

Bonnars Ferry Herald
May 27, 2003

Mabelle Julia Nelson, 89

Memorial service will be held for Mabelle Nelson at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 6846 Truman in Bonners Ferry, Idaho at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 24.

Mabelle was born in Frazier Township, Divide County, North Dakota to Jesse and Anna Peterson on May 21, 1914. She passed away on May 9, 2003 at Extended Care Facility, Boundary Community Hospital in Bonners Ferry.

She married Milfred Nelson on September 30, 1933 in Crosby, North Dakota.

They moved to Boundary County in September of 1934. They lived in the Naples and McArthur areas for many years, and a short time in Bonners Ferry, before moving to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho in 1959.

Mabelle worked at Dot & Roy's Diner at Elmira for a time. She and Milfred worked as watchmen for McFarland-Brown at the old sawmill above the Highland Flats area for a time in the late Fifties.

After moving to Coeur D'Alene, she again worked for Dot and Roy Thompson, this time at the Round Top Cafe on East Sherman Avenue. She then worked for Norm Cameron at Merrill's Cafe in downtown Coeur D'Alene until retiring.

Her husband Milfred passed away in November of 1987.

Mabelle moved back to Bonners Ferry in February of 1988, living with her daughter Joyce. She moved into ECF at Boundary Community Hospital in February of 2000.

Mabelle was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and was active in the ministry until shortly before moving into

ECF. She was baptized in 1993 at the age of 79.

Mabelle is survived by her daughter Joyce Jenkins, and her son and daughter-in-law Clare and Donna Nelson; nine grandchildren, Larry Jenkins (Lorinda), Marianne Duarte (Dave), Barbara Truscott (Bill), Susan Kemmis (Rodney), Julie Jenkins, Tom Nelson (Renee), Marva Jensen (Jim), Don Nelson and Starlett Faye Nelson; 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandsons; five sisters-in-law, Janice Olin, Crosby, North Dakota, Margaret Carlson, Madison, Minn., Avalon Peterson, Vancouver, Wash., Sue Peterson, Puyallup, Wash. and Mildred Peterson, Careywood, Idaho; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her husband Milfred, her parents Jesse and Anna Peterson, four brothers, Clarence, Harry, Art and Bert Peterson; sisters-in-law Selma Peterson and Harriet Peterson and one great-grandson Michael White.

Mabelle will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her. She was a generous and caring person, always with a twinkle in her eyes. She liked to bake cookies and goodies for her grandchildren, crochet, gardening and working picture puzzles.

She also really enjoyed picking huckleberries and had her own "private patches" in several areas.

Memorials in Mabelle's name may be made at ECF, Boundary Community Hospital, HCR 61, Box 61A or to the Kingdom Hall Building Fund, HCR 61, Box 47BB, Bonners Ferry Idaho 83805.