

## DORIS LORRAINE (NELSON) CHRISTIANSEN

(Written text and photographs provided by William John Krause II). **Doris Lorraine Nelson** was born on March 15, 1927, in Manfred, North Dakota, and was the daughter of Martin Leonard and Mabel Hilda (Nelson) Nelson. Dorris Lorraine Nelson graduated from Glasgow High School in Glasgow, Montana, in 1945. Dorris Lorraine Nelson married **Roy Kenneth Christiansen** in Bozeman, Montana, on June 29, 1946. Roy Kenneth Christiansen was born on February 12, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois. Roy Kenneth and Dorris Lorraine (Nelson) Christiansen had two children: a daughter, **Linda Jean Christiansen**, born on July 8, 1947 in Glasgow, Montana; and a son, **Brain Keith Christiansen**, born on May 11, 1957 in ??????. Doris was a mother and housewife. Doris Lorraine (Nelson) Christiansen died on April 2, 1973, as a result of injuries sustained in a two car collision (an automobile accident) in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was 46 years of age. Following her death the body was cremated and services held in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Doris Lorraine Nelson in front of her home in Glasgow, Montana, showing off her plaid "Scotties" skirt. Date: 1930s



Doris Lorraine Nelson Date: 1930s.



Doris Lorraine Nelson photographed at the original Buggy Creek Community homestead of her grandparents in February of 1938.



Doris Lorraine Nelson photographed on the front step of her parents home in Glasgow, Montana. Spring, 1942.



Doris Lorraine Nelson photographed in the yard of her parents home in Glasgow, Montana. Date: 1950s.



Doris Lorraine Nelson photographed with her husband, Roy Kenneth Christiansen. Date: Thought to be 1946.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL



A photograph of Doris Lorraine Nelson taken during 1928 in Manfred, North Dakota. (Courtesy of Elizabeth (Nelson) Pfiffner).



A photograph of Doris Lorraine Nelson (child in front) taken with her mother Mabel Hilda (Nelson) Nelson (center) during 1929 in Manfred, North Dakota. (Courtesy of Elizabeth (Nelson) Pfiffner).

The obituary of Doris Lorraine Nelson published in the Glasgow Courier in April of 1973. (Courtesy of Kitty Lou Rusher and the Valley County Historical Society, Glasgow, Montana).



Mrs. Doris Christiansen

### D. Christiansen Dies at Age 46 In Salt Lake

Mrs. Doris L. Christiansen, 46, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson of Glasgow, died of head injuries sustained in a two-car collision in Salt Lake City April 2. Funeral services were held April 5 in Evans and Early Mortuary in Salt Lake City with cremation in the Shrine of Memories Mausoleum.

Born March 15, 1927 in North Dakota, Mrs. Christiansen was a 1945 graduate of Glasgow High School. She was married to Roy K. Christiansen of Glasgow, June 29, 1946, in Bozeman. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. The family lived in Salt Lake City for the past 16 years.

Survivors include the widower, Roy, and a son, Brian, in the family home; a daughter, Mrs. Mel (Linda) Lervick of Seattle; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson of Glasgow; a brother, Jim Nelson, and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Nelson, Glasgow; a niece, Gregg Ann Nelson, and nephew, Zane Nelson; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Attending services in Salt Lake City were her parents and brother; her father-in-law, C.O. Christiansen of Glasgow; her daughter, Linda, and husband of Seattle; the Les Jones family and Mrs. Anne Bertelson of Billings; Howard Christiansen and son of Missoula; Clarence Christiansen, Seattle.

## LINDA JEAN (CHRISTIANSSEN) LERVICK

(Written text provided by Linda Jean (Christiansen) Lervick). **Linda Jean Christiansen** was born on July 8, 1947, in Glasgow, Montana, and was the daughter of Roy Kenneth and Doris Lorraine (Nelson) Christiansen. Linda has lived in: Glasgow and Bozeman, Montana; Burien, Washington; Temple City, California; Boulder and Broomfield, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; Seattle and Redmond Washington. Following graduation from high school Linda attended 1 year of college at the University of Utah. At the age of 19 Linda moved to the Seattle, Washington, and has lived in this area ever since. She met her future husband, Melvin Lervick, in Billings, Montana, when she was 16 years of age. Melvin was the best friend of Terry Jones, her cousin. Melvin and Terry both moved to Seattle, Washington, in the late 1960s and then went into the Army. Linda became re-acquainted with Melvin when he came home for leave from the Army before going to Viet Nam. Linda had moved to Seattle by this time. Melvin was only in Viet Nam 1 month, was wounded, and came home to Seattle - where he was medically retired from the Army. Melvin Lervick graduated from the University of Washington in 1972 and then worked for the Boeing Company doing computer programming. Linda Christiansen worked for Commercial Spares (a part of Boeing) for 3 years and then worked for Seattle First National Bank (now Bank America) for 7 years. Linda Christiansen married **Melvin C. Lervick**. Melvin C. Lervick was born on December 28, 1946, in Jordan, Montana. Melvin C. and Linda Jean (Christiansen) Lervick had three children: **Ryan Keith Lervick** born on July 7, 1976 in Bellevue, Washington; **Shannan Diane Lervick** born on May 30, 1980, in Bellevue, Washington; and **Kristina Dora Lervick** born on December 29, 1983, in Bellevue, Washington.

After her daughter, Kristina, was in Junior High School, Linda started cooking at an Elks Club for lunches and banquets. She also cooked salmon, etc. at food fairs all over the Seattle, Washington area (only in summers). Then in 1997 she started working at a Junior High School in the Lake Washington school district as a cook, became an assistant manager and now works as lead cook in a elementary school. Growing up, no matter where her family lived, they always came back to Glasgow, Montana, for their summer vacation because both father's parents and mother's parents were there.

Linda loved visiting Montana. She was able to be with her twin cousins, Terry and Jerry Jones, (parents Doris and Les Jones of Glasgow, Montana - now in Billings, Montana). On several occasions they traveled to Linda's great grandmother's (Mary Elizabeth Nelson) farm and Linda remembered she was always cooking and made the best sugar cookies. Grandma would always have her go pick peas from the garden (but usually most of the peas went down Linda's stomach). They also gathered the eggs and also had egg tosses on the top of the hay roof in the barn area. A few times Linda and her cousins were there during branding time and got to help with that. Linda remembered that she and Pete Nelson had a ongoing bet of how long the old house out by the main road would still be standing. Linda drew a picture of it and won the bet. Linda also remembered going into the house and in the front room above the recliner was a large elk or deer head.

Grandma Mary was always wearing a dress with apron and her beautiful hair braided up.

One time Grandma Mary came to visit us in California and we told her she had to eat all her dinner (was spaghetti that night) or she would have to eat it for breakfast - she was so worried.

Throughout my life I have been very athletic: raised skiing in Utah, hiking there also. In Montana we water skied at Fort Peck Lake and fished a lot.

When Linda moved to seattle and married, Linda and her husband became scuba divers, owned 2 sailboats and road in the Trials motorcycle riding and competition. Linda also played tennis for a number of years. She loved to do yard work and was always the one to keep up our yards. Linda always had a vegetable garden (guess that comes from being around Great Grandma Mary's all my young years). When Linda retires from work (hopefully in a year or two) she hopes to devote her free days to gardening, crafting, traveling and being with family. Linda is thankful to her grandparents on both sides of my family for the many skills in home, yard, family and faith that they taught her. Linda hopes to continue to teach these skills to her grandchildren as she did to her own children.

Linda was very proud of her children: both girls graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. Shannon earned a Masters Degree in Education and teaches 3/4 quest in an elementary school in Redmond, Washington. Kristina received a Bachelors Degree and is working in child care. Her son, Ryan, has worked for UPS for 15 years and just graduated from the Art Institute of Seattle in Seattle Washington. The last known address for Melvin C. and Linda Jean (Christiansen) Lervick was Redmond, Washington.

### **RYAN KEITH LERVICK**

(Written text provided by Linda Jean Christiansen Lervick). **Ryan Keith Lervick** was born on July 7, 1976, in Bellevue, Washington, and was the son of Melvin C. and Linda Jean (Christiansen) Lervick. Ryan Lervick was educated in the Washington public school system and then worked for UPS for 15 years. Ryan just graduated from the Art Institute of Seattle in Seattle, Washington.

### **SHANNON DIANE (LERVICK) GREER**

(Written text provided by Linda Jean Christiansen Lervick). **Shannon Diane Lervick** was born on May 30, 1980, in Bellevue, Washington, and was the daughter of Melvin C. and Linda Jean (Christiansen) Lervick. Shannon was educated in the Washington public school system and then graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. Shannon earned a Masters Degree in Education and teaches 3/4 quest in an elementary school in Redmond, Washington. Shannon Diane Lervick married **John D. Greer** on July 17, 2005. John D. and Shannon Diane (Lervick) Greer had a daughter, **Malea Jean Greer** born on May 8, 2007.

### **MALEA JEAN GREER**

(Written text provided by Linda Jean Christiansen Lervick). **Malea Jean Greer** born on May 8, 2007, in ????? and was the daughter of John D. and Shannon Diane (Lervick) Greer.

### **KRISTINA DORA LERVICK**

(Written text provided by Linda Jean Christiansen Lervick). **Kristina Dora Lervick** was born on December 29, 1983, in Bellevue, Washington, and was the daughter of Melvin C. and Linda Jean (Christiansen) Lervick. Kristina Dora was educated in the Washington public school system and then graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. Kristina received a Bachelors Degree and is working in child care.

### **BRIAN KEITH CHRISTIANSEN**

(Written text provided by Linda Jean Christiansen Lervick). **Brian Keith Christiansen** was born on May 11, 1957, in ????? and was the son of Roy Kenneth and Doris Lorraine (Nelson) Christiansen.