



## Kathryn "Tink" Nellans

September 8, 1912 - July 5, 2015

Kathryn "Tink" Batzer Nellans, age 102, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at her home in Glendive. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Tink was born on September 8, 1912 in a tent in Huntley, Montana, a daughter of Richard and Kate (Rawlins) Batzer. She was raised in Huntley until the spring of 1916 when her father was promoted to train dispatcher for Northern Pacific Railroad and the family moved to Glendive. Tink attended Dawson County High School graduating in 1930.

In August of 1931, Tink went to work for Balthauser and Moyer, a firm of livestock dealers, until 1937 when she worked for the Production Credit Association.

In the mid 30s, Tink met Harold Nellans, who was working in the same office. Tink and Harold were married on February 21, 1942 in the Glendive Methodist Church. Following their marriage, Harold served overseas in the United States Army. At the war's end, Tink and Harold lived in Glendive where they built a home and had two daughters. Tink was employed as a secretary at the Dawson County High School in Glendive in 1953 where she worked for 20 years.

Tink was one of the founding members of the Friends of Library and was also a member of the Library Board. She was a avid reader and a member of

Great Books Club for eight years. She also enjoyed crocheting afghans for the grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Kate Batzer; husband, Harold Nellans in 2005; daughter, Patricia Royston in 2002 and her brothers, Richard and Tom and sister, Susan.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Whysong of Mesa, Arizona; son-in-law, David (Judy) Royston of Rockville, Maryland; four grandsons, Steven Whysong of Mesa, David (Ren) Whysong of Dublin, California, Scott (Danielle) Royston of Austin, Texas and Phillip (Stacey) Royston of Olney, Maryland; six great-grandchildren, William and Benjamin of Dublin, California, Benjamin Royston and Isabella Royston of Austin, Texas, Isaac and Lucy Royston of Olney Maryland and nephews, Dick (Myrna) Batzer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Gordon (Jan) Batzer of Livermore, California and Chris (Susan) Batzer of Ames, Iowa .

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard  
Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn "Tink" Nellans*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My parents, Emmett and Jane Carey were good friends of your Mother, and after they died, I talked to her a few times. Tink flew to Greensboro once to visit Mother. They were very close. She was so interesting. smart, kind, and fun to be with.*

*I'm so sorry that your sister died.*

*With love from Mary Alicia Carey Cox*

**Mary Alicia Carey Cox** - July 30, 2015 at 07:06 AM



“ *Love always. Jack and Janie  
jack.amundson@gmail.com*

**Jack and Janie Amundson** - July 18, 2015 at 10:31 PM



“ *Pat Tillman Reynolds lit a candle in memory  
of Kathryn "Tink" Nellans*



**Pat Tillman Reynolds** - July 17, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Tink" Nellans.*



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July 16, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ *Tink & Harold were great friends to my folks, Roy & Ethel. Tink kept my sisters Sue & Nina when my brother and I were born. So I guess I've known Tink my whole life. Our families spent most Sundays together, either working on equipment, fixing something or just visiting around the kitchen table. Tink was always kind to us boys and interested in what we were doing & our lives. She loved to ride on the combines and tractors when we learned to drive them. Over the years she would still come out each fall and ride in the combine, and enjoy harvest. The last couple years she couldn't climb the ladder up but she still came out, Tink liked to just sit and look at sun on the wheat. Tink was always genuinely happy for me and was especially kind to my wife & children. My favorite memories are when she would take us on adventures to the beaver ponds below our house and thru the woods to her favorite spot, an old crap apple tree, that a homesteader had planted years ago. We picked many crap apples over the years. I liked that Mrs Nellans always brought a peaceful & truthful atmosphere with her, I appreciated her friendship & will miss her. I know Tink & Harold will be watching me harvest wheat now. Jim Gentry*

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**Jim Gentry** - July 14, 2015 at 11:41 PM

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“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Tink" Nellans*



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**Janette Legato** - July 13, 2015 at 03:21 PM

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“ *Tink was an amazing woman with a heart of gold. She was the epitome of a gracious lady - with such a pioneering spirit. She spent the last century making the lives of those around her a better place. The world is a little less bright with her passing, but Harold will be so glad to see her again :)  
We send many prayers and much sympathy to her loved ones. God Bless!  
Gerald and Janine*

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**Huschka** - July 07, 2015 at 09:32 PM

AA

“ *Who didn't know Tink Nellans? She started working one year at DCHS before my Dad. They had a good working relationship. When I was in high school the kids would say, "You ask Mrs. Nellans. She likes you." When I was librarian at DCHS I helped her and Virginia Landers find answers to the New York Times crossword puzzle every week. She was a treasure and my memories of her many and so fond. Mary, you've taken good care of your Mom. What a wonderful life. God's blessings, Avis Anderson*

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**Avis Anderson** - July 07, 2015 at 01:47 PM

MK

*My deepest sympathy, Mary and family. Tink was such a force in her neighborhood and community! You cared for her so faithfully; may you now have peace knowing that she is at peace.*

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**myrna kintz** - July 08, 2015 at 11:14 PM

SS

*All the MacDonald kids appreciated Tink and Harold as such good neighbors, good parents to their own kids and everyone else's, good people, and great friends of our parents. She was indomitable and will be missed.*

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**Sheila Stearns** - July 14, 2015 at 11:31 PM

RA

*In August of 1960 I came to Glendive, Montana for the first time, walked into the Principal's office at DCHS and asked that woman at the desk for copies of the text books I would use, I soon learned she was in charge of everything in that building – all forms and policy manuals, lunch menus, teacher evaluations morale, accreditation reports, and hiring on and on. Little did I know she'd govern my life for the next 55 years including psychologically preparing me for parenthood. As soon as she ascertained that I couldn't define "abattoir" she began stitching up the holes in my education.*

*The historical memory of Glendive is gone. We've lost the truth about what really happened. We were so fortunate to know them - Tink and Harold and Trish.*

*We've got to treasure Mary with her beautiful smile and her uplifting presence.*

*Rose Marie Aus*

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**Rose Marie Aus** - July 17, 2015 at 08:54 PM

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*So many memories throughout the years, going back to when I was a small child. My deepest sympathy Mary and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Sharon (Amundson) and John Holwager*

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**Sharon Holwager** - July 20, 2015 at 09:26 AM