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**William Ross (Skip) Nelson****Nelson, William Ross (Skip)**

Passed away on March 1, 2010 due to a tragic accident. He was born November 3, 1949 in Alexandria, Minnesota, but lived the majority of his life in his beloved Arizona where he enjoyed spending time in the outdoors. He was a graduate of Arizona State University and an avid Sun Devils fan. He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Judy Nelson, two sons Michael and Ryan, and a daughter Erin as well as his adopted mother, Claudette Arlia. He is survived by his three brothers Scott Nelson (Marcia), Todd (Lynn) Collar, Mark (Leslie) Collar, and two sisters Dona Woodward and Cathy Collar-Hindes (Brad) as well as a number of much loved nieces and nephews. He was a great father, husband, friend, and big brother. He leaves behind numerous friends and beloved neighbors. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his passionate love of life, and the care and love he always showed for his family. He lived by his motto, "Live Everyday." In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Child Crisis Center. Services to be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1244 S. Power Rd, Mesa, Arizona at 1:00pm, Saturday, March 6th.

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