SALLY (NELSON) IRWIN

(Written text and photographs provided by William John Krause II). Sally Nelson was born on May 2, 1962, in Glasgow, Montana, and was the daughter of Floyd C. and Deanna (O’Neil) Nelson, Jr. Sally Nelson graduated from Glasgow High School in Glasgow, Montana in 1981. Sally Nelson played on the Glasgow High School basketball team that won the Montana State Championship in 1981. She was also chosen to be a member of Scotty Royalty during her junior year in 1980. Sally then completed training as a flight attendant in 1984. Sally Nelson received the Department of Transportation Award for Heroism in a special ceremony at the Western-Pacific Region Headquarters of the Federal Aviation Administration in Hawthorne, California, on April 25, 1984. The citation of this award read: "The actions of Ms. Sally Nelson in preparing the passengers for the emergency landing, and then directing the evacuation rapidly and efficiently did, without question avoid a potential disaster and loss of life". Sally Nelson married Robert Irwin on ????? in ??????. Robert Irwin was the son of ??????. Sally worked at the Clerk and Recorders Office for Valley County. Following the death of her Grand Uncle, Morris Joseph Nelson (Pete), his livestock brand, NJ—, was register with Sally (Nelson) Irwin.
A photograph of Sally Nelson (front) taken with her sister, Gina Nelson, and their horses near Glasgow, Montana. Date thought to be the early 1980s.

A photograph of Sally Nelson on the day of her wedding to Bon Irwin. Shown from left to right are: Deanna (O’Neil) Nelson, Floyd C. Nelson Jr., Sally (Nelson) Irwin, Bob Irwin, unknown.

A photograph of the wedding of Sally Nelson to Bon Irwin. Shown from left to right are: Joseph Reyling, Gina (Nelson) Reyling, Floyd C. Nelson Jr. (Sonny), Deanna (O’Neil) Nelson (in back), unknown, Bertha (Stensland) Nelson, unknown, Sally (Nelson) Irwin, Bob Irwin, Rose Mary Reyling, Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny), unknown.
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

An article published in the Glasgow Courier, Glasgow, Montana, in 1984, describing the events that occurred which resulted in Sally Nelson receiving the Department of Transportation Award for Heroism in a special ceremony at the Western-Pacific Region Headquarters of the Federal Aviation Administration in Hawthorne, California, on April 25, 1984.

A page taken from a Glasgow High School Yearbook in the section entitled "Forty Years of Scotty Royalty" (1946-1986) lists Sally Nelson in 1980 and her sister, Gina Nelson, as being a member of royalty in 1981. Glasgow, Montana. (Courtesy of the Valley County Historical Society, Glasgow, Montana.)