

**Obituaries for burials in the Post Military Cemetery in Vancouver.**

**1925**

*The Vancouver Evening Columbian*  
Vancouver, Clarke, Washington  
Monday, August 31, 1925

**FREDERICK HEFTY**

Frederick Hefty, for 40 years a well known resident of Clarke county, died suddenly at his home, 3204 Main street yesterday, aged 79 years, 2 months, and 20 days.

He is survived by his wife; Electa, and three daughters by a former marriage, Mrs. Helen Elmer, Wisconsin, Mrs. Barbara Engler, Valley Forks, Nebraska, and Mrs. Florence C. Goddard of Vancouver, also 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Hefty came from Wisconsin to Washington and settled in Manor 40 years ago, later moving to Vancouver in 1911. He was a member of the Third Wisconsin Regular Infantry and was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea.

Funeral services will be held from Knapp's chapel Wednesday at 2 p.m. Rev. C.E. Baskerville officiating. Interment will be in the Post cemetery.

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**RALPH A. MILLER**

Funeral services for Ralph A. Miller, 25, whose death was caused by accidental drowning in Seward, Alaska on July 9 will be held in Hamilton's Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with Chaplain Elmer Huset in charge. Ralph Miller was in the service in Alaska and will receive 5 military honors here, with interment in the military cemetery.

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**CONRAD W. BLATTER**

The body of Conrad W. Blatter, 21, who drowned in the Columbia river here after jumping from an airplane in a parachute, was to be shipped today to his mother, Mrs. Inas Cook in Ashland, Ore. Interment will be in that city.

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**CONRAD W. BLATTER**

Funeral services for Conrad Blatter, who was drowned here last week after a

parachute jump, will be held this afternoon in Hamilton's Chapel at 4 o'clock. Chaplain Elmer Huset of Vancouver Barracks will have charge of the military service, and interment will be in the Post cemetery. Mrs. Inas Cook, the mother arrived in the city last night for the services today.

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**ARTHUR D. FRENCH**

Arthur Daniel French, 32, who had been living at 524 Esther ave., died yesterday at the Veterans hospital, Portland, where he was moved earlier in the day following a hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. French, who, was a World War veteran, was gassed during a combat at St. Germain Woods and his health was impaired at that time. He came to Vancouver five years ago to make his home.

On October 10, 1917, he enlisted in the 146th field artillery in Walla Walla and served as a telephone lineman on the battle fields of France. Mr. French engaged in battles at Muese Argenne, Champagne Marne, St. Mihiel, and Adams Masne, and he was gassed in the encounter at St. Germain Woods. He received a victory medal with battle clasp. Mr. French was mustered out of the service June 29, 1919 at Fort Lewis.

He was married to Miss Irene Perry in Colville, Wash., October 23, 1920.

Relatives surviving include his wife, Mrs. Irene French, three sons, Clarence, aged eight years, Eugene, aged seven years, and, Robert, aged thirteen months, two daughters, Maxine, aged five years, and Marjorie, aged two and a half years, his

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mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lilly of Northport, Wash., his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs A. J. French of Gardens, Cal., three sisters, Mrs. J. Cadwalder, Spokane, Miss Hazel French, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lucile Peck, and 2 brothers, Earl French, both of Northport, Wash., and Harry French, Kennewick.

The body is at the Knapp Funeral parlors and funeral arrangements will be completed as soon as word from relatives can be received.

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**ARTHUR D. FRENCH**

Funeral services for Arthur Daniel French, who died Friday at the Veterans hospital, Portland, were held this morning at 10 o'clock in the chapel of the Knapp Funeral parlors. The services were in charge of the local post of the American Legion and Dr. Coleman E. Byram officiated. The interment was in the Post cemetery and military honors were conferred at the grave.

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**1934**

*The Columbian*  
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November 1934

Funeral services will be held in Knapp's chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Chaplain J. Burt Webster officiating. Military honors will be conferred at the graveside in the post cemetery.

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**FRANK P. EHL**

Funeral services for Frank Paul Ehl, who died at St. Joseph hospital Sunday, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp's Chapel. Chaplain J. Burt Webster of Vancouver Barracks will officiate and burial in the Post Cemetery will be with military honors.

Ehl was a native of Germany and came to the United States at the age of 15 years. He had two years' participation in Indian wars as a member of the 19th Kansas cavalry and upon coming to this section served for several years as post gardener at the local post. His wife, Julia, and two sons, Adam and P. M. Ehl of Lyle, survive.

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*Unknown newspaper*  
November 1934

**FRANK P. EHL**

Frank Paul Ehl, 84, for the past 27 years a resident of Vancouver, died Sunday evening at the St. Joseph's hospital. Mr. Ehl was a native of Germany and came to the United States at the age of 15 months settling with his parents in Chicago. He served from 1868 to 1870 in the Indian wars with the nineteenth Kansas cavalry, company M. For 11 years after his arrival in Vancouver Mr. Ehl was post gardner at Vancouver Barracks.

Among the survivors are the widow, Mrs. Julia M. Ehl; two sons, Adam Ehl and P. M. Ehl, both of Lyle Wash.; and two grandchildren.

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**2007**

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Friday, August 17, 2007

**GERALDINE McKEE KAELIN**

Geraldine "Gerri" Kaelin passed away peacefully on August 11, 2007. Her sister, Bernedine Watts, and nephew, Robert Curtis, were with her. Gerri was born June 29, 1920 in Yacolt, WA. She lived throughout the U.S. and Paris, France with her husband, Dr. Gordon T. Kaelin, during his 20-year Army career as a Dentist. In 1971, while stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, she was named "Military Wife of the Year." No service at her request.

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**2008**

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Tuesday, February 5, 2008

**JOANNA R. NELSON**

Joanna R. "Jo" Nelson passed away in Vancouver, WA on January 31, 2008. She was 85 years old.

Jo was born April 19, 1922 in Mishawaka, Indiana the only child of Arthur and Mathilda "Nina" Larsen.

Jo spent most of her childhood in California and later in Seattle, WA where she met a handsome young pre-med student named, Donald Nelson at Seattle College. They married May 1, 1945 and celebrated 58 glorious years together before his death in 2003. Mom was a R.N. graduating from Providence Hospital Nursing Program in Seattle before she was married. Together they raised six children who were born in various states due to the many places they lived when Don was in the Air Guard and later the Air Force Reserves. Don set up his medical practice in Vancouver, WA in 1949.

Jo was a "stay- at- home- mom" but was very active in her children's activities such as being the school nurse, den mother and Girl Scout cookie lady. She was a former volunteer at the old Vancouver Memorial Hospital and also the Red Cross Blood Bank. When she was a member of St. Joseph Parish she was active in the St. Jude Circle. Jo loved to garden, it was her passion as anyone could tell who visited her yard and patio. Both Don and Jo loved to travel and they would always take the most indirect route calling them the "blue highways". They belonged to Elderhostel and enjoyed many years of overseas travel, always meeting new friends along the way.

Jo is survived by her six children, sons, Brian (Terry) of Payson, AZ and Gerry

(Jeannie) of Highlands Ranch, CO; daughters, Nancy Cortez (Charles) of Las Vegas, NV, Susan Bartel (Larry) of Ridgefield, WA, Janet Joyce (Dennis) of Saulte Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada and Martha Nelson of Vancouver, WA; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Special thanks goes out to Family Care Services who provided wonderful caregivers for our mom, allowing her to stay in her own home until the end. A special thank you to Sallyanne, her special companion.

A memorial Mass is planned for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at St. James Catholic Church in Vancouver, WA. The rosary will start at 11:50 a.m. with the Mass to follow at 12:10 p.m. A reception will follow in the church hall with a private inurnment service at the Vancouver Barracks Post Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent dePaul, The Free Clinic of S.W. Washington, or Hospice S.W.

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