



**N**iki passed away peacefully on October 19, 2010 at Fern Lodge in Castro Valley, CA. Niki was Born in Bozeman, MT, an only child, to Elizabeth and Howard Nelson.

She graduated from Gallatin County High School, Bozeman, Montana in 1957, where she played the flute in the band and orchestra. She attended Montana State University and like her mother, was active in the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. She also attended Principia College in Illinois and graduated college with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. Upon receiving her Teaching credential, she moved to California, following her family to the land of opportunity.

Niki became a teacher in the public school system in Hayward, Ca. where she worked for 30 years at Bret Harte Junior High and Mount Eden High Schools. Her primary subjects were Home Economics, Art and History. Along with music, these were her primary areas of interest.

She was a volunteer at her Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, serving on the Music committee, as a Sunday school teacher, a pianist and usher. She was also an accomplished flutist.

She will be dearly missed by her family, which included her Aunt s, Margo Roberts, Hayward, CA and Martha Hutchison, Reno, NV and many cousins and several close friends.

A graveside service will be held at Sunset Hills Cemetery on November 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Family and friends are asked to meet at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service at 12:45 a.m. to process to the cemetery.

Donations may be made in the name of Niki Nelson to Castro Valley Music Parents Society P. O. Box 2146, Castro Valley, CA 94546.