

## LILLIAN EDNA (KRAUSE) HANSEN

(Written text and photographs provided by Mary Marie (Krause) Folck). **Lillian Edna Krause (Lill)** was born March 24, 1913, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and was the daughter (fourth child) of Arthur Adolph and Bertha (Peters) Krause. Lillian Krause attended rural school District 115 also known as Wolf Lake School in Otter Tail County north of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Lillian Edna Krause (age 22) of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, married **Elmer Hansen (Bud)** (age 18) of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in Sisseton, South Dakota, on September 30, 1935. Justice of the Peace John L. Minder performed the ceremony. Elmer Hansen was born May 23, 1917, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Elmer Hansen (Bud) worked as auto mechanic prior to serving his country in the United States Navy during World War II. He was deployed to the South Pacific. Bud and Lill moved to southern California in 1945 and lived in this region of California until Bud's death in 1974. In the 1990s Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen moved to Grass Valley, California.

Lillian spent summers working in her garden and she enjoyed planting seeds early in the spring, starting her own transplants, and then moving them to garden soil when it was warm enough to plant outdoors. In later years Lillian would say each time spring approached that she was "not going to do garden chores" that year, but she could not give up gardening and actively gardened until the last few years of her life. During her last ten years Lillian container gardened, moving them in and out of the sun and hand watering. It was a lot of hard work (for a meager harvest) and she had severe failing eyesight. Lillian shared her starter plants with her brother Harold's wife, Marie Laverne (Norgren) Krause. Lill's acceptance of her macular degeneration was exemplary and with great independence faced her daily tasks successfully never complaining.

Lill and Bud enjoyed BBQing, sharing cooperatively with Lillian preparing sauces. Lillian was fond of wine based recipes and remained an artistic and adventurous cook. They had no children though her cat, Butch, held a special place in her heart.

Elmer Hansen (Bud) died in 1974 in Long Beach, California.

Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen died on March 20, 2007, at the Colonial Convalescent Hospital in Auburn, California.

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**Record of Marriage**

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Solemnized County Roberts

Date of Marriage Sept 30, 1935  
(Month) (Day)

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Name <u>Elmer Hansen</u>	Name <u>Lillian Krause</u>		
Residence Postoffice <u>Fergus Falls, Minn</u> County <u>Minn</u>	Residence Postoffice <u>Fergus Falls, Minn</u> County <u>Minn</u>		
Age <u>18</u>	Age <u>22</u>		
Nationality <u>American</u>	Nationality <u>American</u>		
Bachelor Widower Divorced	Maiden Widow Divorced		
Name of Clergyman or Officer Officiating <u>John S. Minder</u>	Official Character <u>Justice</u>		

The Record of Marriage between Elmer Hansen and Lillian Edna Krause that took place in Sisseton, South Dakota, on September 30, 1935. (Courtesy of William J. Krause II).



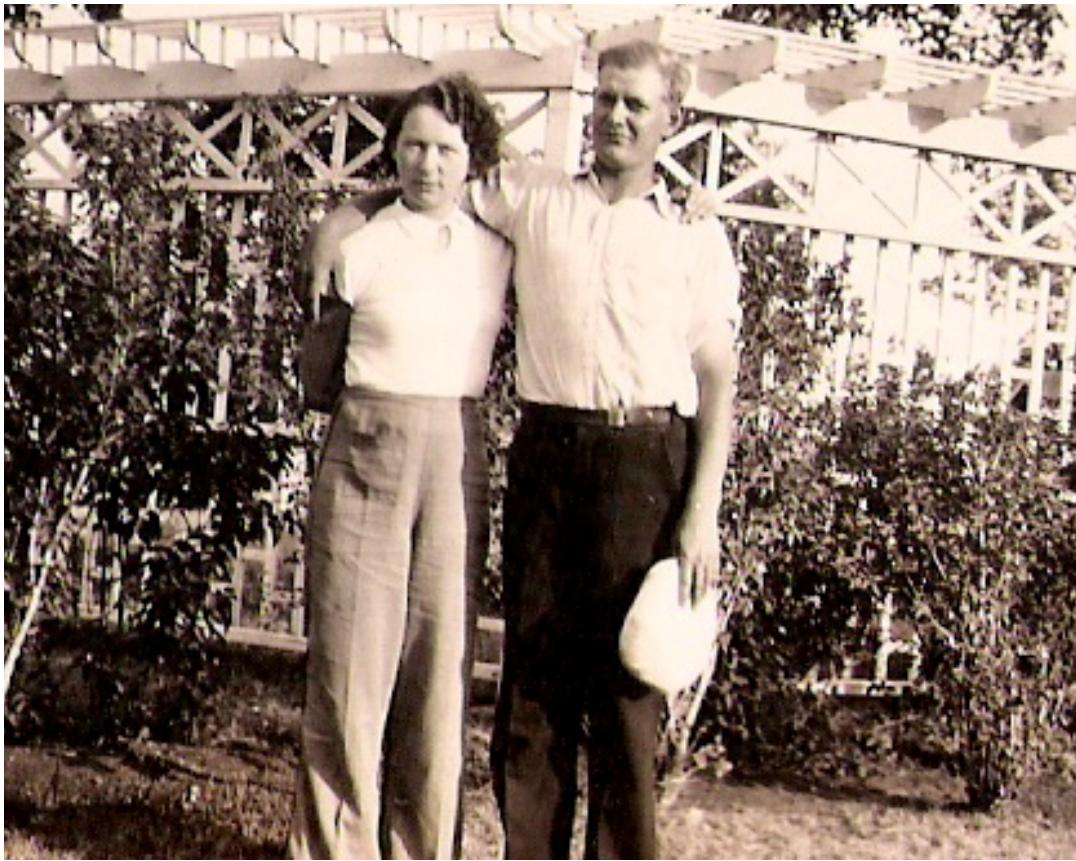
Lillian Edna Krause photographed in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Date of photo is thought to be 1933. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).



Lillian Edna Krause (right) and her mother Bertha (Peters) Krause (left) in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Date of photo is thought to be 1933. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).



Elmer Hansen (Bud) and Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen photographed on New Years Day, 1953, in California. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).



Elmer and Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen in the back yard of their southern California residence. The date of the photograph is thought to be 1939. (Photograph courtesy of Gregory Harold Krause).



An undated photograph of Elmer Hansen (Bud) taken in his military uniform. Date of photograph is about 1943.



A photograph of Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen taken in Church during the 1950s.



A 1990 photograph of Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen at work in her kitchen.



A photograph of Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen pictured with her brother Harold Erwin Krause in 1990.



Lillian Edna (Krause) Hansen photographed with her brother, William John Krause, seated to the left and her nephew, Gregory Harold Krause, seated to the right. Date of the photograph is the mid 1980s. (Photograph courtesy of Gregory Harold Krause).

## WILLIAM JOHN KRAUSE

(Written text and photographs provided by William John Krause II and Dennis Lyle Krause).

**William John Krause (Johnny)** was born June 17, 1915, 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. In 1934 he left home and traveled to Glasgow, Montana, to work for his uncle and father figure, Otto Franz Krause, at the Westland Oil Company.

William John Krause (Johnny) married **Hazel Ruby Nelson** of Tampico, Montana, on January 21, 1939, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Montana. Hazel Ruby Nelson was born at Tampico, Montana, and was the daughter of Nels Crist Nelson and Mary Elizabeth (Johnson) Nelson, original homesteaders to this region of Montana. Hazel's mother, Maria (Mary) Elizabeth Johannesson (Johnson), was born on May 28, 1876, the daughter of Nils Oster Johannesson (11/27/1827) and Maria Mathilda Setterberg (3/25/1833). She was the second youngest of seven children born to Nils and Maria with four brothers (Johan Adel, Anders Gustaf, Axel, and Jonathan) and two sisters (Amanda and Anna) who lived periodically on two different small farms in western Sweden, a few miles east of Saffle in the Province of Varmland approximately 225 miles from Stockholm. Her parents were farmers growing wheat in cleared forested areas and raising various farm animals that included dairy cattle and hogs.

Maria was baptized near the By Church at the minister's farm and attended the Sodra Ny Church near her family's farm. Her early education was attained in the small chapel of Huggenas also near her home. On September 11, 1890, at the age of fourteen, Maria with her parents and sister Anna left Sweden for the United States to join her brothers and older sister who had immigrated earlier (1880's) to live with Maria Mathilda's sister, Carolina Wilhelmina (Lilla Moster) Anderson just northeast of Detroit Township, Minnesota...later named Detroit Lakes. Her father would later purchase a small farm in the immediate area. On Oct. 12, 1895, Mary Elizabeth Johnson (name changed after arriving in USA) married Nels Christ (Chris) Nelson (7/11/1873). Chris was born in the state of New York to Martin and Christina Nelson, both natives of Denmark. He had an older brother, Maurice. When Chris was two years old, the family moved to Ohio and after seven years in Ohio, they moved on to Detroit Lakes, (Becker County) Minnesota, where his father purchased a farm. Chris grew up and attended school there. He moved Hillsboro, North Dakota, for three years for work and then returned to Detroit Lakes and bought a 100-acre farm near Floyd Lake, Minnesota. In addition to the small farm, Chris operated a butcher shop in Detroit Lakes. Together Chris and Mary operated a very successful farm and started raising their family of three sons (Martin Leonard, Chris Victor and Floyd Ernest) and two daughters (Nora Velmina and Anne Mathilda).

The Nelson family sold this farm in 1911 and left the Detroit Lakes to settle on a prairie homestead near Tampico, Montana, on the advice of Chris's older brother Maurice. Maurice who worked in Glasgow, Montana, as a superintendent for the Montana-North Dakota Grain Elevators discovered a pure soft water spring at the homestead site near Buggy Creek and persuaded Chris to move his family there. Chris preceded his family to Tampico to prepare the homestead for their arrival. The family arrived by train bringing along a boxcar load of household furnishings, farm equipment, cows and horses. After the sod was broken, the main crop to be grown was wheat. Butter and eggs were taken to Glasgow to be traded for groceries. The Nelson family continued to grow in size with the addition of Arthur Cleveland, Mabel Elizabeth, Morris Joseph (Pete), Max Walter, Hazel Ruby and Lorraine Marian. Chris Nelson passed away on the homestead on October 29, 1927. Mary Nelson passed away on the original homestead on September 4, 1973 at the age of 97 years old.

Hazel Ruby Nelson was baptized and confirmed in 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. 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.

With the out-break of World War II in 1942, they moved to Napa, California, where Johnny and Hazel 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. 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 completing 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 J. 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. 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. 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. While in Pickstown she 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.

In 1977 Johnny and Hazel retired to Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and built their retirement home at 1215 Walworth Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. They were members of the St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Johnny then 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. Hazel worked at the Belle Fourche Health Care Center as a Nurse's Assistance for 13 years before retiring in 1989.

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 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. 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 able to travel to and visit most States in the United States, and made trips to Canada, Australia, and Alaska. 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 Laurane (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.

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 from 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 L. 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, the West, its music, rodeos, and all things western, especially Montana and the Big Sky Country. She was extremely proud of her Swedish heritage and often remarked that her mother (Mary Elizabeth Nelson) said she had "royal blood" flowing in her veins.

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.

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, at the Pine Slope Cemetery, located in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. (*A short history of Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, pages 721-723, as well as other members of the original Nelson family can be found in a 3 volume set published by Promoter Publishing, Shelby, Montana, in 1991*).



A photograph of William John Krause (Johnny) holding a fish in Ottertail County near the original family farm house in 1920.



William John Krause (Johnny) sitting on a fuel barrel near his home along the Ottertail River. Date of photograph about 1921.



William John Krause (Johnny) and his two sisters, Esther Hulda Krause (left) and Lillian Edna (right), photographed near the Ottertail River on the original homestead during the winter of 1920.





The confirmation picture of William John Krause (Johnny) at age 12, from the Friberg Immanuel Lutheran Church. Date: April 1, 1928.



A photograph of William John Krause (Johnny) at work with the Westland Oil Company, in Glasgow, Montana. Date: Spring of 1934.



Johnny (William John Krause) servicing a car at the Westland Oil Company station in Glasgow, Montana. Date: Summer of 1934.



A photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson (left) with her mother Mary Elizabeth (Johnson) Nelson, and sisters Ann Nelson (back) and Lorraine Nelson, taken at the Montana homestead on October 30, 1928.



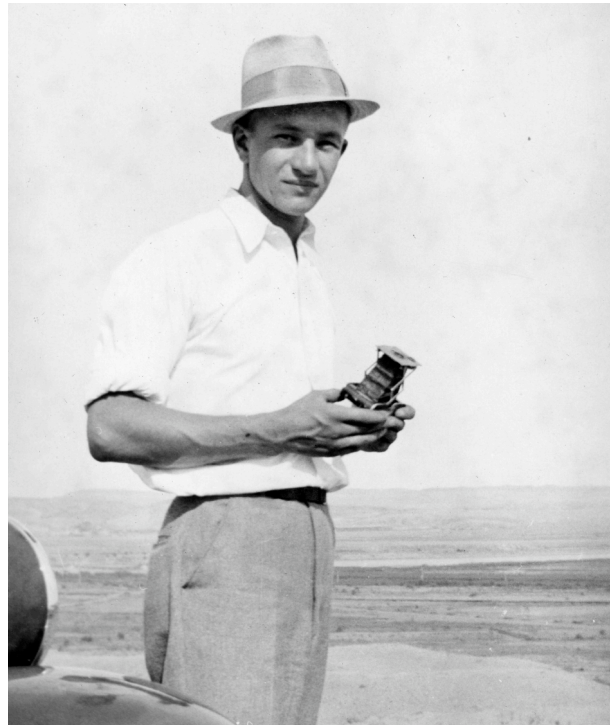
Hazel Ruby Nelson (left), her sister, Lorraine Nelson, and brother, Max Nelson, holding puppies in 1923.



Lorraine Nelson and Hazel Ruby Nelson (right) photographed at Tampico, Montana, in 1937.



A 1936 photograph of Hazel Ruby Nelson taken in Glasgow, Montana. Hazel was 18 years of age.



Johnny (William John Krause) with camera near Fort Peck, Montana in 1936. Johnny was 21 years of age.



William John Krause (Johnny) and Hazel Ruby Nelson photographed on the prairie near Tampico, Montana in 1937.



William John Krause (Johnny) (right), Hazel Ruby Nelson and her brother Max Nelson in a photo taken in Glasgow, Montana during 1938.



Wedding photograph of William John Krause (Johnny) and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause in front of the alter at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Montana. Date: January 2, 1939.



Wedding photograph of William John Krause (Johnny) and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause taken on January 2, 1939.



A family photograph illustrating William John Krause (Johnny) front left, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, and sons Kelvin Keith Krause (front right) Dennis Lyle Krause (back right) and William John Krause II (back left). Photograph from Pickstown, South Dakota. Date photograph was taken: 1963.



Family photograph taken in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Pictured in back row from left to right are: Dennis Lyle Krause, Kelvin Keith Krause and son Eric Matthew Krause, William John Krause (Johnny), Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, William John Krause II (Bill), and Phillip Roland Krause. Pictured in the front row from left to right are: Sandra Lee (Lynch) Krause, Janet Grace (Scott) Krause and daughter Melissa Leigh Krause, Amanda Elizabeth Krause, and Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause. Date of photograph is July, 1985.



A photograph taken in 1991 at the southwestern tip of Australia during Johnny and Hazel's trip to Australia. From left to right: William John Krause (Johnny), Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause, William John Krause II (Bill) and Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause.



William John Krause (Johnny) at Cape Leeuwin, Australia in 1991.



William John Krause (Johnny) with a silver salmon he caught in the Kenai River, Alaska. Photograph taken during the summer of 1987 on a trip to Alaska.



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



A photograph of William John Krause (Johnny) and Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause taken in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, during the fall of 1998.



A photograph of Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (front) at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial taken with two of her sons, Dennis Lyle Krause (left) and William John Krause II, and her daughter-in-law, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause. Date: July 15, 2004.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS



William John Krause (Johnny) at a Westland Convention in 1935. Johnny is the fourth man standing right of the pole and is wearing a light shirt.



William John Krause (right) after receiving a letter of appreciation from the Corps of Engineers (DC) presented by Earl J. Cover in January 11, 1974, at the Lake Francis Case Area, Pickstown, South Dakota.



William John Krause (left) after receiving an award from the Corps of Engineers (DC) presented by the District Engineer, Don Kretsinger, in 1978, at the Lake Francis Case Area, Pickstown, South Dakota.



William John Krause (left) attending a Woodward Governors Convention in Rockford, Illinois. Date: 1975.



*Hazel Krause at Woodward Governors  
Rockford Ill - 1975*

(l. to r.) Geraldine Jent, Althea Buist, Hazel Krause, Myrna Eichelberger, Rosemary Ennis, Bev Moran, Yvette Richer, Juanita Anderson, and Dick Nyberg (WG guide).

Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause (third from left) attending the Woodward Governors Convention in Rockford, Illinois. Date: 1975.





A 1951 photograph taken in June at the Bradow farm near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, of William John Krause (Johnny) back right with hat and his best boyhood friend William (Bill) Bradow back left. Also shown are their children. Center row from left to right are: William John Krause II (Bill), Norman Bradow, and Gary Bradow. Bottom row from left to right are Don Bradow, Bill Bradow, and Dennis Lyle Krause. (Photograph courtesy of Norman and Sidonna Bradow).



A photograph taken on June 26, 2008, at the home of Norman and Sidonna Bradow in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Pictured from left to right are Dennis Lyle Krause, Norman Bradow, and William John Krause II (Bill).

## ‘Johnny’ Krause

William John “Johnny” Krause, 86, Rapid City and formerly of Belle Fourche, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2001, in Rapid City.

Visitation was from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday at Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche and for one hour before services. Services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23, at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche with Rev. Hans Sacrison officiating. Burial is at Pine Slope Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the church.

William John, “Johnny” to those who knew him, was born June 17, 1915, in Freiburg County, Minn., to Arthur and Bertha (Peters) Krause. He grew up on the family farm near Fergus Falls, Minn.

As a young man, he went to Montana with his uncle. He initially was

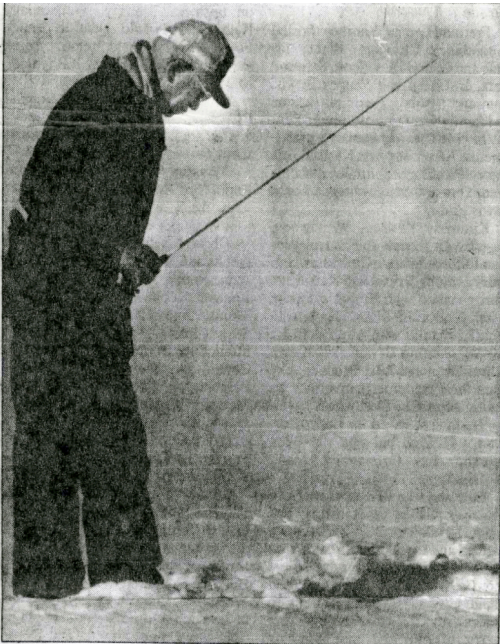
employed with Westland Oil Company in Glasgow, Mont.

Johnny was united in marriage to Hazel Ruby Nelson Jan. 21, 1939, in Glasgow. During World War II he worked as a machinist at Mare Island, Calif. He later worked for the Corps of Engineers, initially at Fort Peck, Mont., and later at Pickstown, S.D.

Following his retirement in 1976, they moved to Belle Fourche where they have lived since. In July of 2001, they moved to Rapid City to be closer to their son. Johnny was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and was a Master Mason in the Lake Andes, S.D., Lodge.

Grateful to have shared in his life are his wife of 64 years, Hazel Krause, Rapid City; three sons, William Krause of Columbia, Mo., Dennis Krause of Atkinson, N.H., and Kevin Krause of Rapid City; one sister, Lillian Hansen of California; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.



### Bouncing bobber

This veteran fisherman checked his line during a very pleasant Saturday afternoon of ice fishing on Orman Dam. Photo by ALAN

William (Johnny) Krause fishing for winter walleyes at Orman Dam. From the Belle Fourche Post, Belle Fourche, South Dakota, page 9, January 26, 1994.

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).

## Hazel Ruby Nelson Krause

RAPID CITY — Hazel Ruby Nelson Krause, age 87 of Rapid City (Formerly Belle Fourche), died June 10, 2006 at the Clarkson Mountain View Health Care Facility in Rapid City.

The funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, with Rev. Jeff Otterman officiating. Visitation will be held 12 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, and 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be held in the Pine Slope Cemetery, in Belle Fourche. Arrangements are with Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, where an online guestbook is available to sign at [www.funeralhome-ofthenorthernhills.com](http://www.funeralhome-ofthenorthernhills.com).

Hazel was born at Tampico, Montana, on August 28, 1918, and was the daughter of Nels Crist and Mary E. (Johnson) Nelson.



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Krause

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 4-H Club. After graduation she went to work at the F.A. Buttrey Company in the ready to wear department in Glasgow, MT, and was the manager of the ready to wear department at Fort Peck, Montana.

Hazel married William J. (Johnny) Krause January 31, 1939, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. He preceded her in death in 2001. They lived at Napa, CA, from 1942-1946. They returned to Glasgow and lived at Fort Peck, Montana, from 1946-1953. They then moved to Pickstown, South Dakota, where they lived for 24 years. She was a member of Lake Andes, South Dakota, Eastern Star. She was active in Boy Scouts, seeing her three sons from Cub Scouts to all achieving the Eagle Scout rank. 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 Central School breakfast and lunch program at Pickstown for 7 years. They moved to Belle Fourche, 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 relatives and friends.

Survivors include her three sons and their wives, Bill and Winifred Krause of Columbia, Missouri, Dennis and Sandie Krause of Atkinson, New Hampshire, Kelvin and Janet Krause of Rapid City, South Dakota. Four grandchildren, Phillip, Melissa, and Eric Krause and Amanda Fletcher. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Zach and Laura Fletcher; and Taylor, Morgan, and Jake Krause. One sister, Lorraine Bain, of Chireno, Texas, and numerous nephews and nieces also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, William J. Krause and six brothers, Martin, Victor, Floyd, Arthur, Pete, and Max; and three sisters, Nora, Anne, and Mabel.

The obituary of Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause published in the Rapid City Journal, Tuesday, June 13, 2006, B2. Note: Hazel's younger sister was Lorraine not Mabel.

## NELS CHRIST NELSON.

The younger men of a community are the ones who are responsible in a large degree for the future of the country where they reside. The gentleman above named has located in Detroit town-

ship, Becker county, where he follows agriculture and by his industrious habits and active public spirit has proven himself a citizen of most exemplary character. He is one of the men upon whom the region in which he lives may depend for a prosperous future and morality. He has built for himself an enviable name and a comfortable home in section 16.

Our subject was born in the state of New York July 11, 1873, and was a son of Martin and Christina Nelson, both of whom were natives of Denmark. He left New York with his parents at the age of two years and went to Ohio, and from there at the age of nine years to Minnesota, his father purchasing a farm in Becker county. He attended school at Detroit until he was fourteen years of age, and after passing his boyhood there he went to Hillsboro, North Dakota, where he remained three years. He then returned to Becker county, Minnesota, and purchased a farm of one hundred acres. He has fifty acres under cultivation, and the rest of the land is timber and pasture land. A good residence and good barn, with other necessary buildings, complete a home of many comforts. Water is plentiful, and he has a good supply of farm machinery, and conducts a model place. He keeps three horses for the work of the farm and six head of cattle for dairy purposes, and derives a good income from each feature of the place.

Our subject was married in 1896 to Mary Johnson, who was born in Sweden May 28, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of two children, Martin and Nora. Mr. Nelson and family are members of the Lutheran church at Detroit City, and are actively interested in the affairs of that denomination, and are held in high esteem by their neighbors and friends. Our subject is a young man of good education and studies the topics of the day, and is identified with the reform principles of the Populist party.

A segment about Nels Christ Nelson (Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause's father) which was published in: Compendium of History and Biography of Northern Minnesota. George A Ogle & Co., Chicago, Illinois, page 684 (1902).

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 Tarpico, 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 Tarpico 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 there was 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 Home on the Range 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 gimme 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.