

OBITUARIES

Nathan A. Nygaard

80

Eureka, Montana
January 23, 2026

With deep sorrow and grateful hearts for the life he lived, the family shares the passing of Nate Nygaard, on January 23, 2026 in Kalispell, Montana.

Nate was born on March 24, 1945 to Alvin and Norma Nygaard, in rural Sharon, North Dakota, and grew up on the farm nearby. He was a 1963 graduate of Sharon High School and completed a Baccalaureate degree in Business Administration from the University of North Dakota, class of 1968. Nate was a life-long UND Fighting Sioux hockey fan and followed them to the Frozen Four several times.

Nate's introduction to Montana came when his parents took him to the World's Fair in Seattle, Washington in 1962. Later during his college summers, Nate trained in MT to become a Smokejumper. He jumped in Missoula from 1965-1966, and in Grangeville, Idaho in 1967, and was a life member of the National Smokejumper's Association. He always said he would return to Montana to retire.

Nate served proudly as an Army officer from August 1968 through August 1988 in the Medical Service Corps, as a Health Services Personnel Manager (67F) and Comptroller (67C). His tours included Hawaii, Vietnam, San Antonio, Texas, Mainz and Bremerhaven FRG, Ft. Ord, California, and Presidio of San Francisco. Nate earned a Master of Science degree in Accounting from Central Michigan University in 1977. Additionally, he completed Airborne training, the Command and General Staff College, the Inspector General course, and the Comptrollership course.

Among his many recognitions, Nate earned the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Badge with Palm, the Combat Medical Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

Following his 20 years of military service, Nate applied his knowledge and skills to corporate/civilian health care management for another 20 years. He excelled at

navigating relationships between military and civilian health care organizations in several regions (CA, HI, Dubai, New England). He was highly regarded and left an indelible impact on those who knew and worked with him.

Nate was a connoisseur of living. His consideration of others, with a calm, gentle demeanor and his ability to engage with people was evident throughout his professional and personal life. He loved his family, friends, traveling, woodworking, skiing, picking huckleberries, hunting, watching rodeos, and sipping wine.

In 2011, Nate returned to Montana and built his dream retirement home in the woods above Glen Lake, Eureka, Montana. That became his happy place. For the next ten years, Nate, with his zest for both adventure and tranquility, lived fully surrounded by a large cadre of friends and family in the Montana mountains, under the vast, big sky. Nate enjoyed many social gatherings where he could provide the wine and regale family and friends with his life adventures and travel stories. He is so loved and respected and will be missed by many; we are all enriched for having known him.

Nate is survived by Kay Nygaard and Jennifer Wilber; his children, Kristi (Matt) Antush, Eric (Katrina) Nygaard, and Brian Wilber; his grandchildren Caroline Antush, Gemma Antush, Theo Nygaard, and Solveig Nygaard; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Nate was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Norma Nygaard, his sister Doris (Nedberg) Vinger, and his sister Betty Hillesland.

Burial took place on Friday January 30, 2026 at noon with full military honors at the Western Montana State Veteran's Cemetery, Missoula, MT.

A celebration of life will be held in Eureka, MT, June 21, 2026.

Donations may be made in remembrance to:

Eureka Volunteer Ambulance Service, P O Box 670, Eureka, MT 59917 or

National Smokejumper's Association, The Good Samaritan Fund, 10 Judy Lane, Chico, CA 95926.

The family would like to highlight the thoughtful, kind care of the staff at Immanuel Living, Kalispell, MT.

Support provided by Buffalo Hills Funeral Home, Kalispell, MT.

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Kjellaug Reyerson

81

December 22, 2025

Kjellaug Reyerson, age 81, passed away on December 22, 2025 in Powell, Wyoming after a short illness.

Born April 20, 1944 in Knaben, Norway to Leiv Gjovik and Anna Knaben, Kjellaug would be the last of her immediate family born in the old country. Following World War II, the family would move to Pekin, North Dakota to farm. Kjellaug was just three years old, but would carry the love of both countries and their cultures with her throughout her life. After graduation from Pekin High School, Kjellaug went on to Mayville State University where she would study the art of teaching and learn to share her love of languages and cultures.

It was in 1967, during her first teaching job that her new dentist decided she would be the perfect match for his cattle partner Kenny Reyerson. Doc gave Kenny her name (made sure he could pronounce it) and number. Kjellaug and Ken soon realized they were soul mates and were married on June 16, 1968 at Sheyenne Lutheran Church in Pekin, North Dakota.

Kjellaug and Kenny lived, farmed, and attended church in Sharon, North Dakota. They would welcome two children into their family, Jeremy in 1972 and Laura in 1975. After taking time away from teaching to raise Jeremy and Laura, she would listen to her



calling and return to the classroom. Kjellaug would often say how fortunate she was to have the perfect job. She truly loved teaching French and German to her high schoolers and felt the staff at Midkota High School shared her passion for education. After she retired, she would often comment on how she missed her classroom and the staff.

When people think of Kjellaug, they will remember her kindness and her brilliant mind. They will remember she had a strong competitive nature and a beautiful voice. Kjellaug loved football (especially her Packers!), riding along wherever Kenny or anyone wanted to drive her, and playing games with family and friends. She treasured her excursions with her best friend Gay and believed that everyone deserved a true friend like her. Kjellaug will most importantly be remembered as a lifelong learner, faithful believer, and someone who was devoted to her friends and family.

Kjellaug is survived by her son Jeremy of Sharon, ND; daughter Laura (Mike) Thiel of Powell, WY; grandchildren James Reyerson of Grand Forks, ND; Lucy Beyer of Crosby, MN; Jacob and Ethan Thiel of Powell, WY; Abby Thiel of Powell, WY; Brothers Aanen (Carroll) Gjovik of Walla Walla, WA and Peder (Gail) Gjovik of Valley City, ND; Brother-in-law David (Betty) Reyerson of Fargo, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews that Kjellaug loved dearly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Summary of Regulations

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations from amendment No. 1 of the 2025-2026 small game, waterfowl, and furbearer proclamation.

The 2026 spring light goose conservation order will be in effect

Feb. 21 - May 10, 2026. Only light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese. There will be no daily or possession limit on light geese during the conservation order.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov. A complete proclamation along

with amendment No. 1 that contains regulations for the 2026 spring light goose conservation order is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

SCP February 6, 2026, IO#356009

LAND FOR SALE

Steele County, North Dakota

320 +/- Acres in Greenvale Township

SEALED
BID SALE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Steele County, Greenvale Township
SE1/4 of Section 25 & NE1/4 of Section 36, T146 R57W

PROPERTY INFORMATION

320 deeded acres / 294.66 FSA tillable acres

SEALED BID SALE DEADLINE

9:00 am (Central Time) Friday, February 13, 2026

BROKER'S COMMENTS

Productive Steele County farmland with mainly loam soils. Previous sellers reserved 100% of mineral rights.



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