

E. STANLEY NELLIS

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NELLIS — Eugene Stanley
Nellis passed away at Ed-
monton on July 18 at the age of
24 years.

Mr. Nellis was born in Grande
Prairie in 1948 and resided in
Grande Prairie.

He leaves to mourn his passing
his parents Orval and Irene
Nellis; four brothers, Donald of
Grande Prairie, Phillip and
Gordon of Dawson Creek,
Wayne of Dartmouth, N.S.; one
sister Shirley of Dawson Creek;
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
L.J. Nellis of Bezanson; Mrs.
Kay Bulford of Grande Prairie,
as well as several uncles, aunts
and cousins.

Funeral services were held on
July 24 at 2:30 p.m. from Trinity
Lutheran Church with Pastor L.
Lerseth officiating. Interment
followed in the Glenn Leslie
Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the
Oliver Funeral Home.

Inquest lays no blame in death

A coroner's jury yesterday recommended beverage rooms employ more reliable bouncers who will control customers more closely.

The inquest, held in connection with the death last month of Eugene Stanley Nellis, 25, of the city, also called for strict enforcement of existing laws limiting the amount of liquor on tables at one time, and said female employees should not be asked to intervene in any disturbances.

The jury attached no blame in Mr. Nellis' death, caused by brain injuries after he was knocked down while watching a fight outside the Park Hotel.

Mr. Nellis was among a crowd that followed a disturbance in the hotel outside to the sidewalk. He was struck and fell to the sidewalk, hitting his head.

During his testimony, bar manager Rod LaPointe told coroner Dr. Joseph Storcer that waitresses frequently were called on to help quell disturbances, a practice that Dr. Storcer could not agree with.

Mr. LaPointe said the bouncers — both male and female — would try to separate combatants and get them outside. Failing that, the RCMP would be called in.

Dr. Storcer said he couldn't believe

that a hotel would allow its female staff to become involved in a fight, and said it shouldn't be allowed.

Mr. LaPointe was also asked if it was the hotel's policy to serve people who were impaired. He said it was difficult to determine if a customer was impaired.

"One person may sit and drink all day and appear to be sober— able to walk straight and not have slurred speech— while another can have four or five drinks and be drunk," he said.

He added that if people stagger into the premises, they are not served and are told to leave. The police are called if the person refuses.

Dr. Storcer asked if a person would continue to be served if he became violent.

"I've seen people flare up when they are sober, so I don't think drinking has anything to do with violence," Mr. LaPointe said. "They don't have to be in a bar to start fighting."

Mrs. Kate Bulford 94, of Grande Prairie

Mrs. Dukista "Kate" Bulford passed away on Saturday, October 6, 1990 in the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, at the age of 94 years. Born in Austria, she emigrated to Canada in 1903 at the age of seven. She came to the Peace River Country in 1917 and spent most of her life in the Bezanson area, retiring to Grande Prairie in 1964.

She was predeceased by her husband Haviland (Avie) in 1959; a son Harry in 1963; grandson Stanley Nellis in 1972; son-in-law Orval Nellis in 1987; granddaughter Betty Gubbe in 1989; and son Harvey in April 1990. Kate was the last surviving member of the Lapitsky family, having been predeceased by three brothers and four sisters.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son Elmer (Ann) of Bezanson; two daughters: Irene Nellis of Grande Prairie and Elenor (George) Bain of Elmworth; and daughter-in-law Annie Bulford of Bezanson. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral service for Kate Bulford will be held in the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, on Wednesday, October 10, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Vern Wishart officiating. Cremation in the Oliver Funeral Chapel Crematorium will follow the service.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

Wayne Marshall Nellis



December 24, 1941 -
November 6, 2007

Wayne Marshall Nellis came into this world Dec. 24, 1941, at the QEII Hospital in Grande Prairie and passed away Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at the age of 65 years.

He took his schooling at Montrose and Grande Prairie high schools. In Grade 8, Wayne began a lifelong love of woodworking. Building anything from patio furniture to end tables and bookcases became his favourite thing to do.

At age 20, work was hard to find in Grande Prairie so, along with five buddies, he joined the Air Force, taking radar and communications systems courses. Wayne once commented he "didn't fly the planes, but he could keep them flying."

During his 28 years in the military, he spent time in Trenton, Ont. and Winnipeg, Man., where he met Doreen Skelly. They married and had two children – Robert Christopher and Michael Brian, both born in Winnipeg. Wayne spent time stationed in Shearwater, Nova Scotia, Edmonton, Alta.,

Greenwood, Nova Scotia and finally Cold Lake, Alta. After 28 years, he retired from the service and returned home to Grande Prairie.

In the early 1990s, he met Carol Taylor (nee Funk) and they married in 2001. They finally enjoyed a long life together, travelling to Kelowna, B.C. to visit family and playing golf, billiards and cards. When not playing, Wayne could always be found building in his workshop.

Wayne leaves to mourn: his wife, Carol; sons, Robert (Joyce) and Michael; his special granddaughter, Ashley Joan Nellis; his mother, Irene; sister, Shirley; brothers, Don (Ellen), Phillip (Kris), and Gordon (Carol); and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a wide extended family.

"Poppa-Wayne" was deeply blessed with love from Carol's family: her children, Devon, Colinda and Tanya (David); brothers, Whip (Heather) and Floyd; sisters, Margaret (Brian), Lois and Alice and many other family members.

Wayne was predeceased by: his father, Orval; grandparents, Stella and Lester John (Moose) Nellis and Kate and Haviland Bulford, and brother Stan Nellis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at 1 p.m., at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel.

Memorial donations maybe made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oliversgrandeprairie.com

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