was also a veteran of World War II having served in the Women's Army Corps during that time.

She had been a 4-H leader for over 27 years and was involved in youth work her entire life, caring for them in her home, helping with 4-H trips and fairs.

She had been a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the

Altar Society, and was presently a member of Risen Christ Parish, Daughters of Isabella, CCW, Sorosis Club, Retired Teachers Association and the American Legion.

On Dec. 29, 1941, she was married to Roy E. Nugent in Vancouver, Wash., and is now survived by him at the family home.

She is also survived by a daughter, Bertha Morrison of Kila; two grandchildren, Heidi and Bill, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers.

Rosary for Mrs. Nugent will be recited at 7:30 tonight in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Risen Christ Church with the Rev. Father Bernard McCarthy as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

The family suggests memorials be made to the 4-H Foundation, 723-5th Avenue East, Kalispell, 59901.



## ELMER NYGAARD

Elmer C. Nygaard, 79, of Spokane, WA, died May 16, 1988 in North Valley Hospital, Whitefish.

He was born January 13, 1909 in Bickleton, Washington, a son of Jens and Karen Nygaard. At the age of ten he moved with his parents to the Hamilton, Montana area. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. After his retirement in 1974 he had been spending his summers in Whitefish. He married Helen Marvin on January 1, 1939 in Darby, Montana and is survived by her at their home in Spokane. He is also survived by one son, Darrell, of Whitefish; one brother, Aage Nygaard of Parumph, NV; one sister, Florence Taylor of Hamilton, MT; and one granddaughter.

Funeral Services were held May 20 at the Dowling Funeral Home, Hamilton. Burial was in the Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis.