

TED & OPAL NELLIS

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Obituaries

Funeral services for George Boe, 50, a resident of Grande Prairie for the past 16 years, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's United Church in the city.

He died March 23 at his home in Grande Prairie. He was born in Minnesota and lived at Debolt prior to coming to Grande Prairie where he was employed as a mill worker.

Mr. Boe is survived by his wife, Ruth; four daughters, Mrs. Faye Gendron, Grande Prairie, Joan, Georgina, Patsy, all at home; one son Richard at home; his mother Mrs. Sophie Boe, Debolt; two brothers Art, Debolt, Elmer, Grande Prairie; six sisters, Mrs. Cora Welander, DeBolt, Mrs. Eleanor McArthur, Red Deer, Mrs. Alice Finch, Vermilion Bay, Ont., Mrs. Lorraine McKinley Winnipeg, Mrs. Edna Norton, Mrs. Opal Nellis, both of Grande Prairie.

Burial will be in the DeBolt cemetery. Rev. Don Frame will officiate at the funeral.

BOE — Sophie Boe passed away October 25, 1972 at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Boe was born in Minnesota and had been a resident of DeBolt.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, Elmer of Grande Prairie, Art of DeBolt, six daughters, Cora Welander, DeBolt, Elenor McArthur, Red Deer, Edna Norton, Grande Prairie, Alice Finch, Prince George, Opal Nellis, Grande Prairie, Lorraine MacKinly, Berstal, and by 31 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Gustov in 1946 and by one son George in 1965. Funeral services were held October 28 at 2 p.m. in the DeBolt United Church with Rev. Wayne Lovely officiating. Interment followed in the DeBolt Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Chapel.



OLD TIME TEAM — They're not the Oakland A's but in 1954-55 this group of ball players was one of the top clubs in the Peace. South Peace "B" division baseball champions, the Bezanson Eagles, included (left to right front) Fred Ames, coach; Earl McLaughlin, pitcher; Lloyd Nellis, pitcher; John Beilman, pitcher; Irving Ames, shortstop and (back left to right) Norman Berg, third; Henry

Diederich, second; **Ted Nellis**, first; Harry Nellis, pitcher, Dick Hayworth, left field; Russel Ames, centre field; Lyle Berg, centre field and Elmer McLaughlin, catcher. All the players are still residents of the area with the exception of Hayworth. Some of the players have sons on the Bezanson Norton Bros. Fastball team of today.

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Gust and Sophie Boe, 1907

Boe family reunion

On the weekend of July 28, 29, and 30, upwards of 100 descendants of the late Gust and Sophie Boe gathered at Pitman's Point Bible Campsite for a family reunion. Gust and Sophie came from Fosston, Minnesota to settle on a homestead in the DeBolt district in 1930. They brought with them their family of three boys and six girls. All were present at the reunion, with the exception of George, who passed away a few years ago. The direct descendants are Art Boe, DeBolt, Cora Welander, DeBolt, Elmer Boe, Grande Prairie, Elanor MacArthur, Red Deer, Edna Norton, Grande Prairie, Alice Finch, Prince George, B.C., Opal Nellis, Grande Prairie and Lorraine McKinley of Burstall, Sask.

Some came from as far away as Vermillion Bay, Ont., Powell River, B.C., Prince Rupert, B.C., Regina, Sask. and several points between.

The festivities started on Friday night with several families gathered around a bonfire, chatting and getting

acquainted. On Saturday, the day was spent with ball games, horseshoes, badminton, foot races, sack and three-legged races, swimming and just wandering around the grounds getting acquainted and meeting relatives, some of whom had never seen each other. After a hearty dinner of hot dogs and chili, the fun and games continued until 6:00, when a huge supper of turkey and ham and all the trimmings including "Lefse" was enjoyed by all. After supper things started off with a short concert of Irish dancing, singing, reciting and playing music by several of the grandchildren. The day wound up with a very successful dance with music donated by the Grande Prairie Rebels, with help from several of the family.

Sunday started off with a ham and egg breakfast, followed by a few hymns played by Opal and Alice. This was followed by more music. Then came the big job of packing up and saying all the farewells.

Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant weekend. Many thanks go out to Tiny Boe and her willing staff for their many hours of organizing and preparing for this very successful weekend. Many thanks also to the owners of the campsite for their very appropriate facilities.

50th ANNIVERSARY

The family of

Ted & Opal Nellis

ask all their friends &
relatives to join them at
an Open House
celebrating their
50th

Wedding Anniversary,
to be held

Sunday, June 14, 1992,
from 2:00 p.m. until
5:00 p.m. at
9510 - 63 Ave.
Grande Prairie

Arthur S. Boe 89, of Grande Prairie

Arthur S. Boe passed away at the Q.E.II Hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997 at the age of 89 years, as a result of an accident.

Art was born in Gonvick, Minnesota on Dec. 16, 1907. He came to Canada with his family in 1930. They homesteaded in Debolt, where they farmed. In 1943 Art joined the army. He served in England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He came back home in 1946 where he worked as a road surveyor and also farmed.

Art was also a trained barber. His warm nature and thoughtfulness won him numerous friends. He was a resident of the Grande Prairie Care Centre since 1990. Art was a lifetime member of the East Smokey Legion Grande Prairie Branch 54.



Art was predeceased by his father, Gustave, in 1947; brother, George, in 1963; mother, Sophie, in 1972.

He leaves to mourn his passing brother Elmer Boe of Grande Prairie, his sisters, Cora (Max) Franks of Okanagan Falls, B.C.; Eleanor McArthur of Red Deer; Edna (Gill) Champagne of Grande Prairie; Alice (Bill) Finch of Prince George, B.C.; **Opal (Ted) Nellis** of Grande Prairie; and Lorraine (Lyll) McKinley of Penticton, B.C. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

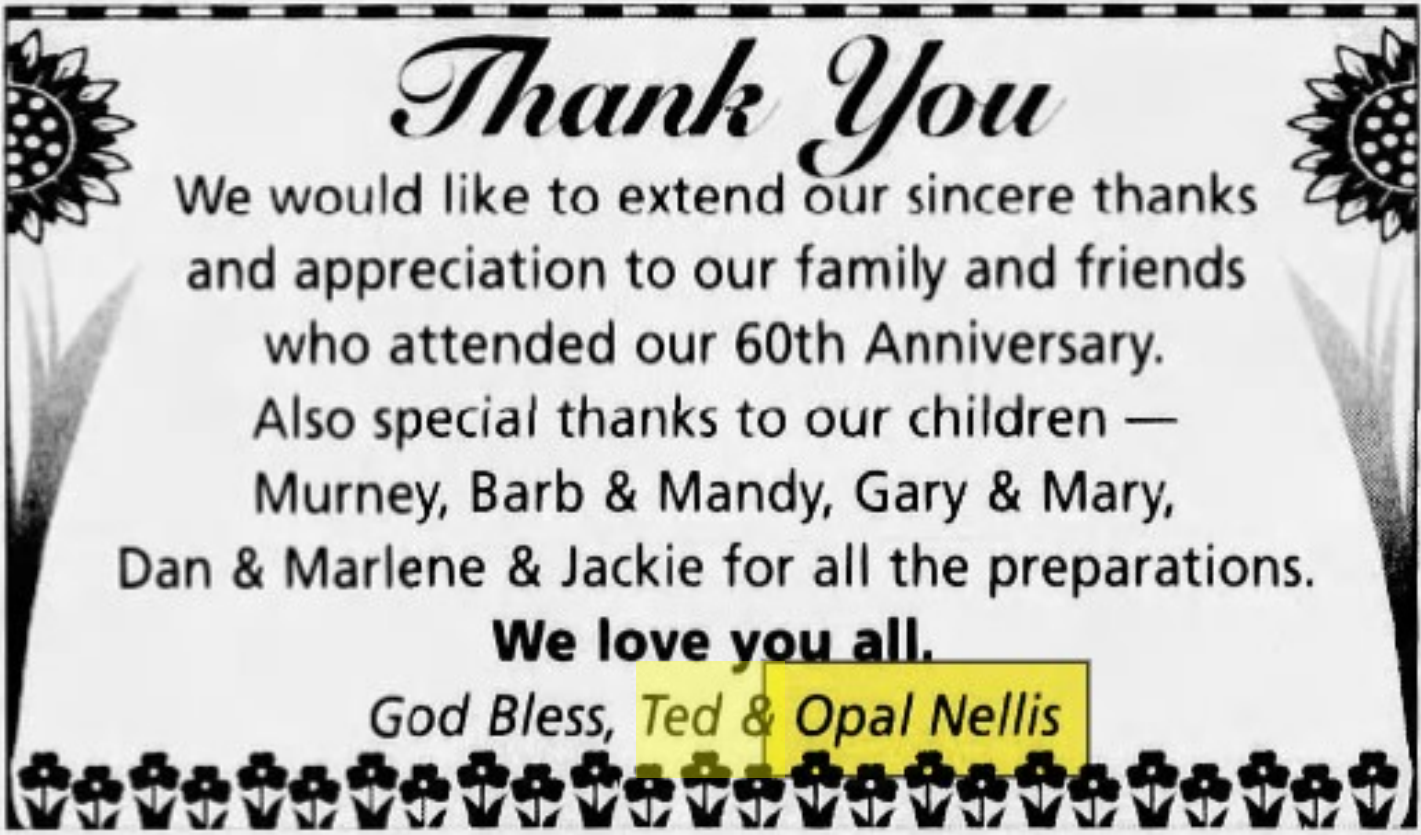
Viewing will take place on Friday from 7-8 p.m. at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, 10005-107 Ave. and at the church prior to the service.

Funeral service for the late Arthur Boe will be held on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at 11 a.m. at the Gospel Light Church in Debolt with Rev. Cyril Isaac officiating. Interment will take place at the Debolt Cemetery.

Donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family.

**OLIVER'S GRANDE PRAIRIE
FUNERAL CHAPEL**

10005-107 Ave., Grande Prairie
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Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere thanks
and appreciation to our family and friends
who attended our 60th Anniversary.

Also special thanks to our children —
Murney, Barb & Mandy, Gary & Mary,
Dan & Marlene & Jackie for all the preparations.

We love you all.

God Bless, *Ted & Opal Nellis*

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Cora Welander-Franks

Cora Welander-Franks passed into the presence of Jesus on November 7, 2005, from Devon, Alberta, at the age of 95.

Cora is survived by: one daughter, Sharon Wolchyn (Lyle) of Ft. McMurray, Alta.; step-daughters: Marita Mayne of Grande Prairie, Alta., Maxine Rees (Tom) of Saskatoon, Sask., and Glenda Olson of Red Deer, Alta.; two sons: Wendell of Garden Bay, B.C. and Sid (Barb) of Devon, Alta.; stepsons: Lloyd (Joann) of Comox, B.C., Len (Mary) of Campbell River, BC and Hilary of Edmonton, Alta. She also leaves eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; four sisters: Edna Champagne of Grande Prairie, Alta., **Opal Nellis** of Grande Prairie, Alta., Lorraine McKinley of Penticton, B.C., and Alice Finch of Prince George, B.C., as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held November 12, 2005, at 1 p.m., from Gospel Light Church in DeBolt, Alta., with Pastor Brent King officiating. Interment will follow in the DeBolt Cemetery.

No flowers, donations or gifts, please.

**OLIVER'S GRANDE PRAIRIE
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& CREMATORIUM**

Edna Ovidia Champagne (Norton, Boe)



Edna Ovidia Champagne passed away at the G.P. Care Centre on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at the age of 87.

She was born on April 22, 1919 in Gonvick, Minnesota. Her Norwegian family moved to DeBolt in 1930.

Edna is survived by her daughters Carol (Barry) Edgar, Beverley Norton, Lillian Ray (Ed Dutka), daughter-in-law Sharon Norton, 11 grandchildren; Scott (Kim), Natalie, Marlin (Brenda), Janice (Eugene), Rhonda (Derrick), Lynda, Shauna, Tina (Dallas), Christie (Chad), Derek (Erin), Tammy and 11 great grandchildren, sisters Opal Nellis, Alice Finch, Lorraine McKinley, many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Gill Champagne, son Ken Norton, brothers George (Ruth), Art, Elmer (Tiny) Boe, sisters Cora (Sigfred Welanders and Max) Franks, Eleanor (Rod) McArthur, brothers-in-law Ted Nellis, Bill Finch and Lyall McKinley.

Edna always enjoyed family gatherings, (especially Christmas), music, curling, flowers, crafts and the nickel machine.

She was a member of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church.

Interment in Grande Prairie Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

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**NELLIS, Opal**

- April 1, 1924 – December 30, 2011. **Opal Nellis**, longtime resident of Grande Prairie,

passed away at the Heritage Lodge on Friday, December 30, 2011 at the age of 87 years.

Opal was born in Fosston, Minnesota on April 1, 1924. Her family homesteaded in the DeBolt area in the

early 1930's. She will be sadly missed by her children, Murney (Barb), Gary (Mary), Dan (Marlene),

and Jackie, all of Grande Prairie; eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous

nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Ted, her parents, three sisters, three brothers, one daughter and an infant son.

There will be a private family memorial service in the spring of 2012. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made

to the MS Society or to a charity of one's choice.

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