

EMMA M. NARDIN

Emma Mary Nardin was born July 20, 1904 in Telluride, Colorado. She was the daughter of Paul C. Nardin and Dominica Dalpaz Nardin. She was the first of three children born to her parents. A brother William was born in 1906 and a sister in 1909. Emma lived at the San Juan Hotel with her parents and brother and sister until her father purchased a home on the hill on North Willow Street about 1910.

She was a tomboy as a girl and loved to ride horseback in the mountains around Telluride. She played basketball on the Telluride High School girls team. She left school in the last few months of her senior year to enter nurses training at St Mary's hospital in Grand Junction in 1924.

Emma Nardin married Leo Oberto May 29, 1926 in Grand Junction. She and Leo had three children. Josephine born in 1927, who died shortly after her birth; Edwin born in 1928 and "Peggy" Nadine born in 1932. She and Leo purchased a home at 1212 No. 15th Street in Grand Junction in 1928 and lived there until 1974 when they moved to a smaller home at 1920 No. 4th Street in Grand Junction.

Emma has had a lifelong interest in the medical area and was instrumental in starting the Planned Parenthood and Cancer Clinics in Grand Junction. She was involved in Public Health, PTA, the Grand Junction Womans Club, Democratic Party and various Masonic organizations, serving as an officer in all of them.

At this writing she is in her 86th year and still remains active and mentally alert. She lives at the Mesa View Retirement Residence in Grand Junction, Colorado