

Nathan C. "Nate" Davis

1932 – 2009



Nathan Calloway Davis, 77, passed away peacefully at home in Kalama surrounded by his family June 30, 2009.

He was born June 24, 1932, in Kelso, to Harold "Tex" and Maxine (Nelson) Davis. His father died when he was 3 years old. He was later preceded in death by his mother, Maxine and his step-father, Ray Robinson.

Nate was a lifelong resident of Wahkiakum and Cowlitz Counties and spent his retirement enjoying life in Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico. He attended Wahkiakum schools, graduating from R. A. Long High School and played football while attending Lower Columbia College.

Nathan is survived by his first wife, D. Merrilee Davis (Clancy) of Kelso. They married in 1958 in Stevenson, Wash., and had three children, a son, David Nathan Davis (Kaylie) of Longview; and two daughters, Dana Rae Minium of Kelso and Dona Lee Davis of Longview. He is also survived by his wife, Patricia Elaine Davis (Burke) of Kalama. They married in 1979 in Longview and had a daughter, Nanette Marie Searing of Vancouver. Nate is also survived by a brother, Roger Davis of Cathlamet; his grandchildren, Tyler Minium, Joey Aasen, Ashley Aasen, Matt Minium, Nathan Davis II, Danaka Ross, Robert Weil, Rochelle Weil, Chris Meade, Amy Meade, Sean McClain and Chelsea McClain; three great-grandchildren, Aaliyah, Trevor and Madison; a special loving friend, Claudia Diaz Castro; longtime friend, George Zelko; and several nieces and nephews.

Nathan joined the Navy in 1952 and served on the USS Henry N. Tucker. He was also a commercial fisherman in Kodiak, Alaska, often returning home with a seafood feast for the entire neighborhood. He was also a diver. Nate was a pilebuck for the majority of his life. He worked for Hanly Salvage, Hart Construction, General Construction and in 1981 proudly started his own company, Calloway Ross, Inc. Nate spent a lifetime building the foundations of our local area in many ways. He knew our land and the Columbia River better than most.

He was a member of the Longview Elks, former president of Pile Drivers Local #1036, American Legion Post #7, Chapala, Mexico, and Peninsula Dream Machines of Port Angeles, Wash.

Nate was a master craftsman, a painter, and a creator. He was a thinker, a philosopher, and he loved people! He was larger than life, deeply gracious, an honest man, charismatic and his generosity touched many. We will all miss his warmth and smile!

A celebration of Nate's life will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Monticello Hotel. All his friends are welcome! Please bring your memories and stories to share.

In appreciation for their loving care, the family requests donations be made to the Community Home Health & Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632. Special Thanks to John, Jennifer and Adrienne; your gifts are immeasurable.

Arrangements were by Cascade Northwest Funeral Chapel at Green Hills Memorial Gardens & Crematory.