

Victor L. Nadeau, 71

Victor L. Nadeau, 71, passed away Feb. 16 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. He died of cancer. 1991

Vic was an expert fisherman and enjoyed hunting. He had a talent for conversation and will be remembered for the many good stories he told.

He was born Oct. 10, 1919, in Dodson, Mont. His parents, Roland and Marsenia Nadeau moved their family to the Flathead Valley in 1923. They settled in Columbia Falls in 1925 where Vic attended school and graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

He served in the Army in China, Burma and India during World War II.

He returned to Columbia Falls and on Nov. 28, 1946, married Donna Mae Ellman. Vic worked at the Columbia Bar and later was a lumber salesman for the Stoltz Land and Lumber Co. in Half Moon.

Donna stayed at home and raised the couple's four children.

In 1965 Vic pulled up stakes and moved his family to

Spokane, Wash. He worked as an industrial hardware salesman for Kilmer & Sons until he retired in 1982.

Vic's wife, Donna, died in 1980 following a prolonged bout with emphysema. He stayed with her throughout her illness and was at her side when she died.

In 1982 he married Alyce Nadeau, the widowed wife of his brother, Sonny.

Vic is survived by his wife, Alyce of Spokane; a son, James, of Whitefish; and three daughters, Carol Brookshire, Theresa Press and Becky Nadeau, all of Spokane; two stepsons, Noel and Michael Nadeau of Fairbanks; and four grandchildren. He also left a brother, Sam, and a sister, Louise Thomas, of White Salmon Wash.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna; an infant son, John Joseph, who died in 1967, and two brothers, Sonny and Bill.

His body was cremated and his ashes will be buried this summer next to his wife, Donna, at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Gordon Dale Naethe, 51

Gordon Dale Naethe, 51, of Boise, Idaho, died Sunday, Feb. 17, at home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. 1991

Gordon was born April 1, 1939, at Kalispell, a son of Max and Anna Naethe. As a child, he lived in Oregon for a short time before returning to Montana where he was reared and educated. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1957.

In May of 1957, he joined the Air Force and traveled extensively in the United States and had many overseas assignments including Greenland, Viet Nam, Turkey and in the states in Alaska. He retired in November 1978 from the Air Force after serving 21 1/2 years. Following retirement, Gordon went to work for Cummins Intermountain in Boise as a diesel mechanic.

He loved being with youth and

enjoyed working and being active with many Boise area youth organizations including the YMCA Indian Guides, the Boy Scouts and the East Boise Little League Basketball and Soccer which he refereed and coached.

Gordon had married Sandra McMurren on Nov. 12, 1960, at Boise, and is survived by Sandra and two sons, Kevin and Mike Naethe, both of Boise. He is also survived by two brothers, Gary Naethe of Kila, and Robert Naethe of Columbia Falls, and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dick Naethe.

Memorial services were held Feb. 20, at Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise. Dr. Robert Hill of Trinity United Presbyterian Church officiated. Cremation has taken place with inurnment at a later date in Morris Hill Cemetery.

1991 Robert E. 'Bob' Naethe, 51

Robert E. "Bob" Naethe, 51, died Nov. 4 at his Whitefish home following a heart attack.

He was born Aug. 27, 1940, in Kalispell, the son of Max and Ann Naethe. Raised in Kalispell, Bob graduated from Flathead High School in 1958.

He had worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and as an auto mechanic, but most of his working life was spent with the timber industry, which he strongly supported. Bob drove for Elgin Trucking for the past nine years.

An enthusiastic outdoorsman, he especially liked fishing and camping. Bob was very proud of his German ancestry, and collected Germanic memorabilia.

Bob is survived by his wife, Laurie at the family home; two daughters, Wanda Eaken and her husband, Greg, and Laura Naethe, all

of Helena; one son, Jason Naethe of Billings; two granddaughters, Vanessa and Ashley Eaken, both of Helena; a half-brother, Gary Naethe of Kila; a sister-in-law, Sandy Naethe of Boise, Idaho; Laurie's children, Michael, Elaine and Matthew Gilman and a number of other relatives and friends.

He was a very devoted father and husband, and deeply loved his family.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today until 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weatherford Chapel, with Dr. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Bill Hardy Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1333, Whitefish 59937, or to the Montana Heart Association, 435 Second St. E., Kalispell.

1991 **Elmer "Bud" Nau, 70**

Elmer "Bud" Nau, 70, Kalispell, died at his home on Tuesday evening, June 11, following a lengthy illness.



He was born Feb. 20, 1921 in St. Cloud, Minn. a son of Blanche and Clement Nau. He received his education in St. Cloud, Minn. and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 13, 1942.

After his honorable discharge, he worked as a tool and die maker and truck driver until moving to Montana in 1949. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam project as a heavy equipment driver. He also worked for Skyline Dairy, Big Valley Dodge and B & B Beverage.

Bud and his wife, Hazel, owned and operated Bud's Club Rocco in Hungry Horse from 1972 until his retirement in 1982.

Bud's favorite pastimes were

woodworking, fishing and playing cards with his family.

On June 2, 1941 he married Hazel Grausam in Albany, Minn. Bud and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party given for them by their children on June 1 and 2, 1991.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, at the family home in Kalispell; three daughters, Sharon Coursey, Mary Sonju and Rose Cottrell, all of Kalispell; six sons, Don Nau of Springfield, Ore., Bob Nau of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Tom Nau of Sunburst, Charlie Nau of Missoula and Ron and Ken Nau of Kalispell; 29 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

Vigil services will be held at 7 tonight at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

1991 **Joe Neisess, 76**

Joseph Henry Neisess, died of natural causes August 2 at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. He was born November 9, 1914 in Bride County, South Dakota to Charles and Anna Neisess.

He was raised and educated in South Dakota. He married Sophie Miller September 11, 1933 at Morehead, Minnesota. He worked in the Butte mines from 1941 to 1956.

He then followed road construction as a diesel mechanic. He retired in 1976 from the Libby Dam project. He and his wife lived at Little Joe near Bull Lake until they became residents of the Libby Care Center. He is survived by his wife Sophie Neisess of Libby; one daughter, Beverly Muller of

Cowley, Wyoming; two sons, Joseph D. Neisess, Sr., and Charles F. Neisess, both of Troy; two sisters, Mable Heick of Iowa and Dorothy Pankow of Minnesota; one brother, Alvin Neisess of Minnesota; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren, and; 1 great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were August 6 at the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Troy with the Rev. Bill Wagner officiating. Burial followed the Milner Lake Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Libby.

Pallbearers were Dale Muller, Roland Stapley, Gary Erickson, Jerry Erickson, Bob Cody and Jim Fherchie.

Honorary bearers were Joseph Neisess, Jr., Monty Muller and John Erickson.

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Donald Arthur Nelson ^{29 Dec}
COLUMBIA FALLS — Donald Arthur Nelson, 74, of 525 8th Ave. S., a retired electric lineman, died of natural causes Saturday in a Columbia Falls nursing home.

A memorial service will at 2 p.m. Tuesday at O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls. Memorials are suggested to the Elks Lodge.

Born on Dec. 5, 1917, on a farm near Williston, N.D., he grew up and attended school in Williams County, N.D. He served in the Navy aboard the USS Chester during World War II.

Nelson was a line foreman for the Montana Power Co.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Elks Lodge 214.

Survivors include sisters, Jessie Sorensen of Tucson, Ariz., Dorothy E. Graves of Glendive and Edith B. Farrar of Pearce, Ariz.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. *H.F.*

¹⁹⁹¹ **Marcia Nelson**
Marcia Nelson, 67, died Thursday, July 25 in Spokane, Wash. She was a longtime resident of Rosalia, Wash.

She is survived by her husband, John Nelson, of Rosalia; three sons, Tim Nelson and Eric Nelson of Pullman, Wash.; a daughter, Andrea Widman of Mountain View, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and a brother, Gerald Parker of Kalispell.

She was a member of Rosalia United Methodist Church, Alpha Club, and Garden Club, and served on the Rosalia City Council for more than eight years.

Funeral services were Monday at 10 a.m. at Rosalia United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Hunsberger officiating.

Graveside services were Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

LaRue Vera Nelson, 77

LaRue Vera Nelson, 77, a resident of Whitefish, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes. ¹⁹⁹¹

She was born April 5, 1913, in McKenzie County, N.D., a daughter of Bert and Cora Boots.

She married her first husband, Henry J. Erickson, on Aug. 6, 1931, in Scobey, Mont., and they moved to Whitefish in 1939. Mr. Erickson preceded her in death in 1949.

She married Glenn A. Nelson on June 14, 1953, in Whitefish.

LaRue was employed at Lincoln's Cleaner in Whitefish for about 12 years.

She was a avid bowler for many years and a member of the Whitefish Lake Boat Club, a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge and was past president of the VFW Post 276 Auxiliary in Whitefish.

LaRue is now survived by her husband, Glenn, at their home in Whitefish; a son, Lionel Erickson of Brigham

City, Utah; a daughter, Sharon Andres of Kalispell; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Hazel Lockren of Seattle, Wash., and Merna Allen of Denton; one stepson, Clayton Erickson of Kalispell; nine step-grandchildren and 15 step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Danielson and Dorothy Folven, both of Watford City, N.D., and a number of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers.

Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with burial to follow in the Whitefish Cemetery.

There is a reception to follow the graveside rites at the VFW Hall in Whitefish.

The family has suggested memorials to the Stumptown Historical Society in Whitefish or to the American Lung Association.

There will be visitation at the Austin Funeral Home today until 8 p.m.

1991 Sharen Ann Neukirch, 48

Sharen Ann Neukirch, 48, Kalispell, died July 24 at Kalispell Regional Hospital following an illness with leukemia.

She was born Nov. 3, 1942, at Plains, the daughter of Ludwig and Elma Mydland. She was raised and educated in Plains.

Sharen had a keen interest in music, and toured the western United States for over 20 years with various musical groups, under the stage name of Sharen Caldwell.

In May of 1987, she married Raymond Neukirch in Anaheim, Calif. They had made their home in Kalispell since 1969, where she was employed by The Daily Inter Lake. She underwent a spiritual awak-



ening in 1987, and was baptized on July 6, 1991.

Surviving family members include her husband, Raymond at the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Fawn Stene of Kalispell; one son, Michael Locker of Kalispell; her mother, Elma Mydland of Plains; four sisters; two brothers; five grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today from noon until 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Plains Bible Church with the Rev. Joel Banham officiating. Burial will follow at Plains Cemetery, under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Swedish Hospital (Patient Services), 747 Summit Ave., Seattle, Wash. 98104-2196.

1991 Ronald Nelson, 63

Ronald Nelson, 63, Columbia Falls, died Aug. 26 at Montana Veterans home of natural causes.

Ronald was born Jan. 8, 1928, in St. Paul, Minn., the son of Mary Choate.

He had worked for the railroad as a truck driver.

He is survived by three daughters, Cheryl Walsh in Sturgis, S.D.,

Rhonda Herrmann in Whitefish and Kathy Krueger in Noxon; a son, Robert Herrmann in Whitefish and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Graveside services with military honors will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

1991 Dr. Henry "Doc" Newberry, 69

Dr. Henry Wallace Clay "Doc" Newberry, 69, died Oct. 8 in Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

"Doc," as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, was born Sept. 5, 1922, in Arkansas City, Kan., to Brainard and Lena Newberry. He was preceded in death by his only brother, Joe Newberry.

On Sept. 1, 1946, "Doc" married Neidra Walatz in Arkansas City. She survives him at the family home in Kalispell.

Also surviving him are his son, Mike Newberry, his wife Ginny and their two children, Krista and Kerri of Minneapolis, Minn.; his daughter, Sally Newberry and her daughters, SunDown and Diana; and his daughter, Susan Hanson and her husband Marlin and their two children, Brandon and Hillary, all of Kalispell.

"Doc" volunteered for the Armed Services the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served as a chemical warfare officer attached to the Air Corps.

He was placed on inactive duty on April 15, 1946. He entered Kansas State University and was graduated with a B.S. Degree in Biological Science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

"Doc" practiced veterinary medicine in Arkansas City before moving to Kalispell in 1955.

He was an active Lion, having been charter president of the Evergreen Lions and a charter member of the Glacier Lions Club. He was a member of the Flathead County Study Commission from 1974 to 1976, and was

chairman of the Flathead County Study Commission from 1984 to 1986. He was president of the Flathead Wildlife Inc., and was a member of the Flathead Forest Advisory Committee and a longtime member of the National Rifle Association.

During his association with the Lions, he served as Deputy District Governor and Secretary of the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Association.

"Doc" served on an advisory committee for Flathead High School and worked for the foundation of Flathead Valley Community College. As a longtime member of the John Birch Society and the Flathead County Republican Central Committee, "Doc" had a strong belief that the United States Constitution means and was intended to mean exactly what it says.

A memorial service for Dr. Newberry will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Stillwater Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jeff Swanson officiating.

Stillwater Lutheran Church is located northwest of Kalispell. Follow Farm to Market approximately four miles from Kalispell where a small blue sign will direct you onto West Valley Drive.

The church is located another four miles to the north of Farm to Market.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Stillwater Lutheran Church or Kalispell Glacier Lions Club, Box 2464, Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Otto Nordstrom, 87

Otto Nordstrom, 87, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, April 15, of natural causes.

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He was born May 19, 1903, in Starbuck, Minn., a son of Gottfried and Anna Nordstrom. He received his education in Starbuck and graduated from high school there. He then attended Valley City Teachers College in Valley City, N.D., and taught in the elementary schools in North Dakota for several years.

In the late 1920s, he moved to Montana where he was an educator all his life.

He served as probation officer for Lincoln and Flathead Counties for 10 years.

He ended his career as teacher and principal in the Hungry Horse School System, retiring in 1967. He then

moved to Kalispell and had resided here since.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell Lions Club, Sons of Norway, Masonic Lodge and the Montana Retired Teachers Association.

On June 3, 1934, he married Ruth Madden in Rexford, and was preceded in death by her on Aug. 18, 1982.

He is now survived by a son, Harold Nordstrom of Arvada, Colo.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Githvedt officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today.

1991 Beverly Ann Normile, 61

Beverly Ann Normile, 61, Columbia Falls, died Sept. 11 at her home following a long illness with cancer.

Mrs. Normile was born March 19, 1930, in Kansas City, Mo., and was raised in Red Lodge.

On Jan. 4, 1949, she married John "Mickey" Normile in Red Lodge. The couple moved to the Flathead Valley in 1959, and farmed near Columbia Falls.

Beverly loved taking care of her grandchildren, gardening, collecting antiques and cooking.

She was a fine artist and craftsperson and will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Mickey at the family home; three sons, John Normile of Columbia Falls, James Normile of Gillette, Wyo., and Steven Normile of Kalispell; a daughter, Rebecca Normile-Beller of Whitefish; a brother, Charles Stevens in Arizona; seven grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at North Valley Alliance Church, 700 W. Seventh St., Whitefish with the Rev. Glenn Roth, officiating.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the local Hospice or to a charity of donor's choice.