

## Robert "Bob" Nielsen

April 18, 1942 - May 9, 2010

Robert (Bob) Douglas Nielsen, 68, of Royal City, passed away Sunday May 9th with his dear wife at his side.

He was born April 18th, 1942 in Anaconda, Montana to Jerry and Annie Nielsen.

Bob was raised in Anaconda and graduated from Anaconda High in 1960. He then went on to Western Montana College of Education in Dillon, Montana where he was quarterback of the football team. He received a degree in business education in 1965.

While at Western, he met his wife. He married Margaret Colleary of Quincy, Washington in February of 1963. Bob and Margaret had two children, David and JoAnn. He taught school and coached in St. Anthony, Idaho for two years before the family moved to Royal City. Bob continued teaching and coaching multiple sports for 37 years.

Although Bob retired in 2005, he volunteered countless hours coaching and mentoring. During retirement, Bob and Maggie enjoyed traveling, golfing, and most importantly spending time with their grandchildren, Maggie, Abigail, Elliot and Ivy. He especially enjoyed teaching them how to golf and fly-fish, as well as watching them compete in gymnastics.

His son David preceded him in death in 1983, as well as his father Jerry.

Survivors include his wife Margaret, a daughter JoAnn and son-in-law Kim Delay; four grandchildren, Maggie, Abigail, Elliot and Ivy all of Royal City; his mother Annie Nielsen, of Anaconda, MT; three brothers, Jerry (Mary Rose) of

Anaconda, MT, Jack (Judy) of Tri-Cities, and Dave (Judy) of Ellensburg; two sisters, Marlene (John) Barnes of Anaconda, MT, and Janet (Robert) Steffan of Phillipsburg, Mt; brothers in law Charles (Delsie) Colleary of Quincy, and Jim (Teri) Colleary; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as many special friends.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15th at the LDS Church in Royal Camp. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Please sign the book or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com)  
In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Royal Youth Boosters or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Royal Camp Chapel  
357 Christensen Road Royal Camp  
Othello, WA

## Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Margaret and JoAnn,  
Donna and I were able to visit with Bob this past winter at the Royal Wrestling Tournament. At the time we were unaware of any health issues that he had. So we were shocked and saddened to read about his passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss and know we are thinking about you during these tough times. I'm sure Bob and David are having a great time catching up on the past.  
Thinking of you  
Bill and Donna##imported-begin##Bill and Donna Elliott##imported-end##

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May 17, 2010 at 01:56 PM



“ My love and prayers go out to the family of a former classmate.##imported-begin##Sharon Ulstad Johns##imported-end##

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May 17, 2010 at 02:11 AM



“ Coach Nielsen was a mentor and a friend. He helped shape me as a teacher and coach. I will forever have fond memories of my years in Royal, and Bob was a big part of that. Thank you for what you did for Royal City and the kids.##imported-begin##Loren Sandhop##imported-end##

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May 14, 2010 at 06:59 PM



“ I was in the class of '60. Bob will be missed. My heart goes out to his family. Bob was one of a kind.##imported-begin##Karen Johnson English##imported-end##

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May 14, 2010 at 01:18 AM



“ Dear Maggie and Family,  
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you during this difficult time. Let your fond memories carry you through these tough times. Bob touched so many lives of young people. Please know that I as a parent am forever grateful as he touched the lives of my 3 kids. Thanks for sharing him with so many.

Alice Parker

Perry, Sue and Karla & Families##imported-begin##Alice Parker##imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 09:39 PM



“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all the Nielsen's. So very sorry to get this news, I was looking forward to seeing him at our up-coming class reunion. May God be with all of you, Terry and Bobbie Fiest, Orlando, Florida##imported-begin##Terry and Bobbie Fiest##imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 10:24 AM



“ I was blessed to have Mr. Nielson as a teacher and a coach. Tough but fair, upbeat yet intense, he helped me and many, many others in our journey to adulthood and life. Our prayers and sympathies are with the family; may you all be comforted by the knowledge that he is now with our Lord in a better place, smiling down on us with David by his side.##imported-begin##Sam Larson##imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 09:58 AM



“ You will be greatly missed my hearts goes out to your family##imported-begin##Amanda McMahan##imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 01:23 AM



“ Our prayers to the family, Bob was a great guy and we will certainly miss him at the reunion.##imported-begin##Larry Beausoleil##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 11:09 PM



“ Maggie and JoAnn,  
I am so sad to read of Bob's passing. I just cannot imagine the reunion with David and Charlie and how happy they must be together again. Please know I am thinking of you, and so pleased to see that you have 4 grandchildren, Maggie. My best to you during this difficult time. Loraine in Wenatchee##imported-begin##Loraine Orach##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 08:23 PM



“ I was saddened to learn of Bob's passing. I went to AHS with Bob, graduating in 1960. The 1960 Class is holding our 50th Class Reunion in late July in Anaconda, and Bob will be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with Bob and his family.

Dan Monahan  
Olympia, WA##imported-begin##Dan Monahan##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:47 PM



“ He was always such a soft spoken gentle man in the barber shop where I worked for 16 yrs. It was a pleasure to see him come in. My husband Elmer new him much longer than I did and fond of the two of you. My sympathy and prayers go for you and the family for strength to carry on. He will be well remembered.##imported-begin##Dolores Burnham##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:32 PM



“ My fondest memory of Mr Nelson is when he was refing our Powder Puff game my senior year. He was sneaking plays to me while he refed. He told me to have all the girls go to the left of the ball and leave a couple on the right and run behind the girls down the field. I thought that that was a crazy play, but he was the football coach so I went with it. For a sec I thought is he messing with me. But it worked. Thanks coach! You will be missed greatly. With great respect may you rest in peace and enjoy being with your son again.##imported-begin##Precilia Ortega Patterson##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ We are very sorry about the loss of Bob. Our prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Bill and Judy Fink##imported-end##

May 12, 2010 at 10:59 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this time of loss.

Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

May 11, 2010 at 10:23 PM



“ Dearest Maggie and family,  
Please accept our sincere condolences in your time of sorrow. I have been remembering Bob's influence in my life and my children's lives as well as his invaluable service to Royal School District. Sorry that we will be unable to attend the services as we are in Vermont on a mission for the Church. May the Lord bless you.##imported-begin##Garth and Joan Gunter##imported-end##

May 11, 2010 at 10:17 PM



“ Mr. Nielsen,

You will be missed by many..... Thank you for all you did for me when I was in school..##imported-begin##Kandi (Keith) Bersanti##imported-end##

May 11, 2010 at 09:06 PM

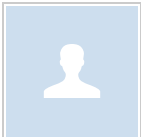


“ Coach Nielsen will always be remembered for the difference he made in the lives of those he coached or taught. I never played or wrestled or took a class from Coach Nielsen but I consider myself very fortunate to have been coached and taught and befriended by Coach on many occasions. I briefly knew him in my high school days while competing at Moses Lake High School, getting to know his son David and competing against each other. David was a couple of years younger than me. I think our last name drew us together, but Coach and I became closer when I moved home in 1999 to work in Moses Lake and help athletes in the Columbia Basin. I got to know Coach a lot better and he always had a good word for me each time we crossed paths. Out at Royal High school, in the gym or at a Royal football game or at the yearly Royal Christmas wrestling tournament, I always looked forward to visiting with Coach. That I will miss.

*My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his Royal City family. His memory will live on with all of those he touched and lifted up.##imported-begin##Jim Nielsen##imported-end##*

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May 11, 2010 at 07:24 PM



“ Bob was a great friend and teammate at Anaconda High School. He will live forever in our hearts. My sympathies to his family. A short memorial story: The first clap of thunder this spring will probably be he and Wayne Estes and Coach "Muzzy" Williams reliving the Coaches favorite call... "Nielseeeeen!"##imported-begin##Tom Greenough##imported-end##

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