

Nyal D. McMullin

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Nyal D. McMullin, born July 19, 1926, in South Jordan, Utah, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2024, at his home in Midway, Utah, at the age of 98. He was preceded in death by his parents Glen Albert and Genevieve Fitzgerald (McMullin), his brothers Max and Kay and his sister ArLou Bateman.

Nyal is survived by his beloved wife of 73 years, Betty (Steele) McMullin, his children: Glen, Erin and Brian McMullin; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Nyal McMullin's career started with the passing of the Electricity Merit Badge alongside the heating furnace in his Scout Master's basement. His formal education in electronics was obtained in the U.S. Navy and the University of Utah, supplemented with an MBA from Stanford University.

Most of Nyal's professional career has been with high tech companies making their transitions from analog to digital technologies. He was a partner in a start-up telecommunications company which designed the first digital "T-1" carrier voice system after the Bell Labs introduction. In another start-up company, they developed small high performance digital tape recorders that allowed Point of Sale cash registers.

Most notably, Nyal helped turn around a failing start-up, CVS Company, which was the first company to digitize the video signal and make the first Sony VCR successful. Six Emmy Awards were received in this endeavor. During the time Nyal worked with video start-ups, they received sixteen Emmy Awards for technical products.

Nyal's next garage start-up, Pinnacle Systems, introduced the first desktop Video Workstation after the Apple business workstation and Sun Microsystems engineering workstation.

In 1970, Nyal and Betty made a charitable gift to the Brigham Young University Rollins Center, to help establish the International Scholarship and Loan Fund. These were one-year scholarships, an early form of Micro Finance. The principle purpose was to assist returning missionaries in completing their education in their native countries. This educational fund later became the Perpetual Education Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Nyal and Betty served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as administrators of the newly created Perpetual Education Fund.

In life, Nyal's high points of joy and fulfillment have come from dedicated work as a Scoutmaster, where he once had a Court of Honor with ten of his Eagle Scouts. Nyal was a man of faith and deeply devoted to his love of the Lord and the teachings of Jesus Christ. He generously devoted his time and talents to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various capacities, such as Bishop of a California bay area Young Adult Ward, where he and Betty matched up dozens of couples who eventually became married to each other.

Travel was Nyal's passion, and he eagerly journeyed to distant lands across the globe. His family explored Tahiti, Bali, and numerous European countries, but Argentina and Switzerland held a special place in his heart. A map

enthusiast, he meticulously plotted out each new adventure. Skiing in Whistler and Aspen with his ‘Ski Bee” companions, exploring new travel destinations with his lifelong friends and going on African safaris were some of his most cherished experiences. Nyal took great joy in educating his loved ones about different cultures and ways of life, enriching their understanding of the world.

He leaves behind a legacy of perseverance, charity, mentorship, leadership, and digital video foresight. Nyal’s life was defined by his sincere love, loyalty and dedication to his wife Betty, to his family, his faith, his friends, and the many organizations in which he served.