



Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves

July 11, 1955 - January 8, 2013

Patricia Elaine Nelson Graves of Ronan, Montana passed away on January 8, 2013 at the age of 57, the victim of a tragic vehicle collision near Deer Lodge, Montana. Patty was born in High River, Alberta on July 11, 1955 and was predeceased by her parents Lloyd and Mildred Nelson. Patty attended school in High River and later trained at the SAIT Fine Arts program in Calgary. Patty married Ben Graves on October 5, 1977. An acclaimed Western Artist, accomplished stockwoman, exemplary friend, family member and neighbour. Patty made an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Patty will be dearly missed by her husband Ben and their children: Matt Graves and his son Reid, Sam (Becca) Graves both of Circle, Montana; Warren (Alina) Graves and their children Pathe and Lily of Ronan, Montana; her siblings in Alberta, Doug (Patti) Nelson of Nanton, Ted (Alice) Nelson of High River, Ralph (Jaqueline) Nelson of High River, Deb Nelson of Longview and Wendy (Ray) Wegener of Strathmore as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Patty's Life was held in Ronan, Montana on Wednesday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the Mission Mountain Country Club. Arrangements in care of Shrider Thompson Funeral Service in Ronan, Montana (406.676.4461). To send condolences and view Patty's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family in Canada is Lyle

Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (MT)

Mission Mountain Country Club
46664 Golf Course Way
Ronan, MT 59864 (CA)

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Carol Anne McRoberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Carol Anne McRoberts - May 19, 2013 at 03:44 PM

LM

“ *Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Lorna McLean - February 01, 2013 at 07:39 PM

SD

“ *Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Sharon Doll - January 28, 2013 at 10:54 PM

NB

“ *The Brown family sends sincere condolences to the Nelson & Graves families. We apologize for not getting mom out to the family memorial today - the flu kept us away. It would have been nice to see everyone and give our hugs in person. We are thinking of all of you and send our love and prayers. Julia Brown, Dennis & Sharon & family, Norma & Rod and family, Roy and family, Brian and Lori and family.*



Norma Blake - January 27, 2013 at 06:30 PM

JN

“ *Julie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Julie Nelson - January 26, 2013 at 04:28 PM

SJ

“ *Shelley (Harde) Jamison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Shelley (Harde) Jamison - January 25, 2013 at 10:41 PM

SJ

I also think back to our days of playing "horses" at recess in elementary school. Pat could sound and act like a horse better than any of us! We all yearned to visit the Nelson ranch but I never got to go. My last memory of Pat was at the museum when she was painting the mural. I, too, was amazed at her horse sketches at so young an age! My sympathies go out to all of her family.

Shelley (Harde) Jamison - January 25, 2013 at 10:48 PM



“ *Carlene Giesler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Carlene Giesler - January 25, 2013 at 08:19 PM



“ *My sympathy goes out to all of Patty's family. I remember her as a kind and sharing person with amazing artistic talent. I was so pleased one day in High School when she gave me one of her pencil sketches of a horse. She is gone too soon.*
Jim Goodwin

Jim Goodwin - January 24, 2013 at 10:26 AM



“ *Nancy Cameron Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Nancy Cameron Morrison - January 23, 2013 at 05:15 PM



“ *We were shocked to hear the very sad news of Patty's tragic death. Our sincere sympathies to her family and siblings.*
Lyle and Doreen Needham & family

Doreen Needham - January 22, 2013 at 09:37 PM



“ *My condolences to Patty's family. She was a beautiful person, very sweet and friendly. When I was about 10, she taught me how to draw a horse and made me feel welcome in the Nelson home. I've never forgotten.*

Penni Tebbs(Preston)

Penni Tebbs - January 22, 2013 at 07:25 PM



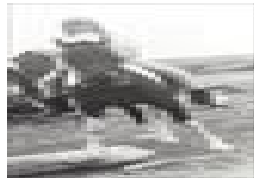
“ *Gordon And Ann Marshman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Gordon and Ann Marshman - January 20, 2013 at 10:40 AM



“ *5 files added to the album Young Patty*



Doug Nelson - January 18, 2013 at 12:50 PM

SP

“ *Shari Miner Porteous lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Shari Miner Porteous - January 17, 2013 at 12:13 PM

GC

“ *Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - January 17, 2013 at 09:54 AM

MB

“ *Michael And Joanne Bird lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Michael and Joanne Bird - January 17, 2013 at 09:10 AM

DL

“ *What a special neighbor Patti was to me. so fun to talk with and walk with. Ben and the boys were so dear to her. Her magic with the brush and pencil always left me in awe! God's speed Patti. will miss you so. Donna Lowry*

Donna Lowry - January 16, 2013 at 10:41 PM

MM

“ Pat was such a kind and talented person who knew and pursued her artistic passion from a young age which I have always admired. As a girl I remember her lovely pencil sketches she would share with Grandma Christiansen on her visits. I feel blessed to have known her and to have some of her work in my home that I enjoy daily. I hope she is enjoying beautiful sunrises with Mildred.



Our heartfelt sympathy to all the family.

Marie and Brian Meek

Marie and Brian Meek - January 16, 2013 at 11:41 AM

JB

“ The tragic news of the death of Patti Nelson, is not only a tragely to the Ben Graves family, but to the Art Community of Montana and High River Alberta, Canada. It is comforting to know that her parents Lloyd and Mildred Nelson are in heaven, to greet her and welcome her back to their loving arms. My late husband Lee Campbell loved her artistie talent, as he viewed it in the home of her brother, Ralph Nelson and wife Jaqueline. Rest in peace dear one, you will be missed. Fondest regards, Mary Joan Campbell



judy beutler - January 16, 2013 at 10:48 AM

CC

“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Cathy Couey - January 16, 2013 at 09:34 AM

LC

“ Lorne & Mary Chadney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Lorne & Mary Chadney - January 16, 2013 at 08:14 AM

MM

“ Mike Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Mike Morrison - January 15, 2013 at 10:05 PM

MB

“ Marj Bird lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Marj Bird - January 15, 2013 at 10:02 PM

DS

“ Don And Jolayne Swanston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Don and Jolayne Swanston - January 15, 2013 at 08:58 PM

SS

“ I will always remember spending time at the Nelson farm. Patty and I spent time playing in her room with her beloved horses. She was always drawing and trying to teach me to draw, with no luck I might ad.

Many years later we met at the Museum of the Highwood when we were working on the chuck-wagon exhibit and she had come to do the mural in the museum. She was just as she had always been, we had a long talk, like we had just seen each other the other day. I will always remember her with great fondness.

Doug our hearts go out to you, she was a great person and is gone way too soon.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

David and Shannon Stewart

Shannon Stewart - January 15, 2013 at 04:48 PM

MW

“ We are so sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful lady and incredible artist. We are honored to have her work in our home.



Morgan & Bonnie Wilson - January 15, 2013 at 04:27 PM

PC

“ *Phyllis Clingman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Phyllis Clingman - January 15, 2013 at 04:10 PM

PC

Our sincere sympathies to all the Nelson & Graves families.

Phyllis Clingman - January 15, 2013 at 04:12 PM

JB

“ *Jay Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Jay Bradley - January 15, 2013 at 02:53 PM

GR

“ *Glen Randle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves*



Glen Randle - January 15, 2013 at 02:50 PM

CS

“ Craig & Lindsay Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Craig & Lindsay Snodgrass - January 15, 2013 at 02:37 PM

VB

“ Val Miner Buttimer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Val Miner Buttimer - January 15, 2013 at 02:01 PM

LW

“ Leslie "Bergin" Wegener-Wendt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Leslie "Bergin" Wegener-Wendt - January 15, 2013 at 12:48 PM

LW

I have many great memories of Pat during our school year in High River. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Leslie Wegener-Wendt - January 15, 2013 at 12:50 PM

BH

“ Sincere condolences to the Graves and Nelson families on your loss.
Sincerely,
Bill and Dorothy Holmes

Bill & Dorothy Holmes - January 15, 2013 at 12:48 PM

SL

“ Sten & Cheryl Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Nelson Graves



Sten & Cheryl Lundberg - January 15, 2013 at 12:26 PM

VA

To the Nelson family.. We are so sad to hear about Patti's sudden death. WMay God give you all strength in the loss of your sister Viola/Sebastian Aningere remember her and her beautiful picture she painted "The chuckwagon race with her dad" She was a beautiful person.

Viola and sebastian Aninger - January 17, 2013 at 09:46 AM