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George passed away on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at the age of 95. He was born on May 5, 1921 in Albert Lea, Minnesota to Rev & Mrs Edward Nervig. He had 5 siblings, Edward, Jr, Dorothy (Nelson), Newman, Nordale and Bob.

He grew up in Canton, South Dakota and received his education in the United States and in Paris, France.

During World War II, George served in North Africa, Italy and France.

He worked in the travel industry with his own companies in South Dakota and Florida, conducting tours to most areas of the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Irene; two sons, Gerard and Steve, one grandson and one granddaughter, and one great grandson.

George led a full and exciting life and although he didn't leave much input on the world, he did leave his foot prints on over 69 countries.

The great tour director has embarked on his final cruise.



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SF

Susan Gilmore Foster posted:

Irene, Gerard and Steve, I am writing to extend how sorry and sad the family of Mary Gilmore is to learn of George's death. We all have great memories of George and your family growing up next door to you in Sioux Falls. Mom loved working for George at Nervig Travel and was thrilled by the opportunities her job afforded her to also leave her footprints on many countries as well. She considered George and Irene as her lifelong and treasured friends. She was deeply saddened by the news of his death. Mom has lost contact information for Irene and would greatly appreciate if Irene could call her at 1-605-563-2003. We all will remember George's humor and his kindness. Heaven is richer and we are sorry you have lost someone so special. Mary and her children: Jan, Barb, Mike and Susan

May 5 at 9:38 AM

SH

Susan Hovey posted:

My condolences to Irene, Gerard and Steve on the death of your husband and father. My memories of your family are from the 1950s and our neighborhood on S. Summit Avenue in Sioux Falls. Our neighbors to the north were the Emmels, to the south the Nervigs. I think there were at least a half dozen sons among those families and ours before the first girl (me) came along. I still have the lovely pink voile dotted swiss dress with hand smocking that Irene made for me, and my first pair of baby shoes she brought from France. (They lace and tie at the back of the heel.) Mom saved these special items for me, and my daughter and her daughter also wore them. I remember George as a gentle giant; in my memories he was taller than the other dads. I remember the kindness, patience and generosity of our neighbors. We moved to Dell Rapids in January of 1958 when my folks, Norma and Virgil Smith, bought the weekly newspaper here. Dad has been gone 21 years; Mom died this past October, just shy of her 98th birthday. It's been nearly 60 years, but I want you to know that George and his family have been fondly remembered. With sincere sympathy, Susan Smith Hovey Dell Rapids, SD

May 2 at 10:00 AM

GW

Ginger Weber posted:

I remember George and Irene visiting my parents, Ray and Mary Loftesness, back in the 1950s...I'd sit on the stairs and eavesdrop as George talked about travel in Europe and I vowed I'd go someday. And I did, many times. Thank you, George, for the inspiration. To the Nervig family: my sympathy and wishes that all your memories be good ones! Ginger Loftesness Weber

May 1 at 12:45 AM



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Nancy Putz posted:

Dear Irene, Gerard and Steve, I am so very sorry to read of George's death. Please accept our sincere condolences. He did leave more than just footprints in this world. He left us with many warm and happy memories from his sharing his wisdom, kindness, humor and caring with us all. Thank you for sharing him with us. Nancy Thompson Putz Townsend, MT

April 30 at 5:45 AM



Nikki Anderson Rowenhorst lit a candle in honor of George.

Gerard, So very sorry in the loss of your father! Prayers uplifted for all!

April 29 at 11:35 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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