ROBERT ALLEN NELSON


Remembrances of Robert Allen Nelson of Montana and spending summers at the homestead of his grandmother, Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson during the late 1930s:

After Bob's father, Victor Chris Nelson, sold their farm and went to work on Fort Peck Dam, the family moved to a home near the dam in an area known as Park Grove. That is where the Victor Nelson family lived until they moved to Napa, California. Bob was about two years old when his father quit farming. When he quit farming Victor Nelson traded his team of work horses for a horse for his son, Bob. The horse was named "Bullet". Robert Allen Nelson also remembered that as school ended and summer vacation began he went to the Tampico homestead and spent the summers with grandma Nelson and uncle Pete. Bob stayed with Pete and his grandmother for most of the summer for about five years. Bob Nelson recalled that Bullet was one of the best cutting horses. Because of the skill of this horse, uncle Pete took Bob on several cattle roundups. Bob recalled on one occasion that he rode on horseback all the way to Canada to pick up a team of work horses with his uncle Pete. On the ride back uncle Pete was afraid that Bob would fall asleep so he tied Bob to his horse and saddle so he wouldn't fall off.

A photograph taken of Robert Allen Nelson holding the reins of a horse on his father's farm near Tampico, Montana. Bob was 2 years old. Bob's father, Victor Chris Nelson is to the left. Date: 1932.
A photograph taken of Robert Allen Nelson (far left) on horseback at the Buggy Creek homestead. Also shown from left to right are: Floyd C. Nelson Jr. (Sonny), William John Krause II, Floyd Ernest Nelson, unknown, unknown, Morris Joseph Nelson (Pete), unknown, and Bertha (Stensland) Nelson. Pictured in front are: Rockwood Lee Nelson (Rocky), Beverly Ann Nelson holding baby, and Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson. Note the wind-charger on the roof. Date: unknown.

A photograph taken of the children of Victor Chris and Elaine Charlotte (Holmberg Bronstad) Nelson that were born in Montana. Sitting on the cannon barrel from left to right are: Mary Ann Christine Nelson, Robert Allen Nelson (Bob), Rockwood Lee Nelson (Rocky), Carole Elaine Nelson, and Florence Ione Nelson (Billie). Standing behind them is their mother, Elaine Charlotte (Holmberg Bronstad) Nelson. Date: 1940.


KASSANDRA KAY (NELSON) WRIGHT

(Written text provided by Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright). Kassandra Kay Nelson (Sandy) was born on January 6, 1957, in Napa, California, and was the daughter of Robert Allen and Mina Renae (Hottel) Nelson. Sandy attended Bel Aire Elementary (kindergarten through the grade 6), Redwood Junior High School (grade 7 through grade 9) and Vintage High School, all in Napa, California. Kassandra Kay Nelson graduated from Vintage High School, Napa, California, in June of 1975. She then attended Napa Junior College, Napa, California, and furthered her education completing TMCC & WNCC - English Writing Skills, Human Resources, and Accounting in Nevada. Sandy grew up in Napa, California, and them moved to Nevada in 1979 and currently resides in Carson City, Nevada. Sandy's religious affiliation is with the Latter Day Saints (LDS) of the Mormon Church. Kassandra Kay Nelson has been associated with the banking industry for over 35 years. She spent 20 years in various bank branches in Nevada, worked at every position, learned all the rules, and gained considerable experience. For the last 15 years she has worked in the commercial lending area and is a Commercial Lending Assistant. At this position she does financial analysis, risk assessments, and several other duties. Kassandra Kay Nelson married Gregory Paul Wright on January 1, 1984, in ?????, Nevada, after dating for 3 years. Gregory Paul Wright was born June 9, 1953, and was the son of Lowell Wright. Gregory Wright worked as a commercial warehouse, airport hangar, & residential garage door installer. He was one of a few that were certified to go onto Nevada secured military bases and government contract sites. He also was an avid hunter (mule deer, chukar and dove), trap shooter, national NRA pistol and shot gun instructor, NSCA level 1 instructor (& more), national and state certified 4H instructor, 4H trap team leader, all on top of being our personal auto mechanic, handyman, and landscaper. His past loves included bull riding, team roping, house building, Peterbilt truck driver (hauling hay), harrow bed driver, and horse trainer (specializing in racing quarter horses).


Both sons shared their father's love of hunting, camping, and water sports. The family has been doing so since Wyatt was 2 years old. Sandy went with them and recalled hunting with a diaper bag on one shoulder and a shot gun on the other, and herding a two year old. Now that the boys are older she is thankful that the three men in her life can go hunting without her and she can spend some quality time on her own. The Wright family also enjoyed water sports with knee boarding being their favorite. Sandy was always the designated boat driver, as she had years of experience from her youth on Lake Berryessa (the largest lake in Napa County, California). They learned to do a 3 man pyramid, and could do all kinds of tricks. They had lots of good times with friends and family, heart warming memories, on the water. Sandy also enjoyed Water Aerobics, which she helps teach 3 nights a week all year long at the community center. Her student's include patients recuperating surgery, struggling with weight loss, or seniors trying to gain back mobility.

Her community service also included helping the Boys and Girls clubs with summer BBQ's so the kids could have fun and a good meal. Sandy also parked cars at the Reno Air Races to earn money for the battered women's shelter and is proud of the fact that she has been able to pass on the spirit of community service to her family, which is now second nature to them.

Sandy considered family was the most important thing in her life and this included her extended family of her parents, sisters, and their families. A note to her family: Everyday, try to find something to laugh/smile about. It's there and will be easier find each time you try. You'll also find that you've surrounded yourself with similar people. Don't be afraid to lend a hand and don't worry about "the return". When you need it most, they'll come. If not, you're capable of figuring it out/doing it yourself. Look deeper. Toughen up, don't whine. Do things you can be proud off. Make amends for when you slip up, we're not perfect. No one expects us to be, so give yourself a break (sometimes, but don't make a habit of it). Love, Mom aka Sandy

A picture of Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright (second from the left), photographed with Colton Lee Wright, Robin Rene Nelson, and Alexandria Renae Wood (far right). Date: about 2009. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
(Written text provided by Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright). **Wyatt Devin Wright** was born on February 13, 1984, in ?????, Nevada, and was the son of Gregory Paul and Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright. Wyatt Wright went to elementary school in the Reno/Sparks area and to Carson Middle School and Carson High School in Carson City, Nevada. He graduated from Carson High School in Carson City, Nevada, in 2002. Wyatt worked in the following professions: life guard/swim instructor, retail sales, and pet grooming. He also worked at his fathers' Capitol City Gun Club as a puller, grounds keeper, office clerk, and assistant manager. Wyatt also worked part time in the pro shop and recently started a new full time job installing and repairing gas pumps. Wyatt Devin Wright married **Erin Viola Rush** on October ??????, 2009, in ?????. She was the daughter of ??????. Wyatt Devin and Erin Viola (Rush) Wright had a son, **Tyler Lowell Wright**, born on October 13, 2008, in Carson City, Nevada. Erwin also had a son by a previous marriage, Matthew Gerald Roth, who lived with them in Carson City, Nevada.
A photograph of Wyatt Devin Wright taken during the late 1980s dressing for a football game in Carson City, Nevada. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

A photograph of Wyatt Devin Wright when he attended Carson High School in Carson City, Nevada. Date: about 2002. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

A photograph of Wyatt Devin Wright and Erin Wright. Date: 2009. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Wyatt Devin Wright photographed with his brother Colton Lee Wright (right) in 2009. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
TYLER LOWELL WRIGHT

(Written text provided by Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright). Tyler Lowell Wright was born on October 13, 2008, in Carson City, Nevada, and was the son of Wyatt Devin and Erin Viola (Rush) Wright. Tyler took swimming lessons from his grandmother, Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright.


Tyler Lowell Wright airborne in the swing with Wyatt Devin Wright pushing in the background. Carson City, Nevada. Date 2009. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

A photograph of Tyler Lowell Wright taken in Carson City, Nevada. Date 2009. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
Colton Lee Wright was born on June 24, 1989, in Carson City, Nevada, and was the second son of Gregory Paul and Kassandra Kay (Nelson) Wright. Colton Wright went to elementary school in the Sparks area and to Carson Middle School and Carson High School in Carson City, Nevada. Colton Lee Wright graduated from Carson High School in Carson City, Nevada in 2007. When Colton Wright was in his father's 4H trap shooting group, he received the **gold medal** for shooting a perfect score at the Nevada State Finals, September 15, 2007, at age 17. To date, his record has not been beaten or tied. Colton is currently taking classes at WNCC, and is working towards a criminal justice degree. He also has an interest in military service. In addition Colton has 2 1/2 years into a 5 year apprenticeship with the Pipe Fitters/Welders Union. Colton was also a part time fitness instructor and has run a few marathon races. Colton has a very muscular build from weight lifting while he was in high school. He just finished being in the Explorer's Club, which is part of the Sheriffs Department, a profession that is a good fit for his personality. Colton also has a new found love for the ocean.
Colton Lee Wright photographed with a four point mule deer he took in Nevada. Date: about 2005. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Colton Lee Wright visiting the Pacific at Huntington Beach, California. Date: 2010. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Colton Lee Wright photographed standing next to his Yamaha. Date: 2010. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
Victoria Christine (Nelson) Hein


Victoria Christine (Nelson) Hein photographed having a glass of wine with Gordon Daniel Wood (Daniel Krueckemeier). Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

A photograph of Paul Bernard Hein relaxing poolside. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

LEIGH EVERETTE HEIN

(Written text provided by Robert Allen Nelson and William John Krause II). Leigh Everette Hein was born on August 25, 1986, in ????, California, and was the son of Paul Bernard and Victoria Christine (Nelson) Hein.

Leigh Everette Hein photographed when he was about four years old. Date: about 1990. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).


PAUL EMERSON HEIN

(Written text provided by Robert Allen Nelson and William John Krause II). Paul Emerson Hein was born on April 9, 1989, in ????, California, and was the son of Paul Bernard and Victoria Christine (Nelson) Hein.

A photograph of Paul Emerson Hein on the deck of a cruise ship. Date: about 2010. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Paul Emerson Hein photographed with his grandmother, Mina Renae (Hottel) Nelson. Date: about 2010. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
CASSIDY NELSON HEIN

(Written text provided by Robert Allen Nelson and William John Krause II). Cassidy Nelson Hein was born on February 7, 1991, in ?????, California, and was the daughter of Paul Bernard and Victoria Christine (Nelson) Hein.

A photograph of Cassidy Nelson Hein when she was about six years old. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).


Cassidy Nelson Hein (right) photographed with a friend. Date: about 2007. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Cassidy Nelson Hein photographed with her grandmother, Mina Renae (Hottel) Nelson, following graduation. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
ROBIN RENA E NELSON

(Written text and photographs provided by Robin Renae Nelson). Robin Renae Nelson (Robin) was born on May 1, 1959, at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, California, and was the daughter of Robert Allen and Mina Renae (Hottel) Nelson. Robin Nelson attended Bel Aire Elementary School in Napa, California (1964-1971), Redwood Middle School in Napa, California (1971-1974), Vintage High School in Napa, California (1974-1977) and Napa Valley College. Robin Renae Nelson's religious affiliation was Latter Day Saints. Robin grew up in Napa, California. During high school, Robin worked at the Napa Medical Group as a phlebotomist drawing blood for testing, and running simple lab tests. Later she worked for Queen of the Valley Hospital in the laboratory. At 19 years of age, in 1978, Robin was hired on at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph (now known as AT&T) as a service technician. A very unusual field for a woman at the time. Only 1 other woman had that job in the Napa/Sonoma area at that time. Robin worked as a technician installing and repairing customer telephone and communication data lines in the Napa/Sonoma areas. This entailed climbing poles, crawling under houses, and hiking rural mountains. Robin much preferred climbing a pole over crawling under houses. Northern California has many rattle snakes, black widows, and brown recluse spiders. All on the ground…so Robin preferred being in the air! Robin continued working as a technician until 1990. At that time she accepted a position as field supervisor for a crew of 3 splicing technicians, and 7 repair technicians located at the Saint Helena California yard. She ran this crew for 2 years, until she was offered a job in the engineering department. Robin had been studying for an engineering degree while working. She was never able to complete her studies due to the conflict of hours required to be at the job vs. the hours the courses were offered. Telecommunication outside plant engineering did not require a degree at that time, and Robin's back ground and studies made her a good candidate. Robin accepted the position, and has been an OSP engineer since. The last 10 years have been design of high capacity (T1), and more recently fiber and associated electronics design.

During her youth, Robin and her entire family enjoyed summers at Lake Berryessa. They had a trailer at Spanish Flat Resort until the later part of the 1960's, then relocated to Rancho Monticello Resort. The family enjoyed water skiing and swimming. The sisters would compete at how far they could swim under water with out coming up for air. I think Vicky regularly won that completion! Robin excelled in water skiing during her teen years. She competed in the local ski club Rancho Monticello Ski Club competitions for slalom, jump and team relay speed skiing, gaining a few trophies for her efforts! Robin really enjoyed this period of her life! A few years after her parents divorce, the trailer at the lake was sold. When it came back on the market after about 5 years, Robin was able to regain the place and had it until around 2006, when a land slide rendered the lot unsafe. Robin was able to share that dream with her own daughter, Alex Wood, for a good 10 years.

Robin Renae Nelson and partner Gordon Daniel Wood (aka Daniel Gordon Krueckemeier) had a daughter, Alexandrea Renae Wood, born on October 31, 1996, in Vallejo, California. Gordon Daniel Wood was born on July 2, 1946. Alexandrea Wood (Alex) was conceived via in vitro fertilization after 8 years of infertility treatments.

Travel is another passion of Robin Nelson. She has traveled to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf, Chile, Mexico, Hawaii, most western states, New York, Paradise Island Bahamas, and an Amtrak trip through the Rockies to Colorado too. Her daughter Alex is a favorite traveling companion. Robin also enjoys sewing and surging. Robin sewed many very cute outfits for her nephews, niece, pregnant family and friends! She also enjoyed reupholstering furniture. One final note about Robin. She has a hard time sitting still, unless she has a novel. Then she won't stop until she's finished the book. The last known address of Robin Renae Nelson was Napa, California.

Remembrances of my grandfather, Victor Christ Nelson, by Robin Renae Nelson. I have a few items I kept after he passed away; that I felt really told what Grandpa Vic was about. Basically...welding! I have two of his leather welding jackets, a welding helmet, and gloves. They smell just like his garage used to. I also cherish the old movie camera he took home movies with. In addition, I have a photo of him (an 8x10) receiving some type recognition at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.
Grandpa Vic was extremely proud of a book he had about the building of the Fort Peck Dam. Most of this (all but the jackets) I keep in an antique lawyers bookcase, the kind with the glass fronts you lift to get to the books. I lift the glass and can get a great big whiff of Grandpa! All that welding stuff! I'm enjoying remembering my Grandpa as I write this. Thank you for that!! I've got a few very clear memories of him: He told me go back to college and learn to type, dictate, etc. I was a supervisor of 3 lineman and 7 technicians with ATT at the time. (I'm a girl) Now, I'm an engineer. Sorry Grandpa, no can do! He had this great!!! Old Chevy in Mr. Thompson's garage for years! It was the car they drove to California in I believe. I loved sitting in that car. 2 door, HUGE seats! I begged him for that car, but he wanted to give it to one of his grandsons to restore, but alas, none of them turned out to be car buffs I guess. (Really don't know) I, however, love cars! The last time I saw it, it was being trailered down the highway by someone. That was an incredibly sad sight! Grandpa had a strong work ethic, and kindness to him that I will never forget and will always cherish.


Above. Robin Renae Nelson (first from left) photographed with the Rainbow Girls on February 3, 1973, in Napa, California.


A shelf dedicated for items belonging to Victor Christ Nelson at the home of his grand daughter, Robin Renae Nelson. The shelf contains a welding hood, gloves, torch, a book about the construction of Fort Peck Dam where he worked in his younger days, and his 8 mm camera. Date: 2010.

One of Victor Christ Nelson's welding jackets kept as a remembrance by his grand daughter, Robin Renae Nelson. Date: 2010.
ALEXANDRIA RENAE WOOD-KRUECKEMEIER

(Written text and photographs provided by Robin Renae Nelson). Alexandria Renae Wood-Krueckemeier (Alex) was born on October 31, 1996 in Vallejo, California, and was the daughter of Robin Renae Nelson and Gordon Daniel Wood (aka Daniel Gordon Krueckemeier). Alex attended Irene Snow Elementary School in Napa, California (2001-2007), Harvest Middle School in Napa, California (2007-2010), and Vintage High School in Napa, California. Her religious affiliation was with the Latter Day Saints.

Alex was conceived by in-vitro fertilization after 8 years of infertility treatments and surgeries. She has been raised as an only child. Alex is a gifted student. She seems to have little or no difficulty in any of her studies at school. I do worry that because it is so easy, she won’t learn perseverance and reward for hard work. So, I made her take piano lessons! Although she comes by this fairly easily too, she does NOT enjoy practicing the lessons. She has taken lessons for 5 years and is now starting to enjoy the fruits of her labor! By this, I mean she enjoys playing, singing and writing music. This last October, she received a Dean acoustic/electric guitar and has since taught herself to play. She is quite good.

Alex has her sights on Yale University when she graduates High School! Her desire has been to be an attorney since she was about 11 years old. I believe she is heading for corporate law. She has recently stated she would like to also study forensic anthropology. I hope she stays focused and is able to have that choice when it is time.

Alex loves to travel! By her thirteenth birthday, she has been to Maui, Paradise Island Bahamas, New York, Denver, Colorado, via Amtrak, Yellowstone and all the states between California and Montana, and All of northern California, and Los Angeles California. Her favorite place to visit is the Grand Wailea Resort on Maui Hawaii. She enjoys swimming in the pools there. She is cautious in the ocean. She did take scuba lessons and went scuba diving in Maui. She held an octopus!

She is active with the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Young Women in Napa, California. She participates in their charitable activities, girls camp, etc. She has a great deal of fun!

Alex has also just recently started playing water polo with Napa Valley Water Polo.

I believe she has finally found a sport she enjoys! She just started tennis as a member of the Vintage High School tennis team. She has tried soccer, soft ball, swim team…all were not to her liking. She enjoyed years of gymnastics! She also enjoyed about 5 years of horse back riding lessons. I believe Alex is not comfortable in team sports, but rather individual sports. She is definitely a water hound though!


Alexandria Renae Wood-Krueckemeier (Alex) with her uncle Gregory Paul Wright's dog "Buddy". Date: about 2008.

Alexandria Renae Wood-Krueckemeier (Alex) photographed at Girl's Camp during the summer of 2010.
PAULA JANET (NELSON) PATTERTON


Paula Janet Nelson photographed when she was about four years old. Date: about 1965. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Paula Janet Nelson photographed with her two sons: Kyle Kenneth Patterson (left) and Ryan Michael Patterson. Date: about 1989. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).


KYLE KENNETH PATTERSON

(Written text provided by Robert Allen Nelson and William John Krause II). Kyle Kenneth Patterson was born on May 17, 1982, in ????, California, and was the son of Stephen Michael and Paula Janet (Nelson) Patterson. Kyle Kenneth Patterson and Kristy Marie Allen had a son, Kaiden Gregory Patterson, born on July 15, 2009, in ????, California. Kristy Marie Allen was born on January 11, 1979, and was the daughter of ????.

Kyle Kenneth Patterson photographed when he was about four years old. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).


A high school graduation photograph of Kyle Kenneth Patterson. Date: unknown. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
KAIDEN GREGORY PATTERSON

(Written text provided by Robert Allen Nelson and William John Krause II). Kaiden Gregory Patterson was born on July 15, 2009, in ?????, California, and was the son of Kyle Kenneth Patterson and Kristy Marie Allen.

A photograph of Kaiden Gregory Patterson (center) with Kristy and Kyle Kenneth Patterson. Date: about 2010. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

A photograph of Kaiden Gregory Patterson who was born on July 15, 2009. Date: 2010. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).
RYAN MICHAEL PATTERSON

(Written text provided by Robert Allen Nelson and William John Krause II). **Ryan Michael Patterson** was born on May 2, 1983, in ?????, California, and was the son of Stephen Michael and Paula Janet (Nelson) Patterson.

Ryan Michael Patterson photographed when he was about three years old. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

A photograph of Ryan Michael Patterson sledding on a sauce in the snow. Date: about 1987. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Ryan Michael Patterson. Date of photograph is unknown. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).

Ryan Michael Patterson photographed with his cousin, Cassidy Nelson Hein. Date: about 2008. (Courtesy of Robin Renae Nelson).