

# **the ties that bind 2005**

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## **Estlin/ Gray/ Riceton/ Bechard Centennial Celebration (July 23 and 24, 2005)**

The communities of #306 Highway celebrated Saskatchewan Centennial on a beautiful July weekend. A morning that began with grey skies and a rumbling of thunder turned into a hot Saturday afternoon.

Celebrations began with the parade at 1PM – fifty entries made their way through the streets of Gray; from the ball diamonds to the Kelly farm road, up 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue making the loop to come back down 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. A decision was made to do the circuit a second time – so, two trips around town were made. The parade was led by Don Moats driving a team of horses hitched to a democrat buggy (owned by the Little's) carrying long-time Gray residents, Darrell “Corky” and Betty Lafoy. Other entries included several displays of antique machinery and an entry of a present day sprayer. The Pitman Nudist Colony and the Lawnchair Brigade provided some comedic interludes. Many local businesses had entered floats.

The crowd of several hundred made their way to the park across from Gray Memorial Hall for the ‘opening ceremonies’ where a stage on two flatbeds had been built. The program led off with a welcome from MC Lori Boesch. The special guests were led on stage by Sarah Yeo (playing the bagpipes) and Andy Frisk (in RCMP regalia). The national anthem was performed by three generations; Sharon Frei (on piano), Karen Butel (her daughter singing) and Jordan Butel (Karen’s son on trumpet). The program included official addresses from Ralph Goodale (Minister of Finance), and Don McMorris (MLA for Indian Head/Milestone). Representatives had been invited from each community; Bill Gillis (as rep and Mayor of the day’s host town, Gray) spoke first – he emphasized volunteerism and the importance of ‘getting involved’ in our small town events. Roy Black (Estlin) talked about the changes in our area landscapes – the disappearance of the grain elevators – and how there used to be a farm at least every mile – and now you can drive stretches of road with no residents. Riceton rep was long-time resident Jean Coldwell (Purves) who spoke of family and history, what it was like growing up in a large family 65 years ago and some of her childhood memories. Con Bechard (Bechard) talked about farming and all of the changes in machinery, systems, constant cropping (chemicals) and how our farms have evolved. The ceremony included participation of the “Singing Friends and Neighbours”. The choir

performed the ‘Saskatchewan Song’ (written by Brad Johner for the Saskatchewan Centennial) and Dear Hearts. The speeches were interspersed with a couple of duets by Angela and Morgan Moats. They performed two numbers from the play Pull of the Land by Beth Robertson. The songs were Prairie Sentinels (disappearing elevators from our landscape) and Sky High (a tribute to our endless horizon and beautiful blue skies). The children from the communities also led a cheer for the four participating towns and a song called “This Town is Your Town”.

The ceremony was followed by an opportunity for the locals (and the coming homes) to participate in a ‘Talent Show’. The talent was spectacular and provided over an hour of entertainment.

The 306 Communities Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies followed on the outdoor stage and welcomed Crystal Frisk (of curling fame) and Mac Paton (baseball) to the list of honourees.

Throughout the day the Gray Memorial Hall was the site of the History Room, Ice Cream Parlour and Tea Room. The Estlin ladies coordinated displays from the four communities and provided a welcome visiting area inside protected from the hot sun. It was well attended throughout the day (and on Sunday afternoon as well) and had some interesting displays of items and photographs from days gone by.

There had been plywood laid on the rink floor (280 sheets – half one way, the other half on top the other direction – took a crew of 20 about 2 hours) to accommodate a Beer Garden for the afternoon and additional seating for the 550 people that enjoyed barbequed steak, baked potatoes, Caesar salad and homemade pies for dessert (a quantity of 100 donated by the older women of the communities – past and present residents). A DJ had been hired to provide the sound system for the day of activities and he provided music for the “Street Dance” that evening.

Sunday events began in Riceton the next morning with a Pancake Breakfast served to over 300 people from the booth at the sports grounds. Breakfast was followed by a day of activities hosted by the Riceton Recreation Committee entitled ‘Family Day’; kite flying, horseshoes, scrub ball games, etc. A Box Lunch was available for sale at the booth coordinated by the Riceton Ladies Committee.

Also that morning was an interdenominational church service held at Gray United Church. It was well attended (about 125 people). A 'volunteer' choir directed by Dianne Burrows got together on Saturday evening for a practice and performed beautifully. The Singing Friends and Neighbours sang as well and Dianne Burrows presented a solo. Accompanists were Debra (Frei) Mooney and Sharon Frei. The officiating minister was John Haas.

The weekend activities were over almost before they began. A great couple of days of events were enjoyed by all – comments were that there should have been some 'unscheduled time' for 'just visiting'. So, next time...we will do that (and have two lines for the buffet dinner!)

**306 Communities Sports Hall of Fame** (by Bob Lewis)

The 306 Communities Sports Hall of Fame was started in April 1999 to recognize people who have distinguished themselves in their communities on a local, provincial, national or even international level. It was thought that we should have memories of and pride in our past accomplishments! As of July 2005 we have honoured the following;

*From Estlin;*

- Myrna Bonsor** (Fastball)
- Estlin 306's** (Team – Fastball)
- Morley Gooding** (Fastball, Builder, Community Service)
- Rose (Noll) Baker** (Baseball, Fastball)
- Pete Noll** (Baseball Coach)
- Harold Webster** (Builder)

*From Gray;*

- Jess Bratt** (Hockey, Curling)
- Walter Dunning** (Community Sports Builder)
- Ernie Dunning** (Baseball, Curling, Hockey)
- Anita Ford** (Curling, Fastball, Coach Canadian and Olympic Gold Medal Team Sandra Schmirler)
- Gary Ford** (Curling, Baseball, Football, Coach)
- Ford Curling Team,**
  - Fred Ford**
  - Roy Ford** (Ford Pebble Heads)
  - Drex Ford**
  - John Ford** (Also Individually for Community Sports Builder)
- Frei Curling Team,**
  - Norton Frei**
  - Ken Hendrickson**

**Ron Lewis**

- Crystal Frisk** (Curling)
- Bill Gillis** (Baseball, Hockey, Coach)
- Ken Gillis** (Baseball, Coach)
- Fred (Flury) Van de Kamp** (Hockey, Coach, Horses)
- Clarence (Shoop) Lafoy** (Hunter, Fisherman)
- Wylie LaFoy** (Baseball)
- Don Lewis** (Curling, Ice Maker, President of Both Saskatchewan and Canadian Curling Associations)

*From Riceton/Bechard;*

- Garth Boesch** (Hockey - Toronto Maple Leafs - 3 time Stanley Cup Winner)
- Bill (Kawuza) Cooke** (Baseball)
- Link (Smoky) Johnston** (Baseball)
- Pete Kawuza** (Baseball, Umpire)
- Paul Kawuza** (Baseball)
- Mac Paton** (Baseball)
- George Spry** (Baseball, Builder, Community Service)

**Gray Recreation Centre**

The Gray rink continues to be the 'centre' of our community. Used by all from the surrounding towns and area it has become the winter hub of activities.

The week begins with the very successful 'Sunday Breakfasts'. Johnny Ford and his volunteer crew host an average of 75 people each week from early November to end of April. These breakfasts have been on the calendar since initiated by the Rink Board in 1983.



George Dierker, Glen Ford, Lori Boesch, Leonard Wozney, John Ford and Al Reiter

The regular crew now is George Dierker (order taker/frontline), Leonard Wozney (toast man) and Glen Ford (hash brown guy) until his passing.....still searching for a fulltime replacement. Al Reiter was the 'chef' for many years. Dale

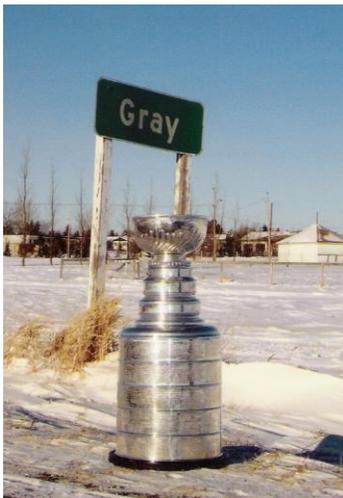
Henry has stepped into his place as the 'man on the grill'. Dishwashing is shared by able (and willing) volunteers coordinated by Randy Frei (he is often the dish pig – affectionately named if the recruiting has not gone well) and of course, the captain, Johnny Ford.

The Tuesday Night Card Party is held each week in the Heritage Room. Hosting is done by different couples each week, with all attendees providing the 'goodies' that are served with the tea and coffee.

Friday nights have developed (beginning in 2005) as a 'dinner party' evening. Different members of the community volunteer to prepare a meal for about 75 people. Menus vary each week and provide the locals with another excuse to head to the rink.

There are still a few hockey teams playing out of Gray. The Gray Hounds are an 8-and-under squad that provides a lot of hockey entertainment. The Screaming O's (senior – not sure if they can be categorized yet as 'masters' – over 45's) manage to recruit a couple of young bodies each year to remain somewhat competitive.

The highlight of 2005 was the chance for Gray to host the Stanley Cup. What was proposed as a day of activities turned into the unbelievable opportunity to have the Cup for four days in January (it was en route to Vancouver so the Hockey Hall of Fame offered it up to Gray for the extra days in between events). The Official Banquet was held at Gray Memorial Hall for a capacity crowd of 125. The Riceton Recreation Centre were contracted to cater the event and the guests dined on superb prime rib,



baked potatoes, salads and dessert. The guest speaker was Sam Richardson (of curling fame) who entertained everyone with his recollections. The next morning was a sponsor breakfast prior to the general public skate and opportunity to spend some time with the Stanley Cup. We chose to 'spread the wealth' and were able to provide the Cup to Milestone, Rouleau and Wilcox for some fundraising activities. The Cup visited a number of schools; Gray, Luther High

School in Regina and a school selected by Conexus (one of our sponsors) Wilfred Walker Public in Regina. It also visited the former winners that live in the area; Bill Hickie (passed away July 2005), Don Metz, and Bob Turner (passed away February 2005). The Saskatchewan Sport Hall of Fame in Regina also hosted the Stanley Cup one afternoon. This was the year of the NHL lockout so the Screaming O's played Big Bob's (one of their frequent opponents) for the Stanley Cup. The Screaming O's claimed victory, but in part, because they hosted the event!

The Gray rink continues to operate by counting on volunteer labour. Johnny Ford and Con Bechard have 'put in' the ice for years (and years). The Board contributes their time for all things rink – attending rental sessions, general maintenance and concession operation. Thanks to all!!!

### **Gray/Riceton District Girl Guides of Canada** (submitted by Dolores (Dolly) Picard)

The Gray/Riceton District Branch of Girl Guides of Canada was started up in 1987 by Sandy Ackerman and me. We had both been leaders previously in Regina and we had both been involved as Brownies and Guides as young girls. There are many worthwhile objectives in guiding as it focuses on home/family, community and environment, this is accomplished by teaching girls to set short and long term goals for themselves. We ran Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders through our own registered District.

During the years we were in operation we had four volunteer leaders, me (Gray), Sandy Ackerman (Riceton), Rhonda Bleau (Gray) and Monique Love-Maynard (Riceton). We spent many hours every week preparing for meetings, activities and camps. Although not registered as leaders, we had a great deal of support from parents and non-parents for everything from teaching girls how to use snowshoes, the proper use of power tools, volunteering weekends at camps, tree planting, baking, cooking and helping with fundraisers and awards ceremonies for the girls.

We were a small group by city standards, but being small was always to our advantage. We were a very active group and able to accomplish more over less time than our larger counterparts. Our girls were all well decorated with badges. Two of our girls, Alyson Ford and Trudy Picard received their

Canada Cords from the Lieutenant Governor. The wonderful thing about being a guide leader in a small community is that you watch most of these girls grow up and see what they give back to their family, community and environment. We have at least one of our girls, Nicole Hozempa, who has gone on to be a Brownie leader herself.

Girls registered in our group during it's operation included (in no particular order): Nicole Bechard, Shayla Vernon, Ellen Glaze, Darah Boesch, Angela Moats, Morgan Moats, Laura Zolc, Amber Zolc, Angela Wiebe, Marjorie Wiebe, Amy Ackerman, Trudy Picard, Jackie Picard, Alyson Ford, Tyler Wahl, Trudy Ellert, Janelle Lubkiwski, Courtney Bleau, Erin Schmeling, Breanna Schmeling, Lindsay Lewis, Laura Hunt, Darlyn Hunt, Nicole Hozempa, Sarah Daborn, Angela Bueche, Krystal Pederson and Jody Bohlken.

My most memorable events included planting the trees at the Gray School, our work with Operation Burrowing Owl, building bird houses in Dave Moat's shop, High Teas and Teddy Bear picnics and of course the many weekend camps over the years.

We dissolved the group in 1996.

### **Gray Update 1984-2005**

The elevators have disappeared and the landscape of Gray is forever changed. The five elevators, which could be seen for miles, are no more.

Bill Carnegie continues to operate Gray Farm Equipment from his shop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The General Store closed in the early 90's. The building was purchased in 1994 by Reid and Myrna Mossing and renovated into a childcare facility. The Gray Goose Day Care operated by Myrna often has 10-12 children registered at the facility. In 2002 the K.C. Gillis and Sons garage building was sold to Barry Frisk (for private use).

Gray School attendance has been strong. Enrollment the last several years has averaged 20-25 students. Pre-K was introduced in 2005. Amalgamation of school districts has occurred and Gray Consolidated School Division will cease to exist in 2006. We become part of a larger district and do not know the future of our school. The school grounds thrive due to a lot of volunteer enthusiasm. In the early 90's trees were planted around the school grounds and survived under the constant eye (and watering) of

Johnny Ford. The Home and School committee is very active and has raised funds (along with assistance from the Hamlet of Gray and the Gray School) to install new playground equipment (used by all the kids of Gray, not just the Gray school students). Flowers and shrubs were planted along the front of the building (initiated by Ginny Carpenter and with the guidance/assistance of Laurie Moats) that beautify the school yard. The metal Gray School sign was also a purchase of the Home and School committee.

Gray Memorial hall continues to be the location for community celebrations: anniversaries, bridal showers, community classes and fundraisers. The Hall has become an integral part of the Gray School curriculum. It provides a site for Phys Ed classes and school activities: everything from Jump Rope for Heart and other projects to the Annual Christmas concert.

Over the last twenty years Gray researched and provided some improvements to the resident services. In 1987 the Hamlet of Gray tasked Johnny Ford to investigate a new water source since the two dugouts were running low from lack of run-off. An aquifer was found several miles east of Gray. Peter Koch from Claybank was the contractor hired to lay 9 miles of 3" plastic pipe. By the end of the month the water was coming through to the hamlet pump house. George Dierker has become a certified water and sewer operator (since 1997). He has recently started to serve for the Riceton community as well.

The year of 2004 brought the closure of the landfill and the initiation of personal garbage pick-up. This system has been extremely well accepted – in fact, the best public response to a town project in years.

**Memories of working in the Gray Telephone Office** Lorna (Dunning) Hames - age 91 (submitted by Carol Bassingthwaighte)

Although I can't remember the exact year, sometime in the mid-1930's the job for telephone operator was open and Mrs. Selig and I applied together. The salary was \$30/month...\$15 each!

The telephone office was a nice little square building with an entry porch on the side. Just inside was a counter with the switchboard behind. There was a little telephone booth that people could come in and use...they would say what number they wanted and we would ring it. In the back were our

living-quarters; we had a front room, a kitchen and a bedroom. Mrs. Selig had the bedroom and I bought a chesterfield that made into a bed that I put in the front room to sleep on. There was an outhouse in the back.

When someone wanted to make a phone call they would turn a crank on their phone which rang through to the switchboard. We answered by saying, "Number, please." We then put the matching plug into the number they wanted and turned a crank to ring that person's phone. When they answered we turned the sound off at the switchboard. The switchboard indicated when they hung up and we would pull out the plugs.

People who lived in town had private lines, but those in the country were on party lines, often 5 families for one line. Each family had their own ring (e.g. one long and one short) so whenever anyone got a call, everyone on the party line knew it.

We were also responsible for keeping track of the number and length of calls, and making out a ticket for headquarters. People paid by the month for local calls and by the length of time for long distance calls, just as we do now.

I think the switchboard was open from about 7AM until 9PM, although one or the other of us needed to be present 24 hours a day in case of emergencies. Mrs. Selig went to ladies' meetings in the afternoon so I would look after the switchboard then; she would take over in the evenings so I could go out. It worked out very well.

I remember in the evenings the farm people would come into town. The men gathered in Tom Ashbough's office (implement shed office) to talk. The young people would gather in cars and visit. One time Mrs. Selig was out at her daughter's for the evening, so I was responsible for listening for the switchboard. Even so, I joined the young people but we remained within hearing distance of the telephone office. The switchboard rang and I ran to answer it, thinking it might be an emergency. It turned out to be a fellow I had met at a dance, phoning to talk to me!

In order to supplement our income Mrs. Selig did dressmaking and I did hairdressing in our front room. Mrs. Selig was a good cook so she did most of our cooking. The kitchen had a coal/wood cook stove.

I quit the telephone office to go to Bermuda. A friend I knew from Estlin had been working there and sent such glowing reports that when she asked if I wanted my name put in, I said, "Yes." I was accepted to work as a waitress in a big American hotel, so that ended my time as a telephone operator.

### **Riceton/Bechard Homecoming 1984** (by Becky Kribs-Maloney written in 1984)

It was the year 1902 that Mr. and Mrs. James Rice came to homestead at SW ¼ 30-13-17 W2. In 1906, Mr. Rice donated the northeast portion of his quarter for a town site and shortly thereafter, the hamlet was named Riceton. The name made up of "Rice" from Mr. Rice and "ton" from another early pioneer by the name of Mr. Alonzo Johnston.

The first pioneers arrived in Milestone or Lang via the Soo Line with promised dreams of making their fortune on the vast, treeless, desolate prairies. It was not until the year 1912 that the Grand Trunk Pacific built a railroad which brought the first train to Riceton and which subsequently was the birth of the hamlet of Bechard, six miles southeast of Riceton on land which was originally owned and homesteaded by Mr. A. D. Bechard.

Both hamlets have survived scores of hardships, including two World Wars, drought, depression and the persistent battle with the uncontrollable elements of nature. Such was and still is the peremptory attitude of the prairie farmer; people simply do not give in to defeat.

It was the strength and determination of these pioneers which initially inspired a group of people from the original Buck Lake communities of Estlin, Gray, Riceton and Bechard to compile a mammoth book of histories entitled The Ties That Bind dedicated to the men and women who worked so hard to build a life for themselves which we still enjoy today. As the book was nearing its completion, it was decided that a Homecoming be planned for each town in order to reunite and honour all those who once lived and who still live there. This is the story of one of these celebrations.

For a year, the people of Riceton/Bechard worked on revolutionizing the shell of the new community centre which was to replace the one which was destroyed by fire in 1974. By the spring of 1984, the fundamental structure had been erected and a dance floor had been built. Typical of small town

budgets, the people had had to depend heavily upon their own creativity and ingenuity to transform a basic clay and plywood edifice into something very special. Visitors were obviously surprised to see the colourful array of banners, flags, bulrushes, signs and booths. The hall was put to its first test on the evening of Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> when over eight hundred people from all over Canada, the United States and even from as far away as England, registered for the Homecoming weekend. That evening was set aside for coffee and reunions. Souvenir cups, plates, spoons, hats, T-shirts, wooden nickels (which, due to inflation, became bucks) all with a logo depicting the first train to come to Riceton were sold, as well as copies of The Ties That Bind.

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> opened at 8AM with a superb pancake breakfast. On display was a unique quilt which had been made during the Second World War by the ladies of Riceton and Bechard who did knitting and sewing for the Red Cross. Each family was given a yellow square upon which to write and then embroider names of family members at a cost of 25¢ each. Tickets for a raffle were sold and the quilt was won by the late William and Ann Ferris. Years later it was donated back to the community by their son and daughter-in-law Fred and Thelma Ferris. It is hoped that this sentimental piece will be put on permanent display in the hall upon its completion.

Following the breakfast, the very first set of the two-volume The Ties That Bind to come off the press was unveiled, specially embossed and displayed in a velvet-lined box. Raffle tickets were sold and a draw was made following the Sunday church service and dinner. Mrs. Otto Bohlken won the raffle and is now in possession of this coveted copy.

At noon, happy chaos erupted when the six school districts reunited under the banners which had been created by the children of Riceton School. Former Cross, Richardson, Badger Hill, Knox, Riceton and Centre View students gathered together to sign their banners and to reminisce with old teachers and friends.

It is difficult to envision a parade passing through a town as tiny as Riceton, but, at 2PM people began to line the streets and soon we were provided with an intriguing display of horses, wagons, antique farm machinery and cars, the Regina Police Boys Junior Band, MP Len Gustafson of Assiniboia Constituency and, of course, Riceton's own local Co-op truck, Fire truck, school float, Pilgrim Lutheran Church float,

Riceton Seed Plant, Ne-De Systems, Larson Distributing and numerous other entries from the surrounding areas. The children decorated their bicycles and speeded by at the very end.

Next on the agenda was a fashion show which was obviously the product of a great deal of preparation and hard work. Approximately 30 families donated various outfits of clothing ranging from the year 1905 through to 1982. Riceton's 30-odd superb models, all of whom had had extensive training with Vogue in New York, were able to convey the feeling of each era. Some of the outfits brought a few chuckles from the audience as they remembered wearing things such as the 1917 Riceton ball uniform, matching black 1920's bathing suits; 1920's long johns and more recently, the ever unattractive 1970's "his and hers" plaids.

Approximately seven hundred people sat down to supper together, after that was staged the "official welcome". Wilber Moats, Chairman of the Historical Committee, was Master of Ceremonies and introduced Riceton's dry-humoured Harriet Kirkpatrick, known more affectionately to most simply as "grandma Hattie". There were very few dry eyes in the audience as Hattie finished her welcome home speech. Everyone felt as one, and as if they truly were loved as she was saying. In fact, her speech was so moving that the audience gave her a standing ovation, to which she retorted that she's "never heard of anyone getting a standing ovation for making a jackass of themselves".

Next to speak was Cecile Purves who read aloud a poem written by Mrs. Irene Kinvig in 1955 when Riceton celebrated Saskatchewan's fiftieth anniversary. Chairman of the Homecoming committee, Marge Larson, was next with a thank you to all those who helped to make the Homecoming a success. Gary Lane, Minister of Justice, was last to speak and offered his congratulations on behalf of the legislature. "Morning Rain" was the band that entertained at the dance following the speeches at 9:30PM.

At 11AM Sunday morning, an Interdenominational church service was held at the Gray Rink with guest clergy and a mass choir participating. It was a very moving and sensitive way to end a weekend of tribute to our forefathers. It was a weekend which saw the people of Riceton and Bechard join together in the spirit of community and create a memorable experience with ingenuity and self-reliance.

**Riceton Blues Ladies Fastball Team** (by Rochelle Balfour and Viola Glaze)

On July 12, 2003 a reunion of the Riceton Blues Ladies Fastball team was held at Gary and Anita Ford's home at B-Say-Tah on Echo Lake. This was 15 years after the team played its last game in the Soo Line Ladies Fastball League. The year was 1988 and we beat Avonlea to win the league.

The Riceton team was started in the spring of 1980. The team practiced in Riceton and played in the Sports Day that year. We lost to Gray 20 – 7, but we sure had fun! Our first coach was Donnie Moats and a few of the first team members were: Lorraine Moyse, Norma Banga, Eleanor Baker, Lenore Schmeling, Danelle Kirkpatrick, Phyllis Walter, Sueanne McCracken, Viola (Hall) Glaze and Rochelle Balfour.



Riceton Blues. Back Row: Gary Ford (coach), June Mitchell, Sylvia Oyka, Danelle Kirkpatrick, Viola Glaze, Atina Ford, Phyllis Walter, Anita Ford, Bob Balfour (coach). Front Row: Cindy Ford, Bev Wahl, Val Wahl, Sueanne McCracken, Dana Macarthur, Rochelle Balfour.

In 1981 and 1982, our confidence grew. We participated in Sports days in Gray, Estlin and Yellow Grass. Whether it was a Sports Day or a regular game, there was always good fan support from townspeople, parents and grandparents. There was also an abundance of kids, for many of the players had children. Husbands were called upon to handle things at home or during games. It was a great time. Other coaches that helped the team were Don Zolc, Cliff Hubick and Randy Miller.

The Riceton Blues joined the Soo Line Fastball League in 1983. The league consisted of Milestone, Rouleau, Drinkwater, Pense, Avonlea and Riceton. That year, we lost the semifinal game to Rouleau 20 – 9. We were still perfecting our game!!

In 1984 a few players from Gray joined the team. They included Anita, Atina and Cindy Ford, Val

Wahl, Bev Wahl, and Rhonda McDonald. Gary Ford and Bob Balfour started coaching the team. At our first meeting, we were all at the ball diamond in Riceton. Gary mentioned that we should really give up the name of the Riceton Rejects, if we wanted others to take us seriously. Our name was changed to the Riceton Blues and we all agreed that new uniforms were in order. Pense was our biggest rival that year. We lost to them both in the final at the Riceton Sports Day and in the league semifinal. The score was 2 - 1.

Whenever Gary saw someone get too feisty, he would yell, "Don't get mad, get better!" The next year, 1985, we did just that. We were in the playoffs against Pense, in a best of three series. We won the third and final game in Riceton and our first league championship. Gary and Anita surprised us with cold champagne to celebrate our victory.

In 1986, we lost in the playoff to Rouleau. We won the first game 12 – 10, but the second game was a loss 19 – 18. Not only did we lose this high scoring game, Anita tore her knee when she attempted to steal home. She ended up wearing a brace from her upper thigh to her ankle. We lost the last game, ending the season.

Every July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend had us at the Avonlea Sports Day. Avonlea was always one of our biggest rivals over the years. With kids and husbands along, some people camped, and we all picnicked together. We were one big, happy family and everyone enjoyed each other's company.

Each year we would, of course, have a ball wind-up that different people hosted. The most memorable was at Gary and Anita's in Gray. The team rented a hot tub. Everyone brought food and drink and Anita prepared her famous baked beans. Of course, Gary was always teased about going in the hot tub. His answer would be that he hadn't gone to Tent and Awning for a bathing suit. These were wonderful events we shared.

The highlights and memories of these years are very special. We would usually carpool to our away games. These were always great fun. We would meet at the ball diamond in Riceton, pile into whosever vehicle, and off we would go. The Gray people did the same. Sometimes after a game, a local establishment might be found to celebrate a win or pore over a loss. The trip home was usually

a little quieter, but full of discussions on what happened that evening.

The last two years we played, 1987 and 1988, we won the league. Both finals were against Avonlea. With depopulation of the countryside and some of the players having more children, we no longer had enough players for a team. The problem was the same for the other towns, and the league folded.

We would like to list, to the best of our memories, the names of the players who were Riceton Blues over the years; Erin Balfour, Rochelle Balfour, Norma Banga, Brenda Collacott, Roseann Debruyne, Anita Ford, Atina Ford, Cindy Ford, Viola Glaze, Danelle Kirkpatrick, Rhonda McDonald, Sueanne McCracken, Shirley Miller, June Mitchell, Sylvia Oyka, Sharon Palmer, Lana Purves, Leah Purves, Lenore Schmeling, Bev Wahl, Val Wahl, Monica Wallace, Phyllis Walter, Loretta Webb, Betty Whiteman, Jo-anne Zolc.

The reunion in 2003 was paid for by a small, but substantial bank account and gave us enough for one last great party. The money was earned from selling hundreds of rice crispy cakes, plus fifteen years of interest. As the sun was setting over B-Say-Tah we had a friendly game of ball. The Riceton Blues were once again victorious, beating the men by one run. We won't mention that the men had to hit the ball on their opposite side. We were happy to leave without the aid of an ambulance.

My apologies to anyone I've missed. Thanks for the memories everyone. We miss you Gary!!

### **Riceton Ladies Committee** (by Penny Wiebe)

The Riceton Ladies Committee was formed in the 1950's and continues to function today. This group of volunteers, numbering between 5 and 8 women, has provided a wide variety of services to the community over the years. Initially, one of their major commitments was to organize, prepare and serve meals at the local curling bonspiels in the days when Riceton still had a rink. At the Annual Sports Day, the Ladies Committee has run the refreshment booth at the ball diamond nearly every year. They have also organized Bridal Showers for local brides, parties for people leaving the community, served luncheons at funerals, birthdays and anniversaries.

In recent years they have hosted a Kite Flying Day, "Ladies' Nights Out", quilting classes, and "Mosaic

Meals". Some of their efforts are specifically intended to raise funds for the operations of the Recreation Centre, providing money for improvements such as a Wheelchair Accessible Bathroom.



Odette Colomb, Steffi Schaefer (back), Penny Wiebe, Monique Maynard and Ardie Larson

There is always a need for willing people to carry on the vital work of this Committee to help keep Riceton an interesting and enjoyable place to live.

### **Riceton United Church** (by Deena Jones)

This is the story of the closing of the Riceton United Church of Canada. There were two special services held there since 1984; one in 1985 and one in 1996.

In 1985 we celebrated a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A service was held with congregations from Estlin, Gray and Riceton in attendance. Sharon Davis was our minister. Lunch was served on the Riceton ball diamond. At that time, summer services were held in the church building and winter services were held in Hattie Kirkpatrick's home.

In June of 1996, with lots of help from the community, the final service was held, celebrating 75 years since the church was built. The officiating ministers were Reverend Howard Hanson, Reverend John Haas, and Reverend Margaret Harper. The choir was the "Singing Friends and Neighbours" group. Many past members attended, about 200, with a real celebration of our church's history. Strawberries and angel food cake followed in the Riceton Community Centre after a severe rainstorm.

The church Trustees; Alice Keen, Lee Moats and Bruce Jones began looking into the sale of the building and lots 1 and 2 Block 9 Plan No. BC887.

After a couple of false starts it was sold to Wayne Daly and Teandra Manchur. The few members had their memberships transferred to the Gray United Church.

The pews as well as the piano and smaller items were sold to various people. One of the pews is in the Riceton Community Centre with a plaque engraved with the names of all the ministers that have served the church since its' opening in 1921. Money left in the Credit Union was transferred to the Gray Church that continues on with members from Estlin, Gray and Riceton.

### **Riceton Volunteer Fire Department** (by Lee Moats and Gord Glaze)

The Riceton Volunteer Fire Brigade (RVFB) was formed thirty years ago, in March of 1975, as a non-incorporated, not for profit membership association to provide fire protection services to the communities of Riceton, Gray, Estlin and surrounding rural areas. The RVFB was wholly funded by memberships purchased for \$100.00 for five years. Initial fire fighting equipment was very modest, consisting of a portable fire pump and associated equipment. A truck, building and additional equipment were added as the Brigade could afford them and by the year 2000 equipment consisted of a pumper truck, ladders, hose, self-contained breathing apparatus, portable pump, modern fire suits, generator, and lights. During this time the Brigade began receiving funding from the R.M. of Lajord that was and continues to be generated by a special fire levy.



Back Row; KaCee Maloney, Scott Moyse, Brett Moyse. Front Row; Lee Moats, Neal Moyse, Rob Wozney, Gord Glaze and Jeff Coleclough.

The new millennium brought major improvements to the RVFB, with a new fire hall constructed on the site of our original hall in the summer of 2000. The

RVFB membership was incorporated in March 2003 and renamed the Riceton Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD). At this time memberships (currently 97 paid members) were increased to \$150 for five years. With direction taken from the incorporation meeting, the directors sought out and purchased a second fire truck, which was delivered in August 2003. Additional hose, tools and equipment were purchased to outfit the new truck in the fall/winter of 2003-04. In 2005, three handheld two-way radios were purchased, greatly improving our communications.

The RVFD is governed by a 10 member Board of Directors. Those Directors, as of March 2005, are Gord Glaze (President), Neal Moyse (Fire Chief), Todd Lewis, Bob Balfour, Rob Pitchko, Don Moats, Brett Moyse, Rob Wozney, Jeff Coleclough and Lee Moats (Secretary/Treasurer). Active fire fighters include those above and Scott Moyse, Terry Baker, Randy Frei, KaCee Maloney, Howard Wiebe, Mark Goliay, Blayne Ulrich and Wade Ulrich. Two original active fire fighters from 1975 remain involved in the department: Neal Moyse and Don Moats. RVFD would also like to thank individuals too numerous to mention, who help out at fires, manning pumps, running for supplies, hauling water and providing food, water and coffee.

The Riceton Volunteer Fire Department is very grateful for the financial support provided by members, the R.M. of Lajord, the hamlets of Riceton and Gray and numerous local businesses and individuals who have all contributed to the success of the Department. Over the last 30 years the Fire Department has benefited from the experience and hard work of many people. Many volunteer firefighters have come and gone over the years and we thank them as well as our current volunteers for their contributions. Several key members of the original Brigade have passed away over the years. In particular the Department would like to recognize the contributions of Dan Kirkpatrick and George Spry who along with Neal Moyse were fundamental to its creation and operation.

### **Singing Friends & Neighbours** (by Pat Myers)

Although our group is not a hundred years old like our province, we have been entertaining for twenty-two years. We officially got our name in 1983 under the direction of Sharon Davis who was the United Church Minister of Estlin, Gray and Riceton.

Until then we had been singing as a group for various community functions, as well as church services. It was decided that since a lot of practice went into our preparation of these songs we should sing them more than just once. Thus we took our “act” on the road performing mostly at Senior Citizen homes. We enjoyed it so much we’re still at it! Over the years members have come and gone, our pianist has been replaced by a keyboard named “Molly” and our director is Marilyn Hill – but the underlying love of music and wanting to share it has not changed; we have developed friendships and a respect for each other that is enduring and above all we have fun! Currently we have fourteen members. We are from the communities of Estlin, Gray, Kronau, Lajord, Lumsden and Regina. We practice at Sharon Frei’s in Regina every Monday night. It doesn’t seem to matter how cold it is or how icy the roads are – we’re there. By April we are more or less ready to perform. We try to do the majority of our singing in April and May before seeding gets started. A lot of our members are still on the farm and needed; although we will sing any time we are asked if at all possible!

So, please, come hear us sing!

### **The Little School That Could** pg 336-345 (by Kim E. Engel)

Gray School is a place where the impossible is always possible - and probable. In my 12 years as principal and teacher, for 9 of those years the only teacher, I learned as much as I taught. During my first week at the school in the fall of 1989, I had visits from many residents of the community who came by to chat, offer their words of wisdom, and more importantly the offer of help if I ever needed it.

Over the years help was regularly offered, whether I thought I needed it or not, I guess that’s part of the learning as much as I taught! If the lights were on a little too late, I’d receive calls from concerned neighbours like Donna Ford (who would inevitably bring me supper and then tell me to go home). Or a friendly phone call, like Greg Kelly (chairman of the board) asking me to go home because he was tired of fielding calls from other concerned residents!

In the winter, Rob Daborn, would regularly help me with a car that wouldn’t start (reminding me that there was a plug in the light post and I should use it!). John Hozempa would let me know if the roads were safe to pass before I headed out on blustery

mornings. The expression became, “If John isn’t going, than no one’s going!”

Dave Moats would drop by and build anything for me that my imagination came up with. And I’ve always had a little too good of an imagination! He would create amazing wood working pieces and quietly drop them off in his humble way.

In my 12 years at Gray, we had two deaths that touched very close to our school, Rich Collacott and Guy Yeo. Though both were a time of extreme grief, they were also a time that the community of Gray shone as it supported the families of those men through acts of kindness and love. I have lived, studied and worked all over this country; but I had never seen such a continual concern for well-being, I certainly saw it when Gray stood with these families.

John Ford would come by a few times a week to help in any way he could, or just put a smile on my face. He got us involved in planting the trees around the perimeter of the schoolyard, and then faithfully watered them. He was our “Neighbourhood Watch”, always keeping an eye out for anything that wasn’t quite right. His wise eyes and words were always appreciated. I knew we could always count on John; he was a grandpa to all of the student body. He was also at every annual meeting of the school board, even if he was the only one!

The students of Gray School have certainly given me enough material to write several books! They have always been hard working, fun loving people. To say that the dynamics of such a school are unique is probably a gross understatement. When I started I had 12 students in grade 1-6; when I left we had 26 students in K – Grade 6. These kids learn at an early age to work together and to appreciate the strengths of each person. They were a joy to teach. One grade one student in my first year at Gray commented that he thought I had the best job in the world, when I asked him why, he replied “You get to play with us all day, and they pay you!” A school reflects its community, and more often that not, the reflection was lovely.

I was always amazed by the support given to different initiatives that we put forward to enhance the student’s education. I always taught about democracy and elections by simulating elections with all of the students. One year we were in the

midst of a Gray School Federal Election, with three determined candidates. In the preparation stages for the election, a parent called to say she'd like to help. So as a result, Cindy Bechard became our Governor General and we all went to her house as Renee Muir (Jean Chrétien) dropped the writ. The excitement was extraordinary and catchy. As the weeks went by, more and more parents wanted to get involved – coming out to our debates; assisting our electoral officer; counting ballots ... the message those simple acts gave our students was that when you are part of a community, you get involved and help where you can.

These are all people and times I will fondly remember about Gray, the impossible is possible because it is a community that doesn't give up.

**Aitken, Mary** pg 381 (by Betty Lafoy and Charlene Graham)

In 1984, our mom, Mary Aitken, was living at Mary Helen Herchmer Place, a home she enjoyed for 13 years. She took an active part in the activities there and made many friends. In March 1996, due to failing health, she bravely and graciously moved to Santa Maria Citizens Home, where she lived for 8 years. Caregivers spoke of her as a “special lady with a beautiful smile and always a thank you”. Courage, determination and faith were some of her many strengths. Mom had a sharp mind and a remarkable memory that we all depended on.

Mom’s greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted, loving mother, grandmother, great and great-great-grandmother. She will be forever remembered by daughters **Betty** (Corky) Lafoy and **Charlene** (Don) Graham; four grandchildren Connie (Bud) Van Dusen, Shelley (Perry) Kerney, Kevin Linnen (April McAllister) and Shauna Linnen; four great-grandchildren Korey (Jena) Van Dusen, Mardy Van Dusen (Mike Ash), Adam and Meryn Kerney and two great-great-grandchildren Illyana and Aiden Van Dusen Ash.

On July 9, 2004 Mom peacefully passed away at the age of 95 years. We, her family, will forever cherish memories of her well-lived life and the love she shared with each of us.

**(Anaka) Brouet, Beverly and Bryant** pg 41

Beverly (April 8, 1941) and Bryant (June 28, 1928) married July 12, 1984. They reside in Regina. Bev works for the Department of Highways and Bryant is retired from SIAST.

**Anaka, Dale and Allison** pg 41

Dale (March 23, 1945) and Allison (July 19, 1953) married October 3, 1981. They live in Langley, BC. They have two daughters; **Nicole** (August 9, 1982) and **Lauren** (February 6, 1985). Dale continues to work as project manager in the steel industry.

**Anaka, Michael and Helen** pg 39

Mike passed away in 1997. Mike and Helen were married for 62 years.

Helen (December 17, 1912) is living in the Selo Gardens in Regina.

**Anaka, Robert and Ruth** pg 41

Robert (July 5, 1937) and Ruth Middlemiss (December 23, 1939) were married June 11, 1960. Robert continues to farm near Estlin and Richardson. They have 3 children; Karen, Warren and Dean and 6 grandchildren.

On June 30, 1984 **Karen** (May 27, 1963) married Doug Taylor (August 25, 1963). They have three children; Savannah (May 31, 1986), Ashton (October 15, 2001) and Logan (September 7, 2003). They reside in Saskatoon where they work in the insurance consulting business.

On November 27, 1993 **Warren** (December 17, 1966) married Gina Frisk (May 19, 1969). They have three children; Téa (September 27, 1997), Sasha (August 5, 2000) and Ty (June 24, 2003). Warren obtained his diploma in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan and farms with Robert. Warren and Gina live near Richardson.

**Dean** (April 23, 1968) graduated from the University of Regina. He resides in Regina and works for Case New Holland as a territory manager.

**Ashford, Bennett** pg 387

I graduated from Gray High School in 1942. I attended with a most distinguished group; Dorothy (Hendrickson) Burwell, Lois (Hendrickson) Byce, Rhoda Pomeroy, Ann Marko, and Jack Muller.

WWII had started in 1939 for Canada. I was registered for the Canadian military draft and also the U.S. draft when I was a freshman at the University of North Dakota, at age 17, taking Civil Engineering and in the Reserved Officer Training. As a civilian I worked helping expand the airport at Grand Forks, ND. When I reached 18, I was notified by both Canada and the U.S. to report for military duty. I chose to volunteer for the U.S. Air Force to be a pilot. As it happened, the casualty rate for pilots was low enough there was an ample supply of people for such assignment, but there were lots of openings as a Private in the U.S. Army, and I filled one of those openings.

My combat experience was in a machine gun squad in the last battle of WWII on the island of Okinawa. The battle started on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945 and ended June 20, 1945, when most Japanese soldiers had killed themselves and the rest

surrendered. I am so lucky, my burns from hot shell fragments have healed long ago, and there is just a constant irritating buzz in my right ear from a mortar explosion. Both injuries were from friendly fire (my own people). Lots of goofy things happen when you turn a bunch of teenagers loose in someone else's country, with all the ammunition and weapons imaginable. Statistics don't tell the whole story; but in 90 days the U.S. had 11,000 ground forces killed, 110,000 Japanese troops killed, and 145,000 Okinawa civilians killed, thousands more wounded and maimed, caught in the crossfire. Those poor folks are still stuck with U.S. forces on their island.



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WITH THE END OF FIGHTING ON OKINAWA, MEN OF CO M, 383RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 96TH DIVISION, FIND TIME FOR REST, HOT FOOD, AND A CHANCE TO LOOK OVER THEIR SOUVENIRS. HERE TWO FRIENDS FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, EXAMINE A SAMURI SWORD. LEFT, IS PFC. H B ASHFORD, RIGHT, PFC. HENRY BARLOW, BOTH LIVING AT 4547 19TH AVENUE, NE. (US ARMY PHOTO)

I'll relate three events that still recur in memory about my infantry machine gun squad.

A typical evening procedure was to set our machine guns to cover any Japanese movement during the night and we would fire up flares to light the area if needed. One night it was my turn on the gun and a bunch of Japanese attacked our position, firing a light machine gun with bullets hitting just below me; kicking up dirt and filling my eyes with dirt. I'd duck; wipe out my eyes, get my head up and ready to return fire, and the same thing would happen. The Japs were moving up the hill only 30 feet or so

below me, and my guys were yelling for me to fire back. They were all in foxholes around me, with rifles. This was the only time I ever heard the yell "Bonzai". Our sound powered phone was buzzing. I was pulling pins and rolling grenades down hill trying to fire the gun and answer the phone. After it quieted down, I answered the Company Commander on the phone. "If you want to know what is happening up here, climb out of that hole you're hiding in, and hike that two miles forward, and take a look." He never came up to look. He wasn't that curious.

The second event, we had the gun set to cover an open field where we felt people might try to move. I was asleep right next to the gun, and all of a sudden the machine gun firing woke me. The guy on the gun emptied the box of 250 rounds when a flare went up and a line of 13 people was walking past. I feel sure they were all killed, none escaped. They all fell right in order as they walked. There were 13 dead bodies, a line of Japanese soldiers, and two young girls with their arms around each other; and one soldier behind them, herding them along. At the time, I just felt justified that the girls were girlfriends of the Japanese; but years later I'm now convinced those young women (maybe 15-25 years old) were Korean "Comfort Girls". The Japs held them captive as sex slaves, and brought them from Korea.

Well, my last story is about June 22, 1945. The word was spread the Japanese were surrendering on Okinawa. Their Commander had committed Hari Kari, and the Okinawan civilians had been told by the Japs to surrender to U.S. soldiers, and expect to be killed by the U.S. soldiers. The sight was amazing. The Okinawan civilians started coming out of caves that were hidden, and we had not noticed, they were so well camouflaged. They were walking up past us, and taken by our M.P.'s to barbed wire pens. Most were women and children, carrying pieces of white cloth to show surrender. I'm sure those little kids expected to be killed, they were so brainwashed. There were still a few cases where some of the people surrendering would get close and explode a grenade, so we had the men all strip before they got close.

Life is bright now. At 80 years of age I have a great wife and family and only the irritation of constant buzzing in my right ear, as the price for my Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart

medals. My wife says my hearing complaints are just when she asks me to take out the garbage.



Ben and Neva Ashford

Gray was and is a great place. God is good, and plan another reunion in 50 years.

I'd like to put on skates and play a little hockey. My wife says Ha, Ha, Ha.

#### **Ashford, Cecil pg 387**

I retired in 1986, two years after The Ties That Bind was published. We traveled a bit, planning to be very active in retirement; and we have been but Patty, my bride of 52 years, suffered a stroke in 1990 that placed some limitations on us. But, as those relatives that we still have in Canada can attest, we got back to Gray and Regina several times and may again. But in 2003 a number of our Canadian relatives and friends, including Dawn (Husband) Bender, Dale (Husband) Yeo and Tom Hannan came to Virginia to help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Dawn and Dale brought a number of children and grandchildren as well. My brother Bennet, his wife Neva and a number of their children and grandchildren came from the west coast. I believe they all came in awe that anyone would put up with me for so many years.

#### **Axford, Fred and Jean pg 393**

Fred and Jean enjoyed their retirement visiting their children and grandchildren as well as the many friends they made through the Masonic Lodge.

Jean passed away in October 1994 of cancer and Fred passed away in September 1996 of a heart attack. Fred was fortunate to have traveled to see all

his family within a month of his death. Their next-door neighbours in Regina, Dean and Shirley Boesch, were very helpful during the last few years.

**Don** and Joan retained the E1/2 30-13-18 which is leased to Dale and Kathy Henry. The family home was demolished in 2003 leaving a barn and a few steel bins.

Don and Joan retired in 2000 and reside in West Vancouver. Their daughter Leanne graduated from University of Toronto with a law degree and is a civil litigator in the office of the Attorney General of British Columbia. She married Keith Johnston (also a lawyer) in 1993. They have two children, Andrew (11) and Rachel (8) and reside in North Vancouver.

Don and Joan's son Gordon graduated from University of BC with a commerce degree. He married Yifen Lin in 1994 (also a commerce graduate) and is head of the derivatives desk for CitiGroup in Sydney, Australia. They have two children Ben (6) and Sam (2).

#### **Baker, Clarence Lemoyne and Mary pg 774**

Clarence Lemoyne Baker passed away April 24, 1985 in the Plains Health Center, Regina, SK. He was 76 years, 6 months, 25 days old after a long and busy life in the community. His wit and experience are sorely missed by all. Lemoyne's wife Mary still resides on the family farm at Riceton.

His eldest son **Dwight** Douglas Baker is married and lives in Texas City, TX where he works and counsels inmates in Folsom prison. His second son **Wayne** Lemoyne is widowed and retired in Tabor, AB after 26 years working in the telecommunications industry. Third son **Terry** Ward is on the farm at Riceton.

There are three grandsons; Douglas of Airdrie, AB (wife Calli), Troy of Calgary, AB and Trevor of Calgary, AB (sons of Dwight Baker). There are two granddaughters; Jamie Rolf (husband James) of Tabor, AB and Jackie Bremner (husband Richard) of Chetwynd, BC (daughters of Wayne and Carol). There are three great-grandsons; Curtis, Bailey and Thomas (Jamie) and one great-granddaughter, Jade (Troy).

**Balfour, Bob and Rochelle (Gibeau)** pg 868

My mother and father, Laura and Paul Gibeau, lived on the farm at Bechard since 1945. My dad passed away September 1976. My husband Bob and I, moved from Regina to take over the farm and help my mother.

Bob was born in Mossbank, SK but from the age of 10 had lived in Regina. We met in high school and were married April 1971. He graduated from the University of Regina, with an education degree in Physical Education, in 1975. He was teaching at Sheldon-Williams high school at the time my dad passed away. With the help of his dad, Robert Balfour Sr., Bob stepped in and began his farming career. He basically taught himself about farming and took classes in welding and motor mechanics. Mom moved to Regina in the fall of 1977.

Our first child, **Erin** was born in January 1978. Our second daughter, **Jennifer** was born in May 1979. Little Grandma, as her granddaughters called her, visited and babysat often. It was on one of her trips back to the city, that she was killed in a car accident. It was August 1984.

Growing up, the girls attended playschool in Riceton, run by Phyllis Walter. Kindergarten and grade 1 to 6 were also in Riceton. Some of their teachers included Mary-Jo Steve and June Mitchell, along with teacher-aide Judy Zolc. Both girls, at an early age, learnt to skate on the farm dugout and later with the Gray Figure Skating Club. Erin, at age seven, played hockey with the Gray Ghosts. And she still plays hockey to this day.

Bob could also be found playing hockey with the Gray Blades and Screaming O's and any other team who needed a player. I also curled in Gray in the winter. Bob played ball with both Riceton and Gray, and I played with the Riceton Blues Ladies fastball team. Bob was also a school bus driver when needed, and was Chairman of the Riceton School Board for 10 years.

In 1988, we made the decision to farm organically. We have been certified organic for 15 years.

A very difficult decision was made in 1989. The family moved its residence to Sedley. The girls attended Francis and Sedley schools, graduating in 1996 and 1997.

Bob and I moved back to the farm in December of 1999. Erin graduated from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Kinesiology, Sports Administration degree. She now is Program Coordinator with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association in Regina. Jenn also lives in Regina and is an MSR/Loans Officer with Affinity Credit Union. Bob is a member of the Riceton Volunteer Fire Department and still plays hockey. I work and also curl in the city.

Living and growing up in this area has given us many happy memories and wonderful friends and neighbors.

**Beaumont, Robert Howard and J. Maxine (Mohr)** pg 46 and pg 946 (by Donna Wilson)

Things have really changed in the last twenty years. Families grow and families move.

We spent many years traveling, mostly to Victoria, BC to see our daughter Pat and her family. Bob sold our farm in the 1990's because he had been diagnosed with cancer. We moved into Regina to a condo we purchased in July 1998. Bob died September 4, 1998.

**Patricia** and Brian Copp and their children live in Victoria, BC. Brian retired from the RCMP in 1987 and started a new career as Communications Manager of the 9-1-1 system at the Langford Fire Department. He retired from that position after 18 years, in early 2005. Pat retired from working as an Administrative Assistant at a golf course in 2004. They are both looking forward to a little golf, a little volunteer work, a little babysitting for their granddaughter and some traveling. Their oldest daughter Laura, married Bruce Webster in December 1994. Laura teaches piano from a studio in their home, and Bruce is a Systems Administrator. They have one daughter Meagan Grace (December 2, 2003). Gail, their second daughter, received her diploma in Computer Systems Technology and is working as a computer programmer.

**Roberta** and Ryan Clark have a ranch with bison and elk. Their oldest daughter Rena June (July 1978) earned her Bachelor of Science Biology (Molecular) Honors degree in May 2001. She then went on to earn her Master's degree in Science in December 2004. She married Tyrone Okrainetz in January 2004 in the Dominican Republic and they

reside in Saskatoon. Their second daughter Rebecca Jean (November 1981) graduated from Saskatoon Business College in 2002 with a Medical Administrative Course. She works for the Saskatoon Health District. She resides in Saskatoon.

**Victoria Ann** moved to Winnipeg, MB in December 1989. Victoria married Karl Micheal Brooks January 31, 1997 in Las Vegas, NV. On October 1, 1997 they moved to Kansas City, MO. Karl is the Parts Warehouse Manager for MacDon, Inc. in Kansas City, MO. MacDon Industries is a hay equipment manufacturer based in Winnipeg, MB. Victoria works for Key Bank in Kansas City, MO. Victoria's son, Jason Dean Konkin, moved to Vernon, BC in 1999 and is working at a transmission shop.

**Donna Mae** lost her husband Mark Allan Wilson to cancer March 12, 2004. Donna is working for Brown's Fine Food Services in Regina. Donna's son Robert Mark Wilson moved to Kanata Valley, June 2004. He is a surveyor working for CalTech and has one son Brodie Mark Keanan (July 25, 2004).

### **Bechard, Blair and Cindy** pg 796

I was born in the village of Bechard and lived there until 1971. When I was 10 years old we moved to Gray where my father took a grain-buying job with Pioneer Grain Company. Life was normal but it seemed different moving to such a big town, including a skating rink, gas station, store, bulk Esso gas depot and school. I attended school in Gray up to grade eight and then was bused in for my high school years to Sheldon-Williams. After high school I worked different jobs including custom harvesting in the U.S. until my brother Ken and I started farming in 1982. After some dry years in the eighties I felt it was necessary to again be employed off the farm. After training I was employed with Regina Ambulance Service and was married to Carol Grebinsky and we were blessed with our daughter **Nicole** in June 1989. We lived in Riceton until the summer of 1994 and moved into Hartford Lewis's house on Main Street in Gray. Shortly thereafter Carol and I divorced and Nicole and I stayed together until we met our new family-to-be Cindy and **Brittany** East from Regina. We married and blended our families in 1997.

Cindy moved from Climax, SK where her parents Ken and Margaret East raised her and six siblings. It was always a joy to have her father come and help us

with harvest until his passing. Cindy moved from Climax in 1980 to be employed as a nurse in the old Plains Hospital. Our lives were busy but we adjusted well to our new family. Nicole and Brittany attended school in Gray up to grade six and then started attending the Regina Christian School located on Albert and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Nicole (16) is going into grade 11 and Brittany (15) is going into grade 10.

I have a sister Simonne Beck and brother-in-law Jeff who reside in Las Vegas. Simonne has been a big help at harvest time driving a combine since the early 1980's. My brother, Ken's wife Joyce has been a big help to us doing my farm books and taking care of invoicing for our custom spray business. My parents Con and Audrey were a big help as I balanced working shift, farming and for a time single parenting.

Cindy has always been a big encouragement taking care of house duties. She now works part-time in the maternity ward at the General Hospital because of the increased demand on driving kids here and there. I am now working my 14<sup>th</sup> year with the Regina Fire Department and we now reside in our new house built in 2002 located at 205 Queen Street, Gray.

### **Bechard, Con and Audrey** pg 796

Con and Audrey still reside in Gray. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2003. A tea was held at Gray Memorial Hall for friends and family (and the Queen!).

Their daughter **Simonne** and her husband Jeff Beck live in Las Vegas.

Their sons, **Ken** and **Blair** and their families live in Gray. (See **Bechard, Blair and Cindy** and **Bechard, Ken and Joyce**.)

### **Bechard, Ken and Joyce** pg 796

It was pointed out to Ken Bechard, on more than one occasion I'm sure, if you want to meet a woman, you are at least going to have to leave your own yard, but not so, for along came his neighbour's friend, Joyce Swedberg-Garbutt. She would come out to Jane's place quite often – enjoying her visits, but also, the quietness and beauty of a small town. Joyce happened to notice a basketball hoop hanging on Ken's garage (which he

had previously planned to take down) and mentioned to Jane, "Do you think your neighbour would mind if I shot a few hoops?" Her reply, "Oh no, the guy that lives there is a farmer and is never home." Well, sure enough, he showed up while Joyce was using his basketball hoop – and on July 20, 1996 they were married.

Joyce and Ken are raising their 6-year old granddaughter Hallie Garbutt. Joyce has three grown children from a previous marriage. Ken still farms and custom sprays while Joyce owns the school bus and is kept very busy with Hallie.

**Bechard, Roland Abraham** pg 799 (by Tessa (Bechard) Howell)

We bought our home in Regina in 1964. In 1982 Ron built an extension on our cottage at Katepwa Lake. We spent many summer weekends there and because the cottage wasn't insulated there were some chilly days in the spring and winter.

Ron's mother Annie (Bechard) Curran died in 1984. Ron died in 1996.

I sold our cottage and house in 2000 and married Forest (Dusty) Howell, formerly of Milestone. We live in Regina and spend some winter months in Arizona.

**Black, J. Claude (J.C.) and Elizabeth** pg 48 (by Josie Black)

On January 31, 1987 J.C. passed away. He was 91 years old and had been in the General Hospital nearly six years. Mom Black died November 2, 1992. She was 94 years of age. She was able to stay in her apartment until two weeks prior to her death.

**Etta** Pearce was stricken with cancer December 1992. She died January 7, 1993. Her husband Jim Pearce died of bone cancer in March of 1993.

**Mona's** husband Don Beattie died in surgery July of 1988. Today Mona lives in Chilliwack, BC near her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

**Ralph** is now retired (in California) and busy with his children and grandchildren. His children all live close by. Gladys keeps busy with driving grandchildren to school and to kindergarten etc. She works with her church group and belongs to a

Norwegian Club. Ralph and Gladys have done a lot of traveling which they both enjoy.

**Roy** and I are still trying to farm. We try to go to California for the winter months. Ralph has a beach house that is vacant most of the time. He is happy to let us spend the winter months there. Brent graduated from Sheldon Williams in 1982. He went to the University of Regina for one year. He then joined the work force at Sask Comp and after a few name changes it is now ISM. He still works there. Farming is bedded deep in his veins. On holidays and days off he is busy on the farm. Brent was married in November 1988 to Candace Weimer. They have one son Austin who is 13 years old. That marriage did not last. He married again in July 1999 to Kristine Harreman of Regina. They have a two-year old son Colton James, and are expecting a baby July 15, 2005. Modern medicine says it will be a girl. After graduation in 1984 from Miller High School, Connie went to work at SaskTel. She was married in 1986 and the marriage ended in 1989. In 1995 she married Mark Beingsner, a farmer from Truax, SK. They have three children Logan (7), Megan (5) and Nolan (2½). Connie is now a stay-at-home mom, which she loves. Come seeding or harvest time she is in the field running a piece of equipment.

My mom, Katherine Shenher, died December 2, 1996. She was 94 years of age and had spent nearly 10 years in Santa Maria nursing home.

Sundays were never quite the same. We had spent that day with our parents. We picked up Mom Black and took her out for brunch. Then we went over to the hospital to see dad. After that we went to the nursing home to see my mom. Sad to say besides family we have lost some close neighbours and friends. We miss them all but life goes on.

**(Boesch) Hoerger, Carol** pg 403

Carol married Richard Hoerger January 5, 1963. Richard died in a plane accident October 21, 1971. Richard was a lawyer and they lived in Chicago. Carol now lives in Minneapolis and is retired from office work with a real estate company. She has 2 children.

**Gregory** married Sharon Brandeen October 20, 2000. They have 3 children; Thomas Edward (January 31, 2001), David Gregory (October 6, 2002) and Daniel Richard (March 11, 2004). Greg

has a son, Matthew Paul (November 7, 1990) who lives in Milwaukee with his mother. Greg has an engineering degree and works in Minneapolis. His wife Sharon works in a law office.

**Lori** married James Thompson May 14, 1994. They have 3 children; James Richard (March 18, 1997) and twins Benjamin William and Nicholas Walter (December 9, 2000). James is a global account manager with Herman Miller office furniture and he works out of his home. Lori is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Plainfield, IL a suburb of Chicago.

### **Boesch, David and Sandy** pg 403

David and Sandy moved to Edmonton in 1996. David works as an administrator/professional officer on the faculty of Education at Concordia University College. Sandy works as an in-service nursing instructor for SCA Hygiene. They have 3 children.

**Raylene** graduated from Concordia University College. She works as an administrative assistant for CIBC Wood Gundy in Edmonton and lives in Beaumont, a suburb of Edmonton.

**Joel** married Lavinia Perozok August 4, 2002. Joel works as a financial administrator with EPCOR and Lavinia works in a doctors' office.

**Melissa** graduated with an Arts and Education degree from Concordia University College in Edmonton. She teaches at the Dresden International School in Dresden, Germany.

### **Boesch, Dean and Shirley** pg 404

Dean and Shirley moved to Regina in the spring of 1993. Dean became the 'commuter' and still drives out to the farm most days.

Both Dean and Shirley enjoy the three granddaughters (**Kris** and Ginny's children) and the grandchildren very much enjoy their Regina drop bys and visits to Grandma and Grandpa's house (and the swimming pool). Shirley is often the dinner stop between lessons and games (hockey, soccer, dance, etc.). Dean and Shirley (and daughter **Lori**) have made several trips to Alberta/British Columbia to visit friends and relatives the last several summers.

Freya Sundin (Shirley's niece) still lives with them and has completed a Business Administration degree

from the University of Regina. Freya now works full-time for North Ridge Development Corporation (a construction company).

### **Boesch, Garth and Billie** pg 811

Garth passed away May 13, 1998.

Billie is in good health and resides in Rathdrum, ID. Son **Ashley** and his wife Carol built an apartment attached to their home for Billie. She is enjoying it, but suggests 'they are as busy as birddogs!' Daughter **Darienne** and husband Chuck Threlkeld reside in Jackson, CA.

### **(Boesch) Luebke, Joyce and Carl** pg 405

We have retired to Regina and live in Wood Meadows in the east where it is busy and booming.

**Greg** is in Abbotsford, BC. He teaches semi-truck driving as well as works as a Recreational Director in Senior Homes. **Nancy** lives in Emerald Park and is a Computer Programmer for EDS. **Erich** lives in Lacombe, AB with his daughter, Morgan (2001) and is a GM Service Technician. **Dallas** and his wife Carlee live in North Weyburn with their three children; Brody (2000), Taelynn (2001) and Drake (2003). They own Pets Plus in the Weyburn Mall. Dallas works as a Service Manager for Redcoat. **Bruce** is in Brandon, MB and works at CKLQ radio station. He is a Sports Broadcaster and travels with the Wheat Kings during the hockey season. He writes a column for the Brandon Sun.

### **Boesch, Kris and Virginia Carpenter** pg 404



Ginny, Kris. In front; Jyllele, Lilla and Jenna

Kris met Ginny while they were both attending a French Immersion course at Laval University in Quebec City. They were married July 1987 in Webster, NY. Ginny moved from upstate New York to small town Saskatchewan!

Kris and Ginny resided in the 'quonset' apartment for several years. When Dean and Shirley bought a home in Regina in 1993, Kris and Ginny began major renovations on the old farmhouse (1924). The house was lifted off the basement so a new foundation could be poured. Inner walls and old insulation were updated – several years worth of work. The official 'move' was in the fall of 1995.

Genevieve (Jenna) Therese (April 17, 1994) had already arrived. She is daughter number one, leading her two sisters through the 'activity' list. Jylle Kristin (June 2, 1996) and Lilla Anne (December 31, 1998) have completed the family. The girls are very active; hockey in the winter, soccer in the summer, swimming, Sask Express and various other activities keep the van wheels turning.

The family continues to farm. Kris and Ginny often have additional employment in Regina.

#### **Boesch, Laurence and Carol** pg 403

Laurence and Carol retired to Regina in 1990. They have spent their winters in Arizona, Florida and Mexico. Their summers are busy with assistance on the farm and at their cabin on Pasqua Lake. Laurence and Carol have 5 children.

**Stephen** married Maureen Senko August 4, 1984, they were divorced in 1999. They have 3 children; Jordan Clarence (February 17, 1987), Matthew Peter (March 4, 1989) and Veronica Lindsay (February 1, 1993).

Stephen married Kathy Diewald September 8, 2001. Kathy has 4 children from a previous marriage; Jessica (1982), Chelsea (1985), Karter (1987) and Brooke (1993). Stephen, after 25 years with SaskTel, along with Kathy, opened and now is operating two Quiznos fast food outlets, one in east Regina and one in north Regina. Kathy is an RN but is now in sales of hospital equipment. Stephen helps on the farm in busy seasons.

**Carla** married Darin Paul December 3, 1983 and divorced in 2003. They have 3 children; Jason David (June 10, 1984), Micheal William (October 29, 1985) and Donovan Lewis (February 19, 1990).

Carla is a Licensed Practical Nurse and is now working at the William Booth Care Home in Regina in the Palliative Care Unit.

**Donna** married Keith Davey August 8, 1998. They have 2 children; Rachel Christine (July 5, 1999) and Benjamin Floyd (October 25, 2002). Donna graduated in accounting from SAIT in Calgary and worked for Revenue Canada until Rachel was born. Keith is in Real Estate in Calgary.

**Paul** married Tanja Piche December 22, 1990. They have 2 children; Darah Rae (April 26, 1991) and Denin Walter (April 28, 1993). Paul and Tanja moved from the farm to White City in 2002. Paul continues to farm and Tanja is a receptionist at a hair restoration clinic.

**John** married Jennifer Dinu March 27, 1999. They have 3 children; Meg Julia (May 16, 2001), Katie Anne (February 28, 2003) and Olivia Ruth (December 19, 2004). John and Jeni live in Regina. John farms with Paul and Jeni is a stay-at-home mom.

#### **Boesch, Lori** pg 404

Lori moved to Calgary in the fall of 1985 and worked seven years with Hockey Canada (Canada's full-time National Men's Hockey Team) as Manager. She enjoyed the team atmosphere and the opportunity to travel (and organize the team). Working with Dave King was a career highlight. Lori had an opportunity to move to New York City and to work with the National Hockey League in 1992. Her position with the NHL was Director, Special Events. She managed the logistics and organization of All-Star Weekends, Entry Drafts, SuperSkills competitions, pre-season and opening season games in Europe and Japan and the first ever NHL player participation in the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. There were lots of trips and lots of events. She spent 7 years in NYC but decided in the spring of 1999 that it was time to get back to Canada. The summer back in Saskatchewan was much appreciated and when the NHL offered a winter contract, the next 5 years fell into place; New York or Toronto for the hockey season and the farm in Gray for the summers.

Lori enjoys traveling. Her most recent trip was a six-week visit to India. Travel highlights are the Great Wall of China, swimming with the dolphins in Cozumel and Luxor, Egypt.

**Boesch, Merle and Isobel** pg 809

Merle passed away in 1997. Isobel still resides in Calgary. Robin and Linda (and their families) live in Calgary.

**Boesch, Peter and Coral** pg 405

Peter retired from the Lutheran ministry in 2000 and resides in Panorama, a suburb of Adelaide, South Australia. He is kept busy with vacancy preaching, hospital chaplaincy and work around the house and yard. Coral is a volunteer counsellor with a church welfare agency. Peter and Coral have 3 children.

**Andrew** married Anne Klingbiel April 15, 2000. They have one child, Henry (October 15, 2002). Andrew teaches and Anne does some part-time teaching. They await the birth of their second child in early July. They live in Melbourne.

**Mark** married Vathany Shanmugalingam July 6, 2003. Both Mark and his wife are doctors in Darwin in the Northern Territory, Australia.

**Lorinda** married Tim Wegener September 13, 2003. Lorinda is a research assistant/dietician at a local hospital and Tim is an engineer, developing chips for computer programs. They live in Parkside, Adelaide, not far from Peter and Coral.

**Richard** Lovett, Peter and Coral's foster-son, is married with 2 children, and lives in Adelaide.

**Boesch, Walter and Lorinda** pg 402

Lorinda Boesch lived in her home on Albert Street in Regina until she reached the age of 89. She was able to live an active, independent life until she could no longer drive her car due to failing eyesight from macular degeneration. She moved to a care home on Pasqua Street for six months and then to Qu'Appelle House on College Avenue, residing there until her death in 2002, at the age of 97.

**Bohlken, Iola** pg 821

Iola passed away in 2004.

**Bohlken, Jeff and Debra** pg 814

In the spring of 1985, Jeff began full time farming with his father Ken. In 1986, Ken passed away after a short battle with cancer. Jeff continued to farm with the help of his mother, Opal.

In 1988, Jeff married Debra Ambrose. Debra was born and raised in Moose Jaw but loved the serenity of country living. Debra worked with an agricultural company and farmed along with Jeff. During the winter, they would move into Regina and house sit for couples that spent their winter months in Arizona. While in Regina, Jeff also worked for an agricultural company during the winter months.

In 1997, they decided to rent out the farmland and work full time off the farm. The next few years were spent assessing that decision which led to the sale of our home quarter and a machinery auction sale in July 2002. That decision led to the building of a lovely home in Emerald Park, SK.

Jeff worked a number of years at Brandt Engineered Products in the Road Rail Division. He traveled extensively throughout the United States consulting with the major railroad companies in that country. He was responsible for the delivery of specialized work equipment and training of work crews on the operation and maintenance of that equipment. Related to the railroad industry, Jeff also assisted the research and development department in testing and reporting on new prototype projects.

In 2004, Jeff decided to return to the farm industry. He is currently actively involved with farming in the Riceton area.

In 2004, Debra started a new and exciting career at Celebration Lutheran Church leaving behind a 14-year career with one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies to work for our Lord and His great commission to bring souls to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

They have one daughter, Amie, who attended the French Immersion program at Wilfred Walker in Regina and later attended Luther High School graduating in 1998. She continued her education at the University of Regina for two years then moved to Calgary to complete her education. She studied Graphic Design and upon completion moved back to Regina and is currently working with a film company, Partners in Motion, as their Set Designer. Amie has been involved with several documentaries that have aired on the History Channel. They are so proud of her and her accomplishments.

### **Bohlken, Kenneth and Opal** pg 814

Kenneth passed away January 27, 1986. He was 62 years old. Jeff and I continued to live at the farm working together for the next 10 years.

**Chris** married Sharon Gottselig September 24, 1988. They have a daughter Nicole (January 28, 1996). They live at Emerald Park. Chris works at SaskTel and Sharon works at the Provincial Court House.

**Barb** and David have two children, Jessica (January 6, 1987) and Eric (October 7, 1989). On October 16, 1999 David passed away suddenly. He was 49 years old. Barb works at Farm Credit Corporation and lives in Regina.

**Jeff** married Debra Ambrose February 13, 1988. They have a daughter Amie. They lived at the farm for a few years, then sold the home quarter to Stephen Moon and moved to Emerald Park. Jeff works for Randy Moon so he still enjoys the farm work. Debra works at Celebration Church and Amie works at Partners in Motion.

**Janis** works at Saskatchewan Justice and lives in Regina. She has been gathering the family history, and volunteers with the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

I helped out at the farm, until we leased our land to Randy Moon, then I became chief babysitter and gofer. This past year (2005) I retired from taking kids to school.

### **(Bonsor) McLeod, Kathleen and Sebastian** pg 54

I was born to Arthur and Margaret Bonsor on February 16, 1937 the youngest of two boys and two girls. I have fond memories of skating, curling, dances at Gray, church picnics, going out with friends, and I could go on and on. I completed my grade 12 at Estlin and then attended Success Business College in Regina for a year where I obtained a Stenographers Certificate in June 1957. I worked at the Medical Arts Clinic in Regina for a total of five and a half years. In June of 1959 I traveled by myself to Rainbow, CA to visit my aunt and uncle. Rainbow is halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego. I went down by train and flew back. They took me to the San Diego Zoo, to Tijuana, Mexico, to La Jolla to pick seashells on the beach, and to Oceanside to swim in the ocean. I did not get to see Disneyland as my aunt said it was just

for children which was quite true at that time. In 1960 I went with my parents by bus to Amherstberg and St. Catharines, ON to visit relatives. We also saw Niagara Falls and the Welland Canal.

I met Sebastian McLeod in about 1957 as my sister (Margaret) and his sister (Betty) lived on the same block of King Street in Regina. Sebastian was born on February 11, 1936 to John and Virginia McLeod of Camperville, MB. Seven girls were born first and he was the first boy. Eventually ten girls and three boys completed a family of 13 children. He received his schooling in Camperville and moved to Regina in 1953 where he worked at construction jobs. Our paths didn't cross again until about 1959 when we discovered we both lived on the same block of Lorne Street. We were married April 15, 1961. Sebastian had already obtained Second Class Carpenter papers through the Sask Technical School in Moose Jaw and a college in Saskatoon. He continued working as a carpenter building houses, and I continued working at the Medical Arts Clinic. Our first child, Wanda Lynn (February 8, 1962), was followed by Warren Frances (June 19, 1964) and Darren John (April 12, 1967).

As building houses in Regina was only a summer job, Sebastian wanted to find something permanent, so worked for various service stations in Regina. In approximately 1970 the Saskatchewan Government under the leadership of Premier Ross Thatcher passed a resolution stating that all government owned businesses should employ a certain percentage of native people. As Sebastian was Metis he had the opportunity through Manpower in Regina to look into a job at Sask Minerals (a sodium sulphate plant) in Fox Valley. How well do I remember that first trip to Fox Valley with our three children and an employee of the Indian and Metis Society. The idea of moving to a small town appealed to us as we had both grown up in one. Maybe I could even start curling again as I was pretty good at that in high school. Towards the end of August 1970 we made the big move to Fox Valley and Sebastian started work on September 3 of that year. We never regretted moving. We both started curling and I spent many years as a skip of a ladies team, sometimes winning a trophy or prizes. We enjoyed community events and St. Mary's Catholic Church was a big part of our lives. While the children were still at home we spent many happy summers camping with our hardtop tent camper. We holidayed in British Columbia many times, went

to Ontario to visit relatives and spent many weekends in Cypress Hills Park.

I worked part-time at the Bank of Montreal in Fox Valley for a time but my heart was at home so gave it up to be with the kids. In November 1984 I took the job of Parish Secretary for St. Mary's Catholic Church that was part-time. I held this position until July 1998. In August 1985 I was offered the job of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Rural Municipality of Fox Valley No. 171. As Darren was almost finished high school I jumped at the chance to work in an office once again. Sixteen and a half happy years were spent in the RM office where I enjoyed dealing with the various aspects of rural municipal government. I retired on January 31, 2002 as I was 65 in February. Sebastian retired from Sask Minerals on November 30, 1998 after 28 years as a labourer, then a carpenter, then as a Shift Boss.

**Wanda** completed her grade 12 in Fox Valley in June 1981. She attended Lakeland College in Vermilion, AB for a semester taking animal health. She decided that wasn't her calling so took a course in horsemanship at Touchwood Stables in Saskatoon. Finally in 1982 decided on a secretarial course and graduated from Reliance Business College in Regina in September 1983. Her first job was at the head office of the Co-operators in Regina where she started in October 1983. In February of 1996 when so many companies were downsizing she was laid off. She spent 6 agonizing months in search of a similar job. Finally in August of that year she began work in the head office of Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) where she has been ever since. She is a Clerk Steno III Junior Buyer. Wanda is single. She has been an animal lover from the time she was old enough to know what an animal was. Her pride and joy are her pets. Her horse Rusty is an Arabian quarter horse cross. Her dog Cricket is a purebred black cocker spaniel. Her cat Sapphire was part Siamese and died of old age in June 2004. She belonged to the Pilot Butte Riding Club for many years and won many ribbons and trophies competing with Rusty in all the gymkhana events. In 1995 and 1996 Wanda and Rusty qualified to compete in the Saskatchewan Riding Club Association Annual Provincial Meet in Moose Jaw. Both years they were first in Western Riding in the Intermediate Ladies Division. Even though Rusty is now 26 years old she hauls the horse around with her own truck and horse trailer to go riding with friends or to take part in trail rides. She also enters

Cricket in dog shows and has won many ribbons in agility.

**Warren** completed his grade 12 in Fox Valley in June 1982. He attended the Sask. Technical Institute in Moose Jaw for one semester taking radio and television repair. He decided that wasn't his calling so took a course in power engineering at the Medicine Hat College from January to June of 1983. Jobs in that field were scarce so worked at whatever he could find. He moved to Calgary and worked at various jobs until finally landing a job at Mount Royal College in November 1989 where he has been every since. He maintains the College's heating and air-conditioning units. Warren is single. His hobbies are photography and song writing. Some of his songs have been performed for a recording with the help of his musician friends. His song "This Is the Dance" placed among the top ten finalists in CBC's Alberta Song Writing Competition in 1997. Three years later his song, "Freeze That Moment" was a Southern Alberta regional finalist in CJ92's National Song Writing Competition. These days he spends more time with photography.

**Darren** completed his grade 12 in Fox Valley in June 1985 and won the Governor General's award for the highest average at Fox Valley School. He was the first recipient of the Precambrian Shield Resources Scholarship, an oil company out of Calgary that established many natural gas wells in the RM of Fox Valley. He attended the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon campus from September 1985 to May 1986 and was enrolled in engineering. The following year he contacted a serious case of mononucleosis plus other health problems and had to drop out of university thus losing the scholarship. After, he took various courses in computers at Kelsey Institute and McKay Tech in Saskatoon. He found a job in Edmonton at Soroban Computers and moved there in 1990. The job was not what he thought it was so moved to Regina where he entered the University of Saskatchewan and graduated with a degree in Computer Science and a minor in psychology. His first job was with Keane Consulting in Wheaton, IL and moved there in July 1996. First he was sent to Boston, MA for six weeks of training in the Cobol Computer Language. While there he got married to Barbara Lloyd, formerly of Regina May 2, 1997. After one year Darren and Barbara had had enough of the United States and moved back to Regina. He began work with LGS, a computer contracting company and stayed there for one year. He decided

he could do better and began working for TMC Computers (Technological Management Corporation) where he is now a Senior Business Analyst. Barbara attended the University of Saskatchewan for several years with the goal of obtaining a degree in biology and psychology. She has since put her education on hold and has started her own business *The Dog's Den Training School*. She and Darren have several dogs of their own.

Our grandson Aaron Sebastian Muir was born in Saskatoon on April 2, 1987 to our son Darren McLeod and Alana Muir. Darren soon found himself a single father which was too much for him emotionally, so at the age of three Aaron ended up in the care of his maternal grandparents, Robert and Lynda Muir of Lloydminster. By the time Aaron was in grade 1 and just turned seven years old the Muirs' decided they couldn't handle him anymore and asked if we would take over his care. We didn't hesitate, knowing full well what we were in for, as he was a completely messed up kid. With the help of a child psychologist, doctors, social workers, and the help of patient teachers at the Fox Valley School we got him straightened out. He loved Karate and was an active member of the Fox Valley School Badminton Club. He attended the Cypress Kempo Karate Club in Maple Creek and earned his second belt.

It is with a great deal of sadness to report to the readers of this history that Sebastian was diagnosed with cancer August 7, 2002 and passed away in Regina March 18, 2003. The cancer was called carcinoma of unknown primary. My family and I were very grateful for the consideration shown us by our many friends in Fox Valley during this devastating time in our lives. As we didn't have any relatives living in Fox Valley I decided to move to Regina to be close to family. Aaron and I moved on August 26, 2003 and stayed with Wanda until October 26, 2003 when we moved into our brand new home on the east side of Regina. It has not been easy, however, I felt it was time to get Aaron used to city life and he is presently in grade 12 at Luther College. I, too, am getting used to city life once again and we look forward to many happy years here. We had a wonderful life in Fox Valley but moving back to Regina has been like moving back home.

**Bonsor, Wilbert and Myrna (Dunbar)** pg 56  
(by Myrna Bonsor)

Following the 1984 Homecoming, great satisfaction and elation was felt by the Estlin homecoming committee of which I had the pleasure of being a part, along with our chairperson Josie Black, secretary treasurer Elaine East, Arlene Phillips, Dorothy Gooding, and Carl Webster. Several of our young people expressed their sincere thanks along with the hope, that in a few years, we would plan to come together once again to celebrate our common roots and history. The Saskatchewan Centennial celebrations would seem to be the perfect opportunity.

For many of us, the homecoming event had proved to be much more than just a huge party and reunion. Suddenly, the combined family and community histories, and the countless personal stories came alive for us through the displays of photos, antiques, artifacts and our priceless history book, The Ties That Bind. A more fitting title could not have been found.

I don't believe many of us were fully prepared for the tremendous impact the meeting of distant relatives, old friends and former school chums would have. Shared memories, both good and bad, came flooding back and took on a whole new significance. The most poignant event for me was the gathering together of all the former Estlin United Church Junior Choir members. Saturday afternoon we practiced and Sunday we were to lead the music in a big tent church service. Once again we were under the direction of Beryl Clarke, who at that time was residing in White Rock, BC. She had sent early copies of the chosen anthems to those she remembered could sing the harmonies. The singers poured into the little church amidst hugs, jokes and wild raucous laughter. We were home! On Sunday we sang with joy and very full hearts. As children we never dreamed what a strong influence participating in this small rural church choir would have on our lives. Many had pursued some form of musical education and shared their talents wherever they went. Others continued to provide leadership and entertainment in their own, and in neighbouring communities. Personally, I've had the great pleasure and honour of sharing the joy, and sometimes the sorrow, at many Estlin and Gray families' weddings, christenings, anniversaries and funerals.

In the 1980's our Riceton Pastoral Charge minister, Sharon Davis, directed and accompanied a group of women from Estlin, Gray and Riceton. Practices were held winter afternoons in the new Gray

Church. We performed at local church and community events. Eventually we broadened our horizons and took spring and Christmas programs to senior complexes and nursing homes.

After Sharon left the Riceton charge this group evolved into the "Singing Friends and Neighbours" and every spring, under the direction of Marilyn Hill of Lumsden, we continue to take our music to seniors and shut-ins. Pat Myers has compiled a beautiful memory album of our history and highlights.

Wilbert and I continued to farm from the spring of 1959 to his unexpected death December 6, 1997. His loss left a large void, but Earl, Lorne and I have continued to farm with the support and encouragement of Laura and son-in-law Ian McIntosh. The farm has continued to grow through the purchase and rental of more land and the acquisition of larger equipment.

After working for the Permanent Trust Company for six years following her marriage to Ian, **Laura** enrolled at the University of Regina and in 1990 received her Bachelor of Education degree with Great Distinction. Her first teaching job was a short-term position at Balgonie. Following that she worked as a Kindergarten teacher at Dr. George Ferguson, Elsie Dorsie and W.F. Ready schools. She presently teaches grade 1 at Ruth Pawson School. Although extremely busy, her love of teaching has not waned and many young lives have blossomed under her care. Ian has been employed with the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission since 1985. He is currently the Deputy Director of Corporate Finance. He is an avid model railroader and is presently erecting an extensive remote controlled layout in their new home basement. On August 16, 1993 twins Mitchell Alexander and Jillian Elissa were born at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. They will be entering grade 7 at W.S. Hawrylak School this fall. Laura and Ian celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 28 of this year. They were the last couple married in the Estlin United Church before its closure, with Reverend Laird White officiating.

**Earl** and Marion "Dena" Miller were married November 3, 1990 at Whitmore Park United Church in Regina. Her three sons Jeremy Nigel (July 23, 1979), Kennedy Michael Brian (April 1, 1981) and Khristen Aurel (November 16, 1984) were part of the ceremony. Their first daughter, Jessie Myrna

(December 23, 1991), was followed by twin girls Sarah Marie and Amy Nicole (June 28, 1994). Earl has earned his Transport Canada M1 and M2 Aircraft Maintenance Engineering license. He has worked for several Regina aircraft companies and spent one year in Thompson, MB. In 2003 he left his job at Southern Aviation to live and work full time on the farm. The girls were bused to Ethel Milliken School in Regina. Jessie recently graduated grade 8 and won the Sport Achievement Award. She will be attending Sheldon-Williams Collegiate this fall. The twins will be entering grade 6.

**Lorne** farmed as well as attended the University of Regina. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1994. Both he and Earl have rented and purchased land from former Estlin residents, as well as rented land in the southeast Regina area. Presently Lorne and his partner, Brenda Pedscalny, reside in Regina. Brenda received her Master's degree in Social Work in 2004. She is Senior Consultant for the Autism Resource Centre.

My fiancée, Brian Stith, and I live in Regina and commute to the farm. Brian has joined in the operation of the farm in the last two years. He brings with him a wealth of mechanical knowledge and trucking experience. In his youth he drove "high performance" drag racing cars that he and his pals built. For years he trucked over North America and trained and worked as a highly skilled diesel mechanic. He specialized in Cummins, Cat and Detroit diesel engine building. He owned and operated an Esso service station at Milestone for many years. For approximately eleven years he sold real estate for Royal LePage Regina Realty and received numerous sales awards.

The year 2004 was one we farmers would like to forget. An early frost in August and a cold, wet growing season led to a devastating farm year. This year, like the true gamblers we farmers are, we approach the crop prospects with optimism and hope, just as farmers have done since they first turned Saskatchewan's prairie sod.

### **Bratt, Alan** pg 409

Since the first publication of The Ties That Bind, Alan, who is the youngest son of Lyle and Adele Bratt and his wife Darcy have had two other children; Emily (1983) and Ian (1986) in addition to Eric (1978). Alan taught drama for the University

of Regina and appears in films and television shows and as a voice in ads from time to time. It just goes to show how desperate they are for actors. Because of a perverse taste for aggravation he also has made curling ice for a very long time. If he practices long enough he hopes he might get it right. To make life even more complicated, he and Darcy still have an interest in farming. Darcy also works with her brother in his law office in Fort Qu'Appelle. Her favourite moments are when people call the office and demand, "Where's my money?" before they even say who they are. **Eric**, Darcy and Alan's first born, is an engineer and lives in Vancouver with his partner Julianne though he is often working elsewhere in the country. Julianne is a geologist. She is also often working elsewhere. They are frequently thousands of miles apart but occasionally they see each other. **Emily** and her partner Mat will be starting classes in the fall of 2005 at the University of Regina. Their main concern is finding a place that will let them keep their large dog. Having a large dog and the problems attendant on having a large dog is a family tradition. **Ian** is going to be a welder and one day hopes to have a pressure certificate which is like a postgraduate degree but with better pay.

They all miss their mother and grandmother Adele who died in 2001 and their sister and aunt, Lyla, who died in 2004.

#### **(Bratt) McMillan, Bonnie and Ken Pg 412**

Bonnie and Ken retired to Fairmont Hot Springs, BC in June 1997 and ran a Bed and Breakfast there until 2003. They then moved to Columbia Ridge Estates about 10 minutes south of Fairmont where they love to entertain and enjoy the many activities available. Bonnie and Ken have two sons.

**Scott** (1972) graduated from St. Cloud University Minnesota with a Master's degree in Kinesiology in 2000. He is currently employed with Adidas as a research engineer in Portland, OR. He married Sarah Wilson February 21, 2004. Scott and Sarah are both passionate triathlon athletes.

**Robert** (1974) graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in electrical engineering in 1999. He is currently employed as a Technical Solutions Manager with Future Electronic in Calgary. Bob married Janine Botteger March 17, 2001 in Lacombe, AB. They currently reside in

Airdrie, AB and are eagerly awaiting a new addition to their family in November 2005.

#### **Bratt, Garry pg 409**

In 1984 Garry's eldest daughter **Lisa** married Bill Clewes of Saskatoon. They have two boys Logan (1988) and Hayden (1992). His second daughter **Lindsay** lives in Regina and has a daughter Cynara (1980) who has a son Anthony (2005). Garry remarried in 1992 to Sharon Lessard of Regina where they now reside.

Adele Bratt (Garry's mother) passed away in December 2001 four days short of her 93rd birthday.

As of 2005 Garry is still farming with his nephew David Charlton.

#### **Bratt, Jesse and Edythe pg 410**

Jesse farmed in the Gray District from 1935 until 1992. He married Edythe Hendrickson in 1940. Jesse and Edythe raised their family of three daughters (**Bonnie, Lynn and Judy**) on the family farm near Bratt's Lake; the home-quarter was originally homesteaded by Jesse Bratt Sr. in 1889—16 years before Saskatchewan became a province. Jesse was not only a farmer; he was a custodian of the land. No one took greater pride in looking after his land and machinery than Jesse. He also loved animals and cars. In fact, Jesse and Edythe bought each of their grandchildren a car. A gesture the grandchildren truly appreciated as they each took special care of and pride in their cars. Jesse and Edythe were also advocates of continuing education and were very proud that all of their children and grandchildren have university degrees.

In 1982 Jesse and Edythe built a new home in Gray and lived there until June 1999 when, because of failing health they moved to the beautiful Marian Chateau retirement complex in Regina.

One of the last functions Jesse attended in Gray was his induction into the 306 Communities Sports Hall of Fame in April 2001.

Over the years Jesse and Edythe were involved in numerous community organizations and events. They loved to visit and play cards with their friends and neighbours. Edythe also spent a great deal of time using her very creative talents sewing, knitting,

baking, gardening and doing a number of different arts and crafts. Family was of the utmost importance to them. They were always very interested in and extremely supportive of their children and eight grandchildren.



Jesse and Edythe Bratt with daughters Judy Bradley, Lynn Ledingham and Bonnie McMillan

Edythe passed away May 2000 at the age of 80 and Jesse in October 2001, two months after his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. They rest in peace at Regina Memorial Gardens.

**(Bratt) Bradley, Judy** pg 412

Judy and Gary Bradley farmed in Milestone until 2000. Gary's carpentry business *Country Custom Cabinets* expanded on a full-time basis out of Regina. Judy continued to teach Special Services, and grade 2 in Milestone until 1991. October 1991 Judy was elected as the MLA representing Bengough – Milestone in the Roy Romanow NDP Government. She was re-elected in 1995 representing the constituents of Weyburn – Big Muddy. During her time in government she served as the chair of caucus, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, and was the first woman to be Minister of Highways and Transportation in Saskatchewan. In 1999, by the people's choice, Judy returned to her career in education. She taught grade six and grade two, until becoming Principal of Milestone School in 2001/02.

Judy married Bernie Churko in December 2001. Bernie is the President of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation but currently is on leave with the Farm Rail Car Coalition, which is purchasing the Federal grain car fleet. This fleet will then be

managed and maintained by this corporation under the guidance of a farmer run board.



Back Row: Curtis Pangracs, Bernie Churko, Judy Bradley. Front Row: Holly Bradley, Hailey Pangracs, Paula Bradley, Jesse Bradley

**Holly** Bradley (1973) graduated from Milestone School in 1991. She attended the University of Regina receiving a Bachelor of Arts (1996) and a Bachelor of Education (1998). She has enjoyed teaching Middle Years students (gr. 6-9) for seven years, first in Davidson and presently in Qu'Appelle. She married Curtis Pangracs July 21, 2001. Curtis works for the Partnership Group which is a consulting firm for Sports and Recreation. Their daughter Hailey Llewellyn (May 18, 2003) is presently being an active, fun filled two-year-old.

**Jesse** Bradley (1977) graduated from Milestone School in 1995. He attended the University of Regina receiving Bachelor of Arts degree (2000) and Bachelor of Education degree (2001). His teaching career has involved some traveling, as he taught in London, England, Aklavic, Northwest Territories and in Odessa, SK. He will be moving to Goodsoil, SK to become a vice-principal for the school year 2005/06. He has the beginnings of a dog team with his two huskies, Cirrus and Niqi.

**Paula** Bradley (1982) graduated from Milestone School in the new century "2000". She attended the University of Regina and transferred to the University of Alberta in Edmonton. She is completing her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition. Along with being a student, Paula works as a lifeguard and as a nutritional councillor developing and implementing programs within schools and community centers.

The celebration of centennial will be enjoyed by the family in Milestone and Gray.

**(Bratt) Charlton, Lyla** pg 409

Lyla worked as a social worker until she retired at age 60. She enjoyed extensive travel, gardening and most of all family. Lyla passed away in April 2004 at age 74.

Lyla's son **David** married Kerri Kirby from Rouleau in 2002. They have one son, Hudson (2004). They live in Rouleau where Kerri owns and operates *The Stoop Coffee Shop* that doubles as the police station on the TV show "Corner Gas". David and his uncle Garry Bratt operate the farm at Gray and in the winter months he works hauling logs in northern Alberta.

Lyla's daughter **Leslie** Charlton and her partner Mark Arnold live in Regina. Mark is from Long Beach, CA and works in the music industry as a sound engineer. Leslie received a diploma in weaving from SIAST in Prince Albert in 1999. She owns and operates a store called *Groovy Mama* in Regina. Leslie and Mark have two children; Evelyn (2002) and Seth (2005).

**(Bratt) Ledingham, Lynn and Beattie** pg 412

Lynn and Beattie taught and lived in Holdfast, SK from 1976 until 2004. Beattie retired in 2000 and Lynn in 2004. In July 2004 they moved to Fairmont Hot Springs, BC where they are enjoying their retirement. They have three sons.



Back Row: Brett (holding Claire), Beattie, Lynn, Blair (holding Ava), Kyle. Front Row: Sandra (holding Elizabeth), Chantelle.

**Brett** (1972) graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1994 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and in 1997 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He has been practicing law with the McDougall-Gauley Law Firm in Regina since 1997. On August 5, 2000 Brett married Sandra Murchie who works in Human Resources for the provincial government.

They have 2 daughters; Claire Nicole (November 10, 2001) and Elizabeth Christina Lynn (July 8, 2004).

Jesse **Blair** (1975) played hockey in the SJHL from 1992-1996. While attending the University of Regina he played with the university Cougar hockey team. In 2001 Blair graduated with a degree in Administration. After completing the Certified Financial Analyst program he accepted a position with Greystone Managed Investments Inc. in Regina as an investment analyst. Blair married Chantelle Desmarais, who works at Sask Energy, August 31, 2002. Their daughter Ava Ellyse was born June 29, 2004 (the date of her great-grandparents' wedding anniversary).

**Kyle** (1980) played AAA hockey in Moose Jaw and North Battleford and then with the Flin Flon Bombers in the SJHL. Kyle then attended the University of Regina and graduated in June 2005 with a degree in Music Education. Kyle is a percussionist who teaches private drum lessons and he plays with various bands in Regina. He also performs with the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

**Brown, Len and Ann**

Len Brown arrived in Riceton, SK in October of 1972 from Yorkshire, England to work on a sheep farm. His wife Ann and their children **Stephen**, **Paul** and **Lindsey** arrived November 1972. As Stephen was already done school he helped his Dad out while Paul went to Milestone High School and Lindsey went to Riceton School. They all lived in Riceton for 2 years until they closed up the sheep farm. At this time they moved to Kronau, which was about 15 minutes away to work on a dairy farm that belonged to Ells Dairy. They were there for 10 years until the farm changed hands over to the sons. At this time there was enough of them and they no longer needed Len's help. While living at Kronau, Lindsey had met her husband Robert Pitchko who lived in Regina. After the farm changed hands they went to live in the valley near Southey. After another 10 years, Len, Ann, Robert and Lindsey moved back to Riceton to live. Robert now owns the store in Riceton that is called *Main Street Market*. Lindsey commutes to the city to work. Stephen and his wife Mary and children live in the states. Paul and his wife and his two girls live in Regina.

**Brunas, Shane and Jinny** pg 414

Shane Irvin (August 5, 1962) received a degree in Engineering from the University of Regina and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Ottawa. He has worked in Winnipeg, Regina and Ottawa and currently works for the federal government in information technology.

On November 5, 1998 Shane married Alexandra (Jinny) Jane Freeland (July 22, 1966) in Reading, England. Jinny holds degrees in law and information science, and also works for the federal government in information management and technology.

They live in Carp, ON and have two daughters: **Sophie** Kathleen (November 4, 1999) and **Phoebe** Jane (November 9, 2001). Their dog is called Daisy and the cat is named Muriel.

**Brunas, Todd and Janice (McGillivray)** pg 414 and pg 545

After high school, Todd attended the University of Saskatchewan where he received his Agriculture degree in 1987. Todd worked with Federated Co-op in Saskatoon for a few years before he returned to Gray to assist his grandfather, Ernie Dunning, with farming. Todd took over the farm operation in 1992. Todd married Janice McGillivray in 1994. Janice obtained her Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1990 and her Chartered Accounting Designation in 1993. Janice's interest in investments, led her to Greystone Managed Investments, where she currently works.



Janice (holding Hayden), Carter, Todd

riding their bikes in the spring.

Todd and Janice have two children; **Carter** (1997) and **Hayden** (2001). They currently reside in Gray and are enjoying every minute of it! The boys enjoy skating at the Gray Rink and

**Bueche, Kenneth Wayne and Marion Elaine** pg 417

Ken and I continue to reside one mile west of Gray where we farm organically. Ken has been employed in Regina with Community Resources and Employment for the past thirty-two years. We are both looking forward to his retirement in 2008.

I became a Reiki (a Japanese healing art) master in 1993 and have a clinic in Regina where I offer sessions and classes. I also teach Reiki in various other cities. In 1995, with two of our children, Jeremy and Melanie, and a family friend, I became involved in opening and operating *The Heliotrope Organic Vegetarian Restaurant* in Regina. After seven years of hard work and long hours, my children and I decided to leave the restaurant business and in 2002 we sold it to our partner.



Back Row: Devon Willford (holding Taylor), Angela. Seated: Melanie (holding Emma) in front of Russell Portigal, Jeremy, Marion, Ken, Jordan and Lisa.

Our four children all reside in Regina and we feel fortunate to have them so close by. **Lisa** lives with her seven-year old son, Jordan and works out of a salon in her home doing aesthetics. **Jeremy** is currently studying in the area of occupational/physical therapy. **Melanie** and her partner, Russell Portigal, have a daughter, Emma (3). **Angela** is attending the University of Regina, planning to follow in her father's footsteps and become a social worker. She lives with her partner, Devon Willford and his son, Taylor.

Ken's father, Marvin, passed away in 1989, and his mother, Ethel, lives in Regina at Baptist Place, a senior's apartment complex where she enjoys her many friends and the numerous activities offered in the facility.

**Burwell, Brock and Dorothy** pg 421

Brock and Dorothy built a new home in Gray in 1988. They moved to Regina to Marian Gardens in 1998. For a few years, they lived in Gray for the summers and Regina in the winters before making Regina their permanent home. Brock continued to be involved in the farming operation with John. Dorothy is well known in the community for her angel food cakes and knitting afghans. Brock and Dorothy enjoyed many winter holidays in Hawaii as well as a Panama cruise.

Brock passed away August 30, 2004.

Dorothy continues to live in their condo.

**(Burwell) Schwanbeck, Gaye and Ron** pg 421

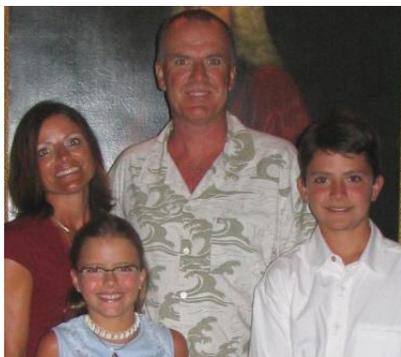
Gaye and Ron continue living in Saskatoon.

Ron is enjoying his recent retirement from Canada Post. Gaye is working as a high school social worker and daycare director, supporting school age parents and at-risk youth. She has become a passionate quilter.

**Allison** (26) graduated with a Geological Engineering degree in 2000. After working in her field she got the travel bug. Allison is now in her third year of teaching English in Seoul, Korea.

**Shane** (24) will graduate in 2005 with a Kinesiology degree. He has been accepted to take his Master's degree in this field in Saskatoon.

**Burwell, John and Ruth** pg 421



Ruth, Marrison, John and Colby

John Burwell and Ruth Klassen were married on June 23, 1990. They have two children, **Colby** (November 11, 1993) and **Marissa** (July 24, 1996).

They continue to operate the family farm. The Burwell's continue to be involved in sports, camping,

volunteering and travel. Colby also enjoys his involvement with the Regina Lions Junior Band and Marissa with the Regina Optimist Dolphins Swim Club.

**(Burwell) Ganne, Joy** pg 421

Joy is living in Regina and working as Media Supervisor for the advertising agency - Brown Communications. Joy enjoys her involvement with Canadian Progress Club – Regina Wascana for fundraising and community service activities. Her three children are living with her and are pursuing their careers and studies in various areas.



Preston, Carmen, Joy, Brandon

Her oldest son, **Preston** (23) has just received a Business Administration degree from the University of Regina and is seeking full-time employment in the finance and marketing area.

Her daughter **Carmen** (21) attended the University of British Columbia on a

scholarship for one year. She has taken the last two years to work and travel to Thailand. Carmen will be attending the University of Regina this fall to continue her studies in the area of Social Work.

Her younger son, **Brandon** (18) graduated from Campbell Collegiate in June. He will be playing football for the Regina Rams in the fall. He received an academic scholarship to the University of Regina to further study Physics. Brandon will also be playing for the Saskatchewan Rugby Team in the Canada Summer Games.

**(Burwell) Rakochuk, Laurel and Bill** pg 421

Bill and Laurel still live in Saskatoon. Bill retired in 1998 and is enjoying retirement. **Yvonne** married Todd Smith in 1997. They reside in Prince Albert with their twin daughters, Kyla Marie and Erica Anne (November 24, 1999). **Adrienne** married Curt

Bowkowy August 28, 2004. They reside in Saskatoon.

### **(Cain) Williams, Evelyn and Orville** pg 66

Orville retired from Ford Motor Company in 1980 and we continued living on the farm north of Regina. My dad Alex Cain died in 1989 at the age of 103. We retired from the farm in 1999 and now live in Regina with a much smaller yard to take care of. Our son **Bob** retired from Air Traffic and built a home at the lake and enjoys winters in Arizona. They have two sons, one in Edmonton and one in Regina. Our daughter **Dianne** teaches in Swift Current. She has two daughters, one in Calgary and the youngest in Regina.

### **Carnegie, Bill and Sheila** pg 422

Bill Carnegie continues to live and work in Gray. Susan and Bill were divorced and in 1989 Bill married Sheila Herron (nee Buckmaster). This brought **John** and **Diana** (Mike Rebman) Herron into the Carnegie family. They are lucky enough that Susan continues to be involved in the Carnegie Family. She has lived in Regina with Nelda for several years.

Bill is very busy with *Gray Farm Equipment Ltd.* Since 1999 both he and Sheila have allowed curling and golf to take over a good deal of their time. They enjoy Sheila's grandson Brennan Herron (July 10, 1999) and granddaughter Ezrae Rebman (April 27, 2004). They look forward to more grandchildren from Jenny or Jo.

After graduating from high school, **Jenny** studied Fine Arts at the University of Regina for two years. In 1994 she moved to Vancouver to continue her studies at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. She graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Samples of her artwork can be seen at [www.jennycarnegie.com](http://www.jennycarnegie.com). In 2001 she moved to Los Angeles, CA (one month before 9/11). She had many friends that were already there but in particular she wanted to be with a young man from Milwaukee, Jeffery Orr. March 27, 2003 Jenny and Jeff were married. Jenny has taught drawing and painting for the last two years. Just this year, 2005, Jenny has been promoted to Studio Manager at the school.

After **Jo** graduated from high school she moved to Regina to attend university. In 1997 she started a career in welding. She moved to Vancouver to stay

with her sister but eventually settled in Calgary, AB to do an apprenticeship and got her Journeyman ticket in 2001. In 2003 she met Dan Bakelaar, they were engaged a year and a half later. In early 2004 Jo went to work in the oil sands of northern Alberta, where she also started her Electrical apprenticeship. She returned home ten months later and she and Dan built a new home together in northwest Calgary. They plan to be married in the summer of 2006 and look forward to starting a family.

### **Carnegie, Cal** pg 422

Cal was divorced and moved to Vancouver in 1989 where he continues to practice architecture with a local firm. He was assigned to a project in Tokyo, Japan in 1999 and commuted there for 2 ½ years. He continues to travel in Asia whenever possible and just completed a one-year sabbatical traveling in China, western Canada and Thailand. Patti remarried and lives in Regina. All four children made their way to the Lower Mainland of British Columbia in the following years.

**Tricia** completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Regina, worked in Calgary and Carstairs, AB. She married Mike McArdle and they now have three children; Dillon, Kiecia and Sam. Mike is a successful locksmith and Tricia works for BC Social Services. They just moved into a new townhouse in Langley, BC.

**Daniel** completed his journeyman carpentry ticket and continues to work on concrete high-rise construction. He is an avid and accomplished sport fisher and travels the province in search of new and exciting fishing opportunities including salmon fishing, fly fishing for trout and an occasional trip to Northern Saskatchewan for those big pike and walleye. He lives in Burnaby, BC with his girlfriend Andrea Mitchell who is studying for her degree in criminal psychology and is also an avid sport fisher.

**Colleen** has a baby boy, Tyson and they live on their own in Maple Ridge, BC.

**Mackenzie** completed a surveying technology degree at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and married Ellie Robinson. They have two young boys, Teagan and Trevor. Ellie works part-time in the retail sector. They just moved into a new townhouse in Maple Ridge, BC.

### **(Carnegie) McDonald, Nelda** pg 422

Rod and I left Gray in 1986 and moved to Regina. Rhonda and Rod finished high school at Sheldon Williams. Rod and I divorced in 1998. I have been working as a Nursing Assistant for 20 years, first at Pioneer Village and then at Wascana Rehab Centre where I've been for 17 years. Mom came to live with me after Hartford passed away in 1997 until her passing in 2003.

**Rhonda** went on to SIAST in a two-year Dental Therapy Program. Rhonda was married to Gregg Engle in 1988. They have two daughters, Riley Rae (1990) and Shelby Rose (1991). Rhonda has worked as an Orthodontic Technician for the past 17 years. Gregg works for the Public School Board. The children now attend Sheldon Williams and are in grades 9 and 10. They all enjoy curling, golf, and living in Regina. They also enjoy the family cottage in the summer.

After high school **Rod** went to SIAST and completed an EMT course. He then went to work in Lethbridge, AB in drywall construction. He met and married Leslie in 1991. He then started an apprenticeship in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. They were divorced in 1993. Rod then moved to Calgary where he completed his 5-year apprenticeship. There he worked for 10 years, returning to Regina in 2002. He started up his own business Burr Refrigeration.

### **Clarke, Ken** pg 76

23 years ago Estlin, Gray, Riceton and Bechard were planning a homecoming celebration. I was expected to be there, sing in the choir and meet old friends and write about the family in The Ties That Bind. I expected this to be a boring dumb event and reluctantly arrived to endure the occasion. I certainly wasn't going to write anything for 'the book'.

From the moment it began I was overwhelmed with excitement, memories and the exhilaration of renewing old friendships and building new ones. The "history books" are researched on a regular basis with family and friends to seek information or settle arguments, to confirm dates and events or be excited about stories from the past.

When the communities decided to hold their celebrations of the provinces 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and update "The Book" I felt like I had a second chance to be a part of this special moment in history. These

are the stories that come to mind to share about growing up on the farm, our communities, and living amongst all of you.



Glenis Williams and Ken Clarke, 2003

*Childhood* - My first memories are of a one and a half storey stucco house with sloped ceilings in the bedrooms upstairs, a hand pump for water, and a bucket for a toilet that you had to haul to empty. There was a combination wood and kerosene stove and kerosene refrigerator. There were cows for milking. The cream was stored in crocks in the fridge which were emptied into cream cans which Dad and I hauled to town (Regina) and sold to the dairy for them to make into butter.

There were family picnics, BBQs and community events and while I don't remember their names, I do remember being in awe and reverence of the grand old white haired ladies and gentlemen. These were our ancestors, a role into which it seems that I am now evolving.

In 1949 the friends and neighbors helped build a new home for the Clarke family (and many other families in our community). My brothers and I watched wide-eyed in awe and amazement, as tractors pulled demolished chunks of concrete and house out of the old basement. A new home rose floor by floor out of this hole. The men dug by hand a 20,000 gallon cistern with 12 inch goose-necked spades. It seemed like it was a tunnel to China. The dirt was hoisted out of the abyss in 45 gallon drums with ropes and winches hung from a teepee tripod over the cavern.

My father made a movie by climbing regularly up the wind charger to film this home raising. Mom made meals and refreshments to feed the crew as the kitchen moved to the bunk house, then to the

basement before it finally re-established itself back in the “kitchen”. Neighbors and friends still tell stories about the house raising. I remember the laughter when one of the slowpokes discovered that his shoe had been nailed to the roof.



Our New Farm Home 1955

*School Days* - My first day of school came in the middle of winter after the teacher, Miss Joy Beach, approached my Mom and Dad, and Orval and Dorothy Lewis to have their son Kenneth and daughter Beth Lewis join the grade one class, otherwise there would only be the two of us starting school next year.

Thus began the bonding of Beth, Ken and the Dunbar twins, Kathy and Doreen, as we went all the way through school together with no one in the grade behind us. We always wanted to keep up to the classes ahead of us with our older brothers, sisters and friends.

Our female cousins and the girls at school were our sisters as we were a family of four boys. They nurtured and guided us into our early teens. They could beat us at arm wrestling, at baseball, running and jumping. They were so strong.

The older boys, I remember the Kennedys, Crosses, Bonsor, Elsaesser and Zimmerman helped teach and raise us. They were assigned as “Big Brothers” and mentors for the young ones. We would read to them and they would help us study. We certainly paid attention and did what we were told as they seemed so big and scary. Some of these family names are no longer in the community just memories of our past.

Yes, it is true that every rural school pupil had to walk to school barefoot in the cold blowing snow 10 miles to and 10 miles back home! Only in this case

it was riding our bikes to school against the wind, 2 miles west in the morning with the wind blowing directly in our faces. All day long we’d be excited anticipating the prospect of being able to ride home with that great tail wind, only to discover the wind had shifted and was still blowing in our faces for the bike ride home!

On occasion there was a special treat, riding our horse Bud, to school. It seemed that both horse and rider arrived exhausted from the constant urging and prodding to get the horse to school. The horses would spend all day in the school’s barn waiting to take us home. That ride was always a treat as the horse knew he was heading home for the barn. We got there lickety split!

It was during the school field and sports days and the community bonspiels and winter festivals that we met the kids from our neighboring towns down the CN Rail line; Gray, Riceton, Bechard and Lewvan. The words from our school chant still ring in my ears:

*“Purple and Gold,  
Purple and Gold,  
Those are the colors that make us so bold  
If against us you compete  
Well we’re sure that you’ll get beat  
Boyle School, Boyle School, eat ‘em all up!!!”*

These years continued until the end of grade 10, when I had to leave Estlin School because they no longer taught grades 11 and 12, (indeed this was the beginning of the end of a school at Estlin). My grades 11 and 12 were completed at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate in Regina, living with my Grandma Johnstone at 2827 Regina Avenue.

But that’s the beginning of another story.

*The Farm* - Those years growing up at the farm were and still are spectacular. At the time we knew no other life except living, playing and growing up in the country. Afterwards when we had experienced another life, going to Regina for high school, Saskatoon and Minneapolis for University, and a work career across Canada and in the U.S., it simply reinforced how special and unique growing up at the farm really was.

The first time that I got to drive the tractor and disc alone in the field, I was probably 8 years old. Today’s parents would be horrified at the prospect.

To a young farm boy it was total exhilaration listening to the hum of the tractor, smelling the moist fallowed soil, feeling the emotions of a boy sensing the pride and confidence of his father.

That day ended with a tug-of-war amongst the parents and the boy. Mom thinking the farm boy should come in as it was getting dark and it had been a long day. The boy cried because he wanted to finish the field. The father understood and supported that it was now the time for the farm boy to finish the field, to have that satisfaction and fulfillment of completing a day's work well done.

It is often said that I inherited my dad's love for the land. I don't know for sure if you can inherit such things, but it is true that I do love the land. In my younger years into early teens there was the pride of learning how to operate Dad's brand new 1947, 44e Massey Harris tractor, whether it was pulling the Massey 15 ft. discer seeding, the 45 ft harrows and packers and one-way disc which Dad had made in the 1940's, the 15 ft John Deere swather or the ultimate experience of operating the old Holt (Caterpillar) combine, which Grandpa had bought back in 1927.

I was probably the last operator of a Holt combine in the community which we continued to use until 1974. This was a compliment and reflection of the maintenance artistry and skills which my father possessed. What a treat it was to be able to grow up in an era when the farmers designed, built, operated and maintained all of their own equipment. Unfortunately this was a gift and skill which I did not inherit. We still have the 44 Massey and it is being restored, this time to transport grandchildren or to run in the next parade.

Friends and family worked closely together in those days helping one another. There was the *Clarke Brothers and Cleveland* cooperative with my Dad Russell, Uncle Wallace Clarke and Uncle Wright Cleveland (married to my aunt Marian who was also a Clarke). All the machinery, aunts, uncles and cousins worked together as we attacked and conquered each field one after the other.

I will always remember the meals that were prepared and served in the field. The food tasted so good and it felt comforting as the farming operations paused and the families joined together to eat out in the open prairie.

One day my Grandpa Clarke (James William) came to the farm to hoe the weeds around the telephone poles, as was his ritual. He was dressed in his grey fedora hat, white long sleeve dress shirt buttoned up to the collar, wearing his open vest and carrying a quart sealer full of water for the day's work. Grandpa Clarke was a man of few words particularly around the grandchildren and younger generations.

On this day I was rod-weeding adjacent to where Grandpa Clarke was working. One round as I approached where he was hoeing, I saw him walking across the field toward me. As he arrived at the tractor I stopped and he climbed up and sat down on the fender beside me. Even though no words were spoken I knew I was to carry on.

As we made the trek diagonally across the field away from the road, I became aware of his large arm reaching slowly over my head and shoulders and a hand grasped the tractor steering wheel. Like a miracle the winding rows of the rod-weeding became straight. We turned and followed the straight line back to where Grandpa had been working. I stopped the tractor and he dismounted and continued his hoeing. At that moment I understood that farmers were supposed to drive in straight lines.

To this day I still check out the fields as you drive by to see if the rows are straight. You can tell how good a farmer he is and if he takes pride in his work by how straight the rows are in his fields!

Being able to work side by side with your dad and feeling the joy and contentment which that experience brings remains with you always. It was also quite a compliment to be "hired" by Uncle Wallace and Uncle Wright to cultivate their fields or drive their truck during harvest.

Even though we got paid a dollar an hour or ten dollars a day, which seemed like a lot of money at the time, the real reward was to be asked and to have the opportunity to help your family farm.

Who can forget the early 1950's when there was so much snow and it blew so hard that as kids we could climb from the snow drifts onto the roofs of the sheds and granaries. We made snow forts and dug tunnels that would go forever beneath the hard packed snow. In the spring and summer that followed, water was everywhere. It was up to the

neck of a young farm boy as everyone went swimming in the ditches and sloughs which became our new found lakes. Uncle Wright built a red boat for my cousins Glen and Dale and Dad built us “Blue Buoy” so we could all paddle or motor on these waterways.

The only way to get to school in the mud and rain was by horse or tractor. Talk about today’s “Snow Days”, we all prayed for more rain so we wouldn’t have to go to school. What a sight to see the Dewey Dunbar girls, all five of them, hanging off their Cockshut tractor as they ploughed their way to school in the mud and water. Dad built a trailer covered with a peak roof made out of a canvas tarpaulin, which he pulled behind the Massey 44. We delivered and picked up kids to and from school during those rainy summer school days.

After school Mom made us practice our music lessons for half an hour before we could go outside and play. It seemed like such cruel punishment at the time! Later our house would be filled with music and laughter as the girls from the community came to take singing lessons from my mom. These ladies still talk about how that experience changed their lives as they learned to appreciate music and to enjoy it to this day.

Roy Black also came for lessons, sent by his mother who heard him singing out in the fields on the tractor and knew he had a voice. “Roy could have sung in the movies and been a professional” everyone says.

There was an experience one day which shaped the course of my life. I remember it like it was yesterday.

The sky was clear and blue. The soil was warm and moist beneath my bare feet. The task that day was taking down the pasture fence. Dad had taught me how to roll the barbed wire to get as few pricks from the barbs as possible. To remove the fence posts I had been shown the trick of fastening a chain to the bottom of the post, rolling it over the circumference of a large abandoned steel combine wheel and fastening the chain to the back of the Massey 44. It was amazing how quick and easy those fence posts came out when the tractor moved forward and pulled the chain rolling it over the wheel. The pasture was turned into grain fields and the sense of accomplishment, joy and contentment was overwhelming.

As I looked to the horizons that surrounded the farm that day, I began to wonder, what was out there? That day I knew my roots would always be on the farm. That day there was also a stirring inside. There was an anticipation of adventures beyond the horizon that one day I would pursue.



E. Beryl Clarke, 2005

I moved into Regina to attend high school and lived with Grandma Johnstone. One image about Grandma remains clear in my mind. Mom and Dad would always pick her up and bring her to the farm, she so loved to drive in the country. This summer Glenis and I visited my Mom in her new condo in Edmonton. When we arrived my mom announced that we were going to take her for a real drive in the country. She had just given up her car and no longer drives herself. We did drive her into the country and it reminded me of those days many summers before.

When I moved to Regina in 1959 this began the adventures off the farm of which I had dreamt earlier. While that is a story for another telling, the dates and events of that journey are chronicled below:

#### Education

- 1959-1961 Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, Regina, SK
- 1961-1962, Associate of Arts Degree, University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus
- 1962-1964, Bachelors of Arts Degree in Science, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
- 1964-1965, Graduate Studies Business Administration, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
- 1965-1967, Masters in Healthcare Administration, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- 2001-2002, Graduate Studies in Agribusiness, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

#### Career

- 1965, Consultant, Dept. of Health, Regina, SK
- 1966-1967, Administrative Resident, San Jose Health Care Centre, California
- 1967-1974, Assistant Administrator, Regina Grey Nuns Hospital, Regina, SK
- 1973-1974, Director of Planning and Development, South Saskatchewan Hospital Centre, Regina, SK
- 1974-1983, Vice President and Administrator Specialty Services Facility, Foothills Provincial General Hospital, Calgary, AB
- 1983-1988, Senior Vice President, The General Hospital (Grey Nuns) Edmonton, AB

- 1986-1988, Chief Operating Officer (COO), The Grey Nuns Hospital, Edmonton, AB
- 1988-1993, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns) Saskatoon, SK
- 1993-1996, Executive Director, Manitoba Health and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) St. Boniface Hospital (Grey Nuns), Winnipeg, MN
- 1996 to present, President, Ken Clarke & Associates

*Ken Clarke & Associates* provides business consulting services in management, organization restructuring and reengineering, business process review, marketing and administering projects across Canada.

*The Farm (Continued)-*



Jacqui, Chad, Ken and Louise 1986

Throughout high school, university and my working career I continued operating and developing the farm. This was only possible of course with the support and help of my father until he died in 1982, our family and friends in the community. We called it our "Russian Co-operative", the family rushed and co-operated on weekends and holidays.

During high school and university I rented "the Champ" farm south 1/2 of section 18-15, using Dad's machinery and helping him run the family farm. In the 1970's I bought a half section from Wylie LaFoy two miles east of Gray across the road from where Grandma Clarke (Alice Beattie) grew up, and commuted with our machinery from Estlin to farm my first owned land. In 1979 I bought Mom and Dad's farm Section 7-15 at Estlin, establishing what is still the base for our farming operation today, as Mom and Dad phased into retirement.

In the 1980's I rented Wallace Clarke's farm, the other adjacent diagonal section 17-15 which Grandpa

Clarke had bought back in 1905. Today we continue to rent the land from his son, my cousin, Wayne Clarke. In the 1990's I purchased the "Babcock 1/4" NE of 6-15 adjacent to our "big slough" SE of 7. In the 2000's we also started farming the old "Jefferson" quarter, SE of 12-19. Today, we also rent the NE 12-19 and the S 1/2 13-19 from my cousins Don, Doug and Pat, and Aunt Millie and Uncle John from their Myers' farms across the road. Josie Black also asked us to farm for a few years, her NW 1/4 6-15, just south of the Clarke farm, and this was a special privilege.

This is the farming operation as it is today.



The Clarke Farm, 2005



The farm house surrounded by spruce trees planted by my father in 1939

*The Community and Friends* - Farming over these past five decades has demonstrated the true value and spirit of community friendship. Morley and Leeta Gooding are one of the cornerstones of the Estlin community. When Morley Gooding comes over to help you unplug your sewer system which is backing up into the basement at 3 a.m. in the morning, this defines the true meaning of friendship.

Roy Black would always stop to help if you were having problems in the field, I remember him stopping one day when I was a teenager trying to adjust the swather.

Aunt Doris (Myers) taught me how to “pump” the water suction hose to prime it when filling our cisterns or tanks with water from the dugouts. It seems like it was always cold and raining or snowing when we ran out of water.

Everyone in the community has helped at the Clarke farm, whether it is was the building of the Clarke home in 1949, helping with the seeding or harvest, fixing or maintaining equipment, pulling you out of the mud or snow or just being there to support you in a time of need.

When we have been able to return these gestures and help the neighbors and friends whenever we can, you understand the reward of giving as well as the gift of receiving.

When my Dad died in the spring of 1982 my good friend David Helstrom was there during seeding and harvest as we struggled to get through that first year.

There was that special day in February in the 1970’s when David and I went skidoo-ing one afternoon. The skies were blue and the fields were pure white, the heavy winds had filled the abandoned yard sites with drifting snow. We stopped atop the deep drifts and savored the moment of peace and quiet, understanding the meaning of friendship and life. Not a word was spoken.

Everyone knows the special magic of Doug Myers with his ability to fix anything, any time, anywhere. Doug Myers adopted the mission of ‘saving’ the Russell and Beryl Clarke family home, with the renovation and upgrading required when the plumbing, electrical, structural walls, windows and finishes wore out or failed over the years. What a transformation and comfort he has created in the Clarke family home.

In 2003 when we dedicated a heritage site at the family farm in memory of my father James Russell Clarke, it was a privilege to recognize the contribution of these good friends; Doug Myers for constructing the site and Dave Helstrom for creating the iron eterni-‘tree’ out of metal salvaged from machinery built by my dad and other farmers in the

community. This site will forever be a part of the Clarke heritage.

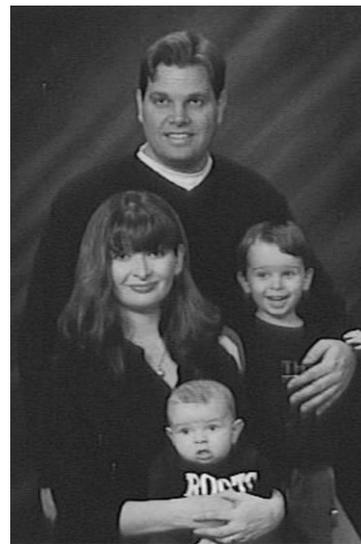
### *Family*



Jacqui Clarke and David Martin, 2005

My daughter Jacqueline and son Chad grew up at the farm and in the Estlin community. They developed and maintain their own special relationships. Whenever they came back to help with the farming over the years it was wonderful to witness the calming and quiet that comes over them as they return to their roots.

Chad and Michelle now live in Edmonton with their two sons. Jacqui and David live in Calgary.

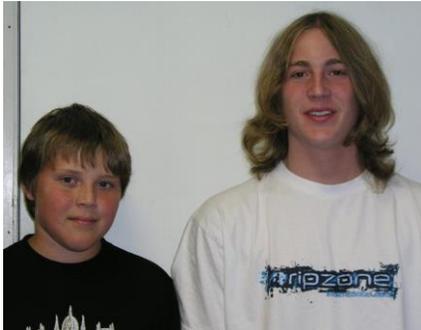


Chad, Michelle, Ryan and Dylan Clarke, 2003

During the times when Kyle and Greg Williams, Glenis’ boys, come out from Mississauga, ON to live with us at the farm, it is amazing to witness that same metamorphosis that Chad and Jacqui experienced. They too become one with the farm

and its environment, whether it is helping in the fields or playing and exploring in the yard sites.

Greg and Kyle were particularly helpful when we created the heritage site and dedicated it to the memory of my father.



Kyle and Greg Williams, 2005

Next year, 2006, will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operating the Clarke family farm. It will also be Mom's (E. Beryl Clarke) 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are planning another event to celebrate these milestones and to update the heritage site and the family trees. What a celebration that will be and everyone will be invited to participate.

Thank you to the planning committee for organizing these 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for the Estlin, Gray, Riceton and Bechard communities. You have offered me a reprieve and provided the opportunity to write about our family, the farm and our friends. I hope when everyone reads these stories, it kindles your own fond memories.

Here is lots of love from Grandpa Ken, to all future Clarke generations.

### **Clarke, Wallace Beattie** pg 79

Wallace and Vera moved to Duncan, BC November 1982. They enjoyed the advantages of a milder climate for many years. They took a number of trips with Glen Garry Tours. As their health declined they moved into a lovely condominium apartment in the Oak Bay area of Victoria. While there, they welcomed many visits from friends and family. Wally sang in the Shrine Chanters and the Victoria Male Voice Choir and enjoyed activities at the Oak Bay Seniors Recreation Center.

In October 2002, Wallace Clarke became a resident of Oak Bay Lodge in Victoria, BC. He is suffering from dementia, but remains cheerful, sociable and in

reasonable physical health. The decision to put him into long-term care was a difficult one for Vera.

Vera suffered a stroke November 30, 2003. She spent several months in the Victoria General Hospital and is now a resident at Glen Garry Hospital in Victoria. Her mind is clear and she has adjusted well to the limitations of paralysis of her left arm and leg.

**Wayne** and Margaret Clarke live in Regina. Wayne is still working as a radiologist. His passions are gardening, singing in choirs and supporting the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Margaret is a full time homemaker and volunteer genealogist. They have five children; James Alexander (Alex) married Shauna Edwardson of Weyburn December 30, 1999. They have two little boys; Liam Alexander (June 20, 2001) and Edan Wallace (June 4, 2004). Alex served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mesa, AZ. He completed a bachelor's degree in computer science at the University of Regina and a Master's in Computer Science at the University of Waterloo. He and his family are living in Regina while he is looking for that elusive first job. Shauna is in training for tele-service at CIBC and works part-time at Tabi. Andrew, after tending Alex and Shauna's condo while they were in Waterloo, is temporarily living at home with his parents. He served a mission to the Philippines. He has been working towards a BSc in Chemistry at the University of Regina and working as a gardener for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the summer. He is considering a switch to plumbing if he can find an apprenticeship. He would like to relocate to Calgary. Aimee went to Edmonton after high school and did a degree in Drama and History at the University of Alberta. She married John Heninger of Magrath, AB on December 29, 2000. They have one little girl, Emily Jane (October 5, 2004). John works for Canada Revenue Services and Aimee has just completed her first year of training as a Certified Dental Assistant. They have purchased their first home in the Millwoods area of Edmonton. Alice Mary Clarke (August 4, 1985) completed her elementary and high school education in Regina and then was accepted into the Anthropology program at UBC. She works part-time at Scotia Bank. Ivy Ann Clarke (February 3, 1987) is graduating from grade 12 at Campbell Collegiate in Regina this year. She intends to work for a little while and then may take training in spa massage.

**Heather** died unexpectedly December 7, 2003 in Boston, MA, as a result of complications of Behcet's syndrome. She was a lovely wife and mother and is greatly missed by her family. Until her final illness, she and Philip and the girls had enjoyed their busy lives, first at Shawnigan Lake School on Vancouver Island and then at Berkshire School in Massachusetts. Heather worked as the school nurse at both schools and supported Phillip in his role as housemaster and teacher of English. At Berkshire, Phillip was in administration, recruiting students from all over the world. He traveled a great deal. Heather found great satisfaction in Massachusetts working as a palliative care nurse. Her husband, Phillip, has relocated to the condo he and Heather purchased in Victoria, BC but continues to work as a recruiter for Berkshire School in Massachusetts. Megan completed a degree in Liberal Arts at Bishop's University in Quebec and is now living in Victoria. Megan has her mom's caring nature and works as an early childhood educator in Victoria. Caitlin graduated in 2003 from St. Lawrence University in New York with a BSc in Psychology. She has been living in Boston for two years and working in the development office at Harvard University for two years in September. She loves development and thinks she plans to stay in this field. She is not married yet - but hopefully in the near future.

**Elaine** and Ray and Erin have lived in many places over the years. Ray completed his PhD in Kinesiology at the U of A in Edmonton. He sold Hydra Gym fitness equipment across Canada for a number of years, then moved to Singapore in 1984 and established Hydra Gym franchises there. In 1988 they returned to Canada, living first in Maple Bay, BC for a few months. In 1989 they relocated to Salado, TX. In 1992 they moved to Sugarland near Houston. In 1991 they acquired dual citizenship. In 1995, Ray became a financial consultant with AXA. Elaine taught high school physical education at a private girls school, Dushesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, and also taught aqua fitness classes in the community. Elaine retired from teaching in May 2004. She still teaches aqua fitness and helps in Ray's business. Elaine and Ray golf whenever they can. Erin completed a degree in Marine Biology through the Merchant Marine program at Texas A and M University of Galveston. She also got her third mate's license. She taught high school biology in Sugarland, TX while completing her Master's of Science. On November 10, 2001 she married Mike Reed, her high school sweetheart. He has served

four years in the American Army and is six months away from graduating in Computer Science with Army Officer status at the University of Houston. They are expecting their first child in January 2006. For now their babies are two large dogs named Rohen and Gildoor and Lorien, the cat.

**Barbara** graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, with a mathematics major and statistics minor. She continued her career in the group insurance and pension industry. She recently retired as the Benefits Specialist for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities where she had worked for the last 16 years. Her husband Gary Ingamells recently retired after a successful career in the financial services industry. She and Gary were married in Winnipeg, MB November 10, 1983 and have been living in British Columbia since that time. Barbara's chief hobby is riding dressage with her Oldenburg horse, Duchess. Gary likes to golf and garden. He is also a private financial consultant.

**Anita** moved to Victoria, BC in 1982. She has taught music and mathematics in schools in Chemainus and Nanaimo. Next year she will be teaching band. She married Eric Bancroft of Maple Bay, BC and they have two children, Olivia (September 5, 1989) and Ashton Wallace Eric Bancroft III (October 17, 1996). They live in Nanaimo where Anita teaches music in elementary school. Eric is a building envelope technician with expertise in glazing and curtain walls. Olivia, just finishing grade 10, is very involved in rowing and with her quad recently received the Silver Standard for BC. Ashton, just finishing grade 3, plays soccer, tennis and is studying piano.

#### **Clay, Willis and Anne pg 80**

Gray was the meeting place for our life together. I was born April 24, 1922 at Amelia PO later to become Frontier in the very southwest corner of Saskatchewan. Willis was born September 6, 1920 at Griffin in the southeast corner of Saskatchewan.

I came to Gray as principal of Gray school in 1946. Willis came to work for W. N. McGillivray during the fall of 1939. He attended the University of Saskatchewan, School of Agriculture in the winters. We were married December 30, 1947 and went to farm the Aleri Rodgers farm that we rented and later purchased. Willis died May 8, 1992.

I operated the farm (with Diane's help) for 5 years with the able assistance of George East and then decided to rent the land to Bob and Darrel Cross – they are still my good renters through good and bad crop years. I had a farm machinery sale in 1997.

I still spend my summers at the farm and usually have a little garden. I live in Regina during the winter months.



Anne Clay with Diane, Jessica, Orval and Clayton Lewis and Robyn and Wendy Clay.

We have added a lovely girl to our family born October 17, 1986 – Jessica Lynn, daughter of Orval and Diane Lewis.

All the grandchildren are attending the University of Regina; Clayton Lewis taking Political Science (honors), Robyn Clay taking Linguistics – majoring in German, Jessica Lewis is enrolled in Kinesiology and Health Sciences.

**Doug** died tragically on June 23, 1982 in an aerial spray accident.

Wendy (my daughter-in-law) and Robyn continue to live in my yard in their own home. They commute to Regina almost daily – Wendy to her job at Superstore and Robyn to University of Regina.

**Diane** and Orval live in Regina. Diane retired from manager of 4D at Pasqua Hospital and is now doing general duty at William Booth Care Home. Orval is a purchasing agent at SGI.

We were fortunate to have raised our family in these friendly, thoughtful and caring communities. I thank you all, may the future hold peace, health and happiness for you.

Both Diane and Wendy inherit the love of the soil and farming and are both mechanical. As I write this Diane is out harrowing for Bob and Darrel and Wendy and her dad are seeding her land.

And so life continues!

### **Coldwell, Clarence and Jean (Purves) pg 841**

As well as full time farming we took part in many things in the community. I served on the ladies curling club and the local rink board, enjoyed curling and helped serve meals for the week-long bonspiels. I served as secretary to the hamlet for a few years. I volunteered time in the 90's helping Rob Pitchko and Cindy Ellert when they served Harvest Meals. It wasn't just the work we had to do but the joking and fun we all enjoyed with friends.

Clarence continued to work in Regina, but also sat on the local school board and the Riceton Credit Union (until it became Plainsview Credit Union). He has served on town counsel and is still on the board. He was also a volunteer fire fighter.

After **Kent** quit school I went back to work and in 1983 and 1984 was Treasurer for our Riceton/Bechard Homecoming committee with Marge Larson, Leona Paton, Edna Moyses and Max Hill. There were many others who helped put on this event and through it all we had lots of hard work and lots of fond memories where we met so many old friends and family.

We retired from outside work to just farming with Kent's help and keeping our yard, but most of all enjoying the four grandchildren.

### **Coldwell, Kent pg 841**

Kent married Joanne Alderson July 26, 1986. Their children are **Travis** Kent (August 1, 1980), **Amy** Melissa (May 29, 1988), **Alyssa** Nicole (May 15, 1990) and **Trevor** Ryan (July 24, 1991).

### **Coleclough, Jeffrey and Kathleen**

Kathleen was born in Winnipeg, and was raised on Armed Forces Bases in Manitoba and New Brunswick, which are very much like small towns – except for the barbed wire. She went to high school in Moose Jaw, where her parents settled after her dad retired from the Forces. After attending NAIT in Edmonton for Sign-Painting and Graphic Arts, she

started a heavy metal magazine called “Northern Metal”. In 1985, Kathleen moved to Toronto to expand the magazine into a larger market. A chef by trade, Jeffrey – son of a Metro Toronto police officer – was born and raised in the Toronto area. Set up as a blind date, Jeff and Kathleen met in 1987. Clearly he didn’t run fast enough, and they were married in 1989.

In 1991, Jeff and Kathleen moved to Calgary, and established their company *Kakwa* in 1993. *Kakwa* specializes in Aboriginal artifact replicas for museums, historic sites, and educational programs; as well as props and costuming for movies. Both of their daughters were born in Calgary – **Cynthia** (1996) and **Laura** (1998).



Cynthia, Kathleen, Laura and Jeff Coleclough

2002 saw the Coleclough family buy their first home, and Canada Day they arrived in Riceton. Wanting to get away from city living, they moved to Saskatchewan because of family ties, to build their business, and to raise their girls in a more peaceful setting.

### **Colquhoun, Bryan and Mabel** pg 841

In July 1983 **Karen** Colquhoun graduated from Yellow Grass High School. In July that year Bryan accepted a call to Cupar Pastoral Charge and we took up residence at the Cupar Manse. This was a 3-point Charge where Bryan served the United Churches in Cupar, Southey, and Earl Grey.

In 1984 **Janice** obtained her BA degree in History from the University of Regina, and the following year graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from U of R. Karen received her BA degree from the University of Regina in spring of 1986. She has been employed at SaskTel since acquiring a summer job with that company.

The years passed rather swiftly and our first granddaughter arrived: born to Janice and Val Krumenacker on December 1985 their first daughter Nicole. They also have two more daughters, Kimberley (1987) and Jillian (1991). Val is a technician at SaskTel.

After serving seven years on the Cupar Pastoral Charge, Bryan took official retirement, having devoted 34 years to Pastoral ministry. Upon his retirement we hoped to do some traveling. This resulted in a very enjoyable trip to the Maritimes. As Regina Beach was in need of a minister, Bryan agreed to serve Regina Beach United Church as a part-time pastoral supply minister, beginning in October to the following June. This arrangement continued for two more years.

In 1991 **Kevin** Colquhoun married Lynn Malach of Candiack, SK and they reside in Weyburn. They have two sons; Colton (1996) and Carson (1999). Kevin is employed at Barber Motors and Lynn is a vice-principal teacher in Weyburn.

In 1993 Bryan suffered respiratory health problems and was hospitalized twice. This meant he had to limit some of his activities although he was still able to move somewhat normally. Thus it was that we were shocked and saddened that suddenly the treatment he was being given resulted in complications that claimed his life in November 1993.

In December 1998 Karen Colquhoun married Patrick Michael Zatylny and they reside at White City, SK. They now have one son Jake Thomas (October 2004). Pat is a technician at Edwards Fire Alarms.

### **Cornish, Matt and Maria**

Maria Laroya came here from Hong Kong in April 2003. She grew up in the Philippines where it is hot all of the time and she hadn't seen snow until she arrived here.

I came here from Whitehorse, YT in the winter of 2000. I grew up near Edmonton, AB where it is cold a lot of the time and I don't know what hot really is.

We are engaged to be married on July 30, 2005. We are planning to visit the Philippines this winter where she'll show me what hot is.

**Costiuk, Millie** pg 86

**Bill** and Diane still live and work in Regina. Their girls are on their own. Megan is a Chartered Accountant with SGI and flits around with her work from coast to coast. Kristen was married in January to Trent Struble with the city police.

**Audrey** lives and works in Regina. Melissa and Rick McCrystal are at Milestone. Darren and Diane are busy people between his trade *Nordic Electric*, farming and planning to build a new home. Jennifer (Wiebe) and her sons Lachlan and Marshall have moved to Gray. It should be great for the boys, near both grandparents and 'the rink' come winter.

**Kenny** did not get down to the 1984 Homecoming. He put up a long fight with cancer and has been gone for seventeen years. His daughter Velva Dawn lives in Regina and has a daughter Hannah (10).

**Susan** and Gordon now live at Creston, BC. They have an orchard that keeps them busy. Laurel, their eldest daughter lives in Calgary married to Jeremy Boylis. They have three children. Jil-An, Susan's youngest, was married 1½ years ago to Rob Coppola. They live in Regina.

Now the part I find very hard: We lost **Cliff** on September 9, 2004. This happened in Toronto and we still have no answers. Cliff was in Australia at the time of the Homecoming. He has two sons. Clinton lives in Calgary and has one son (1). Chad lives in Surrey, BC. He has a son (9) and a brand new baby boy, born May 15.

**Eleanor** and Doug (Fisher) now live in Red Deer, AB. Doug took RV Maintenance work and Eleanor works at the Casino. Their girls are both away from home. Amanda just finished third-year university and has summer work at Long Beach (the west side of Vancouver Island) at a surfing spot. Stephanie lives and works in Lethbridge, AB.

I am still at Prairie Place – my home for the last 23 years. I keep sort of busy – do not garden anymore – nor do I drive my car. It seemed everyone was going too fast! Guess this ole gal has just slowed down. I am the proud grandma of 12 – 3 boys and 9 girls and I have 10 little 'greats', only 2 girls in that group.

I will close with best wishes to all my friends and neighbours at Estlin and surrounding areas.

**Coupal, Laura F. (Gamble)** pg 844

Laura moved to Regina to work at Woolco. In 1986 Laura joined the Commissionaires Corp of Regina and enjoyed various assignments. She received her 10-year watch and continued to work until March 1999. She was 75 years old. Laura was forced to retire for health reasons.

Laura moved to Montmartre in June 1998 to be closer to her daughter (**Lorraine** Moyse) and enjoy the country life again. Laura passed away April 22, 2005.

**Cross, Sid and Edna** pg 92

Our dad, Sid Cross, passed away in October 1986.

Mom Edna Cross remained on the farm by herself until January 2003 when she was in the hospital for 21 days and then moved in with her daughter Dorothy and family in Regina. Edna battled illnesses the last few years of her life and passed away October 5, 2005. Edna had 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

In April of 1995, after years of looking for her brother Clifford she found him and his wife Gertie living in Pembroke, ON. In September of 1995 Edna Cross and Dorothy and George Boszak flew to Ottawa and drove to Pembroke to see her brother for the first time since 1923. It was with both good luck and sadness that Edna met her brother and sister-in-law, as Gertie passed away October 1997 and Clifford passed away in January 1998.

**Margaret** and Joe Masters of Regina have five children. Donald, Barb and family, Valerie and family in Regina, Bernice and family in Hodgeville, SK and Arliss and family living in Calgary. Margaret and Joe have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Margaret and Joe are enjoying camping and fishing in their retirement years.

**Dorothy** and George Boszak have three children, Brian and Michele living in Regina and Sharon and family living in Calgary. Dorothy and George have three grandchildren in Calgary. While Dorothy is still working George is taking retirement to the fullest, until Dorothy retires later this year.

**Bob** and Loreen Cross have a daughter Shelley nursing in Calgary, Darrel, partner Jan and his son

in Regina and Karen and her husband Dan living in Vancouver with their son and daughter. Bob was a Municipal Councillor for the R.M. of Bratt's Lake from January 1988 to December 1995. Bob is also a Trustee of Estlin School Board and after approximately 26 years his service will end as the school district will be changing. Bob and Loreen are still farming in the Estlin area along with Darrel.

### **Daborn, Robin and Jackie** pg 431

Rob and Jackie were born and raised in Regina. They met in high school and were married September 6, 1974. They bought their first home in Gray along with 4 acres of land where they raised and showed quarter horses for over 25 years. A son Christopher (January 23, 1978) and a daughter Sarah (August 9, 1984) made the family complete.

**Christopher** played hockey with the Gray Ghosts and Gray Sharks, was involved with Boy Scouts and played the drums. He now lives and works in Calgary. **Sarah** figure skated in Gray, was involved with Brownies and Guides and played the keyboard. Sarah also showed horses. Sarah graduated from Sheldon-Williams with honors and has taken two years of university. Rob drives the Gray school bus and continues to restore cars and to do ongoing improvements to the house and yard. Jackie returned to school in 1991 and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1992, returned to work at Plains Health Center and then moved to the Regina General Hospital in 1998 when the Plains hospital closed.

### **Dobrowolski, Nicholas and Thelma (Dunbar)** pg 111

We are still on the original Murl Dunbar farm along with our youngest son **Donald** and wife Jacki. They were married July 29, 1989. Donald worked for Sakundiak as a draftsman for six years. Since then he has worked in the family business and has obtained his engineers license. Donald and Jacki have two sons; Kenton (January 19, 1990) and Dalton (August 21, 1993). The children are in Regina schools.

**Dennis** and Michele were married May 21, 1994. Dennis also works for *Dunbar Airmotive* and is a licensed engineer at the Regina Flying Club Hangar. Michele is a licensed electrolysis technician. Their home is in Regina.

**Steven** and Cheryl are in Calgary. Steven is also an aircraft engineer and at present is working for Klarenbach Aviation. Cheryl is at Scotia McLeod. They are enjoying their home there.

My mother Moreen Dunbar lived with Nick and I until she passed away October 19, 1996.

Sister Geri and Jack Berenbaum live in Regina in the summer and Las Vegas in the winter. They are retired.

### **Drew, Brian and Catherine (Moats)** pg 106 and pg 550

Catherine is the Staff Support Manager at Sherbrooke Community Centre. Brian owns the company *Herbicide Investigation Services*. He is also a ski instructor at Mount Blackstrap for schools and disabled skiers. Brian and Catherine divide their time between work, visiting family and spending time at the cabin at Little Bear Lake.

**Michelle** BA (U of S), BSOT (U of T). She is an Occupational Therapist at FIT Program at Saskatoon City Hospital. She married David Parker (2000). David has a BEd and is a partner in an advertising company Captive Audience. They have two children; Riley (4) and Ashley (2). They reside in Saskatoon.

**Petrea** BA (Communication Disorders), Master's in Audiology (Minot State University). She is an audiologist for Calgary Health Region. She married Alan McCoy from Belfast, N.Ireland in 1999 in London, England. Alan has a Master's degree in Finance from the University of Belfast and works in the Corporate Accounting Department of Enbridge Inc. They reside in Calgary.

**Travis** wrestled his way through school and university culminating in a Canadian University Championship in his final year. Travis now coaches wrestling. Travis has his BSA in Ag. Economics (U of S) and works as the Plant Superintendent at Lucerne Clearbrooke Plant (frozen vegetable and fruit production). He married Christine Dear in 2003. Christine has a BSA in Animal Science and is a sales representative for a veterinary pharmaceutical company for southern BC. They reside in Abbotsford, BC.

**Drew, Evelyn** pg 106 (by Wanda Drew)

Evelyn continues to enjoy living on the farm at Estlin. She likes the “quiet” life on the farm but has easy access to senior’s classes, the symphony and theatre, all in Regina. We all miss husband/dad/grandpa/great-grandpa Harold who died in 1993 and Uncle Clarence who passed away in 1992.

**Brian** and Cath (Moats) still reside in Saskatoon. Brian does consulting work in the area of crop pesticides. Cath works at Sherbrooke Community Center as a staff support supervisor. Retirement is very close and that will enable them to spend more time at their cabin at Little Bear Lake and visiting children and grandchildren. Older daughter Michelle also lives in Saskatoon. She married (2000) David Donald Parker and they have two children, Riley David (2001) and Ashley Drew (2003). Michelle is an occupational therapist with the FIT Program. David has an advertising business. The family keeps busy and is very involved with sports, including soccer, skating and swimming. Daughter Petrea lives in Calgary with her husband (married 1999), Alan Robert McCoy. She is an audiologist and works for the Calgary Health Region. Alan is an accountant with Enbridge Inc. They enjoy being close to the scenic Rockies, soccer and gardening. Their son, Travis, and his wife (married 2003), Christine Anne Russell (Dear), live in Abbotsford, BC. Travis is a plant superintendent for Safeway at a produce packing plant. Christine works as a sales representative for Behringer Ingelheim in the animal division for pharmaceuticals. They are expecting their first child in September 2005.

**Dwain** and Janet live on their acreage at Carrot River. Dwain is retired from teaching. They continue to enjoy gardening, writing and traveling. Older daughter Tracy and Dennis Frohlick are moving from Regina to Vancouver. Tracy will continue working for Paradigm Consulting Group there. Son Christopher Anthony (1990) enjoys being a cadet and has taken up the biathlon (shooting and cross-country skiing). Craig Douglas (1992) is enthusiastic about making new friends. Younger daughter Alison lives and works in Winnipeg.

**Wanda** lives in Saskatoon. She teaches commercial cooking at a comprehensive high school. Her interests include quilting and antiques.

**Lyle** and Carla live in Regina. Lyle works for BASF as a field biologist. His research farm is on the Estlin property. Carla works as an agrologist for Agriculture Canada. She is also a Mary Kay consultant. They have three sons; Garrett Clifford (1990), Bryce William (1993) and Wyatt James (1995). Garrett is an avid guitar player and loves his yellow Labrador retriever, Apollo. Bryce is a sports enthusiast with water polo as a current favourite. Wyatt particularly likes working on the computer and is developing his artistic talents. He also enjoys the outdoors, including growing a garden.

**Dunning, Ernest and Kitty (Pay)** pg 434 (by Crystal Frisk and Cherry Williamson)

Ernie and Kitty lived and farmed in Gray until 2003 with the help of grandsons Todd and Shane Brunas and daughter Crystal (Brunas) Frisk. They enjoyed square and round dancing and travels to Hawaii and Barbados with Cherry and Morgan. In 1985 they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends in the Gray Hall by hosting a supper and dance just as they had in 1935. They celebrated several milestones in their life and their 60<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries were special events in their list of accomplishments.



Grandson Todd Brunas graduated from the U of S in Saskatoon with a degree in Agriculture and a desire to farm. Todd returned to Gray in 1991 and soon took over the family farm. Ernie and Kitty continued to help

out Todd for many more years. They could be found sitting in their half-ton late at night – ready to offer a helping hand when required. Ernie helped with the cultivating and swathing and up until 1998 also operated the combine. He claimed that he never did much trucking as he trained all of his family so he didn’t have to. Farming was their life and they loved it.

They loved all sports, participating in their early years and as spectators later in life. In 2000 Ernie

was inducted into the 306 Communities Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2003 Kitty and Ernie moved to Marian Chateau in Regina where they met old and new friends. They missed their home in Gray but appreciated the support of retirement living and decided they couldn't move back so sold the family home in 2004. Ernie passed away on January 8, 2005 and Kitty moved to a personal care home in May 2005.

Ernie and Kitty had two daughters, Crystal (September 19, 1941) and Cheryl (a.k.a. Cherry, October 22, 1945).

**Crystal** is married to Barry Frisk (see Frisk) and they still live in Gray. Crystal worked for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada in Regina for 26 years and retired as the Regional Director for Saskatchewan in April 2005. Curling continues as a favourite sport and she skipped the senior ladies team that represented Saskatchewan at the Canadian Championships in 1997, 1998, 2004 and 2005. In 1997 the team won the bronze medal and Crystal was proud to receive an all-star award and the sportsmanship award.

**Cherry** and Morgan Williamson moved to Winnipeg in 1985. Cherry transferred there with Air Canada and continued to be employed at the Winnipeg airport until 1997. Morgan transferred with Transport Canada and was a Community Airports Officer until 1988. Upon retirement he established a flooring business and later owned and operated a cleaning business for all types of window coverings. In 1997 they moved to Great Falls, MB, an hour and a half north of Winnipeg, and built their retirement home. They enjoy the country life and are both still curling locally. They took up snowmobiling again and enjoy day outings and overnight trips with friends.

They love to travel and are very appreciative of Cherry's years with Air Canada as it has enabled them to visit many places such as China, Spain, France and New Zealand, as well as their favourite "warm" spots like Barbados and Aruba and lots of "at home" spots in Canada as well. They purchased a motor home when they retired and have toured from the east coast to the west coast with lots of stops between to visit with family and friends.

Morgan's four children have blessed them with 12 grandchildren and the two oldest granddaughters have now made them great-grandparents so they are

kept busy flying from California to Ontario to see them all.

Life changed when Kitty and Ernie moved to Regina and their home in Gray was sold. Life changed even more when Ernie passed away in January 2004 and again in April when Kitty realized she didn't want to be alone anymore and moved from her apartment at Marian Chateau to a personal care home.

(See also **Frisk**, Barry and Crystal; **Brunas**, Shane and Jinny; **Brunas**, Todd and Janice.)

### **Fisk, Harold (Mike) and Agnes** pg 438

Mike passed away January 5, 1991. Agnes lived for many years with her son Harvey. She passed away September 17, 1997. Their son **Harold** passed away April 3, 1990. His wife Lucy resides in Pinanton Lake, BC (near Kamloops). **Harvey** still resides in Maple Ridge, BC.

### **Ford, Drexel and Kay** pg 445

I had a stroke in 1979. It slowed me down. I am thankful for Drexel's help.

**Glen** was our only child. He passed away November 3, 2003. It was such a shock. He is dearly missed.

We have been going to 'Pine to Palm Park' in Weslaco, TX for 25 wonderful winters! We have hosted three Saskatchewan Parades; States and Provinces that were there took part. We sold our home in Texas this year – 2005. They had a lovely party for us at the hall – over 200 people were there! How nice!!!

### **Ford, Gary and Anita** pg 444

Gary, Anita, **Atina** and **Cindy** continued to live in Gray until 1988, when they sold their house to Ken Bechard and bought a home on Selkirk Crescent in Regina. Gary continued to drive out to farm until 1999, when he retired, had a farm auction sale and rented out his farmland. Anita and her sister Brenda Collacott started a Physical Therapy clinic in Regina in 1985. The company grew rapidly and they moved to the Gold Square in July 1986. It originally was named Collacott's Physical Therapy Clinic and was renamed to Gold Square Physical Rehabilitation Centre in 1991 and incorporated.

The name changed to Maximum Potential Rehab Inc. as it is to this day. After 19 years in the business Anita and Brenda sold it to a national firm in August 2004.

Atina and Cindy both attended Gray School to grade 6, then Athabasca School in Regina for grades 7 and 8, and attended Sheldon Williams Collegiate for grades 9 to 12. Atina graduated in 1989, attended University of Regina where she received her Bachelor of Education degree in French Immersion. For one of these years she attended Laval University in Quebec as part of her education process. She graduated in 1994 and taught at The College of Notre Dame in Wilcox until 1997. Then she taught English as a Second Language at Farm Credit Corporation in Regina until 2001. Atina met Wade Johnston from Edgerton, AB at the Olympic Curling Trials in Brandon November 1997, and again at the Brier in Edmonton in 1999. They were engaged February 2001 and were married August 4, 2001. They now have a son Douglas Garrett (December 5, 2001) and are expecting their second child the end of November 2005. Wade, Atina and Garrett live in Sherwood Park, AB. Wade works for Lindal Controls in Edmonton and Atina is a teacher in the public school system.

Cindy graduated from Sheldon Williams Collegiate in 1993. She then attended University of Regina where she received her Bachelor of Administration degree in 1998. She attended the University of Calgary for her final year then worked for the Bank of Montreal in Calgary and Red Deer, AB for 2 years. She returned to Regina in 1999 where she worked for Deer Valley Golf and Estates for a year, then joined Maximum Potential Rehab Inc. and took over the management position from Anita. She worked towards receiving her CMA designation and passed the final exams in May 2005. Cindy met Patrick Simmons, from Moose Jaw, through curling. The family traveled to Maui, HI, where Patrick and Cindy exchanged their wedding vows on April 14, 2001. They reside in Moose Jaw, SK and on May 24, 2005 gave birth to Makena Meri a bouncing baby girl. Patrick is a chiropractor and Cindy is a certified management accountant.

Sports have been a big part of the Fords' lives; softball in the summer and curling in the winter. The curling has taken Cindy and Atina to the Canadian Junior Pepsi Women's championships in Sudbury, ON where they won the Canadian championship in 1990. They went to Glasgow, Scotland in 1991

where they went through the round robin undefeated, but lost the semi-final to Sweden, who went on to win the Gold. Atina, Cindy along with Darlene Kidd and Leslie Beck had to settle for the Bronze medal. Atina and Cindy both continue to curl competitively today. Their husbands are also very proficient, each having competed in many Canadian Junior Championships and the Brier. Wade in 1999 and Patrick this past season in 2005.

Gary and Anita decided to opt for beach life and bought their dream home in B-Say-Tah near Fort Qu'Appelle and moved there the end of March 2002. Both Gary and Anita continued to enjoy playing golf and curling together. With the invention of the "stick" in curling, Gary took up the game again and they both curled at the Fort Qu'Appelle Curling Club.

Anita continued to be more competitive with her curling. In 2004/05 Anita (third) and her team of Crystal Frisk (skip), Randi Kelly (second) and Dawne Obleman (lead) won back-to-back Senior Provincial Women's Curling Championships. They represented Saskatchewan well both years. Other highlights to the Ford family included Anita and Atina being members of the Sandra Schmirler curling era. Anita coached and Atina was the fifth member. During the time Anita was with the team they won three World Championships (1993 – Geneva, 1994 - Obertsdorf and 1997- Berne). Atina joined the team in 1997 as the fifth/alternate. In 1998 Anita and Atina were part of the team when they won the Gold Medal at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

Over the years Anita and Atina have had many honors bestowed upon them. They have been inducted into the Sask Sport Hall of Fame, the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame and received Honorary Doctor of Law Degrees in 1998 from the University of Regina. Just recently Atina was inducted into the Canada Olympic Hall of Fame in 2005 with the other members of the Sandra Schmirler Curling Team. Gary and Anita were also inducted into the 306 Communities Sports Hall of Fame in April 2002.

Gary died suddenly on April 21, 2004 from an aneurysm, at his home in B-Say-Tah. He will be forever in the thoughts and prayers of his family. His pranks and positive outlook on life will never be forgotten.

Anita continues to live in B-Say-Tah. She is now retired and golfs, curls and volunteers with the Lions Club in Fort Qu'Appelle.

### **Ford, Glen and Donna** pg 446

From 1984, to the present, our lives were pretty much taken up with Alyson and Colin's activities.

**Alyson** took singing lessons from Dianne Burrows for 10 years, while performing in high school plays and choirs, inside and outside of school. Alyson had chosen a career as a travel agent for four years then decided on another chosen path. At present she is an aesthetician at SOMA in Regina. Alyson married Trevor Babey October 25, 2003.

**Colin** was very much active in curling; high school and club. He still remains active today club curling along with competitive and club play downs. Colin continues to operate the farm.

On November 3, 2003 Glen lost his valiant fight to cancer.

As for myself, I remain active in the community and helping out at the farm when I am needed.

### **Ford, John and Elsie** pg 446

Their life in Gray was farming for 42 years. They retired in 1986 and now reside full time in Gray. John keeps busy cutting grass and other jobs in the town and John and Elsie both enjoy their four grandchildren and their six great-grandchildren. John has had heart surgery and Elsie had a heart attack. Both are doing well.

**Vaughn**, their son, has moved to Ladysmith, BC on Vancouver Island. He is doing well with his antique business. Their daughter **Sheryl** and husband Del and family live in Balgonie, SK. They keep busy with their grandchildren.

John's mother Bessie Ford passed away in April 1984. Bette Devine (Ford) lived in Moose Jaw until she passed away August 2005.

John and Elsie are both in good health and hope to enjoy their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. Where have all the years gone?

### **Ford, Larry and Tammy** pg 440

Larry and Tammy moved from Calgary to High River, AB in 2002. Together they enjoy golfing and visiting with family and friends. They both retired in 2004 and built a new home on the golf course in Claresholm, AB where they now reside. Larry and Tammy's two children, **Shelley** and **Kelly** both live and work in Calgary.

### **Ford, William Leroy (Roy) and Vivian June** pg 440

Roy and June Ford were able to follow their granddaughters to Glasgow in 1991 and enjoyed touring Scotland and cheering on the Canadian Junior teams. Roy and June Ford moved to Regina in 1996 and lived in an apartment on Lockwood Road across from the Southland Mall. In April 2000 June died of congestive heart failure. Roy then moved into the Marian Chateau, where due to a broken heart he passed away in February 2002. He dearly missed June and they are now together for eternity.

### **Frei, John** pg 448 (by Randy Frei)

At the time of the last history book John was already retired and living at the "Atrium on Rae" in Regina. Although he was in his 80's he could always be seen out and about. Whether he was supervising a construction job in the area or having a cup of coffee "with the old guys" at the Golden Mile Mall he was never much for sitting at home.

Being one of the first tenants at the Atrium he felt it was his duty to keep things neat and tidy. In the flower boxes at the front of the building he would plant his potato crop each spring and at the back he was in charge of sweeping out the parking stalls. I think he may have recycled some of that good Gray dirt that he would truck back to Regina after checking the crops.

He was a fan of the Regina Transit System. Never afraid to 'hop' the bus he always made his Sunday trek down to Swiss Chalet for supper. The odd time they would change the bus schedules on him and he would end up walking or catching a cab to get home but his adventures always made for a good story.

As long as he was able to he enjoyed dancing and was popular with the ladies at the seniors' dances. If he wasn't dancing he was looking for a card

game. Nothing he enjoyed more than a good meal followed by a game of whist or cribbage. As long as you didn't visit too much during the game, he was a little impatient that way.

He was blessed with good health all his life and with the enthusiasm and vitality of a man half his age. He was always game for almost anything. In 1995, at the age of 93, he passed away at home in his sleep.

**(Frei) Mooney, Debra and Curtis pg 449**

Early in my career as a public health inspector in Saskatoon, I became reacquainted with an old university friend, Curtis Mooney from Prince Albert. Our friendship blossomed, and when Curt found a job and moved to Calgary, we decided that the distance was too great. So, we were married in June 1986. A year later, a business opportunity took us to Edmonton where I worked for a short time as a public health inspector and then moved to the provincial government to develop environmental health regulations. I was busy working, leading choirs, singing, even acting in a play or two! while Curt began to pursue his Master's in Science.

We bought a little duplex that needed more than a little help. Thankfully, Mom and Dad came to visit and undertake some much-needed renovations. In 1993, we had our first daughter, **Shannon**, who is now going into grade 7. Almost a year after Shannon was born, Dad died suddenly – leaving a big hole in our family. We will always wish that the girls could have gotten to know him. In 1995, our second daughter, **Kate**, was born. The years have slipped by and she is now starting grade 5.

Curt's new career took us back to Calgary and I continued working part-time with the environmental health program in Calgary. In 1997 we joined Mom and Randy on a trip to Oman to visit with Karen for a month – it was an amazing journey into a Muslim country.

Environment Canada offered Curt a job back in Edmonton and we were glad to return to a city where we feel most at home and are close to my two sisters-in-law. Ironically, just after we left, Karen and her family settled in Calgary. The good news is that at least we are living in the same province!

Both Shannon and Kate are busy with music, soccer, art, gymnastics and school. I continue to be a music leader in our church and work for the province where

I spend my time helping to plan the provincial response to West Nile virus. We continue to have many visits with 'Grandma Frei' and Uncle Randy and love to visit the farm. Gray was a great place to grow up, so close to family and it will always be home.

**(Frei) Butel, Karen and Steve pg 449**

In 1983, I married Steven Butel whom I had met at the University of Saskatchewan. We moved to Edmonton, AB where Steve started his engineering career at Alberta Research Council, and I started Nursing at the U of A Hospital. It wasn't long till our careers took us to Red Deer. Here we designed and built our first home, with a sturdy and lasting fence built by Steve and my dad. Our first son **Tyler** Steven was born in May 1987 during a huge snowstorm. In 1989, along came **Matthew** Lewis, and last, but not least our third son **Jordan** was born in 1991. Shortly after, Steve left his job and we started our own business. We then moved back to Regina to be closer to our families and friends. I worked at Wascana Home Care and Steve worked from home and then with Nalco. In the summer of 1995 we were offered a job overseas, and in September packed our bags and headed to Muscat, Oman. We lived there for the next eight years, traveling back every summer for two months. We stayed with my brother R.J. and Mom on the farm for the summer months, and also did some traveling around Saskatchewan and Alberta. While overseas we had the opportunity to travel to England, Portugal, China, Kenya, Singapore, India, United Emirates and the USA. This was a special part of our lives we will never forget (we sometimes miss the 40 degree weather).

In the fall of 2002 we decided it was time to head back to Canada to be closer to family. Steve accepted a transfer with his company, Kellogg Brown and Root, and took a position as Director of Operations in Calgary, AB. We moved to Calgary in January 2003, settled the boys in their new schools and found a home. Our lives were busy with hockey in the winter, and baseball, roller hockey, and lots of golf in the summer months. Our church and church family are a big part of our lives. Once everyone was settled, I returned to work, taking a part-time management position with Home Care in Airdrie, AB. This year our oldest son will graduate with an engineering and academic scholarship and is headed to Oklahoma Christian University where he will study Mechanical

Engineering. Matthew will enter grade 11 and J.D. will enter grade 9.

We are fortunate to be close to my sister and her family in Edmonton, Randy in Gray and our parents in Regina and Southey, SK.

### **Frei, Norton and Sharon (Lewis) pg 449**

Norton and I built a condo in Regina in 1989 but continued to move back to what I still call home in the summer.

Norton's first love was farming and although he had two heart attacks and bypass surgery, he was ready to help out our son come spring. He joined Senior Curling at the Regina Club, where he became a board member. He and his third of many years, Ken Hendrickson, won the District Senior playdowns in December 1993. They were to go to provincials but it was not to be as Norton died on January 21, 1994.

In 1995 Karen and her family decided to move to the Middle East. I went along to help with the children and while there I received a call informing me that Norton's dad had passed away. My role as caregiver diminished even more as I lost my mom and Uncle Cliff in 1997 and my dad and Aunt Pauline in 1998.

Music still plays a big part in my life – I never thought that I would be thankful that my parents made me practice!! When I was 12 the minister would phone the hymn numbers to our house. My dad would sit down on the piano bench and sing along until I was ready to play on Sunday morning. Something I treasure very much is an Austrian crystal piano, which was presented to me in 2001 by Gray Church, thanking me for 50 years of musical service.

Guess I am still a farm girl at heart because come spring I am ready to move back to the wide-open spaces. It is still nice to be needed. Cook and truck driver were my job descriptions, but the guys purchased a semi that I have trouble climbing into, let alone driving!!

As you will read in the rest of the Frei saga, I have become a mom-in-law and a grandma. I have been blessed with a wonderful family. All three are always 'doing for others'. Their dad would have been proud, I know I am.



Back Row: Matthew Butel, Kate Mooney, Jordan Butel, Shannon Mooney, Tyler Butel. Front Row: Curtis and Deb Mooney, Karen Butel, Sharon Frei, Randy Frei, Steve Butel

### **Frei, Randy pg 449**

After finishing university in 1984 I took my first job with a livestock feed company in Regina. Six months later dad had his first heart attack so I quit my job and returned to the farm. We farmed together until 1994 when dad passed away. After that I farmed alone with the assistance of Mom. She has a condo in the city where she spends the winter months and moves back to the farm each spring. Needless to say, the quality of my meals and the cleanliness of my house improve considerably every time May 1<sup>st</sup> rolls around.

In 2001 I joined forces with my neighbours/relatives Don, Todd and Rod Lewis and we now farm together. Financially I like to think that we save some money on the sharing of machinery and labour and on the social side the coffee breaks are more fun. Mom still helps out but her job has been downgraded from truck driver to misc. duties.

My winters consist of working part-time with the Sask Liquor Board in Regina and playing a little recreation hockey in the Gray area. I've also been on the Gray Rink Board for a number of years so I spend a fair bit of time there doing odd jobs.

I never quite got around to getting married and having a family so I have a lot more leisure time than some of my peers. I usually try to get down south for a couple of weeks each winter. Gives me a chance to recharge my batteries before spring seeding and fine-tune my golf game at the same time.

As I look back at the last 20 years I am not sure that farming was the best choice of occupation, but even

though it is not as profitable as it once was it is still a pretty nice way of life.

**(Frei) Holland, Trudy** pg 450

Our eldest son **Nathan** married Karen and is living in Hamilton Square, NJ. Their daughter, Christina, is a senior at Penn State College, majoring in education. Nathan is a machinist with Johnson and Johnson Co. Our middle son **Jason** went to college at LeTourneau in Tyler, TX receiving a degree in welding engineering and then a Master's in Business from University of Georgia. He is currently employed at Esop – a company that sells welders. He is their national sales manager. July 1, 2005 we helped move them (his wife and 2 children; Abigail (6) and Jordan (4)) into a home in Harrisburg, PA. Their mother Sharon is home-schooling them. Sharon has her BA and Master's in education, but her own children are the prime importance now. Our youngest son **Joshua** graduated from University of Cincinnati with a degree in Civil Engineering and is working on a Master's in Business. He has been self-employed for 1½ years with one full time employee. He loves his work and confirms that God sends him just enough work.

Dennis and I are retired, however, still working. We moved out into the country on 22 acres 8 years ago and love it. We have a big garden and pick our own strawberries, blueberries and blackberries. We have one peach tree and a few apple trees. Grapevines are being tamed. Dennis has a little tool grinding business, but his main thrust and hobby is gunsmithing. He also is a licensed instructor for State of Ohio of Concealed Carry. He also makes flint-lock and blackpowder guns.

As for myself, I am retired, but am nursing in the operating room as I am needed. This ranges from 3-4 days a week. Someone asked me how long I was going to do this. My reply was "as long as I am able and am needed". Please remember God is good – all the time.

**Frisk, Barry and Crystal** pg 125 and pg 434

Barry Frisk of Kronau (October 15, 1938) and Crystal (Dunning) Brunas (Sept. 19, 1941) were married on April 15, 1995 and live in Gray. Barry continued farming at Kronau with his sons until 2001 when the family farm was sold and Barry retired. He continued his hobbies of restoring antique vehicles and purchased the K.C. Gillis garage in Gray for his

hobby shop. Barry served as a Councillor with the R.M. of Lajord for 38 years; is a volunteer with the Farm Progress Show since 1980; and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Regina Exhibition Association.

Crystal worked for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada in Regina for 26 years and retired as the Regional Director for Saskatchewan in April 2005. Curling continues as a favourite sport and she skipped the senior ladies team that represented Saskatchewan at the Canadian Championships in 1997, 1998, 2004 and 2005. In 1997 the team won the bronze medal and Crystal was proud to receive an all-star award and the sportsmanship award. Barry and Crystal enjoy traveling and participating in antique car and truck events. Their family continues to grow and spread out across the country so they hope retirement will allow them to spend more time spoiling their ten grandchildren.



(For updates on Crystal's two sons please see **Brunas**, Todd and Janice and **Brunas**, Shane and Jinny)

Barry and Della's (deceased June 25, 1987) family grew up on the farm at Kronau, all graduated from university and have moved on with their careers and family life.

**Lisa** Jane (November 18, 1964) graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Regina and worked for the Royal Bank. She married Guy Turnbull (March 28, 1954) from Estevan April 26, 1994. Their daughter, Tova Della (April 18, 1999) has a big sister, Hollie (Jared) Gafjken, and a big brother Trevor Turnbull. The Turnbells live on their ranch near Camrose, AB and are entrepreneurs, running their rental and industrial/farm supply business and manufacturing shop in Camrose. To unwind, they race chariots and chuckwagons in the summertime, traveling all over Alberta to participate in shows.

**Toby** James (March 13, 1967) graduated with a Diploma of Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan, farmed and owned a barbecue business near Kronau. He married Nadine Kim

Straus (May 9, 1969) of Regina July 1, 1994. They live in Vernon, BC where Toby is Agriculture Manager with the CIBC Bank. Nadine received her degree in Social Work from the University of Regina in June 2005 and is a Child and Family Counsellor with the North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society.

**Gina Jill** (May 19, 1969) graduated with a degree in Education from the University of Regina and currently works as a Delivery Project Executive with IBM in Regina. She married Warren Michael Anaka (December 17, 1966) of Estlin, SK November 27, 1993. Warren received a Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan and farms with his father Robert at Estlin. (See Anaka, Robert and Ruth) Warren and Gina live on a farm near Richardson, SK and have three children. Téa Elizabeth (September 27, 1997), Sasha Michaelyn (August 5, 2000) and Ty Cleveland (June 25, 2003).

**Andrew** (Andy) John (January 16, 1972) received a Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan, farmed and owned a barbecue business near Kronau. He married Sharon Angela Wark (September 7, 1971) of Regina July 18, 1998. Andy joined the RCMP in 2003 and they live in Eston, SK. They have two children, Libbie Laine (September 14, 2001) and Jetta Jaine (November 14, 2003).

### **Frisk, Ernest Emil** pg 122

Robert Sampson Frisk August 30, 1904 - November 18, 1984.

Edith Clarke Frisk April 14, 1911 - August 11, 1997.

### **Gillis, Betty and Koziol, Lawrence** pg 454

Betty and Lawrence moved into their home in Edmonton in May 1984 where they still reside. This was at the same time that Lawrence retired from the provincial government. Betty retired from Imperial Oil September 30, 1986. They spent the first years of retirement traveling, but now are staying close to home enjoying nieces and nephews and other family members.

### **Gillis, Bill and Sina (Bebe)** pg 454

Since the The Ties That Bind was published in 1984, we've seen both change and continuity. One

transition came in that same year when Sina, the family and I moved to a new home at 202 Queen Street. That's across the street and around the corner from the old house, where we moved my dad and mother from their farm.

We both continued to work, Sina at the Pasqua Hospital's emergency ward and me at the garage business and farming. Our active farming stopped in 1994, the first year we rented the land to Todd Brunas. On April 1, 1998 Sina retired from her nursing career that spanned 26 years in the emergency department. I think she would return if she could. My garage business continued until September 2002. After 85 years of a family run enterprise, K.C. Gillis and Son closed its doors. We sold the building to Barry Frisk, but kept the stock and tools - just in case. We still have many activities that keep us busy. We've been fortunate enough to see various parts of the world as we have followed our sons to their widely dispersed homes. While visiting Doug and his wife Annette, we have seen Yokohama, Japan where they taught, Mallorca, Spain as they studied there and lately to Budapest, Hungary, their current home, where we can help out babysitting our three grandsons (three boys again!). We've had stops in other places too, where we could do more visiting. London and Bath, England brought us closer to Doug's in-laws. We visited White Rock and Langley, BC to see Ken, our middle son and Phoenix, AZ to spend many Christmases with Rick, our youngest and his wife Shannon.



Back Row: Doug and Annette, Bill and Bebe, Shannon and Ricky, Ken. Front Row: William, Cameron and Michael.

Being retired is alright (?), but at times it seems we are as busy as before. The summer is spent tending to a large yard and garden while the winter has its weekly routine with a great group of friends.

Tuesdays we play cards at the rink, Friday has us going out for supper and Sunday puts us back at the rink for the post-church breakfast. Eating our way through winter must be a survival technique. During the down times, Sina can be seen in front of the computer maintaining her sanity and I am always finding something to do around here. I still maintain a high level of community involvement, although I think it may be time for someone else to take over the work that has to get done.



Doug, Rick and Ken Gillis

As you will notice from their stories we usually have a high telephone bill in order to maintain contact with our family, which has chosen other places to live now. This leaves us to hold down the fort in Gray - but somebody has to do it.

**Douglas** - The news since 1984 is quite amazing when looking back. The past 20 years have essentially been spent outside of Canada, beginning with a one-year contract in Japan. This one-year evolved into 5 years in Yokohama and another 15 years in Budapest, Hungary. Having trained as an elementary educator, my work kept me abroad in the international school system affording me opportunities to travel and experience other parts of the planet.

I met my wife, Annette Malten, in Yokohama and we were married near Bath, England in 1989. We now have three sons, Michael (11), William (8) and Cameron (4). Needless to say, they keep us on our toes. Both my wife and I graduated from the College of New Jersey's education course with Masters' degrees, while spending summers in Mallorca studying. Since then, I have taken the past 5 years to re-qualify as a garden designer and historian, with certification from the University of Bristol in England. I now divide my time between parenting and designing, while Annette is under contract at the American International School of Budapest.

While we have made the most of our years abroad,

we still enjoy the Saskatchewan summers and come home as often as we can. It was a wonderful place to have grown up, and I am proud to say that I spent my formative years in such a sunny and friendly province.

**Ken** - Since 1984, I have completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. It's funny how a four-year program can be stretched into five over the course of six. I then went to work for about three years at one of the Keg restaurants in Regina and commenced training for my private pilot's license as well. Working at both the Regina Flying Club and the Keg helped me to earn the money needed to continue flight training. After a craftily worded interview on the part of a "mature student", I went back to school studying Aviation Technology at Selkirk College in Castlegar, BC. That is where I completed the requirements to become a commercial pilot. From that point on I have continuously worked as a commercial pilot which is not an easy task in such a cyclical industry. I had the good fortune of returning to fly in Saskatchewan before moving to Alberta and subsequently British Columbia. Through various flying jobs I have been able to build up my hours of experience enough to attain the Airline Transport Rating on my license, and now work for Air Canada based in Vancouver. Since joining the airline I have been lucky enough to have flown overseas and domestically and have had the opportunity to see many different countries and cultures in my travels. With the family spread out so far from each other, I appreciate the handy way that airline travel can bring us together at times.

I tried married life once and currently live in Langley, BC surrounded by good friends and neighbours. I still enjoy playing hockey, piano and I have taken up something new - tending my own yard - which my brothers probably get a huge kick out of as my previous claim to fame was that I could kill cactus and plastic plants. Two key secrets are a growing climate that thrives if left unchecked and the assistance I get from my new gal who lives just three minutes down the road, sort of similar to the distances I was used to in Gray.

I can still be seen helping out at Mom and Dad's from time to time, as do my two brothers, whenever we make our way back home. Many thanks to the town of Gray for the wonderful childhood. It is something that you can only get when you have the kind of people that I had in my youth. By the way, most days I still feel young.

**Ricky** - I graduated from Sheldon Williams Collegiate in 1986, and with some questions about the direction of my post secondary education, I decided to continue my pursuit of the food/hospitality industry that I began during high school.

Over the next 18 years restaurants, bars and kitchens took me from Regina and Kenosee Lake in Saskatchewan, to opening ten Keg Restaurants in Australia (1990-1991), and back again to Saskatchewan. This however was short lived. My Keg career would move me later that same year to Vancouver which would remain home as I progressed from the Keg to Earl's Restaurants, a sports bar for one of the NHL's local players, and then an upscale New York style bistro. All this was prior to 1996 when I began working on my own concept and moved later that year to Phoenix, AZ. I developed, opened and operated the Armadillo Grill in Phoenix through September of 2003, at which point I turned the reigns over to my business partner. After that, I was retained as the Executive Chef and Food & Beverage Director to open a new golf facility here in Arizona. In September of 2004 I made a departure from the hospitality industry. After turning down a number of restaurant opportunities, I began a new company in the very different field of Oil and Gas Exploration and Development. I am an independent contractor to a number of U.S. petroleum companies who use my services to find new opportunities in both land development and corporate divestiture.

In August of 2004, I married the love of my life, and best friend, who I had known for a number of years. Shannon and I wed in front of about 60 close friends and family members that came from across Canada, the U.S. and of course from Budapest. We held the wedding in Vancouver, on the waterfront, at sunset, which was very special for us both. We still reside in Phoenix, AZ where I base my operations. Shannon, an entrepreneur herself, is now a Senior Escrow Officer for Pulte Homes, the second largest homebuilder in the U.S.

This is a long way from the days of the Gray Rink, sports days, snowmobiling, Dad's shop and farming... but it is still an upbringing that I am very proud of, and lucky to have with me every day.

## **Gillis, Carl and Joan** pg 455

We were swathing durum on August 30, 1983 when we learned that our old friend and landlord Ivor Hull had died of a heart attack. We bought the farm from his estate. 1984 saw more big changes as both our daughters got married. **Pamela** Gwen on July 7 and **Naomi** Lyn on October 6. Our grandson Jason Michael Sherman was born to daughter Pam on May 24, 1986. Mom Gillis, Josephine, passed away June 22, 1987 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Our granddaughter Stephanie Nicole Sherman was born November 2, 1988.

June 14, 1992 we sold our farm and retired. We built a house beside the golf course at Avonlea on 74 acres where we keep our airplane and thoroughly enjoy our summers here. The first Christmas in the new house was not good however, as Naomi's husband William (Bill) Neil lost his battle with a rare blood disease and he was rushed to hospital in Regina where he died on December 26, 1992.

Dad Gillis, Kenneth C., passed away May 6, 1996. He had lived on his own till the last month though he had been hospitalized with heart attacks twice in the previous ten years.

Joan's dad, Harold Knoke passed away on March 29, 1999 from Alzheimer's.

Since our retirement, our winters have been spent in Arizona where we have a home in Queen Valley – a little town of 1,500 people in the winter time and 500 during the summer months. It is nestled in the hills on the south end of the Superstition Mountains.

## **Gillis, Kenneth C. and Josephine** pg 453

Parents of **Bill, Betty, Opal** (Bohlken), **Carl**, and **Grant** (deceased)

In 1984 Ken and Josephine moved from the farm to Bill's house in Gray (311- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) and Bill moved to a new house (202 Queen Street). Ken quit farming, but was a fixture at the shop, K.C. Gillis & Son. Between that and looking after Josephine, who was developing Alzheimer's, it was a full time job. Ken looked after her until May 1987 when she went into Pioneer Village Home, where she only spent a few weeks until she passed away on June 22, 1987.

Ken lived in his home while helping out at the garage pumping gas and going to Regina for parts.

He loved to sit in the front window of the garage and keep track of everyone in the community. He especially loved it when the young people would stop in after school and have a visit with him. He was always much better in his own home, though he did have the exception of a couple of breaks in a nursing home and two winters in Opal's home in Regina where he loved to tease his great - grandchildren. In March of 1995 we had a celebration at Gray Hall for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He continued to be very active until his death of heart failure on May 4, 1996.

**Gillis, Leta** pg 452 (by William and Sina Gillis)

Being of strong mind and body, and with many accomplishments and great abilities, Leta remained very active within the Regina community. Following her teaching days in Gray, Leta founded a faculty of continuing education within the Department of Native Affairs (today's Department of Aboriginal Affairs). The purpose of this department was to educate the aboriginal peoples who came to the city, teaching them how to live within an environment that they did not know, or understand. The year before her death, in 1990, she donated all her memorabilia to this department.

In her so-called retirement days, Leta became less active physically, but increased her number one hobby, knitting. She did not need a pattern to knit a sweater, nor for the clothes of the dolls that she dressed. While living at Hewitt Place and Mutchmore Lodge, Regina, she contributed to the "Mutchmore Lodge Century Chimes" magazine. From 1988 until her death, she wrote profiles on the residents in these homes, as well as of friends and acquaintances with whom she had remained in contact throughout her life.

Leta passed away in October 1991, following a full and rewarding life. As a generous and community minded person, she remembered her favourite charities. She is missed by all those who knew her.

**(Gillis) Neil, Naomi Lyn** pg 455



I married William (Bill) Neil from Prince Albert in October 1984. After a lengthy illness, he passed away in December 1992. He is buried in Gray Memorial cemetery.

I worked in Regina for Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan as an administrative assistant from 1988 to 2001. During this time, I took night classes and received a certificate in Administration and a Certificate of Continuing Education (Administrative Development), both from the University of Regina. I also was a corporal in the Saskatchewan Dragoons Armored Squadron in Moose Jaw from 1983 until 1988. From 1984 to 2001 I volunteered my time to several Boy Scout groups and non-profit organizations in Regina.

In 2001, I moved to Saskatoon to attend school full time and change careers. I now have a diploma in Food and Nutrition Management. In June 2005, I will write my exam for the designation of Red Seal/Journeyman Chef. While attending school, I worked at the Sheraton Cavalier, the Franklin Retirement Community and a nursing home. In June 2005, I will be moving to Beechy, SK and will be managing the Coteau Country Inn.

Since 1984, I have been fortunate in many ways. I have seen my niece (Stephanie Sherman) and nephew (Jason Sherman) grow into amazing young adults. I have spent very special times with my grandma (Evelyn Knoke), my parents (Joan and Carl Gillis) and my sister (Pam Sherman). I have good friends that I get to spend time with. I have also taken many trips throughout the United States, Canada and the Dominican Republic.

I look forward to the next 25 years and hope they are as good as the last have been.

**Glaze, Gordon and Viola (Hall)** pg 870



Viola, Russell, Ellen and Gord Glaze.

On March 12, 1986 Gordon Glaze and Viola Hall were married in Winnipeg, MB. Gordon is the son of Lillian (Stevens) and Bob Glaze and is the fourth generation of Glazes to farm in the Bechard area.

Viola is one of eleven children born to Cecile (Gilmore) and Henry Hall, whose families have farmed in the Radville area since pioneer days. They live in Riceton on the corner of First and Main in a house Viola bought in 1978. Their home was once Brannings Confectionary and over the years has been totally reconstructed. They have two children; **Ellen** Lillian (March 13, 1990) and **Russell** Gordon (January 16, 1992). After Russell was born, Viola resigned from her job as a Regina letter carrier at Canada Post to stay home with the children, and farm.

In September 1990, when Ellen was five months old, wonderful Grandmother Lill passed away at the age of fifty-one. Grandpa Bob continued farming for some years, until he decided to retire and grew his 43<sup>rd</sup> and final crop in 2002. He still lives on the home farm (SE7-13-16) and enjoys yard work, gardening, working on his old tractor, traveling and reconstructing his cottage at Echo Lake.

Through the years Gordon and Viola have traveled many miles with Ellen and Russell to figure skating, hockey, trampoline, music, or school events in Milestone. Winter vacations have included trips both hot and cold. Naturally, in the summer they usually stay close to home to keep an eye on the crops and do what needs to be done at the farm. They are lucky to be able to spend occasional weekends at Grandpa Bob's cottage.

### **(Glaze) Copeman, Sharon and Bob** pg 870

I was born in Regina in 1943, to Garland and Mary Glaze. My brother Bob was 7 when I was born. My memories of living on the farm near Bechard full time are only vague. When I was three we moved in to Regina, and from then on we were on the farm in the summers and in town in the winters. I attended elementary and secondary school in Regina.

I have wonderful memories of summer days working on the farm with my dad: helping to move the equipment from field to field; "mouse-proofing" the old wooden granaries with pieces of tin or aluminum cut with tin snips, and bent with pliers. In preparation for the harvest we had to cover the holes chewed in the winter months by hungry vermin. I loved the conversations with dad about all sorts of things. Getting my hands dirty greasing the machinery, like my big brother, Bob, was somehow special. Bob and I sometimes played tag across the rooftops of the row of seven or eight granaries in our farmyard, climbing the slopes, running back down

the other side, jumping from one to the next. The freedom I had in the summer, on the farm, was great! In the winter we closed the farm and moved in to Regina for Bob and me to attend the city schools. When the quota would open we would pack a lunch and head to the farm for the day to haul grain to the elevator at Bechard.

I remember evenings when the neighbours would arrive for croquet matches that would start in the daylight and end with tractors and trucks located so their headlights would illuminate the yard so we could see to finish the last game. There were times when our barn was set with planks to create benches, and we showed movies for the whole neighbourhood, with popcorn and ice cream to munch on as we watched. It's been more than 45 years, and many names and faces have faded from my memory, but the feeling of companionship remains.

We had a trailer parked at B-Say-Tah Beach, for a few summers. It was a great place for mom and me to connect and talk girl-talk. Unlike most young girls of my era growing up, I learned the facts of life from those conversations with my mom. I've always been very grateful for her willingness to respond to my questions. Dad and Bob would join us at the beach when the crop and farming allowed them some time off.



Back Row: Rob Copeman-Haynes, Scott Low (husband of Deb), Rob Copeman, Bob Copeman. Middle Row: Cari Copeman-Haynes, Deborah Copeman, Sharon Copeman. Front Row: Thea Copeman-Haynes, Julia Copeman-Haynes

In 1964 I married Bob Copeman, and we moved first to Montreal, where Bob completed a degree at McGill, and I taught kindergarten. From there we moved to Madison, WI for more than four years, where Bob completed a PhD in Plant Pathology, and I taught kindergarten until our first daughter, **Cari**, was born. Then we moved to Vancouver, where Bob joined the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at

UBC. Our daughter **Debbie**, and our son **Rob** were born here. Eventually, I returned to school, and in 1994 was ordained a Minister of the United Church of Canada. I am serving in a congregation in North Vancouver. Our family has grown and now includes: Cari and Rob Copeman-Haynes, and their children Thea and Julia; Debbie and Scott Lowe; and Rob Copeman. We are very fortunate that presently we are all living within an hour's drive of one another. We all enjoy returning to Saskatchewan for holiday visits.

### **Gooding, James** pg 130

In 1988, **Kevin** graduated from Luther College and in 1994 **Wade** did too. Kevin received his BA in Psychology (advanced) from University of Regina in 1993. He became the first employee at the Regina Funeral Home in October 1993 and has worked there ever since.

In 1997, Wade married Lianne Handke from Waldron. On January 18, 1998, a daughter, Mackenzie Paige, was born. A son, Jonathan Cole, was born April 20, 2001.



Back Row: Mackenzie, Jim, Leona, Kevin. Front Row: Wade, Lianne (holding Jonathan)

Cecil continued to farm until ill health in 1995 put an end to his lifelong passion. On December 17, 1997, Cecil passed away at the Helping Hands care home, in Regina.

Jim and Wade, with help from Kevin, continued to farm until the fall of 2004. Wade has sold his land. The family has moved to a home in Pilot Butte. Wade is pursuing a career in truck driving. Kevin has purchased the Cecil Gooding land and yard site from Wade.

Jim and Leona continue to farm, enjoying the land and visiting with friends and neighbours. They now enjoy some of the winter months in the USA – staying in Mesa, Laughlin and Las Vegas.

### **Gooding, Keith and Dorothy** pg 129

Keith and I married March 11, 1950 and we still live on our farm, NE 36-14-19 W2nd in the Estlin area.

On June 25, 1952 our daughter, Echo Faye was born and on December 7, 1954 our son, Dale Richard arrived.

**Echo** married Paul Martin December 28, 1970 and they now live in Cochrane, AB where Paul works for Trans-Alta Utilities and Echo is a busy stay-at-home wife, involved with crafts, quilting and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

**Dale** married Janice Gervais December 24, 1991 and they live just across the road from us. Dale continues to farm in the Estlin area and Janice is a real good farm helper. They enjoy motorcycling and winter trips to warmer climates.



Keith Gooding family (2000): Paul, Echo, Cindy, Dorothy, Keith, Scott (holding Kyra), Nathan, Shawna, Dale, Janice, Derek

Echo and Paul's son, Scott John (May 25, 1972) married Shawna Anderson June 12, 1993. On June 8, 1996 a sweet little girl, Kyra Renee was born, making Echo and Paul grandparents and Keith and I great-grandparents. A son, Nathan Wesley was born on May 30, 1998 completing their family. They live in Stoney Plain, AB where Scott works for Trans-Alta Utilities, just like his Dad. Echo and Paul's daughter, Cynthia Dawn (October 10, 1974) married Steve Hobel June 28, 2003. They reside in Calgary where Steve is an electrical engineer and Cindy works and attends university part-time.

Dale and Janice's son from a previous marriage, Derek Keith (May 15, 1973) married Jody Cooper March 12, 2004. They live in Regina where Derek is a journeyman machinist and Jody owns and operates a beauty salon.

Since The Ties That Bind was published in 1984, Keith's mother Margaret passed away November 6, 1984, his sister Muriel Peakman May 14, 1988 and oldest brother Sheldon April 28, 1999. They are all remembered and sadly missed.

### **Gooding, Morley and Leeta (Dunbar) pg 129**

Morley and Leeta were both born in Estlin and have been married for 50 years. They still live in the Estlin district farming with their sons, Laverne and Bruce. Yvonne Templeton, their daughter, lives on a farm near Rouleau.

**Yvonne** married Brian Templeton, who farms with his brothers. They have four sons; Kyle and Mark, taking Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan and Bryden and Michael go to school in Rouleau. **Laverne (Duke)** remarried to Wendy Miller from Melville. They have two children, Jesse and Amanda who are bused to Regina for school. **Bruce** married Carolin McRorie from Regina and they live in the town of Estlin. Riley and Tessa, their children, are also bused to Regina for school.

Morley's mom and dad, Mark and Molly Gooding both passed away. Leeta's father Willard Dunbar died in 1986. Her mother Betty Dunbar lives in a care home in Regina. She is 90 years old and is the last of the older Dunbar generation.

Living in the Estlin district has been very special to Morley and Leeta. They feel fortunate that they farmed and raised their family there.

### **Gooding, Sheldon pg 129**

Sheldon passed away April 28, 1999.

Bertha passed away November 14, 1999.

**Brenda** now has 6 grandchildren. Debbie married Chris Schulz. They have two daughters – Alexia and Jordan. Michelle has three children – Shyla, Dalton and Brett. Leanne married Don Matthes. They have a daughter – Tyra.

**Marlene** and John had a daughter – Erin. They also have a grandson Aiden born to Rigel and Sarah Redman. John passed away unexpectedly at the age of 51 December 31, 2004.

**Glynn** still lives and farms at Estlin.

### **Gutiw, Pete and Diane**



The Gutiw Farm (SW2-15-20 W2) is located two miles west of highway 6 on the correction line. The land was originally owned by C.W. Williams and was purchased by Jasper Bond of Abington, IL in 1911. The property was rented to the Ulrich family in 1913, who resided in the large farm house built by the Bonds until the 1940's when the property was sold to John Mitchell, who in turn sold it to John Mayer. The section was then divided into 4 quarters and sold to three parties in the early 1970s: Jim Johnson, Wilf Brandt and John Gutiw.

The southwest quarter was farmed by John and Stella Gutiw. They developed a large shelter-belt for a yard site and built a number of out buildings, but did not reside on the farm. The property was farmed by John and Stella Gutiw until their passing in 2001 when the land was inherited by their 4 children: Paula Gutiw, Ron Gutiw, Peter Gutiw and Evan Gutiw.

Peter moved to the farm in 2002 with his two daughters **Jessica** and **Anna** Gutiw. In 2004 Peter married Diane Barrand from Victoria, BC, and she and her daughter **Kelsey** moved from BC to the farm in April 2004. Pete and Diane purchased the farm in 2005 from Peter's siblings and moved an early 1900's farmhouse to the quarter. The house was originally located between Lang and Yellow Grass and was originally built by Jim Sanderson and was sold to the Gutiw's by Jim Foley. It had been abandoned for over 40 years. Peter and Diane are currently restoring the house to its original state.

Pete and Diane continue to farm the property as well as work in Regina. They raise horses and have built a riding ring on the property. They have chickens and three friendly farm dogs. Pete and Diane are expecting their fourth child in October 2005.

**Hannan, Evelyn** pg 464

I (Evelyn) worked at Boots Drug Store in the Golden Mile Plaza in Regina until my retirement in 1988. Since then I have enjoyed spending time with my children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. I enjoy cross-stitching, knitting, baking and reading. For many years I have met with a group of friends for morning coffee where we share our stories and try to solve all the problems in the world today! A few years ago I moved from my apartment where I had lived for twenty-eight years to a condo apartment in South Regina. I feel fortunate that I have good health, a loving family and many close friends.

**Marge** resides in Campbell River, BC. She is the proud grandmother of three grandsons and one granddaughter. In July of 1995 she was remarried to Lawrence (Bud) Ordano, a self-employed house painter. Marge held the position of Department Head of Haematology at the Campbell River Hospital Laboratory until 2003 when she was forced to retire due to serious health problems. She and Bud are very involved with and committed to their church and have led the musical portion of praise and worship for many years. Marge enjoys many hobbies including music, quilting, cross-stitching and other needlework.

**Beth** lives in Regina with her husband Greg and two daughters. After being a full-time mom for many years, Beth returned to the work force in 1992 as a part-time clerk at the Regina Public Library. In 2001 she returned to teaching as a half-time Teacher-Librarian with the Regina Public School Board and continues to enjoy that position. Greg is employed with Sask Power as Supervisor IT Security Services. Beth also enjoys cross-stitching, hardanger, quilting, reading and spending time with her family and friends.

**Daryl** and his wife Linda live in Regina Beach. Daryl is the Service Supervisor for CEDA, an industrial cleaning service located in Regina. Linda retired from working at the Kalium potash company in 2003. They are grandparents to one grandson and

are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their second grandchild in the fall of 2005. They enjoy the “beach” life and spend much of their time working in their yard and doing home renovations. Daryl’s hobbies include golfing, fishing and doing carpentry work.

**Helstrom, David** pg 469

David continues to actively farm and still resides at the farm west of Gray. He is proud of his chosen career of farming and will remain a “steward of the land” as long as he is able to do so. In 2005, the Helstroms will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the farm with a very special family reunion. David has been active over the years in the sports of baseball, curling and hockey (that is old-timers hockey with the Milestone Sioux!!) He is grateful to call Gray his home town and tries to support activities and functions in both Gray and Milestone.

Dave has three children: Melissa, Darren and Jennifer. All three children attended Milestone School up to 1993. David was very involved in raising his children and was a busy “single Dad” in those years. All three children live locally and are still a big part of David’s life.

In 1996 David married Cheri (Severson) of Cabri, SK. Cheri has one son, Lesley who lived with them to finish his grade 12 in Milestone. Following is the latest particulars on all the children:

**Melissa** – married Rick McCrystal in 1994. She works for Milestone Co-op and they reside in Milestone. Melissa and Rick have a daughter Jade (Melissa’s stepdaughter). They have a granddaughter, Danni, whom they love to spend time with and also two step-grandchildren. They enjoy the small-town life of Milestone.

**Darren** – married Diane Gherasim of Regina in 2001. Darren worked for Sun Electric until last year when he started up his own electrical business as *Nordic Electric*. Diane works for ISC (Land Titles) and they presently reside in Regina. However, they are in the process of building a new home in Emerald Park. Darren also farms with his Dad on a part-time basis.

**Jennifer** – manages Quiznos Subs in east Regina. She is a single mom with two boys, Lachlan and Marshall. She recently bought a house and now they are all happy residents of Gray. Lachlan (11)

and Marshall (8) love to play soccer, swim, ride bikes and spend time with all grandparents.

**Lesley** – Les is also an electrician and he and Lisa live in Saskatoon. Les is currently employed with Hunter Electric and Lisa works at St. Paul's and City Hospital. They have (between them) two children, Maegan (5) and Chad (12).

David and Cheri are enjoying their life on the farm in spite of the many hardships and tribulations that are facing the agricultural industry today. Cheri still does some substitute teaching in local schools and is now getting involved in a home-based health and wellness business. They enjoy traveling, sports, yard work, their grandchildren and the peace and tranquility of their farm.

**(Helstrom) Douglas, Norma and Walter 'Curly'** pg 468

Since the fall of 1993, Curly has been retired. We remain in Saskatoon and spend much of the summer at our cottage in Regina Beach. This centennial year we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our oldest son **Hugh** is employed by SGI as a general claims insurance adjuster. Due to ill health, he has not been able to work since the spring of 2004. Charlene is a homemaker. Their eldest son Adam is employed as a Web Programmer/Developer with Venmar CES in Saskatoon. Joey is a homemaker caring for their four children; Thomas (April 24, 1992), Elizabeth (June 29, 1998), Anthony (October 15, 1999) and Scott (June 9, 2003). They live in Langham. Hugh and Charlene's second son Matthew (August 21, 1989) is in his first year of high school. Basketball, computer work and schoolwork fill his time. Joshua (Josh) (June 5, 1991) will be graduating from grade eight. He enjoys playing the trumpet and is a member of the Eastwinds Band.

Our second son **Jamie** works for Soputo-Armstrong Cheese. Canadian Linen is where Cathy works in the Flat Iron Department. Cathy has two children, Jessica (April 13, 1987) who is presently living in Watrous and James (October 15, 1990). He is completing his first year of high school. Skate boarding, bike riding and the computer are things he likes to do. Jamie and Cathy enjoy motorbiking and camping with their group of friends. Jamie, Cathy and James reside in Saskatoon.

Our daughter **Susan** and her daughter Courtney live in Saskatoon. Susan is in Production Administration with Nu-Fab-Burton LP. Being an Avon representative and playing darts are of interest to her. Courtney (January 20, 1993) is completing grade six. Her interests are piano, flute, dance, soccer and curling. She wishes she lived in the country so she could have horses.

**Helstrom** pg 466

Adoline (Carter) Helstrom 1907-1987

Paul Helstrom 1908-1992

Theodore (Ted) Helstrom 1904-1987

Elsie (Helstrom) Hayes 1900-1995

**Hendrickson, Jeff and Brenda** pg 471

Jeffrey Eugene Hendrickson is the youngest of four sons born to Ken and Maxine Hendrickson. He was born December 26, 1961 in Regina, SK and was raised on the family farm one half mile west of Gray. His grades one to eight were received at Gray Elementary School and his grades nine to twelve at Sheldon Williams High School in Regina. Jeff graduated from high school in 1980 and furthered his interest in farming by attending the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon where he studied agriculture. His love of farming has kept him on the farm where he remains farming with his dad and brothers. October 21, 1989 he married Brenda Lee Fedorchuk. Brenda was the third child born to Al and Vicky Fedorchuk. She was raised on a farm near Hvas, SK. After high school, Brenda received her Diploma Nursing in June 1983. She commenced her career August 3, 1983 at Regina Pasqua Hospital and has been nursing since. At present, she works in the Emergency Department at the Pasqua.

Jeff and Brenda went on to have three children; **Carleen** Alexis (September 3, 1992), **Drew** Jeffrey (February 22, 1994) and **Kyle** Eugene (September 17, 1998). Carlee keeps herself busy with piano, competitive swimming, basketball and softball. Drew spends his time with hockey, swimming, baseball and guitar. Kyle enjoys swimming, hockey and PlayStation. As a family, they enjoy camping and traveling. They have traveled to such places as Florida and Hawaii. In the summer, they spend as

much time camping in their travel trailer as they can (between work and sport schedules).

### **Hendrickson, Ken and Maxine** pg 471

Ken and I are in good health, still loving the farm, and deeply involved in it. We are close to our families and see them often. Our grandchildren are between the ages of six and twelve and are so dear. Their lives are filled with school, sports and music. They have wonderful caring parents. They are the best! Ron and Pam are living in Edmonton; we don't see them as often as we would like, but they are as close as the phone.

We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 27, 2002 with a garden party for family and friends, held at our farm on a beautiful sunny day.

Ken curled with the same rink at Gray for over 30 years. It included Norton Frei at skip, Ken at third and Ron Lewis as second. The lead changed through the years, including Raymond Hannan, Drex Ford and Floyd Henry. Ken was always interested in the strategy of the games. They curled together 25 consecutive years in the Regina Bonspiel, but were back after a few years, with Norton tending his "pig operation". Their rink would enter this particular bonspiel, without having played a game, as Gray did not have artificial ice. However, that didn't stop the straight wins they built up. In 1955 they won the First event in the Leader Post bonspiel. In 1960 they won the Grand Aggregate, and their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Events of the Leader Post and the Neil Motors. In 1968 they won the Grand Aggregate with fifteen straight wins, and these were the years of top rinks like the Richardson's of Regina, the Campbell's of Avonlea, Bob Pickering and Jack Keyes of Milestone, Harvey Mazinke and Billy Martin of Regina. The Frei rink always came home successful, with prizes. In 1966 the Frei rink curled in the Massey Curl-o-rama to represent Saskatchewan at the famed St. Georges Golf and Country Club in Toronto. Wives also went along on the trip and were royally treated by our hosts, including a Toronto Maple Leafs game at Maple Leaf Gardens. As a senior curler Ken still skips to winning top honours. He curls out of the Tartan Club in Regina, twice a week. He still loves curling as much as ever.

As a young girl, I always loved to sing. Growing up in the war years, there were many opportunities to sing at school concerts, concerts arranged for the enlisted men home on leave, and the church choir. It

was suggested that three of us form a "trio" and we were thrilled to perform for just the invitation. Later I found my way back to that love as a member of the Sweet Adelines, four-part harmony. Our Prairie Gold Chorus went to Vancouver for competitions in the Theatre for the Performing Arts March 16-20, 2005. Being successful there takes the winner to compete in the Internationals held this year at Las Vegas, NV. Is this a huge dream or what? Our visiting director of North Metro Chorus, June Dale of Toronto comes twice a year to coach us. She and her chorus have won gold four consecutive years in International Competitions...tops in the world. In 2003, our Prairie Gold Chorus earned the most points in competition for a small chorus in Internationals ever reached and has yet to be broken by another chorus. That earned us the position to compete in Greensville, NC in Internationals. We missed the Gold by one point, 1168 to their 1169. Second place in the world still felt very good! Last year moving into the medium sized chorus (43) we won the Gold in Saskatoon. In 2005 with the two top choruses dropping down from a large chorus size to our medium size, placed us third...still a proud place to be. This year (2005) our chorus held a very successful show "Exploring the Heart of Saskatchewan". It was held June 18 at the Sask. Centre for the Performing Arts. The show is all about small town Saskatchewan and included 'nouveau art' (elevators on each table with the name of a small town and Wheat Pool Logo, and the history of that particular small town, each written by the members of the chorus). Applause Theatre actors along with a rising singer songwriter rounded out our most successful show.

Ken and I have traveled quite extensively through the years; traveling across Canada stopping to visit friends and family, also to Hawaii, Florida, California and three cruises to the Caribbean.

In the early 70's we began to travel to the World Curling Silver Broom events in Bern, Switzerland, with a side trip to Portugal, Spain and Morocco. Then we traveled to the World Curling in Sweden with a trip to Denmark; World Curling in Glasgow with a side trip (bus tour) to London and Cornwall to visit the ancestral home area, St. Maylor Bridge. Our last trip was to Australia with stops in Thailand and Hong Kong. We have had more than our share seeing beautiful parts of the world, and meeting beautiful people everywhere we have traveled.

In Gray the heart of the community is the recreation centre, for skating and hockey...the two-sheet curling facility isn't in use. Sunday breakfasts are very well attended (80-100 people), from east of Highway 6, Estlin, Gray and Riceton, and some from Regina - a full breakfast menu is served by volunteers from the community. Cards are played on Tuesday evenings with about seven tables in the Heritage Room. This year on Fridays we have "volunteer suppers"... a few volunteers host a supper of their own choice and a successful event brings out a good crowd, joining together for good fellowship.

Our Centennial event 2005, July 23-24 for Estlin, Gray, Riceton and Bechard was a huge success with events in Gray on Saturday and in Riceton on Sunday, on two beautiful summer days! Old friends met again and new friendships were formed, and children joined in all the festivities. The Memorial Hall set up by the Estlin women housed the very interesting antiques "old and new" from the communities. An ice cream parlor served cake, cookies, pie, ice cream and drinks.

The rink served a steak dinner with homemade pie to over 500 people. The table centers were our "nouveau art elevators" (to replace the loss of the community serviced elevators now gone)...and bouquets of flowers. The success of the community event was surpassed only by the smiles on the faces of everyone there. On the 24<sup>th</sup> ball games were held in Riceton Sports Grounds and a pancake breakfast and box lunches were served to the crowd.

Our family was there together with the exception of Ron and Pam living in Sherwood Park, AB.

### **(Hendrickson) Byce, Lois pg 470**

Lois retired from the Scarborough Board of Education June 1987, with thirty years of teaching service in Saskatchewan and Ontario. A distinguished teaching career included; being the director of the winning entry in the Saskatchewan High School Drama Festival in 1951, and in 1986 as the vocal teacher on the staff of the Music Department at J.B. Tyrrell Senior Public School being part of a program that culminated in taking 200 students to sing and play in the Ontario pavilion for a week at Expo in Vancouver. The Music department set up an annual award in her name to be awarded to the outstanding music student. Winning the McCool Cup in 1951 was especially exciting, in that Norman McGillivray was the presenter of the trophy as the

President of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association.



Norman McGillivray presenting the McCool drama trophy to Lois and members of the cast (1951).

Lois married the Reverend Gordon Byce August 3, 1949 in the Gray United Church. Eleanor Staton was the organist and the Crookes twins, Doreen and Eileen, were vocalists. Lois and Gordon served in three parishes in Saskatchewan; Spiritwood, Nipawin and St. Mary's Regina. Being married to Gordon involved some interesting challenges for Lois, like time spent in Boston when Gordon entered graduate school at Boston University, and then in 1963 moving to Toronto when Gordon went to be part of the development and production of curriculum materials for the Anglican Church of Canada. At the end of a three-year stint at Church House, Gordon accepted a position with George Brown College as a teacher and then student counsellor. In 1973 he moved to the Ministry of Social Services for the Province of Ontario, as a rehabilitation counsellor. He retired in 1987. He and Lois have been active, volunteering in the local community and the parish church. Gordon received a provincial award for volunteering from the Quarter Century Club, an organization of retired civil servants. He says it should have been a joint award for him and Lois.

Lois and Gordon had three girls, Joanne, Laurie and Marion;

**Joanne Holly Nicolle** (May 28, 1953) was born in Nipawin. She completed her elementary and secondary education in Ontario. She graduated from York University with a BA and from Teachers College. She holds special qualifications in Special Education. She has been honoured by the Scarborough Board for excellence as a Special

Education Teacher. Joanne married Gordon Nicolle July 9, 1983. They have two boys, David Gordon (1987) and Joel Elbert (September 17, 1990). Gordon is a graduate of Waterloo University with a degree in Mathematics and Accounting. He is a Certified Accountant. He did an internship with the firm of Mandelbaum, Spergel and Gluckman, where he is now a partner.

**Laurie** Louise Mills (October 15, 1955) was born in Nipawin. Laurie completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at Glendon campus of York University. After her marriage to Peter Mills on August 21, 1976 she moved to Vancouver where she completed her Bachelor of Education at the University of British Columbia. Laurie has a specialty in Music. She has been a teacher with the Coquitlam Board of Education. More recently she completed a Diploma in Teacher Librarianship and acts as a teacher/librarian for the Board. Peter moved to Vancouver to open a new television station CKVU, where he worked for twenty years. He became a Manager for Information Services for Global for Western Canada. He stayed with Global until a headhunter presented the offer of Manager of Information Technology for Coca Cola for Western Canada. When Coke closed their western office they offered Peter a similar position in Atlanta. Laurie and he agreed that living in British Columbia was one of their primary values and chose to stay. He is now employed as Director of Information Technology for Orca Bay, the company that owns GM Place and the Vancouver Canucks. Laurie is now an ardent fan of the Canucks. Laurie and Peter have two children. Allison Lee (16) is finishing grade 11 and Cory Edward (13) is completing grade 8.

**Marion** Nell (after her grandmother Nellie) Feheley (June 10, 1959) was born in Regina. She was four years old when the family moved to Toronto. She completed her elementary and secondary education in Scarborough. She completed a BSc Honours degree in biological sciences at Guelph University. Marion completed training as a Registered Technologist in Cytogenetics, a two-year program at McMaster University. After working for five years in the field she entered a graduate program at the University of Toronto and graduated with a Master's in Hospital Administration. Marion married John Feheley August 10, 1992. John graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1978 and worked for a period of time as a broker on Bay Street. His heart was on the farm and he returned to work the

family farm. As with many others, he knew it would be necessary to augment their income and took training as a farrier. He and Marion are into organic farming; beef, chickens and eggs. It is a kind of mission for them. Marion and John have three beautiful girls; Erin (10), Megan (7) and last but not least Devon (4). Marion has been a stay-at-home mother.

The best part of this story is still to be completed. The seven grandchildren are the joy of Lois' and Gordon's lives. They are multi-talented and will all excel in sports, the arts and most important as caring and informed members of their communities.

### **Hendrickson, Mark** pg 471

I was born May 15, 1960. I farm with my father (Ken) and two brothers (Terry and Jeff). My brother Jeff and I bought a quarter section of land across from our parents' farm several years ago. Amongst the buildings, there is a house and after doing some work on it, I now reside there. We are three-quarters of a mile from the hamlet of Gray.

I have had winter jobs and particularly enjoyed working at ski resorts in the Rockies and having employment on the hill at Whistler Ski Resort. During the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, I worked at the Chateau Lake Louise. My family was able to visit me there at this time for a stay at the Chateau. When they arrived, I was in the dining room on a ladder hanging drapes on a huge window – my mother had a heart-stopping moment – but 'all's well that ends well' and I got the job done.

At our evening meal seated by those huge windows overlooking Lake Louise, the scene was a winter wonderland. There was a small hut out some distance on the lake for skaters and cross-country skiers to warm themselves. A beautiful Christmas tree lit up the area and the night sky. To add to the picture, a few large flakes of snow were falling. Several other boys from the Gray area also worked there at this time. It was a great place to work.

I was engaged for over two years to D'arcy McKim (an RN working at the Regina Pasqua Hospital). We had a baby girl, **Shaelyn** (May 14, 1998). In that year, we parted.

Shaelyn is six years old, living with her mother in Regina. She is in grade one at school. She spends time with me at the farm, which also includes visits

and meals with Grandpa and Grandma a half-mile down the road. Shaelyn is one of the three youngest grandchildren all born in 1998; Jeff and Brenda's son Kyle (September 17) and Terry and Barb's daughter Rhagen (October 4). These little ones see each other often and at the family's gatherings.

The farm keeps us all busy and as always 'We're looking forward to next year', good crops and better prices in 2005.

### **Hendrickson, Ron** pg 471

Ron (March 4, 1956) is the second son of Maxine Lillian Hendrickson (nee McManus) and Kenneth Hendrickson of Gray, SK. While a partner in the family farm Ron pursued his post-secondary education and employment off the farm, including employment with the Saskatchewan and Alberta Departments of Agriculture. Ron earned a BA in 1978 and a Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics in 1993 from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ron married Pamela Stadnyk of Regina, SK in 1994. Pamela worked in Communications and Public Affairs with the Government of Saskatchewan and then for the Edmonton Concert Hall Foundation after the couple moved to Edmonton, AB. Ron and Pamela now live on an acreage just east of Sherwood Park, AB.

In 1997, Ron and Pamela embarked on a new venture, opening an independent bagel bakery and coffee house in Sherwood Park, *Bagelatte Bagel Bakery and Bistro Ltd.* All of their superb bagels and cream cheeses are made from scratch from their own recipes and marketed through their retail bakery, farmers markets and several natural food markets in Edmonton.

### **Hendrickson, Terry** pg 471

I was born in Regina on May 26, 1954, the oldest son of Ken and Maxine Hendrickson. I was raised on the family farm at Gray, SK with my three younger brothers. I attended elementary school in Gray and high school at Sheldon Williams Collegiate in Regina. I enjoyed skating and hockey as a boy, and spent many hours at the Gray Rink with my brothers. As I grew up, I belonged to the Gray baseball and hockey teams. My favourite pastime in the winter now is curling.

After graduation, I continued to work on the farm with my father and brothers. I have also worked part-time at Canadian Blood Services as a Transport Driver. In the past, I worked for Canadian Airlines as a ramp agent and have held various other part-time jobs outside the farm.

I married Barb Dancey on July 14, 1990 at Kenosee Lake, SK. We live in Regina and have three children; **James** Kenneth (June 16, 1992), **Kristen** Dancey (April 26, 1994) and **Rhagen** Leone Maxine (October 4, 1998). I also have a daughter, **Jody** (September 17, 1979) from a previous marriage.

Barb (December 2, 1957) was raised on a farm at Storthoaks, SK. She worked part-time as a secretary for Air Canada Jazz until December 2004. In the past, she worked for the Co-operators Life Insurance Company and then as a travel agent, before being employed by Canadian Airlines in 1989, which was then bought by Air Canada in 1999.

Jay likes sports, especially soccer and swimming, and also likes PlayStation, Game Boy and computer games. Kristen likes basketball, swimming and playing on the computer and Rhagen likes gymnastics and swimming. All three enjoy many activities with their friends and cousins.

We enjoy traveling and have had several family holidays to Florida.

### **Henry, Dale and Kathy** pg 476

On March 9, 1984 we had a son **Scott** Steven, a brother for **Jeffrey** William (April 15, 1982). We started to farm that year and moved to the family farm in 1988 when Verne and Gwen moved to Gray. The boys took their schooling in Milestone. Jeff graduated in 2000, entering University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon that fall. He will graduate in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Scott graduated in 2002, worked in Regina for two years before entering university in Saskatoon in 2004. He will graduate in 2008, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Sports continue to play a big part in all our lives. The boys played badminton through the school and hockey and baseball as after-school activities. Both boys continue to play recreation sports at university and participate in the Agricultural Students Association activities.

Kathy's interests are gardening, reading, walking, curling and softball. In the winter Dale plays oldtimer hockey at Gray and in the summer he still helps coach the 306's when time permits.

### **Henry, Floyd and Teenie** pg 473

Floyd and I have continued to live in Milestone, taking an active role in the community life.

Floyd worked hard toward building the new Recreation Center that opened in 1992 and has been a staunch supporter of the sports it created. Teenie continued to work with the United Church Women and helped with the Church Choir until retiring at the age of 78.

Our grandson Greg (**Neil** and Joan's son) and his wife Michelle live in Milestone and have given us three adorable great-granddaughters, Taylor, Sarah and Tessa. Also, Ryan Culbert (**Lois'** son) married Christine Iles, they live in Regina and have two lovely children - a son Kelsey, and a daughter Elaina. Lois' daughter Jaelyn married Rob Korsch and they also live in Regina.

Neil and Joan's daughter Rene took one year of university in Regina, then went to Calgary to take a course in Hotel Management. She worked for four years in Grand Caymen then returned to Regina to become a legal secretary. She now works for the Police Department, City of Regina.

**Wanda** and Jim added two more sons, Nathan and Eric, to their family. They and their brother Graham have grown to be fine young men.

**Don** graduated from university, married Jill Owen in 1986 and they have two children; BreAnne who excels in dancing and Jarett who excels in sports.

So as Floyd at age 85, and I at age 84, look back at our long lives, we have a family to be proud of and much for which to be thankful. Gray and Milestone have been wonderful communities to raise a family, to make friends, and have support and compassion when times were hard.

**(Henry) MacKay, Ivy and Gordon** pg 475 (by Lorna Glasser)

Ivy and husband Gordon died tragically in a plane crash at Missinipi, SK in 1979. They were survived

by three daughters; June, Donna, and Myrna, and a son Malcolm. **Malcolm** died February 27, 2002.

At the time of publication of the history book, **June** had four children; Chris (1970), Allyson (1971), Maureen (1977) and Anne (1982). Since then Francis (1983) and Stephen (1987) were born. The Schaeffer family home is in Grand Prairie, AB. Allyson had one child, Justin Fitzpatrick who was deceased February 1999 at the age of 4 years. Maureen has a son Riley (2001). Anne has a daughter Kaitlyn (2005).

**Donna** has the three boys listed in the history book; Philip (1976), Mark (1980) and John (1982). The Berggren family home is in Swift Current. John has a son Joshua (2000).

**Myrna's** family increased to three; Sara (1982), Carolyn (1985) and William (1987). Hometown is Edmonton.

**(Henry) Binnington, June** pg 475 (by Lorna Glasser)

June was predeceased by her husband Robert (Bert) in 1978. June died February 26, 1988. They had two sons, **Glen** (Susan) and **Bradford** (Vivian). Glen and Susan reside in Edmonton. They have two sons, Joshua (May 24, 1986) and Michael (January 23, 1990). Brad and Vivian live in Revelstoke. They have no children.

**(Henry) Glasser, Lorna Jeanne** pg 475

At the publication of the history book (1984), John and I had been married thirteen years and our three sons were quite young; Robert (9), Neil (7) and Grant (4).

Our family home has always been in Regina. Our boys attended elementary schools in east Regina and then on to Miller High School. They enjoyed a variety of sports both on recreational and competitive levels. Among them were gymnastics, swimming, football, basketball and soccer. They gave us many years of pleasure watching and cheering. We gained an appreciation for sports that we had little knowledge about.

**Rob** (30) attended University of Regina after graduating from high school. After two years he decided that academia was not for him and he embarked on a career as a carpenter. He and his partner, Tammy Semple, moved to Penticton, BC in

2000. Tammy took a course in Reflexology and Rob started an Apprenticeship program in Joinery. May 5, 2002 they were blessed with the arrival of a beautiful little girl, Hannah Lily. Their family temporarily moved back to the Regina area March 2003. Rob operated Hidden Valley Custom Millwork from the Semple farm north of Regina. Tammy was a full-time mom for the first year and then took a hairdressing course. They returned to their home in Penticton August 2005.

**Neil** (28) attended University of Regina graduating with a Bachelor of Science – Computer Science in May 2002. This was a great source of pride for his grandpa as well as the rest of the family. Neil lives in Regina and works for SaskTel. He also helps out with the family business. He says he is a confirmed bachelor.

**Grant** (25) has worked with his dad at *The Bevelled Edge Countertops* since the spring of 2001. He has inherited the family carpentry skills and is an expert countertop manufacturer. He is a key part of the family business. He is a single young man who is planning to build or buy his first home.

I had taken several years away from my career as a Laboratory Technologist when our children were young. In January 1985 I returned to work at the Regina General Hospital Chemistry Laboratory. I continue to work full-time in this capacity as well as helping with the family business. For relaxation, I enjoy walking with my Yellow Labrador Retriever, “Maddie”.

Most recently, John had worked as a kitchen designer for Kitchen Craft Connection in Regina. In 2000 he and I started our own countertop business, *The Bevelled Edge Countertops*. His favourite getaway is a fishing trip to northern Saskatchewan.

**(Henry) Pratt, Olive and Harold** pg 474

There have been a number of changes in our lives in the last twenty-one years. We moved to Regina in 1995 and live in a bungalow condo. We had spent 18 winters in Mesa, AZ and enjoyed the times we were there. We sold our mobile home in 1999.

**James** Pratt, Terry and family now live on the farm at Wilcox. Jim married Terry Perkin from Rouleau, SK in 1991. They have twin sons, Dallas James and Dustin James (January 9, 1992). Terry has two daughters, Corie and Shauna, from a previous marriage, and a granddaughter, Hope, born to

Shauna February 13, 2001. Dallas and Dustin are involved in a number of sporting activities. Hockey seems to be their favourite sport.

**Henry, Verne and Gwen** pg 475

In the period following 1983, Verne and Gwen enjoyed many years of Square and Round Dancing. As many as five evenings a week would be spent traveling to various locations with the D.E. Lafaos and W. Moats. Over the years their holiday travels took them to destinations in North and South Dakota, Arizona, California, Texas, Nevada, Hawaii and Saskatchewan. Scott Steven, the last of their five grandsons, was born March 9, 1984. In February 1988 Verne and Gwen moved into their new home in Gray at 218 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. **Dale** and **Kathy** took up residence in the farm house immediately after. Verne farmed until the fall of 1997. He continued to help Dale with the farming until his health would no longer permit it. Gwen’s time in town was spent landscaping and tending to the yard. May 12, 2000, following a heavy snowfall, Verne and Gwen moved into their College Park Condominium, located at the site of the old Central Collegiate in Regina. They look out over Central Park and downtown Regina. May 5, 2002, their great-granddaughter, Hannah Lily Glasser - daughter of Robert and Tammy, granddaughter of **Lorna** was born. Their little princess!

Verne succumbed to his battle with lung disease July 19, 2004. He is buried in Regina Memorial Gardens. Gwen continues to reside in the same condo.

**Hill, William and Francess** pg 883 (by Shirley Schultz Cross)

William (Bill) Hill passed away December 1984.

**Hozempa, John and Laurie** pg 482

Since the last history book of Gray came out in 1984 there has been three additions to our family; **Nicole** Katherine (March 2, 1984), **Chad** Steven (April 7, 1989) and **Ashley** Megan (July 25, 1994).

All three of our children attended Gray School for the elementary years. Ashley is still here, in grade 6. Nicole and Chad went to Ethel Milliken in Regina for grades 7 and 8, and to Sheldon Williams for High School. Chad is currently in grade 12 at

Sheldon. Nicole went to University of Regina for a year and is now starting at SIAST in the fall.

Over the years our family has enjoyed many activities at the school, rink and hall.

**Husband, Morris and Anna Lou** pg 484 (by M. Dawn Husband-Little)

Morris and Annalou continued to farm the "home place" with assistance from their grandson Patrick Little and son **Dennis**. In 1986 they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Gray with a gathering of the entire family, friends and neighbours, including their three great-grandchildren Denise, Shaun and Krista Little.

Morris and Annalou enjoyed visits from their grandchildren and looked forward to the summers and festive holidays when Denise and Shaun would come to ensure they stayed "young at heart."

The family suffered two losses in 1989: first, a tornado on June 19 which destroyed the large barn built by Albert Husband in 1916 and secondly, the sudden passing of Annalou on July 14. Morris continued to farm with Patrick and Dennis.

In 1993 Patrick ended his winter jaunts to Winnipeg to take up farming full time with Morris and Dennis. After the passing of Morris January 16, 1994 and then Dennis March 10, 1995, Patrick shouldered the entire operation. Allan returned to the farm in 1996 for a short time, but has since remarried and settled again in Winnipeg.

**Dawn** maintains an accounting/insurance business in Winnipeg, as well as assisting Patrick at all times of the year, especially in spring and fall. Denise and Shaun live and work in Winnipeg but maintain strong ties to the farm.

In 2001 the Heritage Farm Award was presented to Patrick for a continuous family-operated farm. Patrick continues to farm on the "home place" but today the Husband Farm operates under the name *Little "d" Farms*.

**Hutchinson, Ron and Marion** pg 486

Ron and Marion are enjoying their retirement years still living in their own home in Regina. There have been changes in the lives of their family over the last few years.

A great event in the Hutchinson family took place in Regina on May 28 this year when Ruth's son, Christopher and Shelly Brown, daughter of Bernie and Arlene Brown of Milestone, were married in St. Mary's Anglican Church with Reverend Claude Shroeder officiating. The reception and dance took place in St. Mary's Catholic Hall.

Ron and Marion have taken several coach tours to various places over the years and have been to England and Hawaii. They are now content to stay home and look after home, yard and garden and the strawberry patch. Ron is a self-taught computer operator, and spends his spare time sending and receiving emails from friend and relatives.

They both enjoy good health and hope to continue enjoying their golden years!

**Fay** has been happily married to Lorne Brown for eight years. Lorne is a former professor from the University of Regina where he taught Political Science for several years. Fay is employed as an Archivist by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and works three days a week in an office at the Regina General Hospital.

**Ruth** is presently living in Waterloo, ON with her partner who is employed as an electrician. Ruth is on disability as she suffers from Lupus and is unable to work.

**Jones, Bruce and Deena** pg 891

In 1984 things were in transition for us. Our first grandchild was on her way, we had moved to the farm, which had been a dream for years and our youngest was getting ready to leave home.

Our son **Colin** had settled in his job at Canadian Clay at Wilcox. He has now been there 24 years. He and his partner Dorrie Proulx have a girl Amy Lynn Jones (2) and a home in Rouleau.

Our daughter **Nancy** and her husband George Faris now have four children; Amanda (21), Joshua (18), Jeremy (14) and Emily (12). George works for Canadian Clay and has been there 27 years. Nancy works at Notre Dame College on the cleaning staff. They live at Wilcox and are grandparents. Amanda and her partner Marshall Sedgewick have a boy Mackenzie (3). They live in Winnipeg, MB.

Our daughter **Susan** graduated from Milestone High, as Colin and Nancy had before her, in 1985. In 1991, after attending Red Deer College and the University of Alberta she graduated with a BA in Recreation Administration. She married Jackson Salioh in 1991 and they have three children, Aaron (17) and twins Nicholas and Olivia (7). They have their own business and live in Edmonton.



Deena and Bruce (holding Amy Jones) seated in the farmyard.  
Back Row: Jeremy Faris (holding Mackenzie) and Emily Faris.

We enjoy being on the farm but consider ourselves retired. Bruce gave up a section of land that his father had rented since 1925 and Colin rents the land we own. So he works the fields and is here to help when we need it.

We have lost some dear family members the last few years. Bruce's sister Maude Mooney died in 1995 and his brother Leo in 2001. Also two nephews, his brother Claude's son Derek and his sister Rhoda Ranson's only grandson Darren Howells. My mother Rose Dunnett died in 1999 and my brother-in-law, my sister Joan's husband, Robert (Bob) Playfair died in 2004.

### **Kawuza, Pete** pg 898

Pete passed away in 2000.

### **Kelly, Edward Lockwood and Doris Faye (Lafoy)** pg 491

Doris Kelly died in August of 1980 and Edward Kelly died in April of 1989.

### **Kelly, Gregory Edward Tip and Randi Lee (Lindstrom)** pg 492

We continue to farm in the Gray area. Our oldest son, **Michael** Edward Bennie Kelly, married Kyla Panko of Regina June 12, 1999. They have one son, Andrew James (June 16, 2004). Michael is now studying neurosurgery at Stanford University in California and hopes to return to work in Saskatoon. Kyla was a pediatrics nurse and is now at home with Andrew. Our daughter **Kimberly** Anne Marschall, married Jeffery Marschall of Kelowna July 25, 1999. They have three children; Matthew Kelly (April 24, 2000), Hayden Gray (August 15, 2001) and Anna Miranda (September 26, 2003). Kimberly is currently living in Penticton, BC with her family. She has an articling position with a Penticton law firm and her husband is a general surgeon at the Penticton Hospital. Our youngest son, **Jason** Patrick Kelly married Angela Flottorp of Regina July 16, 2005. They will reside in Regina. Jason works as a steam engineer at the Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Ltd. and Angela is teaching in Regina.

### **Kelly, Linda Rae and Fred Lockhart** pg 491

Linda and Fred now reside in Victoria, BC on their boat Tidewater.

### **Kirkpatrick, Harriett (Miller)** (by Wendy Jacobs and Lisa Pedersen)

February 13, 1900 was a special day for Grant and Abigail Miller of Terra Haute, IL. Their daughter Harriett was born, the youngest of seven children. Grant and Abigail were already parents to five sons and a young daughter named Mary. Harriett grew up in a large two-storey farmhouse on a hill outside of Terra Haute.

Harriett's father, Grant, heard that there was a large amount of cheap land available on the Canadian prairies. He made several trips to the Riceton and Lang areas where he purchased several parcels of land. Harriett was seventeen years old when she accompanied her father on one of his trips. She found that she loved Saskatchewan and in 1929 with husband Warren Kirkpatrick of Carthage, IL and their children; **Dorothy** (July 27, 1922) and **Daniel** (November 29, 1924), she returned to live close to the small town of Riceton. Her brothers Dick and Burr Miller also settled in the Riceton area. Hattie's sister Mary, and her husband Bill Drain, farmed north of Lang.

Warren died in 1948 and son Dan took over the farming. Dorothy married Cecil Hiland and moved to Mascoutah, IL. Dan and Harriett spent summers in Saskatchewan and winters in Carthage where Dan helped his uncle, Philip Kirkpatrick, do electrical work.

In 1950 Dan met a young woman, Gratia Baxter of Carthage. They were married in Carthage on March 25, 1951 and moved to the farm north of Riceton. Gratia and Dan had seven children who grew up in the town of Riceton;

Wendy (1952) married Brian Jacobs of Milestone. They have two sons, Aaron and Mark and a daughter Natalie. Lance (1954) married Raelene Turanich. He has a daughter Bethany, and two stepsons, Luke and Josh. They live in Emerald Park. Lisa (1956) married Andy Pedersen of Saskatoon. They live in Regina and have two daughters, Meghan and Courtney. Tracy (1957) married Bill McCabe of Ogema. They have two children, daughter Jocelyn and son Nathan. Holly (1960) lives in Lumsden with her partner Roy Hicks. She has a daughter Charla and a son Colin. Danelle (1962) married Trent Smith of Wilcox. They have a son Easton and reside in Minonk, IL. Danelle's daughter Jade lives in Wolseley. Heidi (1964) married Daniel Kinvig of Milestone. They have two sons, Kyle and Jake. They live in Regina.

Harriett continued to live in Riceton until her death in 1990 at the age of ninety years. Gratia passed away in 1990 and Dan in 1997. The farm where the Kirkpatrick family lived is now owned and farmed by Neal and Scott Moyse.

### **Knoke, Evelyn and Harold** pg 495

After residing in Oak Harbor, WA for several years Harold had heart surgery in 1982. In 1983 we moved to Las Vegas, NV and resided there till 1995 when we moved back to Regina as Harold's life was deteriorating as a result of Alzheimer's. Harold passed away March 29, 1999.

I'm still living in the condo we purchased when we returned to Regina. It's a different life but am enjoying my family and am still able to drive the car and able to do the things I love to do such as crafts, baking, fishing and traveling to see my daughter **Joan** and her husband Carl Gillis, granddaughters Naomi Neil and Pam Sherman and her children Jason and Stephanie.

### **Kushnir, Mike and Thelma** pg 903

Since our last history was completed there has not been that much in the line of excitement going on in the Kushnir household. I can truthfully say that The Ties That Bind was certainly my last big project.

Mike and I had a farm sale July 24, 1997. There were so many relatives and friends in attendance. We turned the land over to our children Lynda Mae and Amcie. They now have the headaches. We sold our mobile home and are now residents of Regina. We bought a new condo that was being built and had many changes made to suit us.

Mike spent days going out to the farm to keep the yard looking nice, such as cutting and trimming grass and trees and trying to keep dandelions away. We do not have a garden any more as it was so much work for Mike. He now has macular degeneration so can no longer drive our vehicle. David Moats has been so good at taking Mike on some of his trips to Riceton, Rouleau and Corinne. Mike misses coffee row and lunches at the store.

My days are spent doing crewel, needlepoint work and some knitting.

My mom, Myrtle Purves passed away August 15, 2002 – two days after her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She had a wonderful life.

Our daughter **Lynda Mae** and her husband Ray Pekrul are still residing in Regina. Lynda Mae is Regional Health Planner with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch with her office being in Regina. She does a lot of travel with her work. Ray is still with Family Services and keeps busy with other people's problems. Their children are Raena and Christopher. Raena received her BA in June 2005 and plans are to go on for her degree in Social Work. She is presently residing in Grand Prairie, AB where her fiancé Shawn Peaseley is employed. Chris will be taking his second year at the University of Regina where he hopes to get into medicine. He has a summer job but would rather be studying. He is a member of the Regina Capitals hockey team. He loves his hockey.

Our son **Amcie** and his wife Nancy are still in Saskatoon. Amcie is still running Marathon Construction. At the present time they are building a new home that means several hours of extra work. Nancy keeps busy with volunteer work. Their daughter Meghan is back after teaching in Japan for

four years. She is studying at the university in Victoria, BC and will go back teaching after another year of studies. Their son Ryan is in Saskatoon.

Mike and I celebrated our 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April 2005. How many more are to come?

**(Lafoy) Van Dusen, Connie and Howard (Bud)** pg 506 (by Connie Van Dusen)

Connie and Bud live in Regina and lead very busy lives. Connie's #1 love is babysitting their two adorable grandchildren. She spends countless hours as a volunteer at Government House and has a home based sewing business, specializing in bridal wear and graduation gowns. Bud is a Corporal with the Regina Police Service and is a member of the Downtowners Optimist Club of Regina. He is a devoted and proud father and grandpa. They have enjoyed trips to Alaska, Australia, Barbados, Mexico and have traveled across the United States and Canada.

Their son **Korey** moved to Edmonton where he has had several jobs, his most recent being with commercial construction. While living there Korey met Jena (Rix) through a mutual friend. Korey and Jena were married in Regina August 2, 2003. Jena has recently received her Insurance Underwriters Certificate and is currently working writing insurance policies. They have purchased a house and now call Edmonton home.

Their daughter Mardelle (**Mardy**) and her companion Michael (Mike) Ash live in Regina. Mardy is a Travel Consultant with CAA and Mike works for SaskTel. They have two children: Illyana Emily (August 26, 2001) and Aiden Andrew (June 16, 2004). They have purchased a home in Regina.

**Lafoy, Darrell (Corky) and Betty** pg 505 (by Betty Lafoy)

Twenty years have passed since the writing of The Ties That Bind and there have been a few changes in those years.

Corky retired in 1995 after 27 years of owning and driving the school bus. He has fond memories of those years and treasures the friendships of the students.

Betty was a part-time employee at the Riceton Credit Union for 17 years and still admires managers Marg

Maloney, Dale Yeo and Lorraine Moyse as well as the members for their patience and kindness.

Gray was a wonderful place to live and raise a family, a place they will always call "home".

In September 1999 they moved to Regina and are enjoying city living. They have wonderful neighbours and friends in their condo complex. Corky is on the condo board and is commonly known as the "handy man". They have many things to be thankful for. In 2000 Betty had two successful hip replacements. In March of 2001 they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They marked this special occasion with a supper and social time amongst family and friends. In April of 2001 Corky survived heart failure. Now, with her new hips and his repaired heart, they are back on the dance floor, so to speak. They enjoy activities at the clubhouse, playing cards, dancing and meeting friends for coffee at the local malls.

They feel very fortunate to have their daughters and sons-in-law, **Connie** and Bud, and **Shelley** and Perry as well as their grand and great-grandchildren living in Regina. They treasure each of them, and although they have very busy lives, they cherish the times that they spend together.

**Lafoy, Edward (Doc) and Helen** pg 504 (by Betty Lafoy)

In 1975 Doc and Helen sold their farm at Gray and moved to Regina. They enjoyed gardening, square dancing, playing cards and traveling.

In September 1995, due to failing health, they moved from their home to an apartment.

In 1998 Doc was admitted to Santa Maria Senior Care Home. On April 8, 1998 he passed away at the age of 88 years.

Helen lived in a private care home in Regina until she passed away on September 3, 2005. She had celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday June 18, 2005.

**(Lafoy) Farrell, Henrietta** pg 437 (by Betty Lafoy)

Henrietta was a devoted mother, excellent cook and a very caring person, always willing to lend a helping hand.

She raised two families. With her first husband, Plummer Lafoy, she had three children: **Darrell** (Corky), **Louise** and **Vivian** (deceased March 1998). Plummer passed away June 1935. Corky married Betty Aitken, Louise married John Brown and Vivian married Fred Leader.

With her second husband, Ambrose Farrell, she had three children: **Donald**, **Marcie** and **Geraldine**. Ambrose passed away July 1965. Don married Barbara Holliday, Marcie married Robert Marshall and Geraldine married Jim Brown.

Henrietta spent her last years in the Twilight Centennial Home in Bengough, SK. She passed away on October 3, 1998 at the age of 87 years.

### **Lafoy, John and Neva** pg 508 (by Pat Mintern)

Everett Lloyd "John" Lafoy October 21, 1912 – August 1, 1980

Neva Violet (Proctor) Lafoy November 16, 1914 – February 10, 1993

My mother Neva Lafoy continued to live in her home in Gray, SK until her passing. She loved to curl, golf, play cards, support her "Riders", take an active part in all community activities and spend as much time as possible with her family and friends in Gray and surrounding area. She also remained a faithful correspondent to family/friends around the globe. She visited us often in BC, usually 2-3 times a year and took part in all our family happenings and highlights. She developed a lot of new friendships in Kamloops. In January 1993 mom suffered a massive heart attack and passed away in her sleep February 10, 1993. My sister **Neta** and I (**Pat**) were blessed to spend some real quality time together with Mom after her heart attack and prior to her passing three weeks later. Mom never complained about anything and accepted whatever came her way. She remained active, busy and youthful until her demise. Her greatest fear was to grow old and lose her independence ... she never did! She was a great friend and inspiration to all who knew and loved her. She lived life to the fullest and is sadly missed and fondly remembered. Her home was sold in July 1993 ... closing yet another chapter in the Gray history book. Mom and Dad are both buried at Memorial Gardens in Regina, SK.

Dad spent his entire life (67 years) as a proud resident of Gray... Mom moved to Gray to teach school in 1937 so she was a resident of Gray for 56

years. Mom and Dad LOVED Gray... the community, the people and the lifestyle. Neither of them ever had any desire to live anywhere else. They were "Grayites" to their very core.

### **(Lafoy) Monson, Neta and Jim** pg 513

2005 is a great Centennial year for Saskatchewan. With all the Homecoming celebrations around the province we will be able to renew old friendships, laugh about old times in Gray and spend some time with people that we haven't seen in decades!!

Jim and I have extended our family a great deal since 1984 when the last history book was completed for the Gray district. Prior to 1984, we lost Dad (John or Everett Lloyd Lafoy) in 1980 and both sets of grandparents, Jim and Ada Proctor and Tip and Addah Lafoy. We unfortunately lost Mom in February 1993 (Neva Lafoy) the last of our immediate family connection to the town of Gray but we still keep in touch with Gray residents—friends of Mom and Dads living in Gray and Regina, some of the students who attended Gray school as well as Lafoy relatives that still live in the community.

Jim and I still reside in Milestone, SK in our house on Carrington Street. Our two daughters, Kara and Lindsay, both grew up in Milestone and surprisingly enough left Milestone to pursue their careers and have come back with their spouses and families to live very close to us again.

Jim farmed the Monson family farm, some land at Corinne and some south of Lang, and received the "Century Farm Award" from the Saskatchewan government in 2000. He is very active in the community of Milestone. Jim is a long time hockey player, coach and trainer with the Milestone Flyers Senior team, 27 years as a member of the Lang Angels Baseball team winning many provincial titles, curled with a Milestone men's team in the North/South brier play downs held in the Agridome in Regina in 1988, and coached boys hockey for a number of years winning the Midget C Provincial title in 1989. His coaching career continued as boys and girls baseball coach as well as Trainer for the SJHL Junior hockey team at Notre Dame College for three years. He kept busy on the Core committee building the new rink facility in Milestone that opened in 1992 and is still active as a member of the Executive of the Flyers hockey team. Jim retired from farming in March 2002 and gets his "farmer"

fix working in seeding and harvest for a local Milestone farming operation. Jim and I are both presently very active as Chairpeople for the Milestone 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial celebration held in July 2005.

I (Neta) retired as well in May 2004 after almost 25 years of working outside the home. I worked with the Provincial Government in the Provincial Secretary's office, changed to work as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of Milestone School Division and then took about 10 years off to be a "Mom" to our two daughters from 1975 to 1985. I went back to work at the Prairie View School Division office part-time for a couple of years and spent the next 12 years at Notre Dame College as Archivist/Curator of the new Notre Dame Museum. I worked full-time and organized the archives and museum displays in the new archives/museum facility on campus that opened in 1993. I had back surgery in 2000 and decided my full-time career in the museum may have to end until I could recover. I began part-time in a ladies dress store in Regina in April 2002 and then in February 2003 took on a one-year part-time contract with the Milestone Credit Union. I took on another contract with the Milestone Credit Union organizing and training on the new Privacy Legislation until May 2004 when I decided to retire and enjoy my grandchildren and cottage. I was also very involved in the Milestone community Dinner Theatre, Milestone Co-op Board for over 25 years, and of course involved with the two girls activities of dancing, figure skating, volleyball, baton-twirling, ringette, badminton, and the list goes on! I managed to be active in the Milestone Ladies and Mixed Curling club as well until my back surgery. It seems life in a small town is very hectic if you take part in a lot of community events and activities and now that our children are grown we are involved with our granddaughters activities. As I mentioned earlier, we are now very involved in the Milestone 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial and we're hoping to have a great celebration in July. Since we retired from our long-time careers we have enjoyed traveling to "hot" escapes in Mexico and US in the winters and we try to spend as much time as possible at our cottage at Regina Beach in the summer. I guess "Life is good!"

Now to fill you in on the next generation of Monsons! **Kara**, our oldest daughter born in 1975, spent most of her school life busy at tap, jazz and baton dance lessons in Milestone and Regina, figure-skating, baseball and ringette in Milestone and Notre Dame. She excelled as a member of the Regina

Optimist Buffalo Gals from Martin School of Dancing and became the Canadian Champion in solo baton in 1985 as well as winning numerous Canadian and Provincial Championship gold medals as a member of the Buffalo Gals Baton-Twirling team. Following her graduation from Milestone High School in 1993, she attended SAIT in Calgary where she took a Travel Diploma course. She returned to Regina in 1995 and took up dancing again as a member of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Cheerleading Team for the next four years. She married Jamey Wolfe from Regina in 1998. They purchased Jim's parents house in Milestone in 2001 where they presently reside with their 2 daughters, Karsyn (7) and Taya (2). Following Kara's years as a member of the Roughrider Cheerleaders she became Assistant Coach of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Trailblazers Cheerleading Team for 3 years and in 2004 was named Head Coach of the Trailblazers and continues in this position for the 2005 season. Kara taught tap, ballet, baton and jazz dance lessons in Rouleau for 5 years and in 2005 she started a dance club in Milestone. She works at a Pulse commodities business in Milestone full-time, and is very busy with kid's activities and coaching cheerleading. Her husband, Jamey commutes to Regina to work as Purchasing Agent in the Supply Management Department at the University of Regina.

**Lindsay** (1979) was very active during her school years in dance and baton-twirling, figure skating, ringette and baseball. She took baton-twirling and was a member of the Jr. Buffalo Gals at Martin School of Dancing in Regina for a number of years. Lindsay was a very active participant in Milestone High School sports. She was a member of the Jr. and Sr. Volleyball High School teams that won many provincial titles. She was a member of the Badminton Girls pair that won Division titles and continued to play volleyball at University of Regina following high school. Lindsay was Valedictorian of her grade 12 class in 1997 and was the recipient of the University of Regina Scholarship. She completed three years in sciences at the U of R and was then accepted into the Medical Radiology Technician two-year program in Saskatoon. Following completion of the x-ray course she was employed at the Regina General Hospital as x-ray technician and the Regina Health District sent her on bursary to McMaster's University in Hamilton where she completed the academic training for ultrasound. She returned to Regina General and Pasqua hospitals to complete the clinical training for

ultrasound training. Lindsay is presently employed at the Radiology Association of Regina where she has been contracted as Ultrasound Technologist at Estevan and Weyburn Hospitals. Lindsay married Jeff Watson from Yellow Grass, SK in Mexico on January 27, 2005 and is presently living in Yellow Grass where Jeff has a farming operation.

We are very fortunate to have both our daughters very near to us. One in Milestone and one 20 minutes away—a rarity anymore for parents living in Saskatchewan. I may not get to Gray as much as when Mom was still alive but I will always have a “soft” spot in my heart for my hometown. Jim and my daughters remember lots of time spent at Gray with Mom and Dad and their Gray friends. Jim and I and our daughters all have been fortunate to grow up in small communities. We have all come back to live in small Saskatchewan communities following our career moves so I guess the line “You can’t take the Prairie out of the girl” holds very true in the Monson family. We have no immediate family left in Gray anymore so I guess the continuation of our family history past 2005 will be in the Milestone and Yellow Grass community history.

Thanks for the memories Gray!!

**(Lafoy) Mintern, Pat and Cliff pg 510**

Home for us has remained Kamloops, BC since 1968. Cliff was in Sales and Management for Inland-Alcare from 1980-91 when Zep Manufacturing bought out the company. He remained Manager of the Kamloops branch until his semi-retirement in August 1995 at age 60 and then completely retired in August 2000 at age 65. Cliff’s job involved a lot of travel for many years so my main job was focused on the home front. I became chief cook and bottle washer, volunteer, chauffeur and supporter of Kelly and Krista’s many activities and functions. I completed a three year Decorating and Design Course and worked part-time at Safeway as a demonstrator. I never did return to my profession as a schoolteacher.

Both Cliff and I curled for many years. I did some competitive curling for a while. Both Cliff and I are very community orientated so we spent many years volunteering in hockey, curling, baseball, softball, basketball and figure skating, sporting events of all kinds and also canvassing for heart and stroke, cancer, etc. We both served on several boards, committees and executives. Kamloops is known as

the “Tournament Capital of Canada” so volunteering is a way of life here. Our population is only about 75,000 and we’ve hosted the Brier, World Curling, Skate Canada, Canada Cup of Curling (annually), the Memorial Cup, an international baseball tourney, BC Games and Canada Games, the list is endless. Cliff continues to canvass for Cancer and drives the Cancer Van between Kelowna and Kamloops several times each year. Otherwise we’re taking our names off the volunteer list and becoming spectators at all the events!

In 1993 we decided to sell our large home with swimming pool and hot tub on a ¼ acre and simplify our lives. We moved into a level entry townhouse where we can lock the door and leave. We love it. It’s built on a mountainside with a great view; no yard work, upkeep or shoveling. We began to do some long awaited travel during the winter; California, Arizona, Nevada, Florida, Mexico, Hawaii and Costa Rica. In 1995 we bought a 22’ travel trailer and took some great RVing trips with friends; Lake Chelan, the Queen Charlotte Islands, Yukon and Alaska and in 2003 the greatest trek of all, across Canada from coast to coast. We spent a lot of time exploring the Maritimes and then returned via the USA through Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Michigan and Wisconsin. We were gone nearly three months. For many years we’ve had season tickets to live theatre and Kamloops Blazer hockey games. We spend a lot of our summer RVing around BC at the many parks and lakes as well as into USA, Alberta and to my sister Neta’s cabin at Regina Beach. Cliff walks about an hour a day with friends. He loves sports, his computer, fishing and golf. We have a very active, busy lifestyle with lots of social activities and a fabulous group of friends. In 2004, we had a fabulous time at the Lafoy reunion in Lac le Hache, BC. We also celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Health wise, 2004 was a bad year for Cliff. In January (while cross country skiing) Cliff detached the tendons from his left shoulder. Surgery, pain and agony followed. They reattached the tendons with metal screws to a metal plate. Then, September 2004, he had a heart attack and after three weeks in Kamloops hospital was air lifted to St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver where he underwent a triple bypass. He’s doing great now and we’re all very thankful that he got a second chance. Life is good!

Update on our children/grandchildren;

**Kelly** (June 26, 1967 in Winnipeg) is our tall one at 6'4". Sports was his life; baseball, rep basketball and hockey (goalie), soccer, tennis and golf. He played, coached and refereed. He graduated from Brock Sr. Secondary in 1985, then on to university - a degree in Leisure/Recreation Management. He put himself through university by working as a waiter at "The Keg" restaurant and bartending. He worked one year as manager of a local sports club - he loved the job but found the salary lacking. He went into Sales with Zep Manufacturing. He and his partner Wendee Byrne had a daughter Alexandra (July 17, 1991). The relationship didn't last and they shared custody of Alex for years. In 1992 Kelly was transferred to the coast (Vancouver) he worked in the warehouse and later as a purchasing agent. In 1995 he returned to Kamloops in Sales (same company). He and his sister Krista rented a condo together and later bought a house together. When Krista returned to university in September 1996 Kelly and his fiancée Cindy Turriff took over the house. Alex lived with her dad and Krista during her Kindergarten year and with Kelly and Cindy for grade 1. On November 17, 1998 Kelly and Cindy were married in Manzanillo, Mexico with many family/friends present. They welcomed their first born, a daughter, Ryley Taelor (October 15, 1999). On October 27, 2001 another daughter, Mackenzie Gabrielle, made her debut. Kelly continues to work in Sales for Zep. He plays golf and referees basketball. His wife Cindy has suffered with a lot of medical problems over the years but seems to be on the mend since surgery in February 2005. She works 2-3 evenings a week at a local restaurant. In March 2004 they purchased a new home on a cul-de-sac near the North Thompson River and Dunes Golf Course, a country type suburb of Kamloops (Westsyde). Alex has lived with Kelly and Cindy since 2004. Her Mom is teaching in Vancouver so she spends holidays and summers with her at the coast. Alex (13) is in Junior High and involved in drama, music, soccer and basketball. Ryley (5) is in Kindergarten, soccer and swimming and Mackenzie is 3. They're a busy, busy family going 100 different directions. We sure enjoy having them living in the same city as us.

**Krista** (February 12, 1975 in Kamloops) like her brother was very active in sports - soccer, softball, volleyball, skiing and golf. But the #1 love of her life was figure skating. She was a competitive figure skater - she trained in Kamloops September to June

- then in the summer she trained in Vancouver (Arbutus Club) and Calgary (Glencoe Club). She graduated from Brock Sr. Secondary in June 1992. In August 1992 she was crowned "Miss Kamloops" which involved a lot of travel, public appearances and speaking engagements from August 1992 - August 1993. As well as Miss Kamloops duties she attended university from September 1992 to April 1993 and worked at Moxies and Earl's restaurants. She had previously auditioned for Ice Capades and was accepted but by the time she was called up she was committed to university and Miss Kamloops so had to decline the offer. September 1993 to June 1994 she moved to Calgary, AB and completed a travel consultant course at SAIT. In June 1994 she returned to Kamloops and did a three-month practicum with Marlin Travel. Then she worked as a travel agent until fall of 1996. She also worked part-time with Molson's Breweries as a Merchandising Representative. In September 1996 she returned to university (Business and Marketing) until April 1997. While attending university she continued to work part-time and weekends at another travel agency, Advantage Travelwise, as a travel consultant. She has continued to work for this same company as an Outside Agent ever since. May - August 1997 she also worked for the university in marketing before returning to classes in September 1997. When she wasn't working or in school she traveled extensively throughout Europe (France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Monaco, Spain, Portugal) also throughout Canada, USA and Mexico. In November 1997 Krista suffered some major medical problems and had to withdraw from university. In May 1998 she moved to Prince George, BC and worked in marketing for the "Job Shop" until January 1999 when she became the Marketing Director for a WHL Junior Hockey Team (Prince George Cougars). She remained with the Cougars until she moved from Prince George in September 2001. She met her husband in 1998, Hal Green, a Chartered Accountant. They were married in June 2001. A Caribbean Cruise honeymoon and then in September 2001 they relocated to Kelowna, BC where Hal worked for the Business Development Bank and Krista started her own business *Organized for Life*. In October 2002 Hal accepted a job with Hockey Canada (CHA) as Finance Manager so once again they moved to Calgary, AB where Hockey Canada's headquarters are located. In 2003 Krista started a second company, *Krista Green International*. It involves personal and corporate "branding", motivational speaking, seminars, etc. In December 2003 her first

book was published Get Noticed – Be Remembered. She has recently franchised her first company *Organized For Life* that deals with organizing clients' homes and businesses etc. She's online at [www.organizedforlife.ca](http://www.organizedforlife.ca). In June 2004 she and her husband separated but remain good friends. As of May 28, 2005 she's moving from Calgary to Vancouver. She's very involved with Jaycees as well. She was President of the Calgary Branch and at present sits on the Jaycees National Board. She does a lot of speaking engagements and spends a lot of time traveling from place to place. She's an extremely busy lady. A real workaholic. We're glad she's relocating back to BC. For all her information go to her website at [www.kristagreen.com](http://www.kristagreen.com)

**(Lafoy) Kerney, Shelley and Perry** pg 506 (by Shelley Kerney)

We are living in Regina. I continue to work for Conexus (Sherwood) Credit Union and have had many job positions during that time. I also have a home-based business as a Pampered Chef Kitchen Consultant that keeps me as busy as my "day" job. Perry worked for several years at the Sports Exchange before venturing out with his own business. He is owner/manager of the *Security Store*, a Regina based business since 1992.

We have two children; **Adam** Nathan (October 6, 1990) is currently in grade 9 at Sheldon Williams Collegiate. Adam is active in basketball, skate boarding, and looking forward to getting his drivers license, **Meryn** Ellice (April 30, 1994) is currently in grade 5 at Argyle School and has many interests. Meryn belongs to Girl Guides; she is very active, artistic and creative.

As a family, we are active in our children's schools, we attend Lakeview United Church and we take part in the Lakeview Community. As for our spare time, we like to spend it around our home. We enjoy riding our bicycles and have most recently taken up rock (wall) climbing. Our family is doing well, thankful for good health and proud to make Regina our home.

**LaFoy, Wylie and Libby** pg 498 (by Manley Lafoy)

My parents, Wylie and Libby, moved in 1979 to Regina care homes.

Wylie passed away in 1984 and Libby in 1986 and both are buried in the Gray Cemetery, beside Morley my brother, grandparents George and Dell LaFoy.

**Morley's** daughter Wylaine (1963) lives in Toronto and has a son Vincent.

**Mitzi** lives in Langley, BC. Her three daughters; Tami (Ian Ross) and a son Henry live in Vancouver, Sandi (Ash) and her son Christopher live in Langley, BC and Patricia (David Roberts) live in Penticton, BC.

**Manley** (Marjorie nee Davies) moved from Regina in 1963 to Parksville, BC. Our three sons; Marc (Jessica Raum) and daughters Geneva and Olivia live in Toronto, Michel (Lisa Grover) and daughter Eva and son Willem live in Kitsilano, BC and Maury (fiancee Shoshanna Sperling) live in Toronto.

**Larson, Reg and Ardie** pg 909

It is hard to believe that just over 20 years have passed since family histories were written for The Ties That Bind history book of Riceton and area.

Harold and Marge Larson moved into Regina in 1997 and are living in a condominium in College Gardens right across from the Conservatory. They enjoy living there and you still might see them walking in the park.

Carol Larson sold her home on Assiniboine Avenue and moved to Qu'Appelle House in 1988. She passed away in April 1994 at the age of 81.

**Keri**, our eldest daughter, finished high school at Milestone in 1992 and attended Canadian Bible College the following year. In 1993 Keri attended University of Regina. Keri married Stuart Sutton in June 1994 and they moved to Saskatoon where Keri worked while Stuart finished his Bachelor of Commerce at University of Saskatchewan. In 1997 they spent a year in Korea teaching English. In 1998 they returned to Regina where Stuart worked with O & Y Enterprises in Property Management while Keri finished her Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts with a degree in Secondaire: Didactique français langue et lecture in 2001. Keri and Stuart spent the next 10 months in Nîmes, France where Keri taught through a student grad program. This afforded us the great opportunity to

visit France and Spain with our own personal guides! Keri and Stuart are currently living in Saskatoon; Keri is teaching in French Immersion with the Saskatoon Board of Education and Stuart works with Sutton Financial Group. In May of 2004 Ella Dori Sutton was named after Ardie's mom who passed away in 1982.

Our son **Jared** graduated from Milestone High School in 1994. He attended Canadian Bible College for one year and then attended the University of Saskatchewan where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree Mechanical Engineering in 2000. Jared married Carmen Loseth in July 1999. They live in Regina where Jared works with McPherson Engineering. They have two children; Dylann Isabel (January 2002) and Kade Jared (May 2004).

**Katrina**, our youngest daughter, finished her high school education at Campbell Collegiate in Regina in 1997. She attended Capernwray Bible School in Lancashire, England. After returning home, she enrolled in Marvel College in Saskatoon and then took classes at University of Saskatchewan. Katrina graduated from SIAST as an Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant in 2001. After working for several years in Saskatoon and Calgary she will be attending the University of Regina this fall.

We have worked hard farming for the past 33 years. We built a new house and moved into it September 1983. We eventually sold the original house and it was moved to Pilot Butte. Gradually old farm buildings have been replaced with new ones changing the look of the yard to what it is today. Ardie is an Avon Representative and enjoys her sales routes visiting with friends and meeting new ones.

In 2001 we purchased a fifth wheel and after a couple of trial runs in the summer, we took it to California the following February. We enjoy going south for a few weeks each winter. It is a lifestyle of informality, meeting new people and seeing new places.

Dwight and Sharon (Larson) Wooley are still living in Regina. Dwight continues to work for Sask Power and Sharon is the pharmacist at MediDrugs. Michelle (March 1985) is attending the University of Regina. April (April 1987) graduated from Winston Knoll Collegiate in 2005. She plans to attend the University of Regina in the fall.

At this point in time, it appears that I (Reg) will be

the last Larson farming. We have farmed for three generations. Although farming has been frustrating sometimes, over the past ninety years it has been for the most part rewarding. I think the children have learned many lifelong lessons that they have taken with them. Things seem to be changing quickly in the rural area. It is going to be interesting to see how things will unfold. I am sure there will be some interesting twists.

### **Leippi, Victor and Janice "Jean" (Dunbar)** pg 172

We are still on the farm at Kronau and are semi-retired. We still farm our land at home but we have rented the rest out for the last three years. We are still toying with the idea of renting it all out next year. Other than grain farming we got involved with raising purebred Suffolk sheep in the last few years. We go to all the different shows including Agribition in Regina. Last year we even won the Grand Champion Ram and the Premiere Breeder Award. That was sure a big surprise!

Our oldest son **Leon** is living on the farm in his grandfather's house. He works in Regina at Hesterman Technical. He likes it there and he gets to travel a fair bit with his job. He works in the foam coating business. He was married, but has since been divorced. He has no children.

Our son **Brent** lives in Regina. He is married to Trish Derbyshire from Indian Head. He works in the pipe division of Ipsco. He has been there for about 15 years. They don't have any children.

### **Lewis, Bob and Peggy** pg 526

Bob and Peggy purchased the John Ford farm in 1986 and that year Bob began selling real estate for Century 21 Dome Realty in Regina, which he kept doing until 1997. In 2001 he quit farming, deciding that in order to keep farming he would have to spend a lot of money on machinery. It seemed the prospects of paying all that borrowed money would be a future burden. Bob tried some vending machine businesses for a couple of years and also worked at Deer Valley Golf Course for the summer of 2002. It was very enjoyable work but too far from home for those early, early mornings. In 2003 he began working for Doug McGillivray on his farm and sod farm and is still there as of this writing. In September of 2004 Peggy and Bob opened Folk's Curling Corner specializing in curling supplies.

They will be opening the store again in September of 2005.

Peggy was involved with her children and crafts throughout the 90's and even was a partner in a craft store in the Strathdee Mall in Regina for a couple of years. In the fall of 2003 Peggy began working as a Kindergarten and Classroom Assistant at the Lang school and will be there at least one more year until June 2006 and then unfortunately because the whole province is being restructured in education Lang school will probably close. She enjoys her garden, her perennials and her flowers. Peggy's dad passed away on November 17, 1988 at the age of 73. Peggy's mom still lives on the farm at Lang.

**Kristy** works for WestJet Airlines in Vancouver. She has lived there since May 2001. She is still single and lives with her two cats Mojo and Monty. Kristy is involved with competitive curling. She went to provincials in Saskatchewan and was at the Scott Tournament of Hearts with Cathy Trowell representing Saskatchewan in Regina in 1998. She skipped a team to Provincials with her sister Lisa playing lead in 2001. She was Michelle Englot's fifth player that year in Sudbury. In 2002 she won the BC Provincial and went to the Scott in Brandon. She went to Provincials in BC again in 2005. She enjoys living in Vancouver and gets home often to see her family.

**Lisa** and Brett Kuski were married October 20, 2001 and have 2 kids, Emma Taylor (April 4, 2001) and Reece Robert (April 23, 2003). Lisa is expecting their third child in January 2006. Lisa has had her own success at competitive curling losing the national junior title in 1996 with Cindy Street. She also went to provincials four times coming in third in 1998 with Amber Holland. Lisa is a dental assistant and Brett works for Canada Customs and Revenue. They live in Regina.

**Erin** and Clarke Ramage were married June 19, 2004. They live in Regina. Erin is a preschool teacher/daycare worker currently at Wascana DayCare at the University of Regina. Clarke is with the Canadian Armed Forces currently working in Shilo, MB.

**Lindsay** is still single, lives at home and is a hairdresser. She has been working at Walmart and with her dad at the store when needed.

## **Lewis, Clifford and Pauline** pg 527

Cliff spent the majority of his life in the Gray district. Born April 1, 1907 Cliff married Pauline Hicks of Rouleau. They raised a family of two sons. **Keith** married Dot Blackwell of Regina. They have a family of two; Kim and Jeffery. Keith and Dot are the proud grandparents of a boy and a girl. **Herb** married Linda Mader of Regina and they have three children; Steven and Shane are both attending the U of R and Steffani is still in high school. Cliff and Pauline celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a family gathering in Regina in 1993. Cliff died in 1997 at the age of 90. Pauline died in 1998 at the age of 81.

## **Lewis, Don and Anne** pg 530

Don continues farming with sons Rod and Todd. The last few years, nephew Randy Frei also works with them.

Don's ice making career ended in 1990. He continued his other curling involvement – serving ten years with the Saskatchewan Curling Association. Following this, he was with the Canadian Curling Association for six years – finishing in 2002 as president of the CCA.

Anne worked for over twenty years with the Victorian Order of Nurses until its closure in 1996. She then started Legacy Health Services with two partners. She semi-retired in 2004 and currently continues to work occasionally for the remaining partners.

In 1986 **Todd** married Terry McKimm. They have a daughter, Kimberly (June 1998).

In 1991 **Rod** married Renee Bechard. They have two children; Jaclynn (December 1992) and Brendan (February 1996).

**John**, currently single, lives in Calgary. He obtained his Master's in Environmental Urban Planning and is employed as a city planner at the City of Calgary.

In 2002, after purchasing a fifth wheel, Don and Anne enjoyed a five-week trip to Alaska and the Yukon. Since then, trips have been few and much more local.

## Lewis, Earl and Margaret pg 529

Earl and Margaret Lewis enjoyed many satisfying and productive years after the last history book was published.

They continued living on the farm one mile south of Gray, moving to Regina in the winter months. In 1990 they purchased a condo in south Regina and made their full time home there. This, however, did not mean the end of Earl's farming days. He continued running the combine until the fall of 1996. It was a poor fall with an early snow. Earl's first year of combining was in 1926, so after seventy years he thought that maybe his grandsons could run the machine some.



Back Row: Linda Lewis, Rob and Janet Spearing, Sharon Frei, Ann and Don Lewis. Front Row: Doug Lewis, Margaret and Earl Lewis – 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

His enjoyment and love of working the land and growing crops was passed on to his family and they continue farming in the district. 2005 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> crop grown on the original Lewis farm. Well into his eighties, Earl would refer to the "old guys" at the condo who would ask him how the crop was doing when he returned to Regina after a day of work. Most of these "old guys" were 60-65 year old gentlemen enjoying an early retirement package!

Margaret enjoyed her family and friends continuously in her later years. She always found time to bake something for, make a phone call to, or just plain visit her large circle of old or new friends and family. She endured many surgeries and never complained or gave up – even having a final knee replacement done at the age of 82.

Earl and Margaret celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992 and the 65<sup>th</sup> in 1997.

Margaret passed away in the summer of 1997 and Earl in the fall of 1998. They left behind a family of 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Ellen Lewis left are a million great memories, traditions and lessons, still followed today.

## Lewis, Hartford pg 523 (by Marjorie Steve)

Ellen McKen Lewis, Hartford's first wife, died in 1978 at the age of 68.



Ellen Lewis

Hartford married Dorothy (Martin) Carnegie in 1980. Hartford and Dorothy spent many winters enjoying their home in Mesa, AZ. They returned each spring to the home in Gray, across from the store. They had an auction sale in 1993 and sold their house to Blair Bechard. They lived for a few years in their condo in Regina.

Hartford celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at Sunset Church in Regina where he enjoyed the company of his many friends.



At Hartford's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Back Row: Cliff, Hartford, Earl, Orval. Front Row: Pauline, Dorothy, Margaret, Elva

Hartford died September 1996 at the age of 91. Dorothy continued to live in Regina until her death in March 2003 at the age of 85.

## (Lewis) Spearing, Janet and Robin pg 531

It is hard to believe that 21 years have gone by since The Ties That Bind was published. I reread the Earl

Lewis "Saga" to find out where we left off and thought to myself that my parents lived through tremendous changes. Then I realized that having reached the age of fifty that my generation has also gone through many changes. I remember, that in grade 12 at Luther, when I wanted to phone home from the dorm, I'd have to go through the operator and ask for "one ring one three" at the Gray exchange. Now with a tiny little cell phone you can call almost anywhere in the world and send pictures.

When I was a child my recollection is that we went to Regina once a week for music lessons and if you went more than once there must have been a special reason for doing so. Now lots of people go once or twice a day without batting an eye, although with gas prices at \$.96 a litre some may rethink that. There is another change we went through that has confused a couple of generations; the conversion from Imperial to Metric. My generation and older still like to use miles, gallons, feet, etc. My children's generation and younger haven't a clue what those terms mean. I think that in my parents' time things changed but at a slower pace. With all the technology today a person can hardly keep up. Enough about that I'm sounding like an old fogey.

Before I report on the last twenty-one years, I must make some corrections to the 1984 history. I did work in a bank after graduating but it was the Bank of Commerce not the Bank of Montreal. I married Robin Spearing in December of 1973 but it was on the 8<sup>th</sup> not the 9<sup>th</sup> (I feel better now).

We moved to the farm at Pense in December 1975 where we still reside to this day. We no longer actively farm but over the years have remained in the agriculture business in one way or another. At the present time we own and operate a local grain hauling business *Bobsled Transport*.

Our years in Pense have been busy ones. As in many small communities, winter boredom is broken up by activities at the rink. Robin played hockey, coached ringette and hockey and managed the rink for two winters. Our son Kevin began playing hockey at the age of five and it seemed from that point on the rink became our second home. Darcie and Amanda took figure skating lessons and later on Darcie became involved in ringette and then hockey, playing with such notables as Kelly Bechard and Dana Antel of the winning Olympic team. In between driving the kids for all these sporting events, I found a few spare moments to take up curling.

When our rink burned down in the late eighties it added a whole new dimension to our life in Pense. We needed to raise money for a new rink! And we jumped into the fundraising activities with both feet. We decided to do two major events a year, one being a fall fashion show and the other the spring dinner theatre. For the fashion show we did everything from being the show chairperson to serving and washing dishes. For the dinner theatre, I discovered that I had a talent for memorizing lines. For that I think I must thank my grade school teachers Neva Lafoy and Doris Kelly. That and the fact that I don't embarrass easily, allowed me the opportunity to act in many of our yearly plays. What great fun we had!

Our children were all educated in Pense until grade eight and then it was off to the city and Campbell Collegiate. **Kevin** continued to play hockey but also played football and volleyball for Campbell. His spring sport became lacrosse. After high school, Kevin moved to the mountains and except for a few short stints back on the prairies and a year in Australia has remained there. He is currently working for a restaurant based out of Kelowna called Ric's Grill. For the last year he has been traveling around on the team that opens new restaurants and is currently enjoying his time in Whistler, BC. He fills his spare time with skiing, golf, frisbee golf (yes that's right frisbee golf), white water rafting and kayaking.

**Amanda** enjoyed figure skating and in the spring was a pretty good ball player. During her high school years she remained in the team sports side of things by being a sports trainer. After high school she moved to Banff for a year and then to Calgary where she worked for Sears. In 1999, she moved back home and started her own little family with the addition of a baby girl, Mackenzie (the apple of her Grandpa's eye.) Amanda then went to work for GMS and then on to Parkland Carpet One where she is employed at the present time. In August of 2003, we had a beautiful fun-filled wedding on our farm when Amanda married Derek Tuchscherer, son of Frank and Louise Tuchscherer of Radville, SK. Derek is an environmental technician with Jacques Witford in Regina. Derek and Amanda currently reside in Regina.

**Darcie** attacked high school with great enthusiasm. She was on the volleyball team and in the winter played basketball and hockey for two different teams. In the spring it was female lacrosse. All of this while maintaining an average in the high

nineties. In grade ten I put my foot down (and for once it wasn't on a gas pedal) and she had to make a choice between basketball and hockey. She chose basketball. She went on to be the team captain of both volleyball and the basketball teams in her senior year. In 1997, she graduated top in her class and among the many awards she received was the Chancellor's Scholarship to Queen's University in Kingston, ON. She earned her degree in Life Sciences and at the present is in her third year of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. Darcie is engaged to Reid McGonigle, also a med student, and they are planning a wedding for summer of 2006. We look forward to always being able to get a second opinion.

Now that our children are out and on their own Rob and I have found the time to add a few new activities to our lives. In the winter we are on a mixed curling team. Rob has bad knees and can still curl only because of technology... he uses a throwing stick. In the summer we enjoy golfing and have added a camper to the fleet of vehicles so that we can "get away" and try out new courses.

We have enjoyed being a part of the Pense community and always look forward to seeing old friends and family from Gray. Looking back, our lives have been very full and we are now taking the time to enjoy our children as the adults that they have become and also being grandparents is a blast. Some things time doesn't change.

#### **Lewis, Orval** pg 174 (by Beth Kirkland)

Orval and Elva moved from the farm to Regina, first living in their own home and then later moving to a condo. This is where they lived until their deaths.

Orval and Elva spent winters in Scottsdale, AZ for numerous years and enjoyed their time there immensely. Orval was a life-long farmer. He enjoyed curling, playing when younger and watching on television in his last years.



Elva loved laughter, gardening, gourmet cooking, traveling and shopping. She was a founder at the Regina Ostomy Chapter – a chapter of United Ostomy Association Inc.

Elva passed away February 8, 2001 at the age of 81 years.

Dad missed her terribly. He passed away at home May 16, 2001 at the age of 88 years. Dad was buried between his first wife, Dorothy and Elva, saying he would be “a thorn between two roses”.

Orval and Elva were predeceased by **David** (Orval's son), **Leslie** Ranger (Elva's daughter) and Renee (a granddaughter).

They were survived by their children: **Ann** (Jack) Wiebe, **Jody** “Joan” Nichols, **Beth** Kirkland, **Judy** (Graham) Wolk, **Linda** Young (Clint Flavel), **Bill** Lewis and **Kevin** Lewis; granddaughters Donna, Jackie, Penny, Lisa, Kathy, Stacey, Tracy, Jennifer and Alexis; grandsons Christopher, Riley, Travis, Michael and Joel; great-grandchildren Laura, Matt, Cole, Tori, Zac, Mckenna, Karter, Kaitlyn, Kennedy, Matthew, Da'Keysha, Chase, Halle and Dali.

#### **Lewis, Ron and Flo** pg 526

Ron passed away May 11, 1985 at the age of 54 of cancer. He would have been 55 in July of that year. Flo remarried Al Simmonds and lives in Medicine Hat, AB.

#### **Lewis, Todd and Terry** pg 530

Todd and Terry McKimm were married in 1988. Terry is from Regina and quickly adapted to the rural way of life. They took up residence on the original Lewis farm two miles south of Gray. Terry had to learn the intricacies involved in delivering meals to the field. She had bravely “volunteered” to be the chuckwagon driver in her first harvest on the farm. She would return from her job in Regina at Ernst and Young and pick up the meal from Grandma Margaret Lewis and then rush it “piping hot” to the famished and hard working crew. More than once wrong and confusing directions had to be overcome as well as sweltering heat, grasshoppers, moths, farmers driving very similar equipment in fields that looked “just like ours” and many other obstacles too numerous to mention. Every meal eventually found its way to the crew – usually on time but it was quite often an adventure. In spite of this it was delivered with a smile and high heels in the stubble.

Todd and Terry are both involved with committee activities. They find the time spent very rewarding and satisfying and have been happy to be involved in some very interesting projects in the community.

Todd has been fortunate to be able to participate in the family farming operation working with his grandfather Earl, father Don, brother Rod and the last few years in a partnership with his cousin Randy Frei.

In the summer of 1995 Todd and his twin brother Rod discovered a new brother, Craig Stokes from Dubuc, SK. Craig was born to Rod and Todd's mother Ianonne in 1958 and was adopted by the Stokes family. It was a very unique experience to say the least and could not have worked out any better. Craig and his family are now a part of the family. In 1999 Craig and his wife Karen and Todd and Terry purchased some land on the shores of Round Lake. Shedhorn was established and they have been lucky to enjoy it and share it with their friends ever since.

Terry continued working in Regina until the birth of **Kimberly** in 1998. She has been able to stay at home with Kim and has become part of the farming operation.

Todd was able to coach high school football in Regina at Riffle High School for 10 seasons before giving it up in 1998.

In 2000 the family moved to the Earl Lewis farm one mile south of Gray. Kimberly attends Gray school and enjoys all the activities offered there and at the rink.

### **Livingstone, E.J.** pg 533 (by Mona Swartz)

Edward Joseph Livingstone and Georgie Geraldine Livingstone moved to Calgary when they retired. Their sons had preceded them to Alberta. After Ed expired, Georgie worked various jobs. She met and married Elmer Elubb Magnus (August 25, 1971). They drove a semi together for seven years. Elmer died on the road. After living several years in Edmonton, Georgie moved to Kelvington and lived in the Kelvington Legion Villa, then the Kelvington Lodge, until her death June 13, 1999. She will always be remembered for her humor and quick wit, her love to laugh, and to make laugh, her love to travel and her fast driving, her good cooking and hospitality, her love to argue politics, her love for music and dancing, her love of animals---she always maintained they had more common sense than people. Ed and Georgie shared their love of family and friends, dancing and music and a good game of cards with lots of laughs.

Their children; Mona, LeVern and Murray.

**Mona** took nine years of schooling at Gray then finished high school at Balfour Tech. in Regina. She went directly into nurses training at the Grey Nuns, Regina, graduated in 1953, worked in the newborn nursery for one year and then married Lynn Alfred Swartz of Kelvington, SK. Lynn was a farmer, elevator agent, seed grower and processor. Together they started their own nursery. Mona didn't work for 13 years and then went back to the Kelvington hospital for 26 years part-time. Their children are; Dale Edward (1954), Hal Livingstone (1955), Linda Doreen (1956), Crystal Marie (1958), Terry Vaughn (1961) and Floyd Glenn (1963).

Dale married Patsy Petrie in 1976. They have three children; Kristopher Leslie, Marcie Lee and Tyler Wade. Kris married Jennifer Graves and has a girl, Kendra Lane. Marcie married Dean McGonnegal and they have a son, Ethan Dale James. Tyler married Jessica Johnson. Dale's entire family has moved to Alberta.

Hal married Penny Gail Hope in 1978. They lived in Kronau for many years and now all live in Regina except Adam. The children were Jamie Louise, Derek Michael and Adam Jeffery. No spouses, no grandchildren.

Linda married Alvin Walter Jankowski. They are separated. Their children are Jordan Curtis, Justine Amber and Janine Rochell. No spouses and no grandchildren.

Crystal Marie married Lyle Sellinger and they had Michelle Marie and Shawn Dylan. Crystal and Lyle are divorced. Crystal remarried Murray Webb.

Terry married Kelly Joy Sheets. They have two children, Mallory Marie and Tanner James.

Floyd Glenn is still searching. His passion in his leisure is his Harley Davidson, his family, his nieces and nephews and his dog Jazz. He has Action Lath and Stucco Wire business in Calgary.

**LeVern** Elmer took his schooling in Gray elementary and then a year in Balfour Technical School. LeVern married Rejanne Marie Lefebvre, April 22, 1957, and they moved to Calgary. LeVern was employed with General Motors for twenty

years. He then managed General Insulation Calgary until he retired.

Their children are; Lavonne Mona (October 22, 1958), Mark Edward John (January 28, 1960), Dianne Maureen (April 16, 1963), Darcy Louise (September 9, 1967) and a foster child, Brian Homberg. Lavonne married Jim Ira McKenzie in 1976. They had one daughter, Michelle Lavonne (December 31, 1988). Dianne and partner, Tony Brady had two children, Ashley and Travis.

LeVern has been a member of the “Steel Scouts” for many years and rides in the Calgary Stampede every year.

**Murray** Edward John took schooling at Gray and Connaught in Regina. He then worked in the Co-op hardware in Regina, then Muttart Homes. Murray married Thelma Joan Carson in 1958 and they moved to Alberta. Murray went into the insulation business and Joan was his steadfast bookkeeper. Joan and Ken carry on this business still. Murray died March 31, 2005. They had three sons; Scott Edward James (1959), Kenneth Michael (1961) and Todd Murray (1965). Scott married Kelly Georgina Barkley and lives in BC. They have three children, Garret, Dustin, wife Lonnie, Megan and husband Jordan. Ken married Karen Marie Neveu. Their children are Ty and Molly. Todd married Shelly Ubell. Their children are Colby Lane and Jake Andrew.

Murray loved horses and he and his sons team roped in their leisure time. *Ode to a cowboy* is a poem that was read at Murray’s funeral.

*With one leg o’er the saddle  
And a fresh spring breathe of air  
The foothills man does take to land  
And thus his life begin*

*With one hand on the rein  
And high upon his steed  
He makes his grades and plies his trades  
And thus fulfills his need  
With one eye on the dawn  
And a heart that’s big with life  
He makes a stand throughout the land  
And then he takes a wife*

*With one leg o’er the saddle  
And the love of family near  
They travel paths and share the laughs  
With those who are so dear*

*With one eye on the dark  
And soon it will be night  
The cowboy knows that he soon must go  
But not without a fight  
With one hand on the rein  
And his family by his side  
In God we trust and know we must  
Begin the final ride*

*With one leg o’er the saddle  
And a heart that’s full of love  
He’ll make that ride to the other side  
And watch o’er us from above*

*By Glenn R. McDonagh.*

Memories of Gray—by Mona.

Mirages - Mile high snow banks - Dust storms and playing in the drift dirt - Toboggan rides behind Molly to the rink or halfway to the rink depending on whether or not Molly spooked halfway to town. The cutter in winter and the sometimes wild buggy rides. Murray and LeVern used to like to tarry in town after school. Mona used to devise ways to get them on the road home. She would have hitched them up herself if she hadn’t been such a chicken when it came to animals. At any rate, one day it was suggested they race Bill Gillis home. He was driving a tractor. In the process they ran the rim off one buggy wheel and had to limp home on spokes. Brother Murray climbing to the top of the highest pole on main street and uncle Clarence Gillis trying to convince him to come down. Murray’s response, “Come and get me”. Riding in a little red wagon on the same street with brother LeVern and ditching the wagon, the tongue of the wagon hit me in the face and knocked my front tooth loose. Lee Pong coming up to the school at noon hour with a great huge knife and threatening some of the high school boys, telling them what would happen if they ever stole from him again. My aunt Leta Gillis able to knit and talk at top speed without looking at her knitting. My aunt Jo Gillis teaching me my phonics after school as sight-reading was the method of teaching in those days and I couldn’t read by the time I was supposed to. My grandmother’s boiling hot dish water and rinse water when doing dishes—also her lime jello with sweet pickles and carrot jello, plus a never ending supply of chocolate milk in the ice box. Her hot biscuits and honey every single morning for breakfast. She also made the best homemade noodles I’ve ever eaten—she used to make them for the Iowa picnics. Grandpa Gillis kept beer in the icehouse but the boys could never find it. Grandma

pretended innocence but canned peas in the beer bottles.

### **MacDonald, Ron and Darla** pg 929

My wife Darla and I were married in 1960 in Regina. 1962 we moved to the family farm SE quarter 36-12-17 W2 and have been there ever since. We have two children, Bill and Deb. Our son Bill and I are still very active farmers.

**Bill** and Wanda Philips (Avonlea, SK) were married in 1984. Bill is working at Sask Energy in Regina and Wanda is a technician at the Blaire Cancer Clinic. They reside in Regina and have two boys. Jason (19) graduated from Winston Knoll in Regina and is apprenticing for a plumber. Nathan (16) is in grade 11 and attends Winston Knoll. They are both very active in sports.

In 1990 our daughter **Deb** married Edward Kyrylchuk (Frances, SK). They have no children. Ed has a trucking business. They reside in Deb's great-grandmother's home.

Darla and I have been married for 45 years. Farming has been good to us and we look forward to retirement.

### **Malakoff, Devin and Susan**

Devin was born and raised in Regina and is the oldest of five children. He has been actively involved in baseball and hockey throughout his life, as both a player and a coach. After graduating from high school, he received his Human Resources Certificate from SIAST and is currently working in the Human Resources field as a recruiter/consultant.

Susan was born in Saskatoon and grew up in the small communities of Biggar and Dalmeny. In 1988 she and her family moved to Regina. Susan was a competitive figure skater as a child/teen and she spent many hours on the ice practicing and performing. Susan attended the University of Saskatchewan and received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Regina in 1997. She is currently working as a HelpDesk Specialist in the Information Technology department for Conexus Credit Union.

Devin and Susan met in high school and dated briefly. Their lives changed in 1993 when they decided to start dating again, and have never been

apart since. They moved to Gray in June of 1999 and have been actively fixing and upgrading their home since. They enjoy the quiet summer nights and the tranquility of small town living. In April 2000, they welcomed their son, Nicholas William Malakoff into the family, and later that year were married in Regina.

Nicholas is currently five years old and is excited about starting kindergarten at the Gray School in September. He enjoys playing with his friends at daycare and riding his bike around town. He likes baseball and football, and as many in the community already know, he loves his hockey.

### **Maloney, Tom and Margarett (Purves)** pg 931

Margarett passed away May 19, 2002.

**Timothy** and Rebecca have a daughter Kaitlyn Ashleigh (July 23, 1986). Tim and Rebecca are divorced.

Tim married Anita Germann May 27, 1989. Their children are; Eliotte Augustive (November 27, 1990) and Marjorie France (July 5, 1993).

**Kelly** and Alice have added a son Byrun Toney (July 8, 1989).

### **Marean, Fred and Jane** pg 180

After living in Gray for five years, Fred and his family decided to move back to the original farm house on the site 35-14-19 W2 in Estlin. The house had been sitting empty for four years although prior to Clyde's passing in October 1998, Mary and Clyde had lived on the yard site during the summer months for some years. Winter months were spent at the condo in Regina.



The move for Fred and Jane and their three children (**Diana** 6½, **Zachery** 6, **Dakota** 4) took place in June 2002. A number of renovations have taken place as a result of the move; a completely new kitchen and upstairs bathroom, new windows and exterior doors, a metal roof on the house and the barn, septic tanks were replaced and a new septic field put in. The old steam heat boiler remains and is in good condition considering its age. The house was originally built in 1918 for Doc Murphy and moved onto the Marean land in 1952, the year Clyde and Mary were married. The Marean land is rented out and is farmed by two different neighbours.

Fred and Jane have three children who are permanently in their care. Being foster parents, good use is made of the four large bedrooms and yard. A very large attic area is being developed this summer into a playroom and will be put to good use.



Jane and Fred holding Diana, Dakota and Zachery

Fred's mother, Mary, is living in a condo in Regina and keeps busy attending university extension classes, church, the Regina Symphony and Globe Theatre.

**Marean, Katherine** pg 180

My life has changed since 1984 in several ways. The most notable is the loss of my father Clyde Marean, who passed away in the fall of 1998. I still greatly miss him. However, there have been pleasant events as well. These include graduating from the Canadian Bible College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree with high honours. In the summer of 1996 I traveled to Estonia with a missions group from my church. The trip included several days in Russia.

In 1998, I became a homeowner. I live in a one-bedroom condo, five blocks from my mother, Mary Marean. I get to go over for tea as often as I like!

I am the senior retail clerk at a courier company in Regina. Customer service has its challenges. After work, I relax with my computer and other hobbies that include reading, embroidery, photography, scrapbooking and card making. I am also active in the church I attend, teaching the four and five-year-olds in Sunday School. History does repeat itself, as I first taught Sunday School in the Estlin United Church.

I enjoyed seeing everyone at the centennial celebrations.

**Marean, Margaret** pg 180

Margaret is married to David Parker. They live in Edmonton and have two daughters, **Courtney** (21) and **Kaela** (19). Margaret is a psychologist and works at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in the Student Counselling Centre. David is an instructor at the same college. Courtney and Kaela are both in university, Courtney studying education and science at the francophone campus and Kaela majoring in anthropology. Both work part-time as lifeguards.

The family has traveled in Europe, Asia, Cuba, Australia and New Zealand, and has lived in Singapore and Australia. Margaret and David are involved in a number of volunteer committees, mostly related to protection of the environment.

**Maynard, William** pg 933 (by S.Grant Maynard)

William Bishop Maynard was born to Frank and Mattie (Strange) Maynard of Laharpe, IL in 1917. The Maynards' operated a family farm in this district of Northern Illinois. Frances Mary Miller was born to Robert Burr Miller and Ethol (Ward) Miller at Olathe, KS also in 1917. The Millers later moved to Illinois where they farmed as well.

Both families suffered the depression of the 1930's. The Millers had a house burn down. Burr lost two brothers in a drowning accident. William (Bill) had two brothers (Louis and John) and a sister (Martha). Mary had a brother (Chester) and a sister (Viola). Viola continues to live in Illinois as a retired schoolteacher. Bill and Mary were married in 1939, as apparently she had her eye on him since grade school. Bill served in the United States Navy in World War II and Mary worked in an ordnance plant across the river in Burlington, IA.

The family history in Canada began in the early 1900's. Samuel Miller (Burr's father) was a land agent at this time and acquired land in the Riceton

area. In 1947 Bill and Mary accepted an offer from Burr Miller to come to Canada and operate the Miller land. By operating the family land and renting from the Bingamans, they prospered as fortune allowed.

Initially they resided on section 13, in the house existing there. Viola Miller was born in the house in 1913. They later moved to the old Rice house, which was located just south of Riceton, where Joe and Emily Varjassy now live. This house had power and the other didn't, yet it still proved too cold for winter residence, and Bill and Mary spent the winter months back in Illinois, where Bill helped operate a local grocery store. Their son Samuel **Grant** was born in Regina, SK in 1954. He attended school in Riceton from grade two to grade five. In wintertime, grade school was in Terre Haute, IL where he was "that Canadian kid".

In 1965 the Maynards built a new home on section 13. Samuel Grant joined his father in the farming business in 1973 by renting land from Ruth Miller who was the widow of Burr Miller's brother Dick, who had farmed north of Riceton and passed away in 1952. Ruth Miller was of the Schiefner family of Milestone, SK and married Dick Miller in 1921. Ruth was an avid gardener and her yard reflected just that. Kids in the neighbourhood could count on her candy dish being full when they visited. She spent her later years in Regina until her death in the 1980's. Her husband Dick and his brother Burr were accomplished trap shooters and won many prizes throughout the years.

Bill and Mary Maynard continued to farm until 1981 when they retired and remained living on the home section until their death (three weeks apart) in 1996. Their lives were happy ones filled with hard work and travel with friends. Bill remained interested with affairs of the farm now operated by his son, and Mary was a collector of antiques, and loved to read. Although neither possessed a college education, they were well versed in general knowledge, and that served them well. Bill could not imagine spending farm income on an antique, but Mary still managed to acquire the odd piece that gave her great joy. Their ashes are spread on the farm they loved and a stone in the Riceton cemetery marks their passing.

Samuel Grant married Monique Lilla Love, the daughter of Laurence and Winnerfred (Perras) Love, of Moose Jaw in 1992. They have a daughter Myrla Francess born in 1997. They continue to reside on section 13.

## McGillivray, Hugh and Louise pg 545

Since 1984, we continued to farm until 2004. At that time, we moved into Marian Park Condos in Regina. A part of our winters over the past 15 years have been spent in Sun Valley Cassitas in Mesa, AZ. Now that we have retired, we intend to spend more time during the summer months at our cottage on Pasqua Lake and help at the farm when needed.

Our family of 5 children has expanded with 5 spouses and 17 grandchildren.

In July, 2004 we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, a day filled with many happy memories.



Hugh and Louise McGillivray Family (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary): Back Row: Andrew, Lynn and Bonnie Jansen, Trevor (holding Adam) and Colleen King, Jenna, Sharon and Madelyn Perkins. Center Row: Tim and Christine Jansen, Louise, Jocelyn King, Hugh, Landon, Brian and Kallum Perkins. Front Row: Todd (holding Hayden), Carter and Janice Brunas, Dean Jansen, Megan, Lois (holding Scott), Michael, Catherine and Doug McGillivray

Updates on Hugh and Louise's 5 children:

**Lynn** and Tim Jansen (LeRoy, SK) were married in the former Gray United Church, and are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 2, 2005. Tim's employment with the Saskatchewan Water Corporation has provided an opportunity to enjoy the communities of Nipawin, Weyburn, and for the past 11 years, Moose Jaw, where he is Senior Project Manager of Construction and Maintenance Engineering. He recently completed a three-year term as a Councillor for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan. Lynn has worked in a variety of health care settings, completed a Master of Nursing Degree in 2004, and is currently teaching part-time with the University of Saskatchewan, College of Nursing. She will commence doctoral studies in

September 2005 at the University of Western Ontario in London. Lynn and Tim have four children: Andrew (22) is currently in Zambia, Africa participating in an Engineering Without Borders agricultural development initiative. He will complete his Agricultural and Bioresource Engineering degree from the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 2005. Andrew delivered the valedictory address, was awarded several provincial track and hockey medals, and participated in a Belgium Rotary student exchange. Bonnie (20) is completing a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan. Her musical talents culminated in several vocal arts awards, national travel with the Moose Jaw Children's Choir, and a high school band trip to Great Britain where she performed as a flutist. Dean (17) is in grade 12, and pursuing plans to be a physicist or a musician. He is well known for his abundant supply of curly hair, height on the football and basketball team, and proficiency in guitar, piano, and long distance running. Christine (12) is entering grade 7. She plays in a French Horn ensemble in the school band, and partakes in piano, Children's Choir (enjoyed a trip to Disneyland in 2005), Girl's Hockey, and equestrian riding. The Jansen family remains involved with the agriculture industry, and enjoys many occasions spent with the grandparents and extended family.

**Sharon** - In 1982 I graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a BSc in Home Economics. I was employed by the Pork Marketing Board as their Promotion Manager for twelve years. My job provided many exciting opportunities and travel across Canada and even Hawaii. In 1987 I married Brian Perkins (BSc in Agriculture). Together we run our Agri-business west of Saskatoon that includes a cattle feedlot, commercial cattle operation and grain farm.

In 1989 Brian and I started our family consisting of two girls, Jenna (16) and Madelyn (13), and two boys, Kallum (10) and Landon (5). Presently our lives are full with many of our children's activities. We do find time to make an annual trek to the McGillivray family cottage on the Qu'Appelle Lakes every summer where many fond memories of the McGillivray children growing up were made. And of course we always enjoy our visits back to Gray and area.

**Doug** and Lois have four children, Catherine (11), Scott (9), Megan (7) and Michael (2). The children are very active in sports and school.

Doug and Lois grain farm and have started a sod farm. The sod farm has been an exciting form of diversification and has proven to be an excellent use of excess water and time.

Between the children, grain farming, operating a sod farm and other new adventures on the horizon we are enjoying staying very busy.

**Janice** attended the University of Saskatchewan, where she received a Commerce degree in 1990. Janice returned to Regina and completed her Chartered Accounting Designation in 1993. In 1994 she married Todd Brunas (BSc Agriculture). They have two children, Carter (7) and Hayden (4). Todd manages a grain farm that was his grandfather's, Ernest Dunning. Janice's interest in investments, led her to Greystone Managed Investments, where she currently works. They reside in Gray and are enjoying every minute of it! The boys enjoy skating at the Gray Rink and riding their bikes in the spring.

**Colleen** graduated from University of Saskatchewan in 1992 with a Bachelor of Education degree minoring in Special Education, Music and English. For the next five years, she taught grade one in St. Walburg, SK. In 1995, she married Trevor King and they moved to Prince Albert, SK. While in Prince Albert, Colleen taught adult education at Adams Institute for Learning. Trevor and Colleen enjoyed life in P.A. and participated in golfing and curling. Colleen also continued her love of music by singing in a ladies choir. In 2000, Jocelyn Louise was born. She is now 5 years old and will be heading off to kindergarten in the fall. The Kings moved back to Regina in 2001 and are still residing here. The family continues to grow; Adam Jonathan Hugh (September 2002) and Rachel Marlene (March 2005). Needless to say life is enjoyable but busy for Colleen as a stay-at-home mom. Trevor currently works at the CIBC as an investment specialist. They enjoy life in Regina and have met new friends and rekindled old friendships. They are also enjoying being close to family. This summer they look forward to spending time at McGillivray's cabin at Pasqua Lake.

**McKim, Frank** page 938 (by Shirley Schultz Cross)

Frank McKim passed away December 1983.  
Madeline Schultz McKim passed away in May 1989.  
Ken McKim passed away August 2002.

**McQuoid, Don and Marnie** pg 186 (by Marilyn Christie)

Prior to writing this, I sat down and reread the McQuoid history in the The Ties That Bind. Our mother was heavily involved in the editing and compilation of the first edition and I can't help but be amazed by the volume of work that the committee did to compile these books.

Our parents Don and Marnie McQuoid lived in the Estlin community for over forty-two years. They were forever grateful for the friendship and the opportunities afforded them and their children. In addition to the raising of livestock, farming, participating on various committees, sitting on Council for the R.M. of Bratts Lake, working for the local school board, active in the UCW, and so much more, they found time to raise four children who until this day have not lost the sense of "community" or their "volunteer" ways gained from living in Estlin.



Since the last edition of The Ties That Bind, our family has changed and grown in many ways.

With the kids all grown with families of their own, Mom and Dad discovered the joys of wintering in warmer climates and were fortunate enough to spend three months every winter in Kailua-Kona, HI. Both of them enjoyed the weather, the friendships developed and the activities of the island. Mom and Dad, true to form, were very involved in the Kona Community. Mom played organ every Sunday at a small Hawaiian church and was actively involved in an "artists" group where she turned out the most beautiful woven baskets from local fauna.

Due to health reasons, Mom and Dad moved to Regina in the spring of 1988, leaving their beloved farm. This nearly broke their hearts. Sadly, Dad passed away December 19, 1988 of lung and heart

complications. All the years of farming, crop dusting and spraying had taken their toll. Mom continued to live in Regina and had a full life. In addition to keeping her family supplied with fresh brownies and cookies (a very fond childhood memory of the grandkids), she found time to teach English to a Croatian Child Psychiatrist who immigrated to Saskatchewan. On April 14, 1999 Mom passed away. Our parents are sadly missed by all of us.

The McQuoid children have been scattered far and wide. **Susan** Mitchell and **Dorothy** McQuoid have spent all of their adult lives in Calgary, AB. Both have enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the city but managed to come home at some point every year to "recharge". Susan has recently moved to Stettler, AB where she and husband Mitch bought an acreage. Susan is once again "living on the farm" and loving it. Dorothy and her spouse Bill recently bought a house in Calgary. After several years of living and working in Canada and the U.S. **Jim** McQuoid makes his home in Regina with wife Theresa. **Marilyn** Christie and husband Doug also live in Regina.

Don and Marnie were blessed with nine wonderful grandchildren whose talents are as far flung as they are! Susan's children live in Calgary - Robb Mitchell (February 1975) graduated with a degree in Fine Arts, majoring in metals and jewelry design. Robb is very talented and has won awards for his designs. Marnie Mitchell (September 1976) fondly referred to in our family as "Little Marnie", has always been very athletic so it is no surprise that she manages a sports store. Preferring to play hockey, most winters you will find her traveling Canada and the U.S. playing women's hockey. After spending some of their adult lives in Saskatchewan, Jim's children have made their home in California; Laine McQuoid (November 1971) completed her Bachelor of Science majoring in Business Administration (Accounting) and is working as an international accountant in San Jose, Darren McQuoid (January 1974) and wife Kobie live in Fresno, Darren owning a successful plumbing business, Kobie is a Teacher; Jaimee McQuoid (January 1979) working with a California utilities company and Jared McQuoid (February 1981), the youngest, venturing into self-employment as a plumber. Both Jaimee and Jared live in Fresno. Marilyn's children are just venturing out - Meghan Christie (February 1981) has recently completed her Bachelor of Environmental Design and is working for a commercial design firm in

Winnipeg, MB. Douglas “James” Christie (May 1983) graduated this year with his Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing) all the while having his own yard care business and Graham Christie (September 1987), our youngest “McQuoid”, will graduate from high school this June and is looking forward to being “free” for awhile.

Our second generation is full of talent that is not surprising considering their heritage. Mom and Dad were very proud of all of their grandchildren and encouraged each of their talents and entrepreneurial endeavors. As parents, aunts and uncles, we are all very proud of each of them and feel quite confident that their futures will be successful.

Unfortunately none of our children have become farmers – it still is a wonderful way to raise your children, even though the economic hardships are more than most stalwart farmers can stand. Our family farm was sold in 1994 and I still miss the smell of harvest on an October evening, and the winter “white outs” where only the yard light was visible. Susan remarked the other day that she heard a killdeer while driving past a fence post – *“if you’re not from the prairies...”*

### **Moats, Leroy and Isabella pg 550**

After Leroy’s death in 1981, I continued to live at our farm at Gray during the summers, taking care of the yard, gardening and being part of the Gray community. I also enjoyed several tours with Rostad Tours with Pastor Wally Kurtz and his wife Aggie as guides. The first couple of winters I enjoyed visiting our girls as they said “I was not to try spending the winters on the farm”. The following six winters I was privileged to live in Pauline Bratt’s apartment in Regina while she wintered in Texas.

On August 9, 1989 Hugh Sanderson from Avonlea and I were married at Wesley United Church. However, after moving to Regina I still missed my garden and fresh produce, so we made several day trips to the farm to garden and keep the hedges and grass trimmed. In 1996 Hugh had a severe stroke, so I could only go out to the farm some days while he was in Day Care until 1999, then I decided I had to forget about a garden. Hugh died October 7, 2001 after a long, courageous battle. I am thankful for many great times, a wonderful family and wonderful neighbours with all their help and support, the many great memories of Gray.

### **Catherine and Brian Drew (also see Drew)**



Back Row: Petrea McCoy, David and Michelle Parker. Front Row: Christine and Travis Drew, Alan McCoy, Catherine (holding Ashley Parker), Brian (holding Riley Parker).

**Shirley** was employed at Sask Crop Insurance from 1976 until March 1987 when the company moved to Melville. She did not want to leave Regina so transferred to Sask Department of Highways and Transportation where she still works. Also as a second job, she was a dealer at the Silver Sage Casino from August 1978 until November 1997. Her son, Michael Roy Moats (November 11, 1983) lives at home while working in Regina and taking correspondence in PC repairs and PC specialist courses.

**Sheila**, Colin and Sharon MacDermott are very busy in BC. Sheila is a physiotherapist in Penticton hospital and keeps very busy with her work, her home and extra activities. She has been coming home to Saskatchewan for a week each year, generally in September, which we all look forward to. Colin is working and furthering his education and lives at home. Sharon has her Honors Bachelor Degree in vocal music performance from the University of Western Ontario, London, ON. She is presently working towards an Education Certificate in Kelowna, BC and working part-time.

**Elaine** married Barry Good, a farmer in the Fillmore area, in 1986. They operate a mixed farm growing crops and running a herd of black commercial cows. As a hobby they raise, train and show cutting horses. Elaine continues to work for the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, currently as a Crop Development Specialist out of the Weyburn office. There is a connection between the Good family at Fillmore and the people of Gray. When Leta Gillis taught near Fillmore she was a frequent visitor with Ira and Mabel Good, Barry's grandparents! They developed a friendship that they maintained for the rest of their lives.

## Moats, Wilber and Emmy pg 943

Emma and Wilber Moats continued to live on the family farm until 1990 when they moved in to Regina. The move involved a house swap with their son Lee which made moving day one to remember as household goods were being moved out of and in to each house simultaneously.

In 1988, Wilber had the occasion to witness, close up, a tornado touching down on the Moats farm. The tornado destroyed the old horse barn on the farm and Wilber's comment, "It would have sure made a good TV shot", was typical of his response to disastrous situations. Wilber continued to be actively involved in the farm until 2000 and in the fall of 2001 he remarked that it was the first year that he had not been involved in the harvest since 1930 when, at the age of 10, he drove a wagon carrying sheaves from the field to the threshing machine.



Wilber and Emmy Moats

Emma and Wilber celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1997, an occasion that saw Emma wear her wedding dress which fit as well then as it had on her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on her wedding day. Wilber passed away October 12, 2002 at the Regina Pasqua hospital after a short

illness. One of his stronger views was that expensive funerals were a waste of money and that no one should profit from his death. In keeping with some of his unique views on life and death, Wilber's burial and memorial service were conducted without the aid of a funeral home. He was buried by his family in a casket built by his son David, in a very moving and fulfilling ceremony.

Emma lives in her own home in Regina, where she hopes to continue to stay. She recently traveled to Prince George to see her first great-grandchild, Madison Lily Kopp who was born April 8, 2005. Emma continues her commitment to life long learning by buying a new computer and learning how to type and operate e-mail at the age of 81.

**Bob** and Marion are both veterinarians and continue to operate Clover Valley Veterinary Hospital near Langley, BC. Their son William (Bill) graduated in

June 2002 from Simon Fraser University, BC with a Bachelor of Applied Science, Engineering Science, Concentration Electronics. Bill works as an Electronic Engineer for Advent Instruments in Port Coquitlam, BC designing telephone testing equipment and enjoys back-country camping. Bob's daughter Marie graduated in October 2003 from Simon Fraser University, BC with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Geography. In December 2003 she received a Professional Development Program Certificate, Faculty of Education, Simon Fraser University, BC. Marie is a Teacher on call in Langley and Abbotsford, while she awaits a permanent position. She also works as a Lifeguard in Langley when not teaching in the summer.

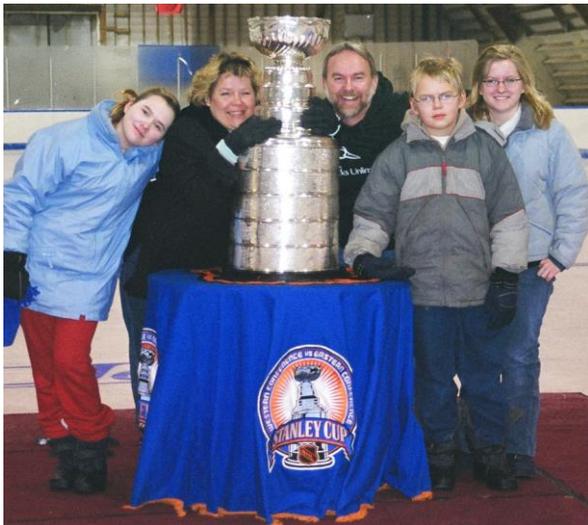
**Don** married Kim Repp June 29, 1991. They purchased the Otto/Duane Bohlken farm in 1992 and have farmed and lived there since. Don continues to work in the oil exploration industry during the winter months. Their daughter Hayley (March 12, 1993) is an enthusiastic hockey player and horse person, traveling to many Saskatchewan and Manitoba horse shows.

James and **Judy** Kopp have lived and worked in Prince George, BC for 25 years, Judy as a registered nurse and James as an auto body repair person. Their son Benjamin married Shayla Evans July 28, 2002 and they make their home in Prince George. Ben and Shayla's daughter Madison was born April 8, 2005. Judy is an active marathon runner and attends Regina's annual marathon and regularly runs the race in Vancouver, Edmonton and Portland.

**David** constructed a large wood working shop in Gray in 1984 where he lived until 1997. David has made a considerable name for himself in southern Saskatchewan as a one-man construction crew who is capable of erecting large pole frame steel clad buildings in just a few days. His work can be found throughout southern Saskatchewan in the yards and houses of his many clients. In 2002, David along with Lee and Laurie Moats, purchased the home section of Norman and Shirley Desaultels where David lives.

**Lee** worked for Saskatchewan Agriculture as an Agricultural Representative and Extension Agrologist in Rosetown until 1986 and in Moose Jaw until 1989. While in Rosetown, Lee married Laurie Bors on July 5, 1986. In 1989, Lee took the position of Provincial Agrologist with Ducks

Unlimited Canada and he and Laurie moved to Regina along with their one-year old daughter Angela (July 28, 1988). Lee continues to work for Ducks Unlimited in their Regina office. Their second child, Morgan, was born on March 20, 1990 and their third child, Joshua, was born on June 14, 1993. In 1990, the family moved to the home farm where they continue to live and farm. All three children enjoy music with Angela and Morgan in grade 8 piano and Joshua in grade 4. Lee continues to pursue his life long ambition of becoming a full-time farmer. Lee has pursued his interest in conservation by serving as a Director of the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association, Saskatchewan Winter Cereal Growers Association and as the Secretary and later President of Winter Cereals Canada. Two thousand and five will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> year since the Moats farm first zero till seeded and the 19<sup>th</sup> crop of winter wheat being sown.



Morgan, Laurie, Lee, Joshua and Angela

**Ali** Matai graduated in 1988 from the University of Regina, College of Education with a BEd majoring in Arts Education. She also received a certificate in Information Technology Professional Program from SAIT in Calgary in 1999. Ali taught English in Japan in 1988/89 and has taught school in Bienfait and Central Butte, SK and currently teaches in Balcarres. She enjoys summers filled with fishing and holidays. Ali realized significant milestones when she completed the inaugural and each successive Queen City Marathon.

### **Mohr, Ellsworth and Clementine** pg 951

Ellsworth (Babe) Mohr died March 1982.

Clementine (Clem) Mohr (Martin) died December 14, 1992 at age 95.

### **Mohr, Henry and Lottie** pg 947

Henry Mohr passed away in 1952. His wife Lottie (Rose) Mohr deceased February 20, 1999.

### **Mohr, Lorne and Sheila** pg 947

Lorne and Sheila reside in Regina. Their children; **Rhett** and Shelley reside in Calgary and have three sons; Darin, Christopher and Reese. **Rhonda** and Murray Chartrand reside in Regina and have one son Shaw and one daughter Sommer. **Lee Ann** and her special partner Tim reside in Calgary. They have a daughter Bailey and a son Bryce.

### **Mohr, Raymond and Wilma (Hill)** pg 947

Raymond passed away on April 3, 2003.

Wilma lives in Edmonton, AB.

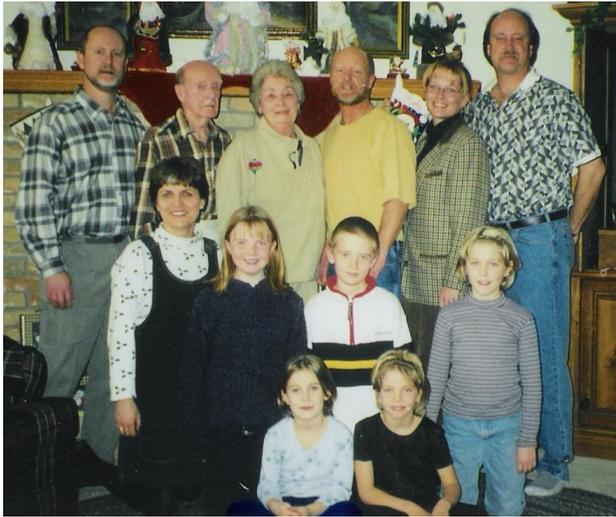
Their family; **Barton** resides in Toronto. No family. **Brant** and his wife Shawna live in Edmonton. **Barbara** and Tim Heubner live in Kamloops, BC. **Brenda** and Richard O'Neil live in Edmonton, AB.

### **(Mohr) Whittle, Rose Elleen and Ken** pg 947

Ken passed away September 23, 2000.

Rose Elleen resides in Regina. Their three sons; **Greg** and Terri reside in Regina where Greg works for the water treatment plant at Buffalo Pound.

They have a daughter Keeley Mills (October 16, 1993). **Kevin** and Linda reside in Regina. Kevin works for Sask Power Corp. They have two children Mehley Doris (July 3, 1988) and Jadon Mills (October 25, 1989). **Todd** and his special partner Marci reside in Fort Qu'Appelle where Todd works for Sask Power Corp. Marci has two children Jamie and Cristen.



Back Row: Greg, Kenneth, Rose Elleen, Kevin, Marci, Todd.  
Middle Row: Terri, Mehley, Jadon, Cristen. Front Row: Keeley, Jamie.

### Mossing, Reid and Myrna

Reid and Myrna Mossing moved to Gray from Regina in July 1993. They purchased the Collacott grocery store on Main Street with the idea of opening a family childcare home. **Quinton** Darcy was born on January 26, 1994. July 1, 1994 the *Gray Goose Family Childcare Home* officially opened. January 7, 1998, their second son **Hunter** Harvey was born and on May 31, 1999, **Madison** Reid put the finishing touches to the family. Reid opened his own accounting practice in Gray and Regina where he still operates.

### Moyse, Loree (Archer)

I was born May 30, 1965 and I married Scott Moyse December 30, 1995. I moved from Regina to his family farm near Riceton. In March of 1996 I began working for the Gray Goose Day Care in Gray with Myrna Mossing and have been there ever since. My marriage to Scott never lasted, so I decided to move to Gray June 1998 to be close to both my friends and work. **Zachary** Thomas (July 29, 1998) was born that following month.

I bought my first home May 1999 in Gray from Jane Lubkiwski and still live there to this day. Zachary is now 7 years old and in grade 2 in the Gray School. We both enjoy our community and all the activities there. Living in Gray has been great for Zachary when it comes to spending quality time with his dad Scott, Mary Ellen and his three sisters: Taylor (February 2, 2001), Samantha (October 17, 2001) and Robin (October 8, 2003).

Gray is all Zachary knows and I am happy to call it home. I look forward to our next submission 20 years from now!

### Moyse, Neal and Lorraine pg 955

Neal and Lorraine continue to live on the farm and farm with their two sons Scott and Brett. Lorraine lives in Montmartre during the week where she manages three branches of Plainsview Credit Union.

**Scott** (Mary Ellen) live on the family farm with their children Taylor, Samantha and Robyn. Scott's son, Zachary, comes to the farm on weekends. Scott farms with his dad and brother and runs a mechanical repair business from the shop.

**Lori** lives in Regina where she owns and operates *Yoga Haven*. Lori is a certified yoga instructor, aroma therapist and belly dance teacher.

**Brett** (Sherri and Colby) live in Rouleau, SK. Brett farms with his brother and father. He owns and operates *BNM Tire Service*. He does on site service and his base is in the shop at the farm.

### Moyse, Wilfred and Edna pg 955 (by Lorraine Moyse)

Wilfred and Edna retired to their house in Regina. They enjoyed armchair farming and Christmas at the farm. They were always very interested in what was going on at the farm and the fact that his son (Neal) and his two grandsons (Scott and Brett) were continuing to farm gave them lots to talk about to their friends. Unfortunately the "Golden Years" were not so golden. Wilfred and Edna spent their last years in a nursing home in Regina.

Edna passed away September 24, 2000. Wilfred passed away July 15, 2002.

### Myers, Gerald and Doris pg 196

We farmed in the Estlin Community until April 1978, when we retired, sold our farm and moved to Regina. Retirement (the next eleven years) included building a cottage at Katepwa Lake, also traveling to points south during the winter months.

Our son **Blaine** returned to Regina in 1982, after a twelve-year absence working for a Redi-Mix Cement Co. in BC. He now lives happily in Estlin

and hauls grain and fertilizer for the farming communities from Weyburn to Moose Jaw.

Our daughter **Brenda** moved to Calgary and became employed in Property Management in the mid-80's and progressed to working for the Federal Government in that field.

Our second daughter **Sheila**, moved to Calgary in 1978, worked briefly at various jobs in interior design. In 1982 she met and married Len Edgar. They successfully created their own children's entertainment business; Buddy and Button the clown and clownette. On April 30, 2005 they are celebrating 20 years of Clowning! They were blessed with a daughter Amy in October 1989.

The Homecoming in 1984 was a momentous event, being well documented by the hard work and dedication of the people from the communities of Bechar, Estlin, Gray and Riceton in the publishing of The Ties That Bind. As we proudly celebrate Saskatchewan's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the tradition continues by the dedication of the new pioneers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sadly, Gerald, our beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away in 1989.

I live in south Regina and have easy access to Estlin, where we spent 34 years happily farming and raising our family, surrounded by friendly and caring neighbours.

### **Myers, John and Millicent** pg 198

How fast the years go by, we can easily judge this by our children.

John and I sold our home on McKee Crescent in May 1986 – our twin boys graduated from Campbell Collegiate that year.

Our children are as follows:

**Tom** and Valerie live in Regina. Tom is still with SaskTel and Val has retired from selling shoes and having her own chocolate business. They have two children; Lisa married Darryl Boehm from Alan, SK. Darryl is the Pharmacist at the Cancer Clinic and Lisa is a Radiation Therapist at the Clinic. They have two children; Kate (6) and Ryan (4). Son James lives in Edmonton where he is an engineer. He married Michele Mckell July 31, 2004.

**Donald** and Sue live in Calgary. Don is a Drilling Advisor for Burlington Resources (formerly Canadian Hunter) and Sue works part-time as costume designer for the Calgary Ballet. They have two girls; Heather dances with the Boston Ballet and Elizabeth is studying Architecture at Waterloo.

**Douglas** and Pat live on the family farm. Doug has a window business *Prairie Boy Windows*. He installs new windows and he is also a great handyman. Pat maintains the home and family and sings with "Singing Friends and Neighbours". They have two children; Erin is a Financial Advisor with the Co-operators and Joe works for Coca Cola. Joe is engaged to marry Natasha who has a daughter Makayla.

**Miriam** is presently retired from Human Resources with Bombardier and is living in Regina. She has two children; Dennis graduated this year in Engineering and Meagan is in second year University studying Education and Fine Arts. She lives with her mother.

**Dean** graduated from the U of S with a degree in Pharmacy and is also a Certified Asthma Educator. He married Annamaria Pinke from Hungary. Ana is a Computer Programmer. They have two children; Alexa (3) and Zacchary (1). They live in Calgary.

**David** took his first year at University of McGill and then came back to Saskatoon to complete his degree in Electric Engineering. He has since obtained his Master's. Dave married Trudy Lavallee. Trudy graduated from the U of S with a degree in Physiotherapy. They have three little girls; Emily (7), Jeana (4) and Lauren (2). They live in Saskatoon.

Of Note - When our twins graduated from Campbell, Donald Wiks retired from teaching. He had taught Tom at Estlin and now many years later had taught our twin boys. The principal and our neighbour Bob Mitchell also retired that year. John said that he was retiring from sending kids to school after 27 years but he had five years of university for the twins before he could retire. Is that a record?

We have lost many old and dear friends since our last book was published – these people you can never replace – we have many new friends but not the same as the old "say anything, do anything" kind.

John's health has been up and down but at the present time he is good. He had two small strokes this year but has recovered well. He has a walker and a scooter and on good days he tours the "new east side". We try to get away for a couple of months in the winter – we have been to Victoria three winters and this last winter we were in California. We will be married 60 years this October and are supposed to be retired but it seems that the pace just quickens.

Kindest regards to all the families in this book.

### **O'Brien, Gerald and Kay pg 957**

Gerald passed away February 2005. Kay passed away October 2005.

### **Ortman, Larry and Shauna**

Larry and Shauna moved to Gray in June 1998, with their three boys, **Travis, Ryley** and **Reegan**. Larry was born in Weyburn but spent his teen years in Regina. Shauna (Kleisinger) was born and raised in Regina. Larry and Shauna were married August 10, 1985.

The family moved to Houston, Texas in 1993 and spent 4½ years there. Following their return to Saskatchewan, Larry and Shauna decided to raise their family in a rural setting. They were excited to find property in the cozy and quiet town of Gray.

In February 2000, the Ortman's were pleased to add **Brayden** to the clan. He was legally adopted in June 2003. Larry works in Regina at a family business, Village RV. Shauna is a registered nurse with the Home Care Treatment Centre in Regina. Both find their twenty-minute commute to the city relaxing and look forward to many happy years in Gray.

### **Palmer, Glen and Sharon**

Glen, Sharon, Quintin and Orin Palmer moved from Kendal, SK to Riceton, SK.

Glen was the manager of Sask Wheat Pool until it was closed at the end of July 1998. Glen still works for Sask Wheat Pool Organics at Rowatt, SK. Glen will retire from Sask Wheat Pool in February 2006. Sharon works at Sears in Regina.

They raised their two sons, Quintin and Orin in Riceton. They both graduated from Milestone High

School. **Quintin** and Robin (Arneson) reside in Regina, SK. Quintin is a bricklayer for Greycom and Robin works at CBC. They are the proud parents of a lovely daughter, Trinity. **Orin** and Christine (Watch) reside in Regina, SK. Orin is an auto body painter for Western Auto Body. Christine works at Sears in Regina. Orin and Christine are awaiting the birth of their first child in October 2005. Glen and Sharon still reside in Riceton.

### **Parker, Rhett and Natasha**

In March 2001 we bought a house and moved to the Hamlet of Gray. We had decided that rural life was where we wanted to raise our family since we were both brought up on the farm. Rhett grew up on a farm just outside of Allan with his dad, George, and his younger brother, Ryan. His dad owned and operated a hog operation that Rhett helped with as he got older. Rhett was very active in running and playing hockey throughout his childhood and well into his teens. After graduating high school, Rhett moved to Saskatoon to attend SIAST in the area of Power Engineering. After a year of post secondary, he accepted a job at Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Ltd. and moved to Regina. He has been there for six years.

I was born and raised in Strasbourg and also grew up on the farm. My parents and I lived in the same yard as my grandparents who owned and operated a dairy operation. One of the few farms with Jersey cows!! I attended all my schooling in Strasbourg. After graduation I went to University of Regina for a year in the Faculty of Arts. I decided to work for a neighbouring Dairy Operation instead. In March 1995 I went into the dairy business with my grandfather. By 1998, I had taken over the business and my grandfather retired. In 2000, I decided to sell the business and move to Regina with my three children; **Patrick** (1996), **Dakota** (1998) and **Dion** (1999).

I attended school and got my Office Education diploma and Rhett and I became engaged. Bringing us to March 2001. I became a stay-at-home mom when we had our son, **Dawsen**, in May of 2001. That November we got married in Strasbourg. We decided to keep expanding our family and had **Jensen** (2002) and **Skylar** (2003). After working outside the home for a short while I decided my place was at home with the children.

We have a very busy household and we are always on the go. The last four years have flown by since being in Gray and we'll have three children in

school full time this fall. What's in store for us? We don't know. We're going with the flow and taking a day at a time and enjoying what we have. Is our family complete? Well, everyone will just have to wait and see!

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Gray and we're happy to be here!

### **Paton, Mac and Leona** pg 970

Since 1984 many changes have occurred in the Paton family. We have lost four members of our family – father John H. in 1987, mother Helen L. in 1999, brother John L. in 2002 and his wife Dorothy in 1984. Their family is all living in the Toronto area. Sandy and Orma retired to Victoria with their children close by in Victoria and Vancouver.

We are still on the farm in the Bechard district. Our daughter **Trisha** graduated from University of Calgary in 1988 and went on to get her Master's degree in Political Science at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. She is employed at the Palliser Health Region in Medicine Hat. **Mike** graduated from University of Calgary in 1992 with a degree in Physical Education. After deciding farming was not for him he moved to Regina. There he met and married Tara Isabelle in June 2002. They have a son Maclean Davis (February 2003). Mike is now working at Taylor Motors in Regina.

Leona and I have remained on the farm – we rent most of the land and now only have the home quarter. We still enjoy the garden and yard and the slow-paced life of the farm and yes, we chopped down that tree in 1997.

### **Phillips, Bill and Arlene (Dunbar)** pg 210

Bill and Arlene (Dunbar) lived in Estlin until Bill retired from Pioneer Grain in 1989. He took early retirement after 31 years. They moved to the farm, where Willard and Betty Dunbar lived until Arlene's dad died in 1986 and mother moved to Regina. Bill and Arlene have been farming full time since 1989. Bill has enjoyed his retirement as a full time farmer. They enjoy spending a lot of time being involved with their youngest grandsons, Dylan and Luke. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4, 2004.

**Linda** (Phillips) and Doug Hovind lived in Rouleau for approximately 19 years. Doug worked for Wascana Centre Authority in Regina and later started

working pipeline. Linda worked for the government for 25 years and has taken early retirement this year from Department of Highways. Their house in Regina burned down in 2000, they rebuilt and then sold the new house and bought a big 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. Linda and Doug now live in their trailer full time and travel to different jobs in Alberta. Doug supervises large pipeline jobs where he manages very large crews. Linda and Doug lost their eldest son "Cory" in a car accident in 1992. He was fifteen. This was a very devastating loss for all of us. Jerod is the youngest son who enjoyed and excelled at hockey in Rouleau. He is grown up now and also works on the pipeline. Jerod enjoys hunting, fishing, and his dog, Ben.

**Diane** lives in Regina and works for Saskatchewan Department of Rural Development as a Program Coordinator. She has worked for the government for 28 years. She enjoys gardening, her dog Princey and her cats. Diane enjoys being the doting aunt and spends much of her time playing and helping with Joanne's boys.

**Joanne** lives in Regina with her two boys. She works in Information Technology for Revenue Canada. Joanne's boys go to Douglas Park School. Dylan (9) enjoys school, fishing, basketball and wrestling. Luke (7) enjoys school, fishing and his pets. Joanne enjoys spending numerous hours on her beautiful yard and is always trying new types of exotic plants to add to her garden. She has a real love for flowers and pets.

**Brian** has lived in Calgary for the past 10 years. He graduated with a BA in Business Administration from the University of Regina. He makes it back to Saskatchewan periodically for occasional hunting and fishing trips as well as visiting with family and friends. Brian enjoys marathon running, gardening and his dog Buddy Boy.

### **Picard, Rene and Dolly**

Rene was born in a small town 42 miles south of Quebec City. He was born to Rosaire Picard and Gertrude (Parent). He is the second youngest of six brothers and sisters. When he left home, he worked in a hotel in Quebec City where he learned to cook. The hotel that he was working for sent him to George Brown College in Toronto to learn English. That is where he met me (Dolly) who was born to Fitzgerald O'Farrell and Eleanor Vivian Dainty and grew up in Toronto. We married and lived for a few

years in an Italian district of Toronto where I learned to cook, then moved to Mississauga. Rene was working ridiculous hours in Toronto and commuting several hours a day on top of it, so when Rene was offered work in Saskatchewan, we decided to pick up and move with our girls while they were young.

It just so happened that the week we were to move, Rene was working in Cold Lake, AB and I was packing when I decided to have lunch with one of my sisters in Etobicoke. What was supposed to be a lunch hour ended up being a weeklong visit as we were evacuated because of a train derailment. When we were allowed back in, we had a day to fully pack a three-bedroom townhouse. We had so much "help" that we ended up moving bags of garbage and leaving the girls clothes behind. A three-day trip with two toddlers in a car was an experience. Our youngest was broken from the bottle over these three days, as the little game she had of throwing it out the window while we were traveling did not go over well. She left it somewhere outside of Thunder Bay. We ended up moving with just our clothes, the kid's toys, a washer and dryer and a couple of mattresses. We left behind everything that wasn't essential or could be replaced.

We lived in Regina for roughly eight years then moved to Gray in 1985 with our two daughters, Trudy Vivian (1976) and Jacqueline Renee (1979).

**Trudy** attended LeBouldus High School French Immersion program, then went on to earn a diploma in Business Administration from the University of Regina. She got a job at SaskTel where she still works today. She married David Kohonick of Weyburn in 2000 and they now have two children, Riley and Tegan.

**Jacqueline** attended Campbell Collegiate French Immersion program and was also enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. She moved to Vancouver, where she has earned a diploma in Textile Design through Langara, and a second diploma in Design Essentials through BCIT and Emily Carr.

Rene has worked on many major construction projects right across Canada over the last thirty-two years and was recently awarded his 25-year ring with the Sheet Metal Union in Edmonton, AB.

I graduated from SIAST after staying home with the children when they were small and have spent the last 20 years as a Civil Drafting Technician, working

on many large earthwork projects across Western Canada.

### **Posehn, Kathleen (Dunbar) pg 211**

I am the daughter of Dewey Dunbar and May Spencer, born April 17, 1943 (twin to Doreen Meyer). I attended Boyle School in Estlin for ten years, then took grade eleven at Gray and graduated from Balfour Technical School in Regina. I married Karl Posehn, of Kronau SK, at Broadway United Church in Regina September 30, 1961. We have three children. All of our children were born in Regina at the Grey Nuns (Pasqua) Hospital. Our children attended Saar Elementary School in Kronau and graduated from Greenall High School in Balgonie, SK.

**Audra** Arlene (March 6, 1967) married Donn Gottselig, of Balgonie November 9, 1991. They have two children; Adam Andreas (January 27, 2000) and Cole Cameron (February 21, 2003). Audra and Donn bought Karl's parent's home at Kronau and reside in the same yard with us. Audra works for the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission as a legal secretary.

**Jared** James (March 2, 1969) married Elaine Fidler of Saskatoon April 25, 1992. They have two children; Reed Anthony (February 17, 1997) and Kylie Lynn (August 21, 1998). They live in Saskatoon, SK. Jared works for Westwind as an airplane mechanic.

**Dewey** Edward (November 11, 1971) married Claudia Castelanos of Mexico July 28, 2004. They live in Regina. Dewey works for the City of Regina as a CAD Tech (computer aided draftsman).

Karl and I continue to live and farm at Kronau. I am presently working part-time at Secureguard Public Storage in Regina. During the late winter and early spring I sing with the "Singing Friends and Neighbours" choir which performs at retirement homes and functions.

### **Prophet, Bonnie (Dunbar) pg 111**

As the years have rolled by the Prophet family, like others have gone through many life changes. My children Geoffrey and Vanessa are now adults.

**Vanessa** completed her BA and worked for five years as an investment specialist for the Royal

Bank. Last fall, because of her wonderful grade point average, she was accepted into an accelerated social work program which she will complete next April.

**Geoffrey** has been working with computers and at the Winnipeg Airport. He is presently enrolled as a mature student at the University of Winnipeg where he will be attending this September.

I (Bonnie) went back teaching in 1988 and taught until I retired in December 2004.

Douglas worked as the financial manager for several companies. After he left the heavy equipment business he worked in the trucking industry and then was a financial consultant in his own business. For the last five years he has been Executive Director of Financial Services for the University of Winnipeg. So, this fall Geoff and Douglas will be at the same campus.

To get my retirement off to a good start Douglas and I spent a month in Portugal this past winter. We enjoy travel and in the last five years have been to Europe three times. When Douglas retires in a few years we hope to continue to see the world.

### **Purves, Jack and Esther** pg 979

Jack passed away May 16, 1991.

**Barrie** Purves' daughter Erica Purves married David Crilley June 28, 2002.

**Beverly Ann** Purves Downey's son, Trenton, married Clarissa Anne Benavides September 19, 1998. They have one son Gryphon Taylor (November 16, 2001).

**Becky Jean** Purves divorced Paul Hjartarson in 1987. She married Casey M. Beyersbergen November 10, 1989. Casey has two children; Deborah Irene (April 9, 1976) and Robert James Blake (August 26, 1980). Becky Jean's daughter Aune Hjartarson married R. Drew Nunn August 21, 1999. They have a son Kai Sinden (January 29, 2003).

### **(Purves) Ellstock, Nurine and Roy** pg 981

Correction - Billie Lynn Ellstock married John Compton May 14, 1971 and divorced in 1980.

**Sandra** Nurine Ellstock Burger's daughter Jayme Deanne married Peter Tulk August 16, 2003. They have a son Peter Harris (January 2004).

### **Purves, Ross Leonard and Edythe Margaret Hope** pg 978

Ross Purves June 23, 1914 - June 9, 1980.

Edythe Margaret (Hope) Purves July 11, 1917 - April 18, 2005.

They had six children:

**Gordon** Ross (October 9, 1939) married Janet Hunter. They had three children; Janice Edith married Allan Michael Szigle (two boys Daniel Ross and Darcy Michael), Katherine Lyn married Frederick William Powe (two boys David Robert and Jeffory William) and Robert David Hunter.

**William (Bill)** Alden (October 30, 1940) married Lois Bohlken. They had 2 boys; Mel Quin William married Linda Austin (three boys Cody Otto, Beau Rocky and Ian James) and Rocky Otto married Maureen Raaen (two boys Cole Rocky and Derek Mel).

Bill remarried Jeanette Christbason. They had 2 girls; Wendy Lou married Sidney Seufert (two children Chelsea Dawn (name changed to Chelsea Belley) and Devon Scott (name changed to Devon Belley). Wendy remarried Darcy Belley (one child Branden Kyle Belley). Wendy remarried to Colin Gateman (one child Alicia Madison Gateman). Second daughter Belinda Marie married Scott Robert Ewing.

**John (Jack)** Edward (December 24, 1941) married Rita Honish. They had 3 boys; Scott Edward, Trevor John and Evan Ross.

**Donald** Garth (February 14, 1946) married Carol Boswell. They had one daughter Christina Dawn. Christina married Mahamood Michael (Mike) Solomon and they have two children; Michaela Dawn and Chandler James.

**Clifford** George (May 10, 1954) married Doreen Joyce Schellenberg. They had 3 children; Stephen Eric, John Ross and Andrea Jocelyn.

**Penny** Eileen (January 9, 1957) married Christopher Shawn Fay. They had 3 children; Christopher Ross, Lisa Diane and Michael Douglas.

### **Raaen, Olaf and Ruth** pg 986

We moved to Riceton area June 1, 1977 from Outlook, SK. Olaf was with irrigation farming in Outlook. We went back to dry land farming in Riceton area.

We have three children; **Jackie** married Duane Nimegeers. They have two children, Jocelyn and Garrett and reside in Weyburn, SK. **Maureen** married Rocky Purves. They have 2 children, Cole and Derek and live in Hudson Bay, SK. **Trevor** and wife Lyndsie live in Pilot Butte, SK.

Olaf retired from farming in April 2005, due to health reasons. We moved to a senior retirement home in Balgonie July 2005.

### **Richardson, Leonard and Judy** pg 1003

They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 8, 1991 followed by their respective 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

They spent several winters in Brownsville, TX where their daughter Jean and son-in-law Bill Ehrmantraut spent their winters after taking early retirement in June 1984. They enjoyed several fishing trips in Northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba with Jean and Bill and on occasion with just the men, Len, son Larry, and Bill. After Len's heart attack their travels were limited.

August 1991 Len and Judy purchased a condo at Martin Luther Manor. June 20, 1995 they attended the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Jean and Bill. February 1996 they attended a family wedding and Dad's niece's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in California. They were so happy. March 15, 1996 Leonard passed away at the age of 82.

Judy continued to live at Martin Luther Manor, celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday there September 29, 2003. May 2004 she moved to Kelsey Manor Personal Care Home then to the Bentley on Hillsdale June 15, 2004. Regrettably we announce her passing on June 11, 2005.

Bill and **Jean** moved back to Regina May 1, 1995 from Winnipeg. They have two sons Danny and

David in Winnipeg. Danny has two children, Serena and Steven. Daughter Susan is married to Ron Luthi, they live in Saskatoon and have two daughters, Lindsay and Chelsea.

Len and Judy's son **Larry** is self-employed. He was married to Ruth Trevena and had two daughters Gaylene and Lara. Gaylene is married to Graham Haus. They have two children Mathew and Amanda. Lara has two daughters Alec and Raylene. They all live in Regina.

### **Schaefer, Andreas and Steffi**

Andreas Schaefer, born in Germany, came to Saskatchewan in the late 80's because he was interested in Agriculture, the wide-open space and the friendly and welcoming people of the prairies. He found friends in Riceton and Rouleau. In the beginning he worked for Tom and Marg Maloney and their sons Kelly and Tim to get some experience on hand. During winter he attended the School of Agriculture in Saskatoon for the theoretical part of farming. His dream was running his own farm one day.

This dream became true when in the year of 1993 his future wife Stephanie Seidel "flew" in from traveling around the world. Stephanie, born in 1969 in Donaueschingen, Germany, was visiting friends in Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. when she met Andreas right here on the prairies. She also liked the feeling of freedom and space so dominant for this area that she decided to stay a little longer than the two weeks she had planned to visit. After living together for a few months, Steffi, as she is called, continued her travel to Eastern Canada and parts of the U.S. when she received an urgent phone call from Andreas that Tom Maloney became ill and they were short of a combine driver. So he sent Steffi a plane ticket and she had her first experience in handling a combine at the harvest of 1993.

In 1994 Steffi came back to Regina as a student of the U of R and in March 1995 Andreas and Steffi were married in "good old Germany", where all of their family lives. That same year they settled on the "old" Mohr farm just northwest of Riceton, where David Moats built a beautiful house and two sheds for them.

Andreas and Steffi have two lovely children **Phillip** (1996) and **Nicole** (1998). The children went to the Gray Goose Daycare in Gray during harvest and

seeding times and are currently attending Milestone Elementary School in Milestone. Both children are members of the 4-H Variety Club in Milestone.



Phillip, Andreas, Stephanie and Nicole

Steffi is a member of the Riceton Ladies Committee.

**Schultz, Carrie and Bill** pg 1014 (by Shirley Schultz Cross)

Carrie Schultz Branning moved to Saskatoon in 1983. She passed away July 1989.

**Morley** Schultz passed away January 2001. At the time of the first printing in 1984 Morley and Laura lived in Winnipeg. They returned to Regina where Laura still has her home and still spends winter months in California. David, the eldest lives at Regina Beach, Darlene Brunskill lives in Regina, Jane, Jay and Dean live in the Vancouver area. There are six grandchildren, all boys and one great-grandchild, a girl.

**Shirley** (Schultz) and Bliss Cross have lived in Saskatoon since 1973. Sons Bradley and Patrick both work in the city and Shirley and Bliss have three wonderful grandchildren, Kyley, Ashton and Kelly-Jean. They are enjoying their retirement and spend their time volunteering in the community.

**Schultz, F.H.** pg 1013 (by Shirley Schultz Cross)

Marguerite Schultz Toombs passed away February 1998. Lloyd predeceased her in May 1990. Their family Doug and Gloria Litzenberger both live on Vancouver Island.

**(Schultz) Stimson, Gertrude** pg 1016 (by Shirley Schultz Cross)

Gertrude Schultz Stimson passed away February 1997. Melvin passed away March 1997. Becky Jo Stimson Fuhs, their daughter, passed away in January 2003.

**Schultz, William H. Sr.** pg 1014 (by Shirley Schultz Cross)

Gladys Schultz passed away June 1995.

**Scott, Charles J.** (by John Eissfeldt)

March 18, 1906 - December 6, 2001 As a young boy of eight or so in northern Oklahoma, Charlie began listening to stories told by an old harvest hand. This hand followed and worked the harvest each year from the Gulf of Mexico to the plains of Saskatchewan, and he had seen all sorts of conditions along the way.



One of the questions Charlie asked him was, "Where is the best place you've seen to farm in all your travels?" The fellow told him, "The Regina Plains of Saskatchewan. It is flat and rich and there aren't any rocks. It grows the best grain."

The harvest hand's stories he heard when he was a boy were the reasons Charlie wanted to farm in Saskatchewan. So in 1952 Charlie, along with his wife Beulah and daughter Karen Jane took a trip up through the Red River Valley of the Dakotas and on into Canada, entering in Manitoba and heading west to Saskatchewan. Charlie ended up with land along the Souris River near Frobisher and Alameda and came on up to Bechard in 1961, purchasing Gordon Stewart's farm. Mr. Stewart said to Charlie, "You might as well buy the land; it will pay for itself in one season."

That was true. And the next year Charlie purchased Jack and Jean Allen's farm next to the Stewart land. His lifelong dream came true. He got to farm on the magnificent Regina Plains.

**(Scott) Eissfeldt, Karen and John**

We moved to the Riceton area permanently in 1985 at which time Peter began grade one at Riceton. We



Jessica, Peter, Karen and John

came to live on and help farm Charles Scott's land seven miles east and two miles south of Riceton plus the land four miles south of Riceton. We live in the Badger Hill area three miles from Bechard.



Since I (Karen) grew up in Oklahoma and John was from Wisconsin, we had of course heard "horror stories" about Saskatchewan's cold winters. Our house is on the former Jack Allen place (in the winter of 1928, twenty or so teams of horses moved the house across the frozen fields from Lt. Governor Brown's farm southwest of Sedley to its present location. The house had been built in 1914.) Because the house was equipped with neither central heat nor plumbing, that first fall we burned coal in an iron cook stove in the kitchen for heat, augmenting that by installing a small coal-burning heater in the living room after the first of the year. To get around the lack of plumbing we borrowed an antique galvanized toilet, which sure beat going outside at 40 below! Meanwhile we built walls along the inside to double insulate the house and we soon installed baseboard heat. The children attended grades one through six in Riceton, then attended school at Sedley. Peter graduated from Sedley High School in 1997 after which the family spent some time in Oklahoma caring for Mr. and Mrs. Scott of whom Karen was the only child. Now the Eissfeldts are again at home east of Riceton farming there.

**Shostal, Larry and Susan (Lewis) pg 572**

We still live on the farm south of Gray. When dad (Ron Lewis) passed away in 1985, we decided to try farming on our own. Larry kept working with an engineering firm until 1997.

We spend our summers farming, having visits from our grandchildren and playing a few games of golf. In winter we go to hockey games and spend a month in Nevada relaxing and golfing.

We have three children and 10 grandchildren. We lost grandson Hayden (10 years old) January 21, 2000 in a car accident in Alberta.

**Tracey** (Mark) Starcheski and children Megan Donald (19) and Shayla (12) live in Las Vegas, NV.

**Sherry** (Bruce) Proudfoot and children Matthew (8), Keenan (4) and Carter (4) live in Chilliwack, BC.

**Chad** (Julie) and children Russell Barker (11), Kolby (4) and Ethan (1) live in Thunder Bay, ON. Cassandra Hein (12) lives in Camrose, AB and Lessalyn Layton (9) lives in Regina, SK.

**Snell, Albert pg 232 (by Laverne Snell)**

My dad, Albert Henry Snell, grew up in a little town called Snelgrove, which is near Brampton, ON. He came to Regina in 1901 and took up a homestead in the Regina area. He "proved up" his homestead and built a homestead shack which was 10' x 14'. The house has been restored and still stands today on the farm. My father married Isabella McCutcheon in 1910 and lived in the small shack until 1916. In 1916 they built a two-story house and a new barn in 1918.

Over the years many trees have been planted and the name of our farm, which is on the roof of the barn, is Snelgrove Farm. This is a rather special year for us as our family is celebrating just over 100 years with three generations of the family residing at this location. In 1967, we built our new home where Pearl and I reside. Our son Paul, who also lives on this farm, has restored our parent's original home. Our daughter Susan, who lives in Nanaimo, BC is an interior designer and as a tribute to our family, both Paul and Susan designed and built a 100' x 60' shed in 2004. This building contains antique cars and

memorabilia. Many of these items have been donated by relatives and friends.

### **Spry, George** pg 1019

George passed away in 1992.

### **(Staton) Strayer, Eleanor** pg 574

My mother Arlene Staton, died in 1996. Although legally blind, she stayed in her own apartment in Regina and carried on many of her volunteer activities till her stroke in 1990. She died in the Pioneer Home after five years of increasingly difficult illnesses. I visited her in Regina many times and her granddaughter Alison came to live in Regina for a while, to be near her.

I came to Ottawa with my husband and three children in 1968, for one year, and I am still here. We have lived in the same house at 504 Queen Elizabeth Drive for all these years.

I retired from the CBC in 1990 and my husband Barry Strayer retired as a Judge in the Federal Court of Appeal in 2004.

**Alison**, our daughter, is married and living in Paris, where she works as a translator and writer. Sons **Jonathan** and **Colin** live in Toronto.

### **Steve, Ken and Mary-Jo (Diekrager)** pg 856

Born August 3, 1959 at the Grey Nun's Hospital in Regina, I am the second and youngest son of Merv and Marjorie Steve.

I started school in the little white school in Gray with Doug Gillis, Stephen Boesch and Tommy Binen as my classmates. We lived on the farm in the summer directly across the road from Floyd Henry's and the friendship with this family remains until this day. Lois often remarks to my kids how she babysat me. In the wintertime this job was taken over by Carol Martin when we moved to town. As I remember, my life revolved around the rink, hockey and baseball. We moved to Milestone in 1969. Prior to this we had been riding the school bus, so I did know a lot of my friends here. Soon after, Mary Jo Diekrager from Riceton, the daughter of Bob and Theresa, began attending Milestone School. She, like I, had attended the local school in her hometown, so it was here I met the girl who would later become my wife.



Back Row: Ezekiel, Anna, Joel. Front Row: Mary Jo, Ken

Merv

On August 6, 1983 at St. Augustine's church Notre Dame of Wilcox, I married my high school sweetheart Mary Jo Diekrager. January 1990 found us back at the same hospital where both Mary Jo and I were born, this time we welcomed our daughter, Anna Karlene. Eighteen months later we were back again to welcome our son Ezekiel David and last call in 1994 – for the third time, our youngest son Joel John. **Anna** enjoys all sports, but especially hockey and track. She was fortunate to participate in the 2004 Summer Games held in Weyburn. **Ezekiel** (August 3, 1991) arrived on his Dad's birthday. He enjoys all sports, but especially hockey and badminton. He also participates in acting in school plays. **Joel** (April 19, 1994) our youngest, is sports minded as well and really likes his hockey.

We spend a lot of time traveling. Every summer we load our van and go. We have traveled coast to coast.

### **Steve, Marj (Lewis)** pg 523

I was the only daughter and the third child in a family of three born to Hartford and Ellen Lewis. I was the early Christmas present in 1933, born on December 6. Ron, my eldest brother died in 1985 at the age of 53. Glenn died in 1944 at the age of 12.

My school years were spent winters in Saskatoon and summers on the farm, going to Crocus Prairie School. I think you would still have to say one of my best friends was Betty Gillis; we never missed a sports day, ballgame or horse race; all the things young, carefree girls do. My closest ties were spent at the home of my Uncle Earl and Aunt Margaret Lewis, visiting and playing with my cousins Don and Sharon. Growing older, we began to grow up and go our separate ways. I went to high school in

Saskatoon. My working years were spent with Sask. Mutual Insurance Company.



In 1955 I married Mervin Steve of Warman, SK. At the time of our marriage he was still in the Armed Forces; this came to an end in 1957 when we returned to the farm and brought with us our oldest son **Tom** (1956). Three years later we added to our family, our second son **Ken**.

In 1963 we purchased the little house on the corner from Fred and Kay Van de Kamp. The windmill is now on that spot. We moved that house to Milestone in 1969. This was necessary for various reasons; Merv's failing health and changes in the school system in Gray. Tom and Ken went to school then in Milestone and enjoyed the activities of hockey, baseball and curling.

Our family now: Merv died in April 1970 at the age of 43. I live in a high-rise apartment in Regina. Tom and Ken will each tell their own stories.



Ken, Tom and Marj Steve

*Treasured memories:* Of my younger years I have treasured memories of going to baseball games and generally attending all sports days with the Gillis family. Attending Crocus Prairie School – I have always been proud of the fact that I attended a one-room country school. We did live on the farm for a few winters and then moved to Gray to live in the old bank building. Told many times in later years was the story of how we would stand outside the store with our nickel, waiting for George Hanman to come to work; he never weighed the candy, just stuck the shovel in the candy jar and gave us a shovel-full.

Attending Sunday School in the basement of the old church, there was always water under the floor in the spring. The men had a hole in the floor to drain the water and when finished they nailed a tin lid over the hole. If you got to Sunday school early you could bounce on the floor and watch the water bubble up around that lid.

I don't think I will ever forget John Peck cutting cantaloupes in half and filling the cavity with ice cream at the booth on Gray Sports Day. I have always been proud to tell people that I came from Gray; it was indeed a great place to grow up and to live in.

### Steve, Tom and Lynda

I was born in Claresholm, AB and moved to the Gray district at the age of one when my mom and dad decided to go farming. We spent summers on the farm six miles southwest of Gray and winters in town. To me this was the best of both worlds.

Soon after reporting for grade one at the little white schoolhouse in Gray I was informed by the school nurse Mrs. Allen that I had flat feet! Neva Lafoy was my grade one teacher and my classmates for six years were Curt Lafoy, Ron Hendrickson and Chris Carnegie. Much of our life in Gray revolved around Jack Thompson's store, my Grandma and Grandpa Lewis's house and the old rink. I remember our excitement when Jack brought in the first batch of curved hockey sticks. Most weeknights we would line up outside the rink waiting for John Ford to open the door so we could play hockey until the girls showed up. Every Saturday we had a two-hour scrimmage featuring hockey "talent" of all ages. The only rule was no raised pucks – a rule that was consistently broken. Other highlights of life in Gray were the local bonspiel, the John Deere show and the Gray Sports Day, featuring Dave Helstrom's colour commentary and "Al the umpire".

In 1969 we moved to Milestone, where my brother Ken and I had already started to attend school and were becoming involved in sports. This eliminated the need for mom to do so much driving.

After graduation I spent several years in radio, which included stops in Weyburn, Regina and Saskatoon. While working at CFQC Radio and Television in Saskatoon I met my future wife Lynda, who was the newsroom secretary. We were married in 1981 and our son **Trevor** was born in 1983. We moved to Regina in 1984 where I worked

in the office of Premier Grant Devine. Since 1997 I have worked with United Grain Growers Limited (Agricore United) in Saskatoon while Lynda has been employed for many years with Saskatchewan Government Insurance. Trevor is presently studying medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.



Tom, Trevor and Lynda Steve

### **Stuik, Richard and Heather**

Richard was born in Regina in 1968. He then moved to Moosomin at the age of 5. He lived there until moving back to Regina with Heather in June 1999. Heather was born in Moosomin in 1977. She went to SIAST in 1997-98 to become a licensed practical nurse.

Richard and Heather moved to Gray December 11, 1999. They were married the following year, July 15, 2000. Their son **Graham** was born July 4, 2002. Their next son **Owen** arrived September 15, 2004.

They continue to enjoy the quiet and peaceful community of Gray.

### **Tennyson, Gerald and Geraldine pg 579**

We have met a lot of new friends since retiring to Regina in 1981. We still continue these friendships by celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with noon luncheons.

On June 8, 1995 we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by taking a couple which were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> in December, to Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise. What a fabulous sight as we had never seen the Rockies before. In June 1997 this same couple took us to Kamloops, BC in cherry picking time, another great experience for us. In between we took a lot of day trips to different places in Saskatchewan we had never been to before. On June 8, 2005 we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary – what a great day for us.

How fortunate we are to have such good friends – old ones and new ones. We enjoy good health and our retirement.

### **Thompson, Jack and Alyce pg 582**

Our previous History Book story of the Thompson Family ended in 1982 when we sold the store and moved to Fort Qu'Appelle. That is now over 23 years ago and a lot has happened to our family! Although we remember our Gray days very fondly we have also thoroughly enjoyed the times and friendships we have had here in the Fort. Alyce and I had bought a house in Fort Qu'Appelle and lived in it until 2001. The years caught up with us and cutting grass, moving snow and maintaining the huge garden started to get too much so we sold the house and moved into a smaller suite. In 2003 we moved again into Woodbine Manor where we are currently living very comfortably. Our health has been reasonably good. Alyce still enjoys her bowling in the wintertime. Unfortunately my legs have let me down and I can no longer golf, curl or bowl but we do play a lot of bridge.

Our daughter **Dianne** and her husband Brian Burrows are still living in Regina and lead very active lives. Dianne continues to do a lot of singing and teaches about 30 vocal students. Brian has his own business and is a successful Financial Planner and investment advisor, he is also currently serving as President of the Regina Symphony. Their two boys, Stephen and Darren, both graduated from the U of R. Stephen is a teacher at Winston Knoll Collegiate in Regina and heads up the Physical Education program. He is also assistant basketball coach with the University of Regina Cougars. Darren lives in Calgary with his fiancée Susan Talmey. Darren is Controller with Weatherford Canada and Susan works for Pfizer Canada. Darren also continues to be a very active and successful runner. We have enjoyed watching him win the Echo Lake Road Race a number of times.

Our son **Armand** has now worked with Molson Breweries for over 31 years. He and his wife Margaret have moved a number of times and lived in five different cities in western Canada. They are currently in Edmonton where Armand is the Brewery Manager. Their two children, Andrea and Neil, graduated from UBC and are both living in British Columbia. Andrea and her husband, Grant Nishi, are both teachers in Richmond. Andrea teaches physical education and French Immersion

classes at McMath high school. After a number of years of swimming competitively both she and Grant continue to coach and coordinate swimming programs in the Richmond community. Neil's degree in economics along with his fluency in French enabled him to get a job with a national equipment finance company based in Vancouver. He is enjoying his work as an Account Manager and still participates in a variety of sports with his many friends.

On September 22, 2005 Alyce and I will have been married for 60 years. We have indeed been very fortunate in our family with Dianne and Brian having now been married for 37 years and Armand and Margaret for 33 years. We truly believe the "small town" friendships, values and work ethics learned early on have been a big part of our family successes and happiness.

### **Ulrich, Ron and Bev** pg 1030

In 1986 Ron expanded his farming by purchasing Walter Reich's homestead and land. During this time he also was involved with the Scout Troup and assisted them with their many outings throughout the summer and winter. He was very involved with Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Riceton with the position of Chairman until it closed in 1991. He and Bev then transferred their membership to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Regina. Ron faithfully attends church and bible studies on Sunday mornings and assists as an Usher or Greeter as well. He also sat on the Board of Elders for many years with one year of being Chairman. In 2000, Ron and Bev decided to make a move and bought a house in east Regina where they currently reside. During the winter, he has kept himself very busy at the Regina house by taking on home renovation projects including the installation of new flooring, a new kitchen, a deck and probably some landscaping in his future. Ron always enjoyed taking his family camping during the summer. He and Bev have taken various trips to Vancouver, Meadow Lake and Saskatoon to visit family.

Bev continued being a stay-at-home mom for many years where she enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing costumes for Skating Carnivals and Halloween, knitting and being there when her kids got off the bus at the end of a school day. In September 1987, Bev accepted a position at the Riceton Elementary School and held various positions of Librarian Aide, Secretary and Teacher's Aide until it closed June 1995. During this time, she was a leader for three

years with the local 4-H Club, and while Pilgrim Lutheran Church was open, Bev was heavily involved with the Sunday School and VBS programs. In April 1995, she accepted the position of Administrative Assistant at the church that she and Ron attend, Good Shepherd. To help cut down on her commuting during the winter, Bev and Ron rented a house in Regina from November to April from 1995 – 2000 until they moved into their own house in the spring of 2000. The transition from farm to city took a little getting used to, however, she has discovered some of the perks of city living but still misses being on the farm. Bev spends a lot of her free time with all of her grandchildren, from having sleepovers to afternoon play dates.

**Darla** finished elementary school in Riceton and graduated from grade 12 at Milestone in 1984. She obtained her Bachelor of Education degree in May 1989 with her first teaching position back at home at the Riceton Elementary School. In July 1989, she married Patrick Yee who also received his Bachelor of Education degree. After they were married, Pat moved to Carnduff with teaching positions both in Carnduff and in Gainsborough. Darla moved there with him after her contract was up with Riceton and continued teaching at Oxbow and Carnduff. Their daughter Randi was born in Carnduff in May 1993 at which point Pat had accepted the position of Vice-Principal at the Indian Head Elementary School and the newly started family packed up and moved to Indian Head, where they still reside. Darla started a second career there and worked at the Golden Prairie Nursing Home and received her Home Care Special Care Aide Certificate. In March 1996 Pat and Darla welcomed their son, Adam David. Darla also worked at the Little Rascal's Daycare and did some substitute teaching for grades K-12 around the Indian Head area. Pat also kept extremely busy and received his Master's of Education in April 2002. Currently, Darla is teaching the Preschool/ Kindergarten class at the Nakoda Oyade Education Centre that is on the Carry the Kettle Reserve near Sinaluta and Pat is the Principal at the Elementary School in Indian Head. Darla and Pat lead a very busy family life and offer their children the opportunities to join any extracurricular activities that they are interested in which includes dancing, skating, piano, hockey, soccer, baseball and swimming.

**Blayne** finished his elementary school at Riceton and graduated from grade 12 at Milestone in 1987. During high school he stayed involved with the

Scouts and Ventures Group and then moved on to be one of the Assistant Leaders for the Cubs Group. Right after graduation, Blayne moved to Saskatoon to attend Kelsey and achieved his Ag Mechanical Technician Certificate. Between his two years of education, he moved back to the farm at Riceton and worked as a Mechanic's Assistant at Weyburn Agro – Case Dealership during the summer of 1988. After Blayne completed his second year, he returned to Regina and started working at Watson Tractor as a John Deere mechanic for 7 years. During that time, he returned to Saskatoon to get his 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Apprenticeship. In the spring of 1996, Blayne decided to take some time off from Watson Tractor and dedicated his time to farming and then started working at Partners in Technologies Inc. (PTI) in November. He started as a Metal Scrapper however, shortly after starting this position he was asked to join the team in welding transformer tanks. In November 2002, Blayne went back to school to get his Welding Supervisor's Ticket and is still currently working at PTI. Always trying to stay active, Blayne has tried many different activities which included bowling in the SaskTel Bowling League for the past 11 years, and playing badminton at the Leisure Center during the winter and baseball and beach volleyball during the summer. He also tries to find time every year to go camping with friends. Blayne is currently living on the farm that was purchased from Walter Reich.

**Wade** finished elementary school in Riceton and graduated from grade 12 in Milestone in 1988. During high school he was very involved with the local Scouts and Ventures Group and was honored to receive the Chief Scout Award in 1985 and accepted the award from Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan, Fred Johnson. Right after high school he worked at Wheaton Chev Olds in Regina as a mechanic and he proceeded to Kelsey in Saskatoon and achieved his 2<sup>nd</sup> year Automotive Mechanics Certificate. Wade came back to Regina and worked at Accent Tire, and then secured a position at the Milestone Esso where he worked and later owned. Running the seed cleaning plant at Sedley Seeds was the last position that he accepted before moving to Calgary to attend DeVry Institute. Near the end of his time at DeVry, he was given the opportunity to finish up the last 3 months of his education in Phoenix, AZ where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Operations in 1995. Wade came back to Saskatchewan and worked in the plant at Best Cooking Pulses (BCP) in Rowatt. He then took the winter off and worked up north as a mechanic for the Seismic machinery and

then came back to BCP to run the plant. To broaden his work experience even more, Wade headed back to Calgary to obtain his Class 1A trucking license and worked for the Two Amigo's moving company. In April 1999 Wade moved back to Saskatchewan as he accepted the Assistant Manager's position, and later was promoted to Manager, back at BCP. In September 1999, he met Jacqueline Reid who had worked at Southland Transportation in Calgary as their Charter Coordinator. Upon moving to Saskatchewan, Jackie had worked at RBC Dominion Securities in Regina and then at Danka as a Customer Service Agent until their son Dustin John was born in July 2000. Wade and Jackie moved out to the family farm in the spring and started making it their home with their new family. They were married in October 2000, and were blessed with a daughter, Emmaline May in July 2002 and another son, Tyler Reid in September 2003. Jackie is extremely happy being a stay-at-home mom and loves every minute of it. Wade is currently the Manager at a local seed processing plant and farms with his dad when he can and is heavily involved during the busy seasons of farming. Wade and Jackie's children keep them very busy and will likely get even busier in the future with their oldest starting Kindergarten this fall.

**Janelle** finished her elementary school in Riceton and attended Milestone for grades 7 – 10. She finished her high school years at Luther College and had a chance to experience dorm life and graduated grade 12 in 1994. In the fall of 1994, she completed two Graphics Design courses at the University of Regina and started at SIAST the following January and obtained her Drafting Certificate in the spring of 1996. Janelle worked as a Sales Associate at Cotton Ginny that same year and then as a Management Trainee at Weekend Edition. During the spring of 1999, Janelle worked at the Little Rascal's Daycare in Indian Head and continued her education that fall and returned back to SIAST and started to work towards her Business Administration Certificate. During the spring of 2000, Janelle moved into Regina and settled into city life very easily and accepted a part-time position at the Royal Bank Data Entry Centre in the Student Loans Department. In October 2000, Janelle was offered one of the first positions as a Sales Associate at the future Staples Business Delivery Call Centre that was opening in Regina where she still currently works. Within the last 5 years of working there, she has had many opportunities and was promoted to Customer

Service Associate and then as Associate Trainer, a job that suits her and that she loves. During this time, Janelle also discovered a love for travel while traveling to Portland, OR in 2001 and then toured PEI in 2004 with future trips already being planned. She is also finishing up her Business Admin Certificate by taking night classes.

### **Van de Kamp, Kay** pg 585 (by Brenda Becker)

Kathleen (Kay) resides in a suite at the Colonel Belcher Senior Residence in Calgary. She keeps busy with many planned activities and spending her time with Brenda, Adolf, Eric and Tyler.

**Brenda** (Becker) retired from teaching June 2002 after many years with the Calgary Board of Education. She has enjoyed traveling, playing golf and organizing family activities. However, she resumed teaching in 2004 while anticipating her husband's retirement. Adolf finally retired March 2005 and they hope to both stay retired and do more golfing and traveling. Eric graduated from Simon Fraser University and is working in Calgary. Tyler graduated from the University of Calgary and also works in Calgary. It is so nice to have everyone in the same city.

**Penny** (Goodson) died in July 2000. Her daughters Caroline and Laura are busy with their careers but keep in close contact with Brenda. Caroline graduated from Columbia University with her PhD and enjoys working in many parts of the world as an Art Historian. Laura graduated from the University of Austin and is a lawyer for a law firm in Houston.

### **Varjassy, Joe and Emily**

The Varjassy family moved to the Riceton area in the spring of 1985. Joe and Emily and her 4 boys - the Lafontaine boys - relocated from Regina to establish the aerial application business in the area. Joe had been conducting his business in Regina previous to this. Joe's children joined the family every summer and every holiday after that.

The 72-acre farm is located on the original Rice farm, ¼ mile south of town. When they moved there it was a very vibrant active community. The boys were involved in hockey, Boy Scouts of Canada, 4-H and ball teams all in the Riceton/Gray area.

All the children have moved on to fulfill their careers and family commitments. **Shannon** Varjassy lives

in California and works as a risk manager with PG and E, with husband Bill Hurst who is a computer engineer and daughter Jorden who is in high school. **Ryan** lives in Regina and has been driving semi-truck for the past 10 years extensively in the U.S. and is planning to get married this year to Kim. **Josh** is living in Regina with Nicole Church and is planning to go to school this fall in Prince Albert to complete his welding course. His daughter Mikaela lives in Regina also with her mom. **Eliaja** and his wife Angie live in Swift Current. They are expecting their first child this August. Eliaja works at SaskTel and Angie is a physiotherapist at the Swift Current Hospital. **Isaac** and wife Sarah live in Port Coquitlam, BC with their 2 boys Carter and Jeremiah. Isaac is a letter carrier with Canada Post and Sarah is studying marketing.

Joe and Emily enjoy their four grandchildren very much and are happy to spend time with them whenever they can. Joe continues to conduct his aerial application business from the Riceton home. Emily continues to work as a registered nurse in Regina, with the Regina Qu'Appelle health region and has worked and commuted for 15 years now. She has also enjoyed some contract nursing in Florida for the winter months and both Joe and Emily have enjoyed spending the past 5 years of winter there.

### **Wahl, Kevin and Val** pg 586

There have been many changes in our lives since 1984. I will begin with the lives of our children.

**Tyler** (March 3, 1978) attended grades 1 to 6 in Gray, and grades 7 – 12 in Regina. In grades 7 and 8, she played school volleyball (winning City B championship one year) and continued with dancing and figure skating. In high school, she joined choir, continued dancing and was involved in the school musicals. After some fast food restaurant and waitress jobs in Regina, she took the Office Education course at SIAST and began working at Crown Life in 1999. She is currently a U.S. Annuities Specialist with Canada Life/Great-West Life. She married Mauricio Jara June 4, 2005. Mauricio is a U.S. Customer Care Rep with Canada Life/Great-West Life and enjoys playing soccer and biking. They have purchased a house in Regina.



Kyle, Ryan and Tara, Mauricio and Tyler, Shylo, Val and Kevin

**Ryan** (November 8, 1979) went to Kindergarten in Riceton, grades 1 to 6 in Gray and grades 7 to 12 in Regina. He took figure and power skating and played hockey in Gray and Regina. He also played hardball and took guitar lessons. Hockey was his main interest throughout school, playing on the school team as well as the Parks League. He also played one year with the Pilot Butte Bantam "B" team. In high school, he played doubles badminton and he and Colin Ford won the Boy's Double's City Championship in grade 11 (1996). He took one and a half years of Engineering at the University of Regina, but then switched to Machining at SIAST in 2001. After graduating from the course, he began working at Summit Custom Machining Ltd. in Regina. In December 2004, he became a Journeyman Machinist and still works at Summit. He married Tara Chevrier July 3, 2004. Tara recently graduated from the Office Education Program at SIAST in Regina, works evenings as a Customer Service Representative for Staples and is job-hunting. They purchased a home in Regina in 2003 and currently reside there. They enjoy camping, and Ryan still enjoys playing hockey and golf and helping with the farming.

**Kyle** (May 19, 1983) also attended Kindergarten in Riceton, grades 1 to 6 in Gray, and 7 to 12 in Regina. He took figure and power skating and played hockey in Gray and Regina. He also played hardball. He enjoys BMX biking, skateboarding and soccer, but hockey was also his main interest, playing on school and Parks League teams. He received the MVP award for soccer and hockey in grade 12. Since graduating he has worked at numerous jobs and will be attending SIAST in September 2005 to take Welding. He currently lives in Regina with friends. He also likes golfing and helps with the farming.

**Shylo Irene Marie** (September 11, 1985) attended Kindergarten in Riceton and grades 1 to 4 in Gray. grades 5 to 12 were in Regina because we moved from Gray in 1995. She also took figure skating, one year of dancing and played hockey for 1 year in Regina. She was the Valedictorian for her grade 8 graduation. She played school volleyball and basketball from grade 6 up to grade 12 and played soccer and softball in a Parks League. In high school she was also in the choir and performed in Poco Loco (a dance production). In the summer of 2003, she began working at the Cinema 6 Drive-in and then continued working for the same people in the fall at Rainbow Cinemas in Regina. Summer 2004 she also worked for Maximum Potential Rehab Inc. (a physiotherapy clinic) as a Physical Therapy Assistant. In September 2003, she started at SIAST in Moose Jaw and on April 30, 2005, graduated with a Business Administration Diploma in Financial Services. She will continue working at Rainbow Cinemas, but has no specific plans for her future. She is currently living at home.

In 1987 we bought a quarter section of land northeast of Estlin. We still farm that quarter today. In 1992 we bought another quarter 3 km south and 1 km east of Regina. In 1994 we started the yard site by planting trees and building a shed and in 1995 we built our house with the help of David Moats. We also farm this quarter (when it's not under water) and rent some of the land that the Cinema 6 Drive-in is on (sometimes).

I stayed home to raise the kids until 1995. While at home, I did the books for the Gray School Division #101, was a substitute bus driver for the Gray to Regina route for 3 years and also had a bus route for Riceton School for a year. I did childcare for years and also ran a government-approved daycare out of my home for a few years. I was ready to go "back" to work in 1994. I began work at SIAST part-time in 1994 and then in 1995 at the Co-op Refinery/Upgrader Complex part-time in Data Entry. After several jobs there over the years, I am now permanent as a Clerk Typist in the Inspection Department. I continued to play Ladies Fastball in Regina for a few years after playing with the Estlin 306's and the Riceton Blues, but preferred to take in the kids' activities instead. Presently, I am playing volleyball once a week. I still love gardening and starting a new farmyard has taken up a lot of our time.

Kevin is in his 30<sup>th</sup> year at the Co-op Refinery Upgrader Complex and is now a Lab Technician I. He runs the “knock engine” testing the octane and cetane ratings of fuels. He still plays hockey with the Gray “Oldtimers”. Farming is his 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time job.

We enjoy traveling and have been to Disneyland, Niagara Falls, family reunions in Illinois to visit Mom’s relatives (Greuel), to Scotland and England to visit Dad’s relatives, to Jamaica, Hawaii and Cancun to relax and to San Antonio, TX. We have also been on several winter ski trips, but the “hot” winter trips are becoming more appealing. We spend many weekends at family grads, weddings, 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and birthday parties. We love camping and spend most summer holidays parked at Rowan’s Ravine Provincial Park. We have been going there every summer for 20 years and have camped with Randy and Louise Wallin (Kevin’s sister) and their family almost every one of those years. We finally bought a boat a few years ago (‘cause Randy sold his!) and we all love boating and all of us are skiers!

Family get-togethers (counting us, there are 84 “Wahls” and 26 “Fowlers”) haven’t been quite the same since the loss of my mom (Irene) in 1987, my sister, Patti and Uncle Pete in 1991, Kevin’s mom, Barbara, in 1998, and our nephew, Kortney, in 2003, but we still love being together as much as possible. Kevin especially misses the rousing card games we used to have with Mom. One was as bad as the other at teasing (cheating)! I miss my late night Scrabble games with Mom. We used to start playing at midnight or so when Mom would come home from catering a banquet. We try to visit our Dads as much as possible; Willard Wahl on the farm near Yellow Grass and Walter Fowler in Weyburn.

Our farming backgrounds have led us back to farm life. Even though our farm life is a lot different than the farms we were raised on, and we both have full time jobs, we still feel a sense of pride in doing what our ancestors did to make a living.

### **Wallace, Warren** pg 246

In 1985 I bought the old Kelly house. I married Monica Faber in 1987, and Brandon was born. He is going to Air Cadets for the 5<sup>th</sup> year and hoping to get his pilot’s license. Connor was born in 1993. He enjoys snowboarding, soccer and scouts. I bought a milk delivery business in 1993 and did that for a

couple of years. At present I am divorced and living in Gray and am employed at Wappel Construction operating Heavy Equipment as well as working in Estevan and Northern Alberta in the oil patch. I have also installed carpet and linoleum and built basements.

Before I left Calgary in 1982 I took a Mountain Climb and Winter Survival class at Mount Royal College and did a one-day climb. As soon as I moved from Calgary skiing became interesting. I was a ski patroller for a few years and am now a certified skiing coach and have been doing this for the last five years. I have also volunteered as a Motorcycle safety instructor.

### **Webster, Carl and Irene** pg 251

Carl and Irene Webster continued to live on the Webster homestead taking great pleasure in keeping up one of the most beautiful yards, known for its well-manicured lawns and spacious flowerbeds. In 1987 they moved to Regina and in 1989, Irene passed away at age 91. Carl married Edith Frisk in August 1990. He passed away September 1992 at age 94. Their grandson, Neil Webster, inherited the homestead and sold the yard as an acreage.

**Harvie** and Pauline Webster have continued to live at and also farm the place they call their family farm. They loved to travel and in the fall of 1984, they spent a month driving through the Eastern and Maritime provinces. They took a tour of Australia and New Zealand in 1980 and enjoyed the country and people so much that in 1985, they decided to spend the winter there. It was a wonderful experience.



Harvie and Pauline

Harvie and Pauline spent many winters in the southern states, mostly in Florida. They became addicted to the game of duplicate bridge and in order to attain their life master status they participated in tournaments that took them to many of the major cities of Canada and the U.S. and also Mexico City and Acapulco.

In 1996, they moved to Regina after purchasing a condo at Lakeview Manor. They have 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are kept busy attending all of their activities. Harvie still enjoys helping out at the farm.

Their oldest daughter, Carol Conley, lives in Saskatoon with her husband, Neil, and youngest son, Sean. Neil and Carol have lived in Saskatoon since 1974. Carol taught nursing at SIAST for 25 years before retiring. Neil's business activities have led to managing an advertising company in Saskatoon that he continues to enjoy. They have three sons. Christopher (April 18, 1977) is married to Candace and they have a beautiful two-year old daughter, Aria. Chris is a professional engineer with a Saskatoon firm and Candace is an elementary school teacher. Mathew (November 14, 1981) is married to Amanda and they have a delightful 18-month old son, Alexander. Mathew teaches grade four French Immersion in North Battleford, SK. Amanda graduated in June 2005 from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Arts (History major). Sean (August 11, 1987) graduates in June 2005 from high school and will begin study in September 2005 at the University of Saskatchewan. He plans to continue his interest in drama and acting.

Their second daughter, Gail Fry, and her husband, Larry, lived in La Ronge until 1986 before moving to Saskatoon for a year. In 1987, they moved to Regina taking positions at Luther College High School where they continue to teach. Gail is a guidance counsellor and is also teaching choral and mathematics while Larry is the school chaplain and a Christian Ethics teacher. Since 1990, Gail has been the producer for the renowned Luther College Broadway musicals that have become a highlight and a tradition for the school. Since having Michael (February 25, 1983) they had two more children,



Johanna, Gail, Robert, Larry and Michael Fry

Johanna (November 12, 1985), and Robert (July 30, 1988). Both Michael and Johanna, upon graduation from Luther College High School, continued their education at the University of Regina. Michael graduated in June 2005 with a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance and will begin graduate studies at the University of Ottawa in the fall of 2005. Johanna is entering her third year in the Bachelor of

Administration Program. Robert will be completing grade 12 at Luther during the 2005-06 school year. Larry and Gail have enjoyed watching and being a part of their children's activities. All three children were highly involved in music and sports, the boys particularly in high school basketball and Johanna in baton twirling where for three years she was a member of the Canadian World Baton Twirling Team.



Neil Webster

Their youngest child, Neil Webster, is currently living on the family farm and is farming with his father's help. Neil has been involved with the Naval Reserve since the winter of 1979 that keeps him busy during the winter. He goes out to the East and West Coasts serving on the maritime Coastal Defense Vessels as an Engineering Officer of the Watch. Neil was a Navy Ship's Diver and is currently the Unit General Safety Officer and Environment Officer. For the past 8 years, Neil has been the chairman of the Sherwood Conservation and Development Area Authority. This organization has been working on providing a drainage ditch for the area and will start construction in the fall of 2005.

### Wiebe, Howard and Penny pg 1033

Having moved to Riceton in 1982, our family got down to the business of settling into the life of the community. In 1985 our number grew by one when **Marjorie** was born. All the children attended school in Riceton. **Curtis, Charles, Geoffrey** and **Angela** completed grade 6 there and then went to Milestone for grades 7 to 12. Marjorie was in grade 4 and part of the last class of Riceton School when it closed in 1995. She completed high school in 2003.

Now, in 2005, it's only Howard and Penny living in the house on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and all the children live in the city of Regina. The family has grown and when they come home for Christmas dinner or any other celebration, we set 15 plates on the table. We have benefited from living here and learned to love the community and the beautiful surroundings. We have been involved in various activities, helping to keep Riceton alive in the face of many pressures

that challenge rural Saskatchewan. Every one of us appreciates this place and is happy to call it “home”.

### **Winter, Don and Donnette**

Don (October 18, 1962) and Donnette (March 19, 1969) married December 4, 1993. We moved to Gray the summer of 1999 (June) with our two son's Ryley (March 11, 1995) and Nigel (April 4, 1996).

We'll always remember how friendly Jesse and Edith Bratt were that spring day we knocked on their door.

We had just been out for a drive with the kids and found ourselves sitting in front of their home in Gray. The home had 'curb' appeal to us, and the town looked so small and cozy. (Plus there was a school!) Don and I decided we would see if anyone was home and ask what the 'price tag' was. Jesse Bratt greeted us with open arms and both he and Edith insisted we take a tour right then and there.

From the first moment we stepped into their home, I felt like I was at home! The Bratt's reminded me so much of my own family/relatives with their welcoming ways and mannerisms. It was the most spontaneous purchase we have ever made together!

Our families thought we were crazy because we had just recently bought a home in Regina and had lived there for less than two years.

Don currently works for the Leader Post as a Crew Chief in the Pressroom. He has been employed there for about 20 years now. He is the true definition of a handyman, always able to do most things himself when it comes to repairs and/or renovation. His electrical schooling has come in handy many times. He generally keeps to himself and doesn't usually like to venture too far from home. Since our move to Gray, Don has joined the Rink Board, done some refereeing with the children's hockey games, periodically played hockey with the Screaming O's, as well as other community activities. This has been great for our boys to see!

I (Donnette) have always been community orientated and dove right in to volunteering my services whenever and wherever I could. I was a member of various parent committees as well as the Gray School Board for a term. I am currently employed by Canada Life/Great-West Life as a corporate trainer in their Group Health and Dental Operations. My volunteering services have slowed down in the past year with the launch of another home based business. I call it *Knowledge Quest* and it keeps me busy developing and training soft-skill programs on

the side. I am a committed life long learner and have been taking various university classes working towards a designation in the field of adult continued education, training, development, and human resources, and I will be finally finished this upcoming spring! Above all, my favourite times are those spent with my family and friends, most of all my children!

Ryley and Nigel were only 4 and 3 years old when we moved to Gray. I had a different home-based business at that time, so thankfully, I was able to be at home with them until they started elementary school. The boys started Pre-School in the fall at the Gray Goose Day Care, and I can't say how impressed I was with both Mynra Mossing and Loree Moyse. Our children were in good hands!

Our boys are both going to Gray School, having gone there from kindergarten on. Being in a teaching profession myself, I am very pleased with their progress. The best attribution Gray School has always given our family is a loving environment that provides both a safe and friendly learning atmosphere. I had seriously contemplated home schooling my children, and have found that they are currently receiving the best of both worlds by sending them to Gray School.

**Ryley** is an ordinary 10-year-old with an extraordinary interest in hockey. From as early as his diaper years he was content watching an entire hockey game on TV. At the early age of 4 he would take the local Leader Post and find the sports section by the small logos printed along side the scores. He knew his numbers and would identify who won what game(s) that were played the night before. He enjoys all other sports as well, but his true love is hockey.

**Nigel** is the most patient little man I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. At the ripe age of 9 he has developed a strong interest in photography and writing. He enjoys playing hockey like his older brother, however is quit content with the socializing aspect the sport provides. He has never lost sleep over a game lost, dwelling on what he could do differently next time. He has declared that Bruce Gooding will employ him one day to drive his tractor.

Over the past 6 years we have watched our boys while they grow into fine young gentlemen. We have had our ups and downs while we've been here, however the good by far outweigh the bad. We

have made some great friendships and have some wonderful neighbours surrounding us.

I am a country girl at heart and love my country home in Gray!

### **Wozney, Chris and Paula** pg 589

Chris Wozney and Paula Moon (of Lang, daughter of Terry and Judy Moon) both graduated from Milestone High School. They married in 1994.

Chris worked at Best Cooking Pulses (Rowatt) from 1992 until 1999 as Plant Foreman. In 2000 Chris began working at Brandt Engineered Products, starting as Training Technician for the Rail Road Unit and other machines. In 2003 he began his apprenticeship in Industrial Mechanics (Millright) with Brandt. He alternated classes with work, and in June 2005 Chris received his Journeyman's Certificate in Industrial Mechanics.

Paula received a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology in 1996. In 1997 she took a position with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Saskatchewan Division, as Director of Client Services, working with families affected by MS.

Chris and Paula have two wonderful sons, **Aiden** Christopher (2001) and **Andrew** Paul (2004). Paula is currently enjoying maternity leave with the boys. Parenting has proved to be a very rewarding experience. Aiden loves riding his bike, swimming, gymnastics and keeping busy in general. Andrew is crawling and well on his way to being a busy boy too! Chris, Paula, Aiden and Andrew reside in Pilot Butte.

### **Wozney, Leonard and Joyce (Kenyon)** pg 588

Leonard and Joyce are still living on the farm at Gray where they built their home and farm the land that Tom and Annie farmed. They raised their family in the same house Leonard was raised in until 1985 when they moved into the house they built where they enjoyed the modern conveniences of indoor plumbing, in particular the flush toilet and not the outdoor privy, as well as the warmth of central heating instead of a space heater on the main and none on the second floor.

Leonard grew up in the Gray area, attended Gray school and Milestone in grade 12. Leonard was a member of the Grain and Tractor 4-H Club at Riceton for a number of years. He played ball with

the Gray Gophers and curled in the Gray Rink as well as many bonspiels in the area and Regina for many years. He was on a team that won the high school district playoffs at Lumsden and from there to Moose Jaw for the southern playoffs. Leonard is presently a member of the Hall Board and has been since 1977 (we think). Joyce is also on the Hall Board and was the treasurer for many years.

Joyce (Kenyon, daughter of Andrew and Lilly Kenyon of Milestone) attended elementary school at McCoy (a one room school in the Milestone District) and graduated from school at Milestone. She enjoyed curling in the Gray Rink and was treasurer of the Ladies Curling Club as well as being on the prize committee. She played ball with the 306's for many years (one of the original players) and was treasurer of the ball club.



Paula, Keith, Rob, Mandi, Leonard, Joyce, Alyssa. Chris (holding Aiden) in front

Their sons **Rob** and **Chris** attended school in Milestone where Chris graduated. Rob went to Balfour Technical School in Regina for grades 11 and 12. They both played hockey in the Gray Rink.

Rob and Chris both enjoyed the Scouting Program. They started in Milestone, Rob in Cubs and Chris in Beavers. When Scouting got started in Gray they were both in Scouts, Rob was also a Venture. Chris received the Chief Scouts Award (the top award given to a scout presented by the Governor General of Canada). Leonard and Joyce were both involved as well. Leonard was the Treasurer from the beginning and on the group committee for as long as it was in Gray. Joyce was an assistant adviser with Larry Levsen as the adviser for the first Gray Ventures. As a very active group, Rob, Chris and Joyce enjoyed the many trips; canoeing,

backpacking, sailing and much, much more. The major fund raising projects were bottle drives. Most of the time the bottles were brought to the Wozney farm for sorting. All glass bottles had to be sorted by company and size and they had to be delivered to those individual places (Coke products to the Coca Cola company and Pepsi to that company and so on). Both Rob and Chris enjoyed the Sask. Scout camps; Cypress Hills (Wilderness Rendezvous - compass and backpacking) and Good Spirit Lake (a canoe camp). Their group received the Armory Adventure Award (given to one group in Canada per year) in 1988 for developing a plan for a new Scout camp at Kenosee that involved hiking and canoeing. The camp was actually set up and used annually by the Scouts in the province and is still being used today as an annual Scout camp. They also received the Sask. Voyageur Award along with 26 other companions for the same trip through the waterways of Kenosee in 1987. The trip was later named the Walk-A-Canoe Trip because there was such low water they carried the canoes more than they paddled them.

Rob and Chris both worked during their high school years at the Riceton Co-op on weekends and holidays. Chris also worked at the Milestone Esso Service Station. Both Rob and Chris got jobs after high school and lived at home until they moved on to their future lives.

Joyce took a course in real estate and became a member of the Regina Real Estate Association in 1992 until 2005. She sold real estate in Regina and the surrounding area.

Leonard and Joyce took a very unusual winter holiday in February 2004 driving to the Northwest Territories on the ice roads to visit Joyce's cousin Glenda Bolhken who lives in Norman Wells, NT. The ice roads are only open from January to March 15<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. Once there Glenda and her friend David showed them the country they live in and took them as far as Colville Lake, a settlement north of the Arctic Circle. They experienced a very memorable trip with temperatures below -50F, very rough ice roads with streams flowing over them and in some places washing out part of the roads. They saw herds of caribou and later dined on roast caribou (it was delicious). Their experiences included; playing with the sled dogs (Malamutes) at Colville Lake, viewing very old churches (one built in 1816), breathtaking views, driving on the Mackenzie River knowing that you were within a half mile of open water where the

Great Bear River runs into it. One crossing in particular took them to a base camp for one of the oil companies that had a well about 80km from the camp that was at 200ft above sea level. They drove from the base camp to the 68km mark at 2700ft above sea level on the ice road to the most breathtaking view of the surrounding area including the oilrig below them. The highest point was in the distance at 3000ft. They were in the foothills of the Mackenzie Mountains and viewing the Mackenzie Mt. in the distance, what an awesome sight. They will probably go back again someday. It's hard to imagine another trip as memorable as this one.

Leonard's mom passed away in 2004 and is sadly missed by us all.

We enjoy our family, our sons Rob and Chris, our daughter-in-laws Paula and Mandi and our grandchildren Keith, Alyssa, Aiden and Andrew.

### **Wozney, Rob and Mandi pg 589**

Rob moved to Gray with Khris Johns after they had their son Keith Thomas (1992). In 1994 they had Alyssa Renee. A short time after Alyssa was born their mother left. Rob was left to raise the two kids on his own until he met his wife Mandi (Moorhead) in 2000. They met at a wedding where Mandi was the maid of honour and Alyssa was the flower girl. Rob and Mandi had been dating for two and a half years when Rob proposed Christmas morning. They were married in Regina at the Regina Floral Conservatory April 3, 2003.

Rob went to SIAST from 1994-2000 and received his Journeyman's certificate in auto body. He is currently working at Regina Auto Body. Rob has many favourite pastimes; snowmobiling and dirt biking most of all. When one season ends the next begins - immediately. Rob loves anything with a motor attached and if there is something without a motor he tries to figure out a way to put one on!!

Mandi is originally from Milestone, SK. She graduated from Milestone High School in 1997. Mandi moved to Gray with Rob, Keith and Alyssa around 2002 and took on her new family with no hesitation. Mandi's grandmother, Loraine McCrystal (Goodman) was originally from a farm near Estlin. She was raised there along with her brother and sisters. She then raised her two oldest children there until they moved to her parent's farm in Milestone and raised six more children.

**Keith** enjoys many of the same things his dad does; dirt biking and snowmobiling. He just recently joined the Army Cadets in March of 2005. He really enjoys the camping trips and looks very handsome in his uniform. Over the years he has played hockey, soccer and baseball. He was also involved in the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club. 2005 is his last year in Gray School and he will now continue his education in Milestone. He will even have some of the same teachers his dad and Mandi did!

**Alyssa** has proven to be quite the little singer. She started piano and voice lessons in Milestone at age 8. Her teacher is Penny Peterson Renwick. Alyssa also joined the Milestone United Church Choir at age nine. She is also involved in 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club. Her group built snow shelters and she was proud to be the one to stay out the longest in her group on a very cold winter night. She also loves hockey, soccer and baseball. Most of all she loves reading, playing with friends and her huge stuffed animal collection!

#### **Yeo, Fred and Dale (Husband) pg 485**

Fred and Dale farmed two miles northwest of Gray until Fred passed away in 1992.

Dale moved to Regina for a short time and returned to the farm near Gray, where her hobby of horses keeps her busy.

**Debbie** and Doug Bowen have two children, Amanda and Cole and reside in Lloydminster.

**Guy** married Mary (Marris) from the Moose Jaw area. They moved to Manitoba where they had two girls Sarah and Emma. Guy returned to farm (long distance) when his father died and decided to move to the home farm, where they lived until Guy's untimely accident in July 1997. Mary and girls now live in Regina.

**Fred Jr.** married Angie (Devers). They have two girls; McKenzie and Samantha and reside in Austin, TX.

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