

NELSON, Philip Hadley

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Philip Nelson

Philip Hadley Nelson of Lakewood and Wheat Ridge, CO, passed away March 22, 2005. Born in Swan Lake Township, Turner County, on March 11, 1929, he was the son of the late Hadley and Ida (Alendal) Nelson. Philip grew up in the Viborg area on families farms, where he enjoyed trapping, hunting and fishing in the fields and streams near his home.

He graduated from Viborg High School in 1947, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force November 9, 1948, and served four years, see-

ing duty in Japan and Korea during the Korean Conflict. He was crew chief for reconnaissance flights between Japan and Korea and serviced the plane of General Douglas MacArthur. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for Douglas Aircraft Co. in Tulsa, OK and Santa Monica, CA.

He married Frances Meyer in 1957. In 1960 Philip went to work for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, CO, where he worked on dams, power plants and irrigation projects. In 1978, he went to Sudan, Africa, after floods on the Blue Nile to determine reconstruction needs. Philip retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in 1989 after 32 years in government service.

Philip enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and travel. He appreciated his South Dakota roots and took his family on numerous trips there, visiting family and friends. In 1996, he and his wife took a trip to Norway and visited the ancestral Alendal farm near Skjold.

Philip leaves his wife of 47 years, Frances, and four children: Carolyn (Bruce) Gubser of Lawrenceville, GA; Barbara (Eric) Miller of York, PA; Angela (Dan) Reynolds of Conifer, CO; Burt (Alex) Nelson of Gilbert, AZ. He also leaves six grandchildren; as well as two sisters; Gloria Mofle of Sioux Falls, SD, and Betty (John) Foster of Chester, SD; one brother, Dean (Beverly) Nelson of Port Ludlow, WA.

Blessed be his memory.
