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Thursday

Dean Nichols

Darrel Nichols, who moved from Moscow, Idaho to Bonners Ferry as a child, recently passed away.

Born Dec. 2, 1936 to Orval and Alice (Harris) Nichols in Clarkston, Wash., Darrel grew up in and around the Porthill-Bonnors Ferry area and attended schools throughout the area.

He was in 4-H, worked on ranches and construction for his father, was a logger, also had his own cedar mill at Eastport and like to fish.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from Feb. 23, 1954-Feb. 23, 1957 at Camp Pendleton, Calif. While in the Marines, he learned the tattooing trade and after the service, he had his own shop in numerous states.

From his first marriage, he had three sons, Daryl Nichols of Lakeside, Ore., Doug Nichols of Seattle, Wash. and James Nichols, deceased.

From his second marriage, he had Mary (Nichols) Robles of Talent, Ore., Margaret Nichols of Talent, Ore., Ronald Nichols of Talent, Ore. and an adopted son, Ray (Roy) Nichols of Everett, Wash. He had three granddaughters, Maria, Erika and Shilo of Talent, Ore. and grandson David (D.J.) of Texas.

He is survived by his mother, Alice, and father, Orval, of Kent, Wash.; sisters Pat of Kent, Wash., Lori and husband Bill of Bonners Ferry, Id., brother Vern and wife Connie of Bonners Ferry, Id., and had two brothers, Elmer & Ronald (both deceased), many aunts, uncles & cousins.

He also leaves many wonderful friends in the Bonners Ferry-Naples, Id. area, in Alaska where he spent 20 years and Nevada.

His remains will be in the military cemetery in Tacoma, Wash.