MARY ANN CHRISTINE (NELSON) HAVELOCK

(Written text and photographs provided by Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer). Mary Ann Christine Nelson was born on May 28, 1932, in Glasgow, Montana, and was the daughter of Victor Christ Nelson and Elaine Charlotte (Holmberg Bronstad) Nelson. Mary Ann was the third child of six born to Victor Christ and Elaine Charlotte (Holmberg Bronstad) Nelson. Her siblings were Florence Ione, Robert Allen, Carole Elaine, Rockwood Lee and Karen Rae. The Nelson children were raised Lutheran. Mary Ann lived on a farm near Glasgow, Montana, until age eight when her family moved to Napa, California. In Napa her father pursued his welding profession at Mare Island Naval Shipyards and her mother taught elementary school. Mary Ann Christine Nelson graduated from Napa Union High School in June of 1950. She then attended Sacramento State University and received her teaching credentials. A memorable childhood story about Mary Ann: When she was just a toddler living on the farm in Glasgow, Montana, she and her just-slightly older brother (Robert Allen) decided to chop wood one day. As tiny Mary Ann held a small piece of wood for her brother, he swung the axe that chopped thru her right hand. This was a major emergency back in the mid 1930’s and the family doctor insisted that a large part of Mary’s hand would have to be removed. Her mother (Elaine Charlotte) refused to accept that advice and found another doctor somewhere who agreed to try and patch Mary's injured hand back together. Miraculously, the hand was saved despite many setbacks and infections as little Mary Ann insisted on sticking her hand into the stock water troughs as it felt itchy during the healing process. The hand eventually healed, but she faced significant dexterity limitations the rest of her life. The particular interesting aspect about this story is that Mary Ann eventually played the violin as a child, and continued to do so (at a very high level) throughout her entire lifetime. Somehow she managed to play beautiful music with the violin despite her injury. Luckily, her right hand was her bowing hand.

Mary Ann Christine Nelson married Edward Joseph Havelock (EJ) on June 12, 1955, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Edward Joseph Havelock was born on June 8, 1929, in the Ross General Hospital in Ross, California. He was the only child of Edward Wellington Havelock and Natalie Cecelia (Martignoli) Havelock (an immigrant from Switzerland). Soon after Edward Joseph’s birth the family moved to Napa, California, where E.J. grew up and remained until his early 30s. Edward Joseph Havelock was raised Catholic and attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Napa, California, through the eighth grade. He was an alter-boy and played the accordion. He then attended Napa Union High School and graduated in June of 1947. Edward Joseph Havelock attended Napa Junior College for one year. During his teenage years in the 1940s, EJ had various part-time jobs at the Napa Grocery, Patrick's Candy, and the City of Napa Water Department. From 1949-1951 he was a clerk/carrier/driver for the US Post Office in Napa, California. From 1951-1956 EJ worked for Allen & Benedict Furniture and Appliance; he started in sales and closed as the Appliance Manager. From 1956-1961 he worked at the Wells Fargo Bank in Napa, California; he started as a teller and closed as a Field Representative for the Collection Division. From 1961-1966 EJ worked as Credit Manager at Basalt Rock Company in Napa, California. He then worked (1966-1993) as Credit Manager and Assistant Secretary of Rhodes-Jamieson Ltd. (a sand gravel, cement, and concrete company). He started work at the Oakland plant, and later transferred to the Pleasonton plant. When the Rhodes-Jamieson Company was sold in 1992, many long-term employees lost their jobs, including EJ. Edward Joseph Havelock served his country as a member of the National Guard of California from 1948 until his Honorable Discharge in 1954. He was a corporal E4 for Battery C 636 Field Artillery Battalion.

Edward Joseph and Mary Ann Christine (Nelson) Havelock had two children: Kelly Anne Havelock born on February 4, 1957, in Napa, California, and Matthew Edward Havelock born August 24, 1958, in Napa, California. The Havelock family lived in several rental homes in Napa, California, until they bought their first house on Holmes Avenue in Napa in 1962. When the family was very young Mary Ann was getting her teaching credential and Edward Joseph Havelock was working at the Wells Fargo Bank. When the children were of school age, Mary taught elementary school and Edward J. Havelock then worked for the Basalt Rock Company in Napa, California. Then Edward Joseph Havelock took his next (and final) job at Rhodes-Jamieson in Oakland, California, and the family moved into a rental house in Hayward, California, for just one year (1968/69) as they looked for a house to buy. They bought and moved into their house on Juanita Drive in Walnut Creek, California, in 1969. Once settled in Walnut Creek, Mary Ann decided to change careers. She pursued additional education and training, and soon was working as a court stenographer.
After years of stenography work Mary Ann changed careers again. She pursued additional education and training again and soon began working as a medical transcriptionist. At first she worked at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, but eventually did transcribing from her house. She continued this home-based career until near the end of her life.

A violinist from an early age, in Walnut Creek Mary Ann became a dedicated member of the Diablo Valley Symphony and continued to play until near the end of her life. Mary Ann took the leadership role when it came to family finances. She became very interested in real estate speculation. She attacked this subject, like she did every thing else, with great determination, intelligence and hard work. She studied and learned all she could and then began buying investment properties. Her investment decisions were right-on and her pursuit provided significant income for the Havelock family. After the two children were grown, Mary Ann and Edward Joseph bought a beautiful new home in the cherry orchards of Tracy, California, in 1985. It was the house that Mary Ann had always dreamed of. Mary Ann was diagnosed with breast cancer in the mid-1980's; she was in her early 50s. For five years or so she lived with cancer; there were some good times and some bad times between her cancer treatments. She continued her transcribing work, her violin, and her real estate speculation as long as she could. Mary preferred to remain busy. She periodically had to be hospitalized and there was some in-home nursing care for her while Edward Joseph worked. Her cancer metastasized and she died on February 6, 1990, while at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, California, at the age of 57. Funeral services were held on February 10, 1990, at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Dublin, California. She was entombed at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette, California. Unfortunately, all three of Mary's grandchildren were born after her death: Maryl Rose Boyer in 1992, Haley Rose Havelock in 1994, and Brett Edward Boyer in 1995. Mary Ann would have adored them. Following the death of Mary Ann, Edward Joseph Havelock sold the Tracy house and moved to a smaller investment property in San Ramon, California, that he and Mary Ann owned and had rented out. After Mary Ann's death, EJ reconnected with an old family friend whose husband had previously passed away. Edward Joseph Havelock married Eleanor (Barlow) Tibby on July 4, 1992, and moved into her home of many years on Somerset Place in Lafayette, California. EJ's health deteriorated over a number of years. He suffered several serious health complications through the last seven or eight years of his life, including diabetes and a moderately severe stroke. Eventually his legs were amputated below the knees as his peripheral circulation failed. As his mobility and health declined, Ellie was unable to care for him at home and he was relocated to an assisted-living facility in Walnut Creek, California. Then there were periods of health crises which moved him in-and-out of hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. Diabetes, coronary artery disease, and peripheral vascular disease were all contributing factors to his eventual heart failure. Edward Joseph Havelock died on May 27, 2007, at age 77 while at the Stonebrook Convalescent facility in Concord, California. Funeral services were held on June 8 (his birthday) at St. Mary's Church in Walnut Creek, California. Edward Joseph Havelock was entombed next to Mary Ann Christine (Nelson) Havelock (his wife of 34 years) at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette, California.

Additional information about Mary Ann Christine (Nelson) Havelock. Mary Ann was the hardest working, most driven person that I have ever known. She seemed to almost thrive on being over-worked. She was very intelligent, and would voraciously take on any new challenge or new career or new study if it offered betterment for her family. She was self-sacrificing, quite uninterested for herself. The motivation for practically all her pursuits was a better financial foundation for her family. She was a devoted mother, especially to her youngest. Matthew struggled quite a bit through his school-years, and there was absolutely no end to the help and support she provided to him during those years. Mary Ann always held music dear; it was a treasured pursuit throughout her lifetime. She was an avid reader and loved to watch crime-dramas on television.

Additional information about Edward Joseph Havelock. EJ was always a very good provider for his family and was an enthusiastic cheerleader for his daughter (Kelly Anne Havelock) who played competitive sports through high school and college. He had a great interest in and passion for his son's exciting and successful business career in commercial real estate. He was a very funny, witty man, with a remarkable sense of humor that made many people laugh. EJ loved animals and every one of his pets was adored. He was keenly interested in the growth, development, accomplishments and amusing anecdotes of his grandchildren. He loved to read and had a lifelong interest in language and words. EJ developed an amazing vocabulary and wrote eloquent, compassionate letters (personal and business) with well chosen words. He enjoyed watching televised sports. In particular he enjoyed following football and boxing.
A photograph of Mary Ann Nelson when she graduated from Napa Union High School. Date: June of 1950.

Mary Ann (Nelson) Havelock photographed with her husband, Edward Joseph Havelock (EJ), in Napa, California. Date: Thought to be about 1980.

A family photograph of Mary Ann (Nelson) and Edward Joseph Havelock with their son, Matthew Edward Havelock (front left), and their daughter, Kelly Ann Havelock (front right). Date: Thought to be about 1980.
The obituary for Mary Ann (Nelson) Havelock published in the Napa Register, Napa California, on page 12, Friday, February 9, 1990. (Courtesy of Elaina Jeanette Cammarota).
KELLY ANNE (HAVELOCK) BOYER

(Written text and photographs provided by Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer). Kelly Anne Havelock was born on February 4, 1957, at the Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, California, and was the daughter of Edward Joseph and Mary Anne (Nelson) Havelock. She had one brother, 18 months younger, Matthew Edward Havelock. Most of her elementary school years were spent in Napa, California. She lived in several different rental houses before her parents purchased their first home on Holmes Avenue in Napa. She attended kindergarten at the nearby public Phillips Elementary School. Her maternal grandmother, Elaine Charlotte (Holmberg Bronstad) Nelson, was a teacher there at the time. Her father was catholic and Kelly and her brother, Matthew, were “loosely” raised catholic. After kindergarten Kelly Havelock and her brother attending St. John the Baptist’s Catholic School. She was a student there for first through the fourth grades. Kelly and Matthew Havelock were then transferred back to Phillips Elementary School for Kelly’s fifth grade year, as her brother was not thriving in the strict catholic school environment. Then the family moved to Hayward, California, because her father took a new job in the Bay Area. For sixth grade she attended a public school in Hayward while her parents searched for a community they liked in which to purchase a new home. After completing the sixth grade in Hayward, California, her parents bought a home on Juanita Drive in Walnut Creek, California.

When she was growing up in Napa, Kelly recalled that her father worked several different jobs (Basalt Rock Company, occasional shifts at Alfredo’s Pizza Parlor, and at a furniture store). Kelly’s mother was an elementary school teacher. When the Boyer family settled in Walnut Creek, her father worked for Rhodes & Jamieson as Credit Manager (initially in the Oakland plant and later at the Pleasanton plant) and her mother started a new career as a court stenographer. Kelly and her brother began their new schools. She was a middle-schooler at Fairview Intermediate School in Lafayette, California. In seventh grade she was tested for and moved into the “gifted” program. Kelly also began playing competitive sports in middle school. Kelly specifically remembered playing on the school basketball team and playing a lot of softball. Thankfully, Kelly recalled, that the Boyer family stayed in Walnut Creek through her high school years and beyond, so that the friends she made in middle school and on the sports teams she joined, became some of her lifelong friends.

Kelly was definitely a young tomboy and spent her free time outside playing with the many kids in the Holmes Avenue neighborhood. We played football, basketball, baseball, tag, hide&seek… the yards and the connecting streets were like a huge, 24/7 playground. They roller-skated and bicycled everywhere. Early on, she realized that she was a good athlete and enjoyed physical competition. She also LOVED animals. Kelly recalled with great affection the many pets the family had over the years, primarily dogs and cats. Luckily, her dad also was an animal lover, so pets were always welcome into their family. When they moved to Walnut Creek, they had a large yard and her father built Kelly an “aviary” and allowed her to raise chickens and pigeons. Several rats also joined the managery. In addition to loving sports and animals, Kelly was a dedicated student from her first day in kindergarden, always excelling and wanting to please both her teachers and parents.

Kelly Anne Havelock attended Del Valle High School in Walnut Creek, California, from 1971 until her June 1975 graduation. In high school, her primary extra-curricular focus was in sports; she played on the Del Valle girls’ volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She also tried track and field and even tennis for a season or two. Her father was an especially loyal and enthusiastic fan and attended most if not all of her high school games. Kelly was very close to her teammates and Physical Education teachers (who were also her coaches). Kelly continued to excel scholastically, and has fond memories of some wonderful teachers and remarkable classes and classmates. As her high school days came to a close, she walked away with several awards. Kelly was awarded life membership in the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), she received monetary awards and recognition from the Bank of America and the local Soroptimist Club, the prestigious Highest Academic Achievement Award from the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Del Valle Parent/Faculty Award for Excellence in Academics and Athletics, and she was a valedictorian for her graduating high school class.
Following graduation from high school Kelly attended the University of California, Davis. Thanks to some advanced placement classes that she successfully completed in high school, Kelly started University life with nearly 20 units of credit in English and Calculus. Additionally, she received several college scholarship awards (UCD Regents Scholarship 1975/76, a Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship 1975/76, the Hazel Lagersen Scholarship 1978/79, and a CA State Scholarship 1975-79). Kelly began UCD with thoughts of attending the School of Veterinary Medicine, but was quickly put-off by the over-zealous students in her pre-veterinary classes. Kelly began taking more and more animal behavior and ecology classes and eventually switched her major to Zoology. Kelly attended UCD from the fall of 1975 through March of 1980. Kelly Anne Havelock graduated with Honors and received a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology. Kelly was awarded membership to Phi Kappa Phi in May of 1978, and membership to Phi Beta Kappa in May of 1979.

While Kelly lived and studied at Davis, she worked many interesting part-time and seasonal jobs. She worked as a campus audio visual technician, a dorm cafeteria server/dishwasher, a health care aide at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center, an assistant in the UCD Entomology Museum, a research assistant for an almond pollination study and for a behavioral study on ground squirrels, a Crew Leader and (later) the Education Coordinator for the Youth Conservation Corps during summers, a coach at several volleyball camps, a research assistant for a doctoral student studying osprey in the Gulf of California, a teaching assistant for PE Volleyball classes and for Biology classes, and a teacher’s aide at a local elementary school.

As in high school, Kelly’s primary extra-curricular focus was sports while she was a student at Davis. She played on the UCD women’s collegiate basketball team for two seasons and on the UCD collegiate volleyball team for a full four seasons. Kelly won the women's basketball JV-MVP award for the 1975/76 season, and during her four years of volleyball she was an Aggie Letter-winner, made the All Conference First Team in 1978 and 1979, won the Varsity MVP award in 1978, and was the varsity Team Captain her last season in 1979. Kelly also played on the UCD women’s club rugby team (one season) and on many intramural teams (soccer, softball, water polo, basketball, volleyball…) throughout her years at University of California, Davis.

Immediately after finishing her degree at University of California, Davis, Kelly managed to get a fascinating first “after-college” job as a wildlife technician at the USDA Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho (4/80-9/80). Kelly was part of a research team that examined the use of old world predator-control dogs to reduce coyote predation on sheep herds in the United States. After her experience in Idaho, Kelly moved to coastal California to work as a research assistant at the Bodega Marine Laboratory (9/80-5/81). The primary focus of the research at this marine laboratory was sanderlings (a shorebird species), their movements up and down the coast, and prey availability. Next Kelly worked as a veterinary technician in the Montclair district of Oakland (5/81-1/83). She was living in Oakland at the time and also teaching evening dog training classes for the Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club (1/83-8/84) and for the Orinda Community Education program (spring ’82). In 1983 Kelly landed her “dream” job and worked as a trainer for the San Francisco SPCA Hearing Dog Program (HDP). Kelly’s job was to train service dogs to assist deaf and hearing-impaired individuals, and then teach the new dog-guardians how to care for and maintain their service dog’s training. It was a fantastic, once-in-a-lifetime job. Kelly worked with this program through mid-1987. An extra bonus while working for the Hearing Dog Program occurred, as that is where Kelly met her future husband (Jeffry Thomas Boyer) in 1984 while presenting a educational program about the HDP. At that time, Jeff was working for PGE in San Francisco and also living in Oakland.
Kelly and Jeff began dating in the spring of 1984 and spent time together with their dogs, bicycling, hiking and both loved going up to the Pt. Reyes seashore. They also commuted together to our jobs in San Francisco. Kelly Anne Havelock married Jeffrey Thomas Boyer on July 27, 1985, in the Berkeley Rose Gardens, Berkeley, California. Jeffrey Thomas Boyer was born on October 5, 1951, at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California, to parents Raymond Herman Boyer and June Alice (Hamilton) Boyer. Jeff is a third generation native Californian, and has two sisters, six and seven years older. The Boyer children grew up in the San Francisco Peninsula; most of their childhood years they lived in Ladera, a small community just outside of Menlo Park. Jeff attended Ladera Elementary, La Entrada Middle School, and graduated from Woodside High School in 1969. His father, Raymond, was a building contractor and built single family homes and apartments in Ladera, Sunnyvale and Mountain View California. June was a stay-at-home mother and spent time volunteering at the Congregational Church in Ladera, California. Growing up in the baby-boom generation, there was never a shortage of playmates. Jeff had tremendous freedom to roam and explore the bay area hills and play non-stop pick-up games in the neighborhood. Jeff was raised by two parents who had the time and interest in exploring and enjoying the great outdoors. Through the years, the family traveled to and camped in many of the national parks, Canada and Alaska to name just a few of their vacation destinations. They also did many multi-family horseback expeditions and backpacking trips in the high Sierra. Fishing, hiking and skiing were the main activities that the family embraced.

Jeff was a very good high school student, and started his college career at UC Davis in 1969. At Davis, Jeff began as a Pre-Forestry major, which led him to transfer to UC Berkeley (in 1971) to finish his Forestry degree in 1974. During his time as a UCB student, Jeff greatly enjoyed the required summer quarter at the UC Field Camp in Meadow Valley California. Jeff had always had an interest in world travel and managed to supplement his forestry education with a work-study opportunity on a farm forest in New Zealand for six months (in 1972/73). This trip also gave Jeff the chance to visit Australia, Fiji, Somoa, New Caledonia and Hawaii. Another highlight during his college years was his summer wilderness ranger jobs in the John Muir Wilderness in California and Selway Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho. In 1974, Jeff received his BS degree in Forestry from UC Berkeley. His first forestry job was on a logging crew for American Forest Products in Amador County, California. Just like today, in 1974 professional level jobs were tough to come by. Jeff took this job on a logging crew and it turned out to be a great learning experience. He was promoted after one season to the professional forestry staff of American Forest Products. After a few short years at AFP, Jeff decided to pursue a related environmental specialty and went on to earn a Masters Degree in Watershed Hydrology at Colorado State University in 1981. He found his degree work at CSU to be very inspiring, and has remained in the hydrology field ever since. Jeff began his hydrology career with an environmental and engineering consulting firm in Carson City, Nevada. He was there for about a year before taking a job as Hydrologist with the Federal Watermaster in Reno, Nevada. In the spring of 1983, he went back to California where he was hired as Hydrologist/Hydrographer with the Hydro-Generation Department at PG&E in San Francisco. He worked there for 5 years. That particular job provided Jeff the opportunity to work in most of the large river systems in California. In 1988 Jeff accepted the invitation to return to the Watermaster's office in Reno as the Deputy Federal Watermaster for the Truckee and Carson Rivers. Following their marriage they moved into a rental home on Maple Avenue in Oakland, California. In 1987 Kelly changed her career direction and took a job as a documentation specialist at Genentech Inc. (4/87-8/87). Kelly had already been accepted into UC Berkeley (School of Library & Information Sciences) to start a masters’ degree program in the fall of 1987. Kelly was excited to receive the Evelyn Steel Little Fellowship award (from UCB). During her time at UCB, Kelly worked as a library intern at two campus libraries, Public Health and Natural Resources. In the meantime Jeff accepted a job offer in Reno, Nevada. Jeff Boyer moved to Reno in the spring of 1988 to begin his job as hydrologist for the WaterMaster. Kelly stayed in their Oakland home, continued her coursework at UCB and was able to arrange an internship so that she would able to complete her degree requirements at Savitt Medical School Library at the University of Nevada, Reno. Kelly joined her husband Jeff in Reno in the summer of 1988. They bought their first home on Bottlebrush Court in Mogul, Nevada, during that same summer. Mogul is a small community on the west side of Reno.
Their life in Reno began with Jeff working his new WaterMaster job while Kelly was doing her internship at UNR and completing her UCB masters’ degree work. Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer received her Mater of Library Science (MLIS) degree from Berkeley in December of 1989. Kelly continued working at the UNR medical library until May of 1989, when she took the Medical Librarian job at the VA Medical Center in Reno. Kelly and Jeff were very happy living in Mogul and enjoyed riding their mountain bikes in the Reno area, played a lot of volleyball, and worked like slaves landscaping their first home. The Boyers were lucky enough to take an extended bicycling and fishing trip in New Zealand in 1990. Both of their children were born while we were living in Mogul, Nevada. Jeffrey Thomas and Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer had two children; a daughter, Mary Rose Boyer, born March 29, 1992, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Reno, Nevada, and a son, Brett Edward Boyer, born March 8, 1995, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Reno, Nevada. After the birth of her son, Kelly left her job at the VA Medical Center and became a full-time mom. In 1996, the Boyer family moved into the old, established part of Reno, Nevada, as they found themselves too-frequently driving back and forth between Mogul and Reno and taking their children to a variety of activities. They sold their house in Mogul and purchased a new home on Pineridge Drive, in Reno, Nevada. Their children both attended the neighborhood public schools – Jessie Beck Elementary, Swope Middle, and Reno High School. When Brett turned four and began playing soccer, Jeff began his long-term volunteer career as soccer coach, for two seasons a year for more than 10 years! Many of the family’s friends, social contacts and activities have stemmed from their intense involvement in the Reno soccer community. When Brett started high school and joined the high school soccer program, Jeff seized the opportunity to “retire” from his coaching hobby. Thank goodness!

When her children were in elementary school, Kelly was a very active school volunteer. She was involved in many of the fund-raisers like Scrip sales and the annual gift wrap drive. Kelly was one of the coordinators of the annual school Science Fair for several years, she served as the PFA secretary for two years, was a frequent art project “instructor”, reading assistant, party coordinator, and conducted weekly PE programs for several classes. And, of course, she was also “taking care of business” at home like all moms do. The other community effort that Kelly was heavily involved in, until just recently, was managing Brett’s club soccer team. Brett played soccer since he was four, Jeff coached Brett’s team for many years, and Kelly served as team manager. When Brett was 14, he moved to another team and Jeff and Kelly finally were able to step out of the youth soccer world and let someone else take the reigns. Now the Boyers find themselves involved with helping with Brett’s high school soccer team and were very involved with coordinating the team fundraisers.

In 1998, Jeff began his new role at the Watermaster’s office as the Planning/Implementation Coordinator for a proposed Truckee River and reservoir operating agreement. That work continues today, and Jeff hopes to eventually be the first administrator of this new agreement, if and when it is finalized.
A photograph taken of Kelly Anne Havelock when she was 5 years old. Napa, California. Date: 1962.

A wedding photograph of Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer and Jeffrey Thomas Boyer taken in Berkeley, California. Date: July 27, 1985.

Kelly Anne Havelock photographed (right) photographed with her mother, Mary Ann (Nelson) Havelock. Napa, California. Date: approximately 1978.
A photograph of the Jeffrey Thomas and Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer family taken in Reno, Nevada, during August of 2010. Shown from left to right are: Jeffrey Thomas Boyer, Brett Edward Boyer, Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer, and Maryl Rose Boyer.
MARYL ROSE BOYER

(Written text and photographs provided by Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer). Maryl Rose Boyer was the daughter of Kelly Anne Havelock Boyer and Jeffrey Thomas Boyer. She was born on March 29, 1992, at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada. (Maryl's parents chose the name "Maryl" in memory of Maryl's maternal grandmother, Mary Ann (Nelson) Havelock, who passed away in 1990.) When Maryl was born, the Boyers lived in Mogul, Nevada, which is a small community on the western outskirts of Reno. In 1996, when Maryl was 4 years old, the family moved into the older residential district in Reno at 2000 Pineridge Drive. Maryl attended the local elementary school (Jessie Beck), and middle school (Swope), and Reno High School. She had a younger brother, Brett Edward Boyer, who is 15 years old. Maryl has always been an excellent, hard-working student. Throughout high school, she took many honors classes and maintained an unweighted 3.9 grade point average. She graduated from Reno High in June 2010 and is a freshman at University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, this fall of 2010; she is enrolled in the pre-nursing program. There is an excellent nursing school at UNR (Orvis School of Nursing) that she plans to apply to after completing her first two college years. As a young girl there were several years of soccer teams, volleyball teams and piano lessons. But, from a very young age and through her early teens, Maryl's first love was horses. The books she read, the toys she played with, what she thought about, what she talked about, everything was about horses. She began riding lessons when she was about 5 years old. By the time she was 11, her parents finally gave-in and bought her first horse, boarding him at a nearby barn. Beyond school, most all of Maryl's time was spent at the barn with her horse. She was active in Pony Club (a well-known international young riders club) for several years, and competed in local riding events. Maryl primarily did English riding, show jumping, and some cross-country. Her equine dedication continued until the end of her sophomore year in high school. She then started to feel the pull towards other activities and decided it was time to sell the horse. From a young age Maryl enjoyed earning money with babysitting/petsitting/housesitting jobs. As a high school sophomore, she took a job as an after-school nanny for a family of three children and continued working for the Sandovals throughout high school. During her junior and senior years, she added several other part-time jobs, including working at a cupcake bakery, working retail at a small Irish store, and preparing & delivering gift baskets. Currently, she works as a tutor for one family, and for a gift-basket business, and for a restaurant near University of Nevada, Reno. During her junior year in high school, she began volunteering at St. Mary's Hospital in the Labor & Delivery ward and continues to work their twice/month. That experience has certainly influenced her interest in the nursing profession. A serious pursuit of Maryl's for many years was playing the cello. She played for both her middle- and high-school orchestras (a total of 6 years), for the Reno Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for 4 years/8 sessions, for the Washoe County Honor Orchestra for 3 seasons, and took private lessons for more than six years. Of interest, Maryl's maternal grandmother (Mary Anne Nelson Havelock) was a talented violinist her whole life, and one of Maryl's maternal great aunts (Carole Elaine Nelson Cammarota) was a cellist! Maryl's senior year in high school ('09-'10) was especially busy and full of new activities and accomplishments. She started cycling in the summer of '09. She took up sewing, and completed a formal gown that she entered into a national sewing contest in June of 2010. Maryl trained for and competed in the Miss Reno-Sparks Pageant in March of 2010, which really pushed her out of her comfort zone. She got a little mini-daschund in February of 2010 and "Winnie" has become her best friend and a huge part of day-to-day life. Maryl's parents are especially thankful for the significant effort that she put into applying for scholarships during her senior year. The effort paid off - Maryl received scholarships from the Reno Elks Club, from the Reno Soroptimist Club, from the Reno High AAA Club, from the Soroptimist International of Reno, from the Howard E. Browne Foundation, as well as two scholarships from the University of Nevada/Reno. Physical/Medical notes: Maryl is 5'6-1/2", 114 pounds; not near as tall as the Nelson women one and two generations before her, but certainly has that thin and long-legged "Nelson" look! Maryl had an emergency appendicitis in 2005.
Maryl Rose Boyer photographed with her grandfather, Edward Joseph Havelock. Date: approximately 1996.

Maryl Rose Boyer photographed with her cello during June of 2009 in Reno, Nevada.
BRET EDWARD BOYER

(Written text and photographs provided by Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer). Brett Edward Boyer was the son of Kelly Anne Havelock Boyer and Jeffrey Thomas Boyer. He was born on March 8, 1995, at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada. At the time, the Boyers lived in Mogul, Nevada, which was a small community on the western outskirts of Reno. In 1996, when Brett was just 1-1/2, the family moved into the old residential district in Reno where they resided at 2000 Pineridge Drive. Brett attended the local elementary school (Jessie Beck), and middle school (Swope), and is currently starting his sophomore year at Reno High School. He has an older sister, Mary Rose Boyer, who is 18 years old. Brett has always been a very bright, curious, motivated student. He started reading on his own when he was 3 years old. He has been in the Gifted/Talented Program since he started elementary school. He remained a straight A student after his first year at high school and takes many honors classes. Brett started out his young life fast, physical, athletic and bright. He loved balls – throwing, kicking, catching and chasing them. He endlessly rode his little scooter and loved to run. He quickly navigated towards sports, as he got older. He began playing soccer at age 4, and has never stopped. There have been several seasons of baseball and basketball mixed in, but his first love has remained the game of soccer. Hard to believe that a 15 years of age he already has 11+ years of experience in any sport, but Brett does. He played on club teams and ODP teams (“Olympic Development”), and this year (his sophomore year) is in his second season with Reno High School. He played on the JV squad his freshman year (fall of 2009) and earned the MVP award as well as the Best Midfielder award. In the spring of 2009, his club team won the U14 Nevada State Soccer Championship beating out many highly ranked Las Vegas teams. In the spring of 2010, his club team had another unbelievable season finale. In June, Sagebrush United Red won the Presidents Cup Region IV Championship tournament held in Medford, Oregon. And then they went on to WIN the Presidents Cup National Championship Tournament held in Nashville, Tennessee, in July. The club team that Brett played for is undeniable the most successful soccer team to ever come out of northern Nevada. While in middle school, Brett ran on the school's cross country and track teams. In eighth grade he placed fifth in the Washoe All-County Regional Cross Country meet. Brett has always loved running and has remarkable endurance. Even in elementary school, he earned first place every single year he ran in the school's annual jogathon. The other primary sport in Brett's life is downhill skiing, which he has been doing since he was about 4 years old. He currently enjoys big mountain skiing along with freestyle. Brett's father is an experienced, skilled skier who started Brett skiing at a young age. So Brett has grown up with a love of winter, snow, storms, and even of being cold. He hopes to eventually attend a college that is accessible to some ski resort/s. In Reno, Brett frequents Mount Rose Ski Resort (just a 40 minute drive from his home) whenever he can, which is almost every weekend during the winter months.

Music is a part of his life as well. Throughout middle school Brett played trombone for the school band, and school jazz band, and also earned a spot in the Washoe County Honor Jazz Band. However, by the end of seventh grade he was ready to switch gears and start electric guitar lessons. He has been playing guitar for about two years now and has made great strides; he can really shake the house with his music!

Physical/Medical note: Brett was diagnosed with Celiac Disease in December of 2008.
MATTHEW EDWARD HAVELOCK

(Written text provided by Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer). Matthew Edward Havelock was born on August 24, 1958, in Napa, California, and was the son of Edward Joseph and Mary Ann Christine (Nelson) Havelock. Matthew Edward Havelock married Julie Ann Balog on September 11, 1982, in Concord, California. Julie Ann Balog was born on July 30, 1958, in Visalia, California, and was the daughter of Stephen John Balog and Mary Elizabeth (Welte) Balog. Matthew Edward and Julie Ann (Balog) Havelock had a daughter, Haley Rose Havelock, born on October 27, 1994, in Sacramento, California.

HALEY ROSE HAVELOCK

(Written text provided by Kelly Anne (Havelock) Boyer). Haley Rose Havelock, was born on October 27, 1994, in Sacramento, California, and was the daughter of Matthew Edward and Julie Ann (Balog) Havelock.