

MONFOR CEMETERY

Nikiski, Alaska

The Monfor Cemetery is a private cemetery located in Nikiski, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska. It is unsigned. It can be accessed by going through the parking lot of Station 1 of the Nikiski Fire Paramedic and Rescue Station at mile 17.9 of the Kenai Spur Highway. After passing through the fence, follow the power lines to the left. All the graves are boxed with white wood. Row 1 is the closest to the bluff drop off. It was last read on September 4, 2003.

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ROW 1

2. Eugene Monfor

1944 - 1998

Remembered with love

(Russian Orthodox cross. Son of John and Bertha Monfor born Oct 20, 1944 died May 16, 1998.)

3. John Monfor, Jr.

Papa

Sep 10, 1944 – Sep 28, 2000

(Russian Orthodox cross. Son of John and Bertha Monfor)

ROW 2

2. James Mamaloff

1873 - 1962

(Russian Orthodox cross. First husband of Bertha. Known as Daddy by the family)

3. Nick Mamaloff

Oct 20, 1929 – Apr 16, 1961

Rest in Peace

(Latin cross. Son of James and Bertha Mamaloff. Died of a heart attack)

4. Manuel Monfor

Feb 22, 1928 – Jul 22, 1956

Son of John Monfor, Sr.

(Russian Orthodox cross. Son of John and Bertha Monfor. Drown in the Kenai River)

5. Warren J. Monfor

Mar 25, 1953 – Nov 27, 1953

Son of John Monfor, Sr.

(Russian Orthodox cross. Son of John and Bertha Monfor. Middle name James. Had a twin sister who died at birth. Died of spinal meningitis)

6. John Monfor, Sr.

Nov 24, 1894 – Feb 26, 1960

Father Friend

(Latin cross. John was Filipino and Spanish. Known as Papa by the family)

7. Bertha Monfor

Mom

Feb 28, 1907 – Nov 22, 1974

(Russian Orthodox cross. Wife of James Mamaloff and then of John Monfor. Middle name Jane.)

8. Nicole Rene Jordan

Jan 8, 1972 – Jan 8, 1972

(Russian Orthodox cross. Daughter of Ernie and Marjorie Jordan. The small graves next to Nicole marked Shawnee and Gus are Bertha Monfor's dogs)

ROW 3

2. Nadia (Mamaloff) Engelstad

(Unmarked grave with Russian Orthodox cross. Identified by Margorie Jordan. Daughter of James and Bertha Mamaloff born Mar 27, 1923 died May 7, 1966. Married to Eddie Engelstad.)

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4. Nellie Marie Engelstad

Mar 29, 1958 – Oct 30, 1998

Age 40

(Mortuary marker. Russian Orthodox cross.)

5. Arnold R. Mueller

US Navy

1948 - 1996

(Latin cross. Roberta (Engelstad) Koppenberg's common-in-law husband.)

ROW 4

2. Posto "Poodo" Lorenzo

Died Jul 24, 1973

(Unmarked grave. Russian Orthodox cross. Known as Poodo. Olga Nikanorka was his first wife. Olga Danieloff was his second wife. They are buried in the Russian Orthodox Cemetery. His third wife was Eva Holstrom.)

4. Samuel Holstrom

Age 61

(Mortuary marker with dates unreadable. Russian Orthodox cross. Samuel was born June 20, 1934 died in 1995. He was Poodo's brother-in-law.)

5. Victor Antone, Jr.

Aug 9, 1922 – Sep 27, 1996

Age 74

(Mortuary marker. Russian Orthodox cross. Family friend. Bertha Monfor raised him.)

ROW 5

1. Loving Mother

Bernice Betz

Apr 14, 1926 – Oct 5, 1996

(Latin cross. Paul's mother)

Loving Son

Paul Betz

Mar 10, 1952 – Apr 24, 1987

(Paul was Bernice's son and was married to Evelyn Ross. Evelyn was the daughter of Freda (Mamaloff) Ross. Paul died in a cannery forklift accident. Bernice and Paul are on a double marker.)

7. **Bertha Katherine (Trenton) Kroto**

(Unmarked white bordered grave with Russian Orthodox cross. Also known as "B.K." Born Aug 2, 1961 and died Dec 5, 1994)

ROW 6

Empty

ROW 7

2. **Freda Jane (Mamaloff) Ross**

(Unmarked bordered grave with Russian Orthodox cross. Freda was the daughter of James and Bertha Mamaloff born Jun 12, 1938 died Dec 27, 1988.)

4. **Georgia Lee Woern**

Dec 25, 1940 – May 19, 1997

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal

(Russian Orthodox cross. Freda's step-daughter. Gizmo 1989 – 1997 is her dog)

5. **Jackie Lee Moore**

Aug 28, 1957 – Jul 31, 1990

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die

(Russian Orthodox cross. Georgia's son known as Bunky)

The small cemetery in the woods next to the Monfor Cemetery is the family dog cemetery. Poncho Via is buried there.