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OBITUARIES

Donald "Gene" Nearing, 78

Donald "Gene" Nearing, 78, of Kingston, Idaho died Feb. 16, 2003 at the Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho of complications associated with cancer.

He was born Dec. 30, 1924 in Kellogg, Idaho to Robert E. and Jessie P. (Hutchinson) Nearing.

Gene attended school in Kingston and served in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

He owned and operated Nearing Logging with his father and brother until 1969 and then owned and operated DG & S Company along with his sons. He was very proud of the opportunity to work very closely with his family, including grandchildren.

Gene was well-known in the community for his commitment to work and love for this family. He was a member of the Kellogg Elks and along with good friends, Delmar Beamis and Lewis Hagman, was instrumental in the preservation of Hunt Cemetery.

He married LuElla M. Miles Sept. 27, 1946 in Superior, Mont.

He is survived by his wife, Lu Nearing of Kingston, Idaho; two sons and their wives, Dennis and Mryna Nearing of Aberdeen Wash.; Scott and Debbie Nearing of Kingston, Idaho; two daughters and their husbands, Charlott and Bruce

Casady of North Pole, Ak. and Tana and Raymond Rainio of Cataldo, Idaho; his grandchildren, JoLynn Nearing Berge and husband John; Julie Nearing Day and husband Tim; Jason Nearing; Jessie Nearing; Debbie (Adams) Wiggins and husband Greg; Jeff Nearing and wife Deanna; Jamie Nearing Beggerly and husband Josh; Jana Nearing; Larissa Roman Nearing; Konnie Casady Bond and husband Kayle; Bruce Casady, Jr.; Aaron Rainio and wife Angela; and Casey Rainio Figueroa and husband Jeremie; 18 great-grandchildren; sister and husband, Harriet and Roy Smith of Palmer, Ak.; mother-in-law, Elsie Ray of Seattle, Wash.; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins including nephew John R. Nearing and his wife Gail.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert F. (Bob) Nearing; a sister, Charlotte Nearing Stowe; and an infant son, Frederick.

Services will be held Friday, Feb. 21, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the United Church of Kellogg in Kellogg, Idaho. Burial will be in the Hunt Cemetery in Kingston, Idaho.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Hunt Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 722, Pinehurst, ID 83850