HAZEL RUBY (NELSON) KRAUSE

(Written text and photographs provided by William John Krause II). Hazel Ruby Nelson was born on August 28, 1918, near Tampico, Montana. She was the daughter of Nels Christ and Mary Elizabeth (Johannesson/Nelson) Nelson, original homesteaders to Buggy Creek region of Montana in 1911. Hazel Ruby Nelson was baptized on June 8, 1919, in Tampico, Montana, and then was confirmed into the Lutheran Faith. She attended Buggy Creek Grade School of Valley County for eight years and graduated from the Glasgow High School located in Glasgow, Montana, in 1936. Hazel was a long time member of the Tampico 4-H Club. During high school Hazel stayed in Glasgow because of the distance to travel and weather at that time and boarded at the Wedums Apartment located above their store on Front Street. After graduation from high school she went to work at the F. A. Buttery Company in the Ready to Wear Department in Glasgow, Montana, and was promoted to Manager of the Ready to Wear Department at Fort Peck, Montana, about 20 miles away. Hazel Ruby Nelson married William John Krause (Johnny) on January 21, 1939, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Montana. William John Krause (Johnny) was born June 17, 1915, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and was the son of Arthur Adolph and Bertha (Peters) Krause. He was educated and graduated from the Duenow School (District 66) of Ottertail County, in rural Minnesota, and was confirmed in the German Immanuel Lutheran Church of Friberg with the class of 1928. Following the death of his father, Arthur Krause, Johnny left the Fergus Falls area in 1934 and traveled to Glasgow, Montana, to work for his uncle and father figure, Otto Franz Krause, at the Westland Oil Company. Hazel and Johnny Krause were well known in the Glasgow and Tampico communities. Much of their socializing prior to and just after their marriage was done at the community hall located in Tampico, Montana, which was a railroad stop that consisted of a post office, store, garage, school, and a community center. The latter was the site of numerous dances and a meeting place for the community on any number of social occasions. On one occasion, prior to her marriage, Hazel and her sister, Lorraine, would bring a jar of wine to the dances held at this location. Someone else knew of this and would drink half the jar before they could come back to the car for a glass usually during intermission. In a rash move they spiked the next jar they brought to the Tampico Community Center with ex-lax to punish the perpetrator. Following the birth of their son, Bill, and the out-break of World War II in 1942, Hazel and Johnny moved to Napa, California, where they worked at Mare Island, California, in support of the war effort. Johnny worked in the shipyard where he completed machinist training and welding schools. They lived at 458 Wilson Street, Napa, California, from 1942 to 1945, which today remains much the same as it did in 1942. When in Napa Hazel and Johnny spent countless hours picking fruit for the war effort in the hope that some of it would reach their relatives fighting in the Pacific theater. They returned to Glasgow, Montana, in 1946, and Johnny went to work for the Corps of Engineers at Fort Peck, Montana, as a Machinist, later transferring to the powerhouse and completed an operation and maintenance program. They lived in Fort Peck, Montana, from 1946 to 1953. In 1953 he transferred to the power house at Fort Randall Dam located near Pickstown, South Dakota, to continue working for the Corps of Engineers. They lived in Pickstown, South Dakota, for 24 years. Although they lived at three residences whilst in Pickstown, their primary address was 511 Missouri Drive and this residence remains as it did, today. At Fort Randall he assumed his duties as a hydro-mechanical foreman until his retirement from the Corps of Engineers in 1976.
During their time in Pickstown, South Dakota, they raised their three sons: William John Krause II (Bill) born March 24, 1942, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, Montana; Dennis Lyle Krause born January 29, 1946, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, Montana; and Kelvin Keith Krause (Kelly) born April 21,1952, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, Montana. Hazel was a member of the Lake Andes, South Dakota Eastern Star, she was active in Cub and Boy Scouts seeing all three sons achieve the rank of Eagle Scout of which she was very proud. She was an active Den Mother for her three sons both in Fort Peck, Montana, and in Pickstown, South Dakota. While at both locations Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause taught Sunday School, Bible School, held offices in the PTA, served on the Pickstown School Board, served on the Election Board and was the Manager of the Lake Andes Central School Breakfast and Lunch Program at Pickstown for 7 years. Johnny served on the Pickstown School Board, was a Red Cross First Aid Instructor, Boy Scout Counselor, and was a Member of the Masonic Lodge in Lake Andes, South Dakota. During his career with the Corps of Engineers Johnny received numerous citations and awards. In 1977 Johnny and Hazel retired to Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and built their retirement home at 1215 Walsworth Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Both were members of the St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Hazel was active in the Belle Fourche community and worked at the Belle Fourche Health Care Center as a Nurse’s Assistance for 13 years before retiring in 1989. When in Belle Fourche Hazel served the community by being a member of the Grand Jury. During this time Johnny also took a job with the American Colloid Company, a bentonite mining company, located along highway 212 just a few miles from Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He worked as a machinist repairing mining and hauling equipment. After truly retiring from work Johnny took over many of the domestic duties (cooking) with Hazel's assistance (Hazel also loved to cook) and engaged in the making a variety of breads, which he did for much of the remainder of his lifetime. On the other hand, Hazel became more interested in fishing as a pass time and they enjoyed fishing together for trout in the Black hills and for walleye at Orman Dam. Both enjoyed camping, traveling and especially visiting with relatives and friends. For those that knew them the following ritual would always take place: after the guest was greeted at the door, a pot coffee would be turned on (after all, it had to be fresh for their guests) and cookies and cake served during which time an invitation to lunch/dinner would be extended. Both loved playing card games with their grandchildren, Johnny in particular. One of the most notable characteristics of Johnny to those of us, who knew him well, was his remarkable laugh. If for example, he was able to pull a good play on one of his grandchildren he would laugh so hard, his mouth would be agape, chest heaving, tears rolling down his cheeks, but with no sound emanating from his lips. During this hearty but unusual laugh a small vein would protrude form his forehead, and then finally the sound of laughter would come. Another interesting story with regard to Johnny's life philosophy was with regard to the time when he broke his leg when ice-fishing alone at Orman Dam near Belle Fourche, South Dakota. This accident happened when he was in his mid-70s. As Johnny caught his last fish to limit out in walleyes he turned to retrieve it and one foot slipped on the wet ice around the hole. The other boot was frozen to the ice and as a result of the fall snapped the two bones in his lower leg just above the ankle. He had taken a little red sled (that belonged to his son, Dennis Lyle Krause) with him to transport gear. Fortunately, he was able to load fish, gear, and himself on the sled and slide back to shore and his pickup truck. Did he rush to the hospital to seek medical attention? NO! He went home, cleaned his fish, and then sought medical attention.

Hazel's most enduring characteristic was her warmth and cheery nature and always found the best in everyone.
She was an optimist and firmly believed that any obstacle could be overcome by hard work and determination. Hazel loved picnics, camping, the West, its music, rodeos, and all things western, especially Montana and the Big Sky Country. Hazel attended numerous rodeos at Glasgow and Wolfpoint, Montana; Belle Fourche and Fairfax, South Dakota; and Onal, Nebraska, just to name a few. She was extremely proud of her Swedish heritage and often remarked that her mother (Mary Elizabeth (Johnesson/Nelson) Nelson) said she had “royal blood” flowing in her veins. Hazel also enjoyed playing poker with friends and her grandchildren. When asked how she became such a good poker player she told her grandchildren that she and her sister, Lorraine Marion Nelson, played poker when she was growing up to see who was to do dishes that evening. Dish-washing was a major chore in those days. For example, one had a basin of soap water to wash dishes, another with basin hot water to rinse them, and an area to stack them until they were towel dried. Hazel never missed making a birthday cake for her family members or her relatives if they were in the area. She would always plan a special birthday supper for whoever's birthday it was. Hazel would ask the birthday person what menu they would prefer and she would do the rest. During a cold spell of a severe winter when it was too cold to be out of doors for any length of time she would often fry donuts or potato chips for her children to help make life a little more enjoyable. Hazel loved parties, potlucks at church and those conducted within the school system. She also enjoyed dressing up in costume if the occasion called for it. During her children's early years she took them swimming in the summer and sledding in the winter. She would always be the first one to dive into the water or go down a hill on a sled. Later she amazed the wives of her sons, when, as they debated whether or not a steep hill was too dangerous to sled down; she was already on her way down. Hazel was asked on one of these cold outings what was the coldest temperature she had experienced. She related that it was minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit and because it was so cold that the car would not start so she had to walk to work. Hazel was also one of the first to suggest we hike up and see the face of Crazy Horse on Crazy Horse Mountain in her later years and led the way. When at Pickstown whenever her son's would gather fruits from the wild (wild grapes, chokecherries, bull berries) she would always find time to put them up as jams or jellies. On one occasion her eldest son, Bill, brought home so many wild grapes that it took both herself and Johnny all day to put up 20 quarts of grape juice. One of Hazel’s favorite wild game meals to prepare and eat was pheasant. She would encourage her son's and husband to bring home as many as possible. She would often drive her eldest son, Bill, before he was old enough to drive a car, and road hunt for pheasants stopping to hunt small slw areas and public areas along railroad tracks. They were always able to get at least two or three cocks.

Johnny enjoyed fishing and hunting (white-tailed deer, pheasants, ducks & geese), camping, traveling, gardening, designing and crafting a variety of things from a camping trailer to various tools and games, and visiting with relatives and friends. Although he hand-made several goose and duck decoys to hunt with, his true passion was fishing which he enjoyed throughout his lifetime beginning as a small child growing up in Minnesota. An avid gardener, Johnny maintained large gardens (cabbage, carrots, tomatoes, broccoli, acorn squash, kohlrabi, parsnips, green beans, cucumbers, lettuce, cantaloupe, potatoes, asparagus, and rhubarb) and berry patches (strawberries & raspberries) throughout his lifetime. Hazel and Johnny canned and froze what they grew and together with Johnny's hunting and fishing skills rarely needed to shop for groceries other than basic staples. An interesting event happened with regard to Johnny and his gardening. When cleaning up the garden in the fall in Pickstown, South Dakota, he was throwing old, large rotting cucumbers across the road that ran behind the garden. A local constable named Auggie Kruger patrolled this road.
As dad was throwing cucumbers and intent on his task he threw a large one that hit the constables’ vehicle broadside putting a large dent in the front door. Auggie said he was obligated to write a citation due to the damage to the patrol car. Dad convinced him to wait just a moment, disappeared into our basement and returned with a bathroom plunger. He was able to slam it into the door and pull out the dent created by the errant cucumber. A citation was not issued. While in Pickstown, South Dakota, Johnny (who was a master machinist) machined a hunting rifle for his son, Bill Krause, from a World War I 306 Springfield carbine and carved the stock as well. This very accurate gun continues to be used to this day by a number of his descendants. Johnny and Hazel were avid campers and travelers and were able to travel to and visit most States in the United States, and made trips to Canada, Australia, and Alaska. Initially they camped by tent with their three sons visiting Glacier Park, Yellowstone Park, Grand Tetons, the Black Hills, the Badlands of both North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and the Northwestern region of the United States. During these years Johnny built a platform that sat flush with the back seat of cars he drove, initial a Nash and then a 1951 Chevrolet. This modification provided more space for his sons to sleep and play when they traveled long distances. When camping they would camp not only at state and national parks but also roadside parks and gravel pits as it was safe to do so at that time. At this time, when his youngest son, Kelly, was learning to talk; Kelly would watch for roadside tables and exclaim when he spotted one “There's One!” Kelly knew if the car stopped either coffee and some treats Hazel had prepared would be served or lunch would be served. When they moved to Pickstown, South Dakota, Johnny built a foldout camping trailer that could sleep five for these outings. The design and comfort of this trailer was years ahead of camping trailers that would become available commercially years later. When their children left home they purchased a camper that could be mounted in the bed of a pickup truck so they could continue their travels and visits with family and friends and still could have all the comforts of home. A trip they often reminisced about was their trip to Alaska in 1987 when they drove the Great Alaskan Highway camping and fishing along the way. They were accompanied on this adventure by Jim and Lorraine (Nelson) Bain (Hazels’ sister and brother-in-law) who drove another vehicle and camper. One of their most remarkable travels was to Australia, a trip they made to visit their son, Bill, on sabbatical leave to University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia in 1991. Here, they were able to explore the southwestern area of Australia and view the Southern and Indian Oceans.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause was extremely close to her mother, brothers and sisters as well as other members of her immediate family. She had a deep interest in her family’s history and kept a black book (known as the death book) of obituaries of family and friends. She also developed nearly 20 photo albums of pictures of family that she began soon after her marriage and continued until 2000. This valuable collection of family materials formed the core for a book tracing the Krause family after they emigrated from Germany to the United States as well as providing the foundation for the current family history on the descendants of the Johannesson family. Her husband, Johnny, was an avid photographer using both still cameras and a 8mm camera he purchased in 1950. He would later purchase several camcorders. Because of this interest he was able to record major events during their lives from about 1950 to 2000. He later spliced these silent films together into larger one-hour reels and organized major events to a specific reel. He organized the following topics they witnessed during their lifetime: wildlife, vacations, dam constructions, scouting events of their three sons, a life history of each of their sons (Bill, Dennis, and Kelly) and major historical events of interest to them (Montana Centennial cattle drive; South Dakota centennial events).
In the mid-1980s Johnny projected the silent 8mm films onto a screen and recorded these projections with a camcorder, while Hazel narrated these events. She identified the people and places from the 1950s so their sons and their descendants would have a visual and audio record of events and people. Hazel remarked during the making of these recordings that they had lived a lifestyle of self-sufficiency sustained by hunting, fishing and gardening, a lifestyle that had disappeared not to be seen again. Indeed, in addition to the previously mentioned activities, Johnny cut the hair of three of his sons until they all left home to attend college. He also had shoe repair equipment and could half sole shoes and boots. Johnny and his sons also loaded their own rifle and shotgun shells. They would always pick up their casings and empty shotgun shells while hunting for reloading. In 1998 Hazel suffered an ischemic stroke that partially disabled her left hand and forearm. As a result, Johnny became the primary care giver, but both continued to enjoy life though restricted in their travels to the Black Hills region. Janet Ann (Scott) Krause, their youngest son’s wife, together with help from Hazel’s granddaughter (Melissa) and grandson (Eric), were the primary care providers for not only Janet’s parents but also for Kelly’s parents during the last years of their lives. During much of this time period, Kelvin Keith Krause was stationed overseas and her other sons (Bill and Dennis) lived at a distance in Missouri and New Hampshire, respectively. When William John (Johnny) and Hazel (Nelson) Krause lived in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, Janet kept in close contact and made numerous trips back and forth making sure they were well provided for allowing them to live in their own home for as long as possible. When this was no longer an option, they moved to an assisted living facility (The Victorian) in Rapid City, South Dakota. Janet continued to be the primary care provider until their deaths in 2001 and 2006. At one time Janet was caring for both sets of parents simultaneously. In a private conversation between Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause and her son, William John Krause II (Bill), Hazel remarked that she could not have wished for a daughter of her own that was more loving and caring than her daughter-in-law, Janet. Hazel loved Janet very much and thought of her as the daughter she had always wanted. Johnny died from complications of metastatic prostate cancer on October 19, 2001 in Rapid City, South Dakota at the age of 86. Hazel died of a result of complications following Flu/ pneumonia and thereafter failure to thrive. She passed away June 10, 2006 in Rapid City, South Dakota at age 88. They are buried, side-by-side, in the Pine Slope Cemetery, located in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.
A photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson taken in Glasgow, Montana. Date: 1936.

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A colored photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson taken in Glasgow, Montana. Date: 1937.

A 1937 photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson taken near Tampico, Montana.
A 1937 photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson (left) taken in Glasgow, Montana, with Mildred Pipen and her sister, Lorraine Marion Nelson (right).

A photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson (left) and Helen Pearl Nelson taken in Glasgow, Montana. Date: 1937.

A photograph of William John Krause as a boy playing with kittens on the family farm near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. His sister, Esther Krause, is to the left. Date: thought to be 1919.

A photograph of William John Krause (left) as a boy on the family farm near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. His younger brother, Harold Erwin Krause, is to the right. Date: thought to be 1921.
A photograph taken of the confirmation class of 1928 from the Friberg Immanuel Lutheran Church near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. William John Krause is in the back row second from the left and was 12 years of age at the time of confirmation.

A photograph of William John Krause (standing at right) taken at his parents home near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Also shown from left to right are: Harold Erwin Krause (his youngest brother), unknown, Bertha (Peters) Krause (his mother), and Julius Otto Krause (an older brother). His grandmother, Augusta W. (Richter) Krause, is sitting in the automobile. Date unknown.
Hazel Ruby Nelson photographed in a boat on Lake George, Minnesota, during the summer of 1937.

A 1937 photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson taken at the original Buggy Creek homestead near Tampico, Montana.

A 1937 photograph of William John Krause wearing a swimming suit at Tampico, Montana, prior to a swim in the Milk River.

A photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson wearing her swimming suit in 1937 at Tampico, Montana, prior to a swim in the Milk River.
Hazel Ruby Nelson and William John Krause sitting on the running board of Johnny's roadster in 1937. Photograph taken at the Buggy Creek homestead near Tampico, Montana.

Hazel Ruby Nelson and William John Krause standing near the residence of her mother at the Buggy Creek homestead near Tampico, Montana. Date of photograph: 1937.

Hazel and Johnny on a fishing trip they took to Minnesota during the summer of 1938. From left to right are: William John Krause, Harold Erwin Krause, Hazel Ruby Nelson, Julius Otto Krause, Lillian Edna Krause and Eddie Bradow. Location: near Fergus Falls, Minnesota.
Hazel Ruby Nelson and William John Krause holding a stringer of bluegills they caught at the Friberg Dam on the Ottertail River near the original homestead of the Krause family. Date photograph was taken: 1938.

William John Krause fording a small stream at Mission Cannon near Santa Barbara, California, in 1938.


A photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson and William John Krause on their wedding day taken at the First Lutheran Church on January 21, 1939, in Glasgow, Montana.


Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (front row second from right) was a member of Rebecca’s Lodge. Date photograph was taken: 1940. Glasgow, Montana.
Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed with her first son, William John Krause II, at their residence on 458 Wilson Street, Napa, California. Date: Summer of 1942.

William John Krause photographed with a 30 lb. striped bass taken in the Pacific Ocean. Photograph taken in front of the residence on 458 Wilson Street, Napa, California. Date: Summer of 1942.

The Krause boys. From left to right: Kelvin Keith Krause, William John Krause II, and Dennis Lyle Krause. Date: 1953. Pickstown, South Dakota.

The Krause boys photographed with their mother, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause) in from of their residence at 511 Missouri Drive, Pickstown, South Dakota, during the spring of 1962. From left to right: Kelvin Keith Krause standing in front of Dennis Lyle Krause, Hazel, and William John Krause II.
Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed at the Krause residence in Pickstown, South Dakota, during the spring of 1960.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed in the backyard of Krause residence holding her birthday cake. The cake was made for her by Betty Triska, a neighbor. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: August 28, 1962.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed at 511 Missouri Drive, Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: Mid-1960s.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed on the morning of her son's wedding (Bill) in Des Moines, Iowa. Date: June 10, 1967.

The Krause boys photographed at their parents residence at 1215 Walsworth in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Shown from left to right are: Dennis Lyle Krause, William John Krause II, and Kelvin Keith Krause. Date: 1990.
A classic photo that is the basis of a family legend taken at 511 Missouri Drive, Pickstown, South Dakota during a goose dinner. Note the grimace on the face of Kelvin Keith Krause (far right). Tradition called for a family picture to be taken before dinner when all the family was together and "Don't Move!" Hazel has just poured hot coffee on the leg of her son Kelly as she poses for the photo. Left to right are: Dennis Lyle Krause, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause, William John Krause II, and Hazel Ruby Nelson Krause. William John Krause (Johnny) is out of frame taking the photograph. Date: 1967.

William John and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary at 511 Missouri Drive, Pickstown, South Dakota, on January 21, 1964. Note the cake on the table between them.


Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause attended the University of South Dakota in the early 1970s in preparation for managing the food service division for the Pickstown School System. Dorm room, USD.


A photograph taken of Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause in her nurses aid uniform prior to her rounds at the Belle Fourche Health Care Center in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: 1983.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause and her husband William John Krause (back right) photographed with two of their grandchildren, Melissa Leigh Krause and Eric Matthew Krause, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: 1986.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed with her extended family. Shown in back right to left are: William John Krause, Hazel, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause, Dennis Lyle Krause. In front left to right are Phillip Roland Krause and Amanda Elizabeth Krause. 107 Edgewood, Columbia, Missouri. Date: Spring 1984.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (right) and her husband, William John Krause (left), photographed with two of their grandchildren, Amanda Elizabeth Krause and Phillip Roland Krause, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: Summer of 1985.
A Krause family photograph taken in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, during the summer of 1979. Back row left to right: Dennis Lyle Krause, William John Krause II, Kelvin Keith Krause, William Jon Krause. Middle row left to right: Sandra Lee (Lynch) Krause, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause, Janet Grace (Scott) Krause, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause. In front left to right are: Phillip Roland Krause and Amanda Elizabeth Krause.


William John Krause (Johnny) holding a 23 lb. northern he caught in the Fort Randall Reservoir. Also shown are his son, Kelvin Keith Krause, (center) and a neighbor boy, Bobby Brown. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: 1958.

William John Krause (Johnny) holding a string of large walleyes he caught in the Fort Randall Reservoir. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: 1960.

William John Krause (Johnny) holding a very large sauger he caught off the "rocks" in the Missouri River beneath in the Fort Randall Dam. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: 1962

William John Krause (Johnny) holding a string of very large walleyes he caught in the Fort Randall Reservoir. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: 1964.

William John Krause (Johnny) holding a 12 lb. walleye he caught off the "rocks" in the Missouri River beneath in the Fort Randall Dam. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: 1965.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause helping her sons (Dennis Lyle Krause (right) and William John Krause II) hold up a harvest of her very favorite game bird, the ring-necked pheasant. Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: Fall of 1962.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause holding a channel catfish she caught in her sister's (Lorraine Marian (Nelson) Bain) farm pond near Chireno, Texas. Date: Spring of 1983.
William John Krause (Johnny) harvesting tomatoes from his garden in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, during the summer of 1984.

William John Krause (Johnny) harvesting a cauliflower from his garden in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, during the summer of 1984.

William John and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause holding up a quilt that their daughter-in-law, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause, quilted for them in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary. Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: 1989.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause and William John Krause photographed at the dining room table with their son, Dennis Lyle Krause (center). The stained glass chandelier mounted over the table was made by Dennis for his parents in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary. Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: 1989.
Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause in a field of wheat on the original homestead at the Buggy Creek Community near Tampico, Montana. Hazel returned home as often as possible to visit family and friends. Date: 1978.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause pouring herself a cup of coffee on the back step of the camper used to travel across the USA and Canada and went as far as Alaska. Date: 1980.

A photograph of William John Krause and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause taken in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, on December 6, 1980.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause pouring herself a cup of coffee behind the new Nissan pickup and camper used to continue their travels in the Black Hills and beyond. Near the Missouri River at Pierre, South Dakota. Date: 1986.
William John and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause on a trip to New Hampshire to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Dennis Lyle and Sandra Lee (Lynch) Krause. Photograph taken in front of the Motif (Rockport's famous, most photographed shack in New England - a lobsterman's storage shed) in Rockport Harbor, Rockport, Massachusetts. Date: September, 1974.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed overlooking the Grand Canyon when on a trip across country during the spring of 1981.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (third from left) and her husband, William John Krause (at far right) attended the Buggy Creek Grade School Reunion held during August of 1982 in Glasgow, Montana. Also shown from left to right are: Bertha T. (Stensland) Nelson, Floyd Ernest Nelson, Anne Mathilda (Nelson) Stull, Lorraine Marion (Nelson) Bain, and Victor Chris Nelson standing behind Hazel.

William John and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed at Wave Rock near the small town of Hyden in Western Australia. Date: 1990.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (left) with her husband, William John Krause, and daughter-in-law, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause photographed feeding Black Swans at Lake Monger near Perth, Western Australia. Date: 1990.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed feeding a Great Gray Kangaroo at wildlife park near Perth, Western Australia. Date: 1990.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause photographed in her kitchen at 1215 Walsworth, Belle Fourche, South Dakota, having her morning cup of coffee. Date: unknown.

William John and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause engaging in their most cherished activity, having a picnic lunch, where ever it may occur. Spearfish Canyon in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Date: unknown.
Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause pouring a cup of breakfast coffee for her sister, Lorraine Marion (Nelson) Bain, and brother-in-law, James Allen Bain (Jim), in the dinning room of the 1215 Walsworth residence in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: 1990s.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause holding her first great grandson, Zachary Reed Fletcher, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date: Summer of 1995.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (far right) photographed with relatives in Glasgow, Montana. From right to left around the table are: Lorraine Marion (Nelson) Bain, Bertha T. (Stensland) Nelson, Donald Bruce Nelson (Donny), and James Allen Bain (Jim). Date: 1990s.


William John and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at their residence, 1215 Walsworth, Belle Fourche, South Dakota, on January 21, 1999.
Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (right front) surrounded by relatives at the Victorian in Rapid City, South Dakota. From left to right are Roger Lee Bain, James Allen Bain (Jim), Lorraine Marion (Nelson) Bain (sitting), Ardell Nelson, Bob Nelson, Janet Grace (Scott) Krause, Kelvin Keith Krause, and Marvin Leslie Carlson. Date: 2004.

Dennis Lyle Krause presents his mother, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, with a display he made showing the original farm and wheat fields owned by her grandparent (Nils and Maria (Setterberg) Johannesson) in Värmland Sweden. A sheaf of wheat brought back from the farm in Sweden lies at the center separating the photographs. Rapid City, South Dakota. Date: July, 2004.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause sharing a picnic lunch along Rapid Creek with Melissa Leigh Krause, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause (near right), and Eric Matthew Krause. Dennis Lyle and Sandra Lee (Lynch) Krause are seen in the background. Rapid City, South Dakota. Date: July, 2004.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause shakes hands with Abraham Lincoln at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Her sons, Dennis Lyle Krause (left) and William John Krause II are standing in the background.
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS


The Certificate of Baptism for Hazel Ruby Nelson. The Baptism took place on June 8, 1919, at Tampico, Montana. (Courtesy of Kelvin Keith Krause).
The Diploma awarded to William John Krause (Johnny) after completing Elementary School in the Public School System of Minnesota (Friberg Township, Otter Tail County) on July 22, 1930. (Courtesy of Kelvin Keith Krause).

The high school diploma awarded to Hazel Ruby Nelson after completing high school at Glasgow High School in Glasgow, Montana, on May 28, 1936. (Courtesy of Kelvin Keith Krause).
The wedding certificate certifying the marriage of Hazel Ruby Nelson to William John Krause which took place at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Montana, on January 21, 1939. (Courtesy of Kelvin Keith Krause).

Description of the wedding of Hazel Ruby Nelson and William John Krause reported in the Glasgow Courier, Glasgow, Montana.
The birth certificate of Hazel Ruby Nelson.

An advertisement from the Buttreys Department Store when Hazel Ruby Nelson worked for them in the Ready-To-Wear Department in Fort Peck, Montana. Source unknown. Date: 1942.

An announcement in a Napa, California, newspaper of men, including William John Krause, slated for their pre-induction physical examination for the armed forces during World War II. Date: 1942.

Service record for Hazel Ruby Nelson at the Naval Yard, Mare Island, California. Date: 1944.
Certification of Meritorious Application to William John Krause from the Naval Yard, Mare Island, California. Date: 1943.

Certification of specialized training for William John Krause as a Machinist by the Department of the Navy at the Naval Yard, Mare Island, California. Date: 1943.

The 375 shares invested into the Treasure State Poll, Oil & Gas Company for a oil drilling operation by William John Krause at Wheeler, Montana. Date: May 19, 1938.

Shares invested into the Treasure State Poll, Oil & Gas Company for the oil drilling operation, Bethel Juracie, well number one, by William John Krause at Wheeler, Montana. Date: July 21, 1938.
The induction of William John Krause into the Lodge of Independent Oder of Odd Fellows in Glasgow, Montana, on November 15, 1950.

A letter of commendation awarded for exemplary service by the Corps of Engineers to William John Krause on March 23, 1956.

An expression of Thanks issued to Hazel Ruby (Nelson) by Cub Scouts for her service as the Den Mother for Den 1, Pack 33, in Pickstown, South Dakota. Date: October, 1961.

A letter of commendation awarded for exemplary service by the Corps of Engineers to William John Krause on December 14, 1973.
A letter of commendation awarded for exemplary service by the Corps of Engineers to William John Krause on October 7, 1970.

Transactions of a regular meeting held by the Pickstown, South Dakota, Board of Education published in the Lake Andes Wave on Thursday, February 1, 1957.

An article (right) thought to be from the Lake Andes Wave concerning the activities of the P.T.A. District No. 10 Convention held in Pickstown, South Dakota. Exact source and date unknown.

Certification that Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause was a member of the Pickstown, South Dakota School Board from 1956-1957.
An article thought to be from the Lake Andes Wave concerning the activities of the First Lutheran Church in Lake Andes, South Dakota. Exact source and date unknown.

The top and bottom articles are concerned with South Dakota School Service Association which certified that Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause managed the food service division for the Pickstown School System. Both articles are thought to be from the Lake Andes Wave, published in Lake Andes, South Dakota. Date 1973.
Certifications that Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause completed training as a nurses aid.


A published photograph of the class that completed nurse aid training at the Belle Fourche Health Care Center in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause is fourth from the right. Published in the Belle Fourche Post, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date unknown.

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, a winner at the Black Hills Roundup in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Published in the Belle Fourche Post, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Date unknown.
The planned obituary for William John Krause (Johnny) as dictated to and written down by his wife, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, sometime in the mid 1990s. Unfortunately, it was not discovered until long after his death when the contents of the estate were examined.

The planned obituary for Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause written in her own hand sometime in the mid-1990s. Unfortunately, it was not discovered until after her death when the contents of the estate were examined.
The obituary of William John Krause (Johnny) published on page 3 of the Belle Fourche Post, Belle Fourche, South Dakota, Wednesday, October 24, 2001. (Courtesy of Kelvin Keith Krause).

Memorial bulletin for Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause.

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THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE HOME GOING CELEBRATION SERMON FOR HAZEL RUBY (NELSON) KRAUSE ON JUNE 15, 2006, GIVEN BY THE REVEREND JEFF M. OTTERMAN, PASTOR OF ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH, BELLE FOURCHE, SOUTH DAKOTA. (Courtesy of Kelvin Keith Krause).

In remembrance of her life we share our stories of our sister in Christ, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend Hazel Krause who died on June 10, 2006. Hazel was born at Tampico, Montana, on August 28, 1918. She was the daughter of Nels Crist and Mary E. Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She attended Buggy Creek grade school for 8 years and graduated from the Glasgow High School in 1936. She was a member of the Tampico 4H Club. After graduation she went to work at the F.A. Buttrey Company in the Ready to Wear Department in Glasgow, Montana, and was manager of the Ready to Wear Department at Fort Peck, Montana.

She married William Johnny Krause January 31, 1939, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. He preceded her in death in 2001. They lived in Napa, California, from 1942-1946. They returned to Glasgow and lived at Fort Peck, Montana, from 1946 till 1953. They moved to Pickstown, South Dakota, where they lived for 24 years. She was a member of the Lake Andes, South Dakota, Eastern Star. She was active in Boy Scouts, seeing her three sons graduate from Cub Scouts all to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. She taught Sunday School, Bible School, held offices in the PTA, served on the Pickstown School Board, and Election Board. She was manager of the Lake Andes School Breakfast and Lunch Program at Pickstown for 7 years. They moved to Belle Fourche, South Dakota, South Dakota, in 1977 and she worked at the Belle Fourche Health Care Center for 13 years, retiring in 1989. In 2001, she and Johnny moved to Rapid City to be closer to family. She enjoyed camping, crafts, her family, traveling, and visiting with family and friends. Survivors include her 3 sons and their wives. Bill and Winifred Krause of Columbia, Missouri; Dennis and Sandie Krause of Atkinson, New Hampshire; and Kelvin and Janet Krause of Rapid City, South Dakota. Four grandchildren: Phillip, Melissa, Eric, and Amanda. Five great grandchildren: Zach, Laura, Taylor, Morgan, and Jake. One sister, Lorraine, of Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 6 brothers, 3 sisters, and her husband, William. And that is Hazel's story and I am sure that she will stick to it, so ought we.

Bill's memories of his mother were those of stories of her running off the dock and diving head first into any pond available. She never lost her sense of youth even as she grew older into middle age; while everyone else stood around discussing the pros and cons of sledding down the back of Ft. Randall Dam, she just took off and was the first person to sled down it in the snow. Her life was one of action, the coffee story which was shared with me tells of her desire to show action even in a memory. Some of you know the story better than I and should share it over lunch.

Hazel's faith in Christ Jesus our Lord is seen in her actions of nurture and love for her family. Hazel was always present and her actions spoke volumes of her faith in Christ. The stories that I tell you have been told to me are of someone who understood that their help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Hazel was responsible for training up sons to become men. Dennis remembers when he had an Omaha World Herald Newspaper route in Pickstown, South Dakota, even when he was down to 6 customers, when the weather was just plain terrible, when it might have been OK to just not deliver the paper, she would wake up from her warm bed and drive him to make
the deliveries. She was responsible to train her sons to become men. All sons remember that their mother was their biggest supporter for them when it came to school both academically and athletically whether in meals or in life. If they were a project that they were struggling with or losing interest in, she would step in, make a few suggestions, help out if there was craft involved but mostly she just got them back on track. For all their sporting events she was always their biggest fan and cheerleader. She was responsible to train her sons to become men. Another of Bill's memories from his early teen years was when his mother would pick him up after school and they would drive around the area near Pickstown, South Dakota, and "road hunt" for pheasants until dusk and they were usually successful. too. She loved her sons and raised them to become men.

I do believe that Hazel Krause knew where her help comes from; for she loved songs. I believe that songs are those gifts we give each other when we share our life. Sing your mother home, sing your grandmother, sing your friend in Christ home to Jesus. The song "Big City" was a favorite of hers--- Home, home on the range, where the deer and the antelope play, where seldom is heard a discouraging word and the skies are not cloudy all day. Or whether the song was from Merle Haggard with these lyrics from the song "Big City" "Turn me loose, set me free, somewhere in the middle of Montana, and gimmie all I got comin' to me, and keep your retirement and your so called social security. Big City turn me loose and set me free. She was down to earth, reality based, authentic Christian woman who would tell you like it is. Her actions were one of a mature Christian that had a huge heart for her family and friends but also a wise word that she would say to her sons and anyone else when the complaining would start "If you are looking for sympathy from me your only gonna find it in a dictionary". She was never troubled in life and she believed in God and in Christ Jesus even recently she would remember the song of her childhood printed on the back of the bulletin; "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Sing it with me one more time! Hazel Krause has been turned loose and set free in God's Country called heaven and she is now home where on a field, on the plains standing with her husband William and her mother and father and her brothers and sisters for they are all back in the Montana of God's Country; John 14 allows us to see a vision of the rooms Jesus has created for us too. See and believe. Where in God's Country called heaven our loved ones now reside and this is the peace that passes all understanding. Hazel lived a very full life, a fulfilling life, one of adventure and her story and the living she did on this earth is now up to you to tell. Never forget her cooking or baking, or that she has been a mother to more than just her sons. She has also been a mother to wives of her sons, she has been a spiritual mother to many children in her life whether in Sunday School, 4H, Boy Scouts, or just in her ability to be with you while you were visiting.

Tell her story, share with each other your tears but most importantly share her story of living, taking chances, never being caught off guard by an unexpected guest, learning the ways of the world by playing games and winning so she wouldn't have to do the dishes and taking care of family, friends and even taking care of those who had stolen her beverages at a dance. She had a wit about her, even as I remember in our few conversations, she was funny but righteous and so Martin Luther said on one occasion to sin boldly but to love God more.

Hazel Krause lived boldly and loved God more. This is part of her story I have shared with you today but I tell you to share her story the way she would want you to tell it. Tell her story and stick to it! She has raised her sons to be men, not only husbands, fathers,
responsible citizens but also men of God. All of you who know Hazel Krause are the jewels in her crown in heaven. For I am reminded over again if God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the Love of Christ? Will hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Jesus who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Her baptism and confirmation in the Lutheran Church is a treasure for the Kingdom of God and to remember her in her faith and well lived life share Hazel Krause's story, eat the food you remember her making, keep alive her memory by living as she lived by living boldly and loving god more. Tell Hazel's story and stick to it! Amen.