

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
April 17, 2018

NELNET, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nebraska (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-31924 (Commission File Number)	84-0748903 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
121 South 13th Street, Suite 100 Lincoln, Nebraska (Address of principal executive offices)		68508 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(402) 458-2370**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 17, 2018, Nelnet, Inc. (the “Company”) announced the death of Stephen F. Butterfield, vice chairman of the board and co-founder of the Company. Mr. Butterfield passed away on April 16, 2018, at the age of 65, following heart complications. A copy of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1*	Nelnet Mourns the Death of Board Vice Chairman Stephen Butterfield

* Furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 17, 2018

NELNET, INC.

By: /s/ JAMES D. KRUGER
Name: James D. Kruger
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Nelnet Mourns the Death of Board Vice Chairman Stephen Butterfield

LINCOLN, Neb., April 17, 2018 - Nelnet (NYSE: NNI) is mourning the death of co-founder and Board Vice Chairman Stephen F. Butterfield, who passed away on April 16, 2018, following heart complications. Butterfield also served as co-chief executive officer from 1996 to 2007.

"Our company is heavy hearted today as we reflect on Steve's compassionate inspiration that became the soul of Nelnet," said Chief Executive Officer Jeff Noordhoek. "His laugh, smile, and personality will forever be imprinted on our company, and our love goes out to his family during this difficult time."

Butterfield's experience included more than 35 years in the areas of student loans, capital markets, and municipal finance, with deep competency in organizational dynamics. Butterfield was instrumental in the formation of the Nelnet Foundation and Nelnet Scholars program.

"Steve had an amazing memory for faces and names. He coached up everyone around him and helped them reach further than they thought possible," said Executive Chairman Mike Dunlap. "The Nelnet family lost a great one, but his legacy will live on through his positive approach toward the world."

About Nelnet

Nelnet (NYSE: NNI) is a diversified and innovative company focused on offering educational services, technology solutions, telecommunications, and asset management. Nelnet helps students and families plan and pay for their education and makes the administrative processes for schools more efficient with student loan servicing, tuition payment processing, and school administration software. Through its subsidiary, ALLO Communications, Nelnet offers fiber optic services directly to homes and businesses for ultra-fast internet and superior telephone and television services. The company also makes investments in real estate developments and new ventures. For more information, visit Nelnet.com.

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