

# **CALLING LAKE**

# Ellefson Family

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## The History

Slim, Laura, Linda and Wendy arrived in Calling Lake in 1955. After selling the mill in 1966, they bought a house in Edmonton a few blocks from Holyrood Mennonite Church. Slim and Wendy attended the U of A, Slim in Education, while Wendy started out in Science and switched to Education. Linda first worked at a music studio then went into the Science program majoring first in Botany, then in Horticulture. Laura took on a job at Sears in the receiving department.

In the fall of '67 Slim began teaching first for Northland Vocational School in Grouard, followed by the High Prairie School Division. When the opportunity arose, he began teaching upgrading classes for adults at Grouard, specializing in math. During these years, Laura and Slim also farmed at Driftpile.

After graduation, Linda married Brian Smith and moved to Thompson, MB. There Brian worked as a geologist in a nickel mine, while Linda worked part-time until the arrival of her two children, Angela and Robin. They moved back to Edmonton in '75, where Linda started her own cleaning business, "Team Clean." She and Brian later divorced. In '85 Linda and kids moved to L.A. where she lived and worked with children for 17 years. In '02 she spent 7 months in Duncan, BC with Laura, then moved to Clearwater, FL near her daughter Angela, and her family (husband Ron, children Dorian, Fabian,



Taliya, and Dante). She ran a home-school for a while, but now does editing work for two writers and a small newspaper. She also keeps busy with painting, landscaping, house-sitting, souvenir-selling, and "grandma stuff." Her son Robin, with his wife Cynthia, and their children Athena, Orion, Aristotle and Odysseus live in Kansas City, Missouri.

Wendy married Gerry Martin, teaching 1st grade in Wabamun while Gerry finished his B.Com. After moving to Duchess, AB, she taught for several more years, taking time out to have her children: Brendan, Travis, Tyler, and Lindsay. Gerry was busy running the John Deere dealership in Brooks. Both were busy with many child-oriented activities (hockey!). Wendy was a substitute teacher for many years, only recently retiring in favour of various church activities, yard beautification, and on-call gophering for Gerry's new farming career.

Brendan lives in Bassano, where he works at the John Deere dealership. Travis married Christy

Lowrance in '01, and they live in Calgary. Travis works for Air Canada shipping exotic goods, and Christy is a student at U of C. Tyler lives in Calgary and also works at Air Canada as a station attendant. Lindsay married Matthew Griener in '01, and they live in Edmonton. Matt works as a youth pastor in the Lutheran church, while Lindsay coordinates a psycholin-

guistic research lab at the U of A. They will be shortly moving to Saskatoon where Matt will attend Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Slim and Laura moved to Duncan in June '96. Slim suffered many small strokes starting in '95 before passing on in November of '98. He had been in hospital for 7 months. Laura has a condo on the fringe of downtown Duncan, and keeps busy with the church of the Nazarene congregation. She also sings with the senior choir, bowls, and enthusiastically canvasses local garage sales.





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I served at Calling Lake during the summer of 1956.  
Life Summary since Calling Lake.

I had taught in a one room rural school in Iowa one year prior to coming to Calling Lake.  
I continued to teach at this school two more years. 1955-58

June 11, 1957 I married Mary Jane Shetler. God blessed us with four sons, and each one had a sister. They are as follows:

Marcus - married Beth Peachey, have two children - He teaches history and social studies at Iowa Mennonite High School and coaches soccer. Beth is a pastor.

Anthony (Tony) married Diane Hochstetler - three children - He teaches fifth grade, and she teaches 2nd grade, both in the public school.

Cheryl - married Tobin Miller Shearer - two children - She is a nurse at Northwestern Uni. Med. Clinic in Chicago, and he is a grad (PHD) candidate at Northwestern University.

Edwin - married Sue Stamm - 2 children - He is employed by the Lancaster Co. Library, and she cooks at a Day Care at Akron Mennonite. He served with MCC at El Salvador, Honduras, and Akron.

Timothy - married Tonya Stoltzfus, - two children | They both teach at Osolo Elementary, at Elkhart, IN.

1958 - 60 - Took a break from teaching; finished my college at Eastern Mennonite College.

1960-63 - Moved to Nampa, Idaho. Taught grades 5-8 at Nampa Mennonite School.

1963-65 - Taught at the Nampa Public School in Idaho.

1965- Summer - attended Uni. Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO.

1965 - Moved back to Kalona, Iowa.

1965 - 69 - Taught 8th & 7th grades at Washington Twp.. School, Mid-Prairie District.

1969 - Received masters degree in elementary administration at Uni. of Iowa. Iowa City.

1969-73 - moved to Amana, Iowa. Elementary Principal Amana Comm. Sch. Dist.

1973 - Purchased small farm (80 Acres) near Wellman, IA.

1973- 1995 - Elem. Principal at Mid-Prairie Community School District.

1990- Sold farm and moved to Wellman.

1991 - Traveled to El Salvador to visit son and dau. in law. for three weeks.

1995 - Retired after 12 yrs in class room, and 26 years as a principal.

1995 - 96 - Compiled Miller Family History and Descendants Henry B. Miller (paternal grandpa.)

-1996 - January, February, March - served in VS at Jubilee Partners, Comer, GA

1996 - April, May, & June - in VS at Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville, NY.

Aug. 1996 - Sept. 1997- served as Host and Hostess at International Guesthouse in Washington, DC.

1997 - November - Toured Israel & Jordan - Mennonite Your Way Tour

1998 - Wrote "Miller Family History and Descendants of Levi J. Miller. maternal grandpa.

1998 - Visited son and family in Honduras for three weeks.

1998 - Moved from Wellman to Kalona

2000- Feb. March April - Served at Int. Guesthouse, Wash. DC

2000 - Sept. Anabaptist Tour- Menn. Your Way - Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Germany ( Passion Play at Oberammargua)

Since 1998 I have been kept busy doing some tour guide work; repairing sewing machines, mostly for Crowded Closet; some wood working; editing church paper; traveling; visiting family; and many other things to numerous to mention.

LEO AND BONNIE JANTZI  
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Served at Calling Lake from fall of 1957 to fall of 1959 with our first child Julie.  
Our second child Joe, was born in 1958.

Lived in Oregon from fall of 1959 to fall of 1961 with time spent at Sandy Lake in summer of 1961. Our third child, Jill was born in 1960.

We lived and Leo went to Bible Institute in Kitchener, Ontario from fall of 1961 to spring of 1964. Our fourth and fifth children, Kathy and Kerry were born in 1962.

Moved to Calling Lake in summer of 1964 and lived for one year in "Beatrice Ellison's" house while Leo ran Moosehorn Market and was pastor of Calling Lake Mennonite Church. We bought and lived in Ray Brubaker's house until fall of 1970. Leo worked for Calling Lake Logging Co-op and for the Government of Alberta as a loans officer for Alberta Housing. Our sixth child, Beth was born in 1966 and seventh child, Todd was born in 1967.

Moved to Slave Lake, Alberta in fall of 1970 and Leo continued to work for Alberta Housing and other Government agencies until winter of 1972 when Aspen Building Enterprise was formed with Harvey Burkholder and Lloyd Miller. We build many houses and developed a subdivision. Later we started a real estate agency in conjunction with building. Around 1974 the building part of the company was sold and Leo and Bonnie kept the real estate agency and bought an insurance agency we named Meetos. We ran that business for 10 years selling it to our son Joe and a partner. Later Joe bought out his partner and ran it himself for many years. While living in Slave Lake we were active in many community activities and attended and were very active in starting and building the Alliance Church.

In 1984 Leo spent the winter in Wabasca, Alberta working in the oil patch for his friend Deny Cardinal, Bonnie kept the home fires burning and did some subbing at the local Jr. high and High school. In the spring she followed Leo to Wabasca and helped Deny develop an office system. On the weekends we would come back to Slave Lake and spend time at our house at the Lake. Deny shut down his business in the bush after Christmas of 1986. Leo did a remodeling job (Alvin and Elaine Hershberger's at Calling Lake) and built a house in the spring and summer.

A call came in the winter of 1987 from Dave Hubert in Edmonton to come to the City and be part of a new MCC project called Housing Development. We accepted and moved to Edmonton July. Leo ran a remodeling and training project with native and immigrant people. They renovated old houses for the City. Later Edmonton Recycling Society was formed and Leo became plant manager. All this time Bonnie was Dave Hubert's secretary and office manager.



Leo's job ended in the winter of 1995 and Bonnie kept working until summer of 1995. Working for MCC was a rewarding experience.

We answered an add in the Mennonite for an assistant maintenance person at Western Mennonite School in Salem Oregon in a voluntary position. We were accepted and made a move there in July of 1995. Leo filled the maintenance position and Bonnie cooked the evening meals three days a week and worked in the office one day. The two years at Western were refreshing and helped to stretch us as we related to the young people. It also gave us opportunity to spend more time with our relatives. Friday Bonnie was free to spend time with her Mother who was in failing health.

Moving back to Edmonton we decided to sell our house that had been rented and try condo living. We bought a bungalow and lived there for 4 years. Later we changed to an apartment condo in the other end of the City (south) where several other Mennonite couples live. It is attached to an Extendacare facility, which may be our next home someday. We are enjoying retirement and keep busy. All of our years in Edmonton (19) we have attended and been active at Holyrood Mennonite Church which is family to us.

We now have 15 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Last year we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Our children are scattered from Vancouver Island to Florida and one in Oregon. One is in Calgary, two in Slave Lake and one in Edmonton.



*Greetings...*

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS!

*Leo, Bonnie & family*

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My VS term began in 1960, March if I recall correctly, and after a very long train ride across the Canadian prairies and an unbelievable drive through axle deep mud we arrived at Calling Lake. Spring and summer were spent at Calling Lake and then in the early fall I flew in to Chipewyan Lake and spent the winter with Fred & Elsie Gingerich, and Juanita. When I returned to the unit at Calling Lake I worked at the Ellison saw mill to support the unit. I did various jobs including driving log truck and cleaning log roads prior to the winter logging.

After returning home, to Smithville, Ohio I worked building poured concrete silos until I was married on May 26, 1962 and 3 days after our wedding we were in Chicago and I was attending DeVry Institute of Technology. My course of study was radio and TV service and communications. I obtained my diploma and my FCC First Class Commercial Radiotelephone license and returned home and started a radio & TV sales and service business.

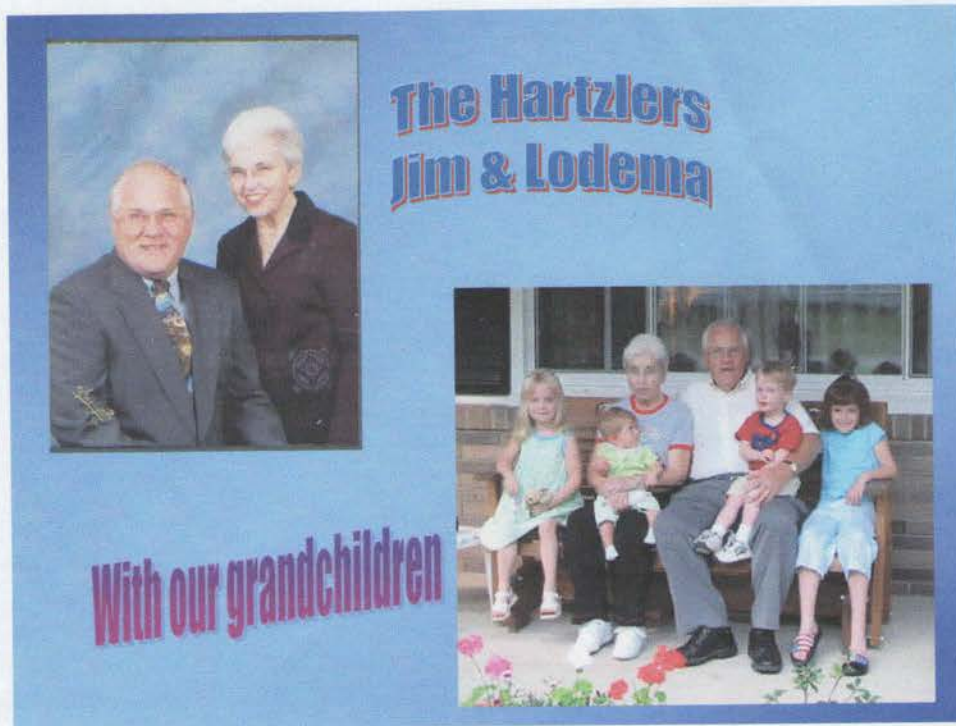
After several years of operating my own business I took a part time job with a commercial radio broadcast station in Canton, Ohio. This soon turned into a full time position and eventually into becoming the Chief engineer. It became evident that if I was to progress in the broadcasting field, which I very much enjoyed, that I would need to move to another location, and that turned into a series of 4 moves over the next 20 years. I was director of engineering for several companies and at one time was in charge of engineering for 9 radio station. In 1994 I was inducted into the Radio Broadcasters Hall of Fame in Akron, Oh, a group which honors persons that have worked in broadcasting in Ohio sometime during their career. In March of 2005 I retired from broadcasting.

The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful wife, Lodema, and we have just passed our 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have with 3 children, now all married, and 4 grandchildren.

Over the years we have been active in church activities in the Mennonite and Grace Brethern churches, and at the present time we attend the Chippewa Evangelical Free Church in Beaver Falls, Pa. I am involved as the leader of our ABF (Sunday School). Currently I am president of the Beaver West Gideon Camp.

I continue to be an active amateur radio operator known as K8EIJ. It was my ham radio that gave us communication with the outside world during the winter that I was at Chipewyan Lake. Most of my operation now is on the Bible Fellowship Net which meets every morning for Bible study and has hams all over the East Coast checking in.





Our family July 2004

## VS AND AFTER RAMBLINGS

Willis & Joyce Amstutz  
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Served @ Calling Lake - Day Job: Worked @ Ellefson's as bookkeeper  
November 1959 - September 8, 1961 (Spent 6 weeks @ Eureka, IL prior to Calling Lake)

Through the graciousness of Ellefson's I was employed by them for another 5 years after my VS term.

In 1964 I married Joyce Stauffer, who was from Tofield, AB. We have three children: Pam and (Verne) Mack, Michelle and (Keith) Hunsberger and Cameron and (Corrine) Amstutz. There are seven granddaughters in our family ages 7 - 2 years.

In June of 1965 along with the Glick's, Jantzi's and Burkholder's we became involved with Moosehorn Market Ltd. That first year we lived in the house next to the store and did the bookkeeping. After Ellefson's closed down and Leo Jantzi took on the job of Co-op manager (who had been managing the store) we took over the management of the store. We continued in that capacity and eventually bought out the other partners. We continued that operation until 1990, when we moved to a small farm between Colinton and Boyle. We lived there from 1990 - 1995. During this time I worked for Home Hardware in both Athabasca and Boyle.

In 1993/94 We took a year to travel and Volunteer. Volunteering took us to James River Bible Camp in Alberta, Habitat for Humanity in TN, Ten Thousand Villages in Akron, PA, Mennonite Disaster Service in Keithsburg, IL, and again back to James River Bible Camp. These projects were interspersed with travel to Florida, Puerto Rico, Ohio, Ontario, England, Scotland and several European countries.

In 1995 we moved to our present location in Didsbury, AB. For the next eight years Joyce and I did custodial and maintenance work at the Olds Koinonia Christian School. We now attend the Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury.

In December of 2003 I had a hip replacement which was very successful. Now it is again back to various volunteering and part time work, along with doing the grand parenting things we enjoy.





Moosehorn Market and  
House  
House where we lived  
from  
1965 - 1978

Pam with Joyce  
Our family was very  
much involved in  
the store. The girls  
often spent their  
summers and  
Saturdays working  
there.



Willis



Much of my time in winter  
was spent buying delts from  
the trappers.



Willis Joyce and Angelika  
Scrubbing floors at Olds  
Koinonia Christian School with the  
help of grand daughter Angelika  
Mack riding the mop pail



Cameron and Corinne live at Killam, AB. Cameron does maintenance at the Killam Hospital part time along with his business of painting and Renovation. Corinne is full time mom with 4 girls 2-7 years. (She does assist in painting at times)

Keith is financial controller for MCC AB. Michelle has taught most of her married life-at Trinity Christian School

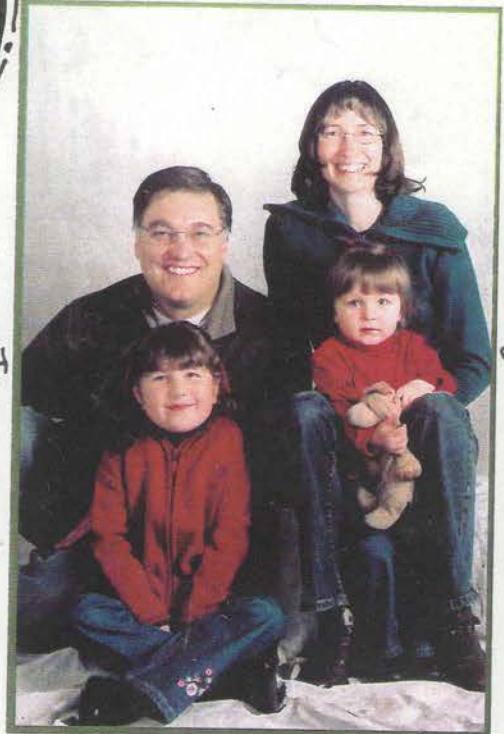


Jessie



Emily

Keith Michelle Rachel +



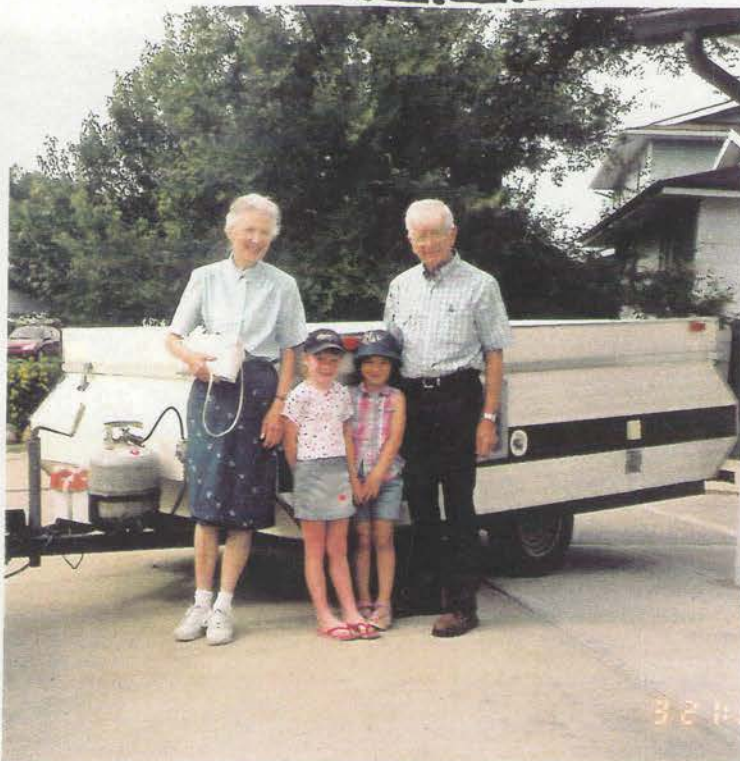
Jenna Hunsberger



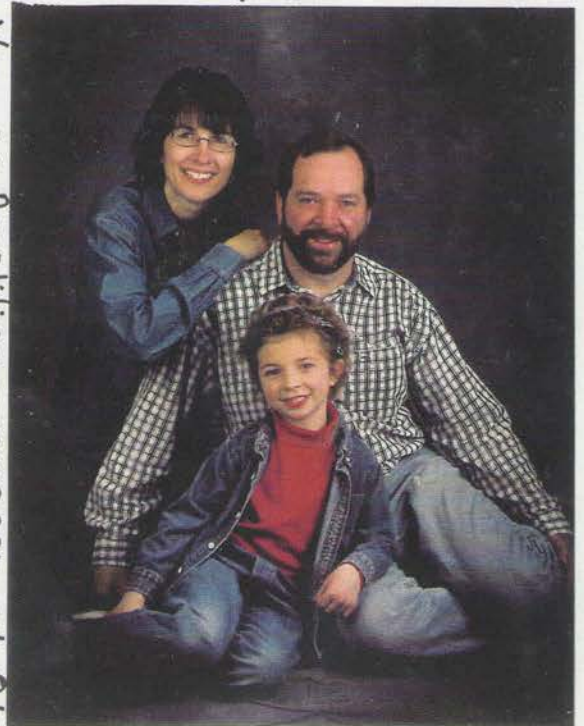
Becky

Bobby Jo

Vern Pam and Angelika Mack



Vern is facilities manager at Olds Koinonia Christian School in Kadogan Pam is part time Aide in Section at OKCS + part time at a Lodge in Didsbury





CALLING  
LAKE,  
ALBERTA

Aug 1968 - July 1970

Glenn + Pearl Lind



since V.S. ...



1970-1976 Hinton, Alberta

We taught in public schools, attended a Baptist church + had our 1st 2 children Gary (July 1973) + Karma (Aug 1975)

1976-1993 Harrisonville, Missouri

Glenn taught in a Christian school, we had our 3rd child Kevin (May 1979), Pearl taught preschool parttime after youngest started Kindergarten. We attended Harrisonville Mennonite Church.

1993 - present Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Glenn drives charter + tour bus for Elite coach, Pearl taught 1st grade for 10 years at a Christian school + presently teaches preschool + Kindergarten at a Montessori school.



then ↑  
now →

Glenn + Pearl Lind  
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Pearl  
outside

Calling Lake  
Kindergarten

Kindergarten  
children



Joyce, Willis  
Pamela, Michelle  
Amstutz



Calling Lake  
Mennonite  
Church





Wendy, Laura, and Linda



Dorian, Ron, Taliya, Angela, Dante, Fabian, and Brian



Cynthia, Odysseus (up), Orion, Robin, Aristotle (down), and Athena



Travis, Brendan, Matthew, Tyler, Lindsay, Gerry, Wendy, Christy



Visiting Linda in Florida in April 2005





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VS as kindergarten teacher at Calling Lake 1966-1968

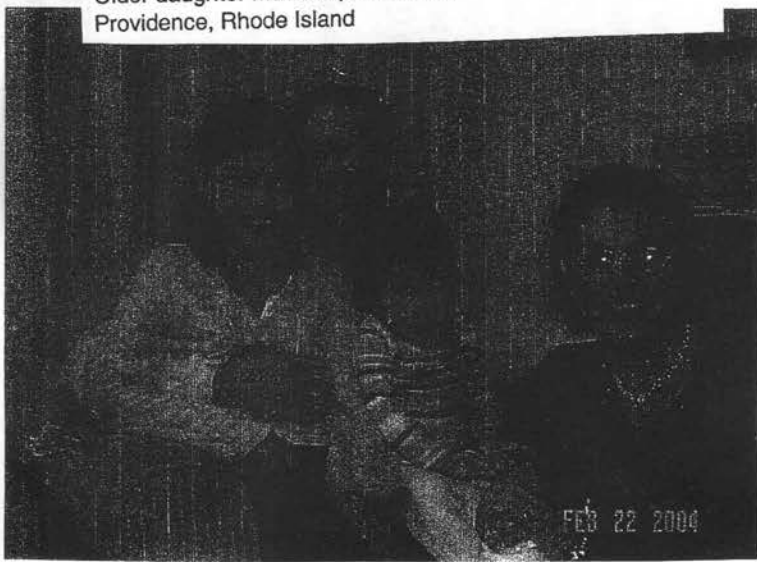
Taught Special Ed, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade in Athabasca 1968-1971  
Moved to Iowa 1971-1975 Managed a motel and worked at Mortorola  
Taught in Slave Lake 1975-1985 (Jr 1st, 1st, and 3rd grades)  
Moved to Arizona in 1985 - working in Statistics for US Airways, (formerly America West Airlines).  
Married Gilbert Cardinal in 1970 - have four children and 5 grandchildren.  
Member of Bethany Community Church in Tempe, AZ.  
Gilbert and the three grandchildren that live here in Arizona are my main focus right now.



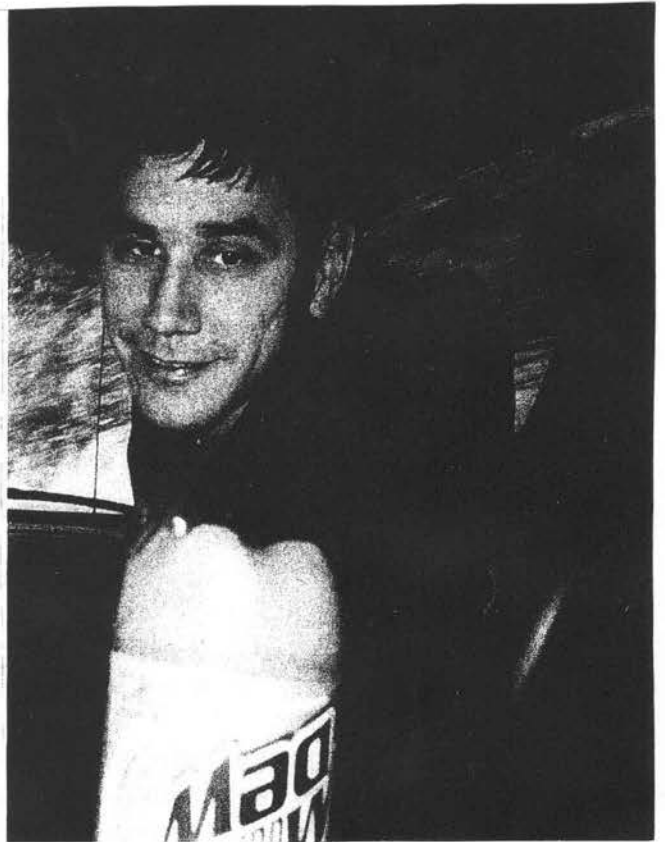
Amanda (Cardinal) Miller, husband Ken II  
Son Kenneth III, expecting second child in Sept.  
Mesa, Az



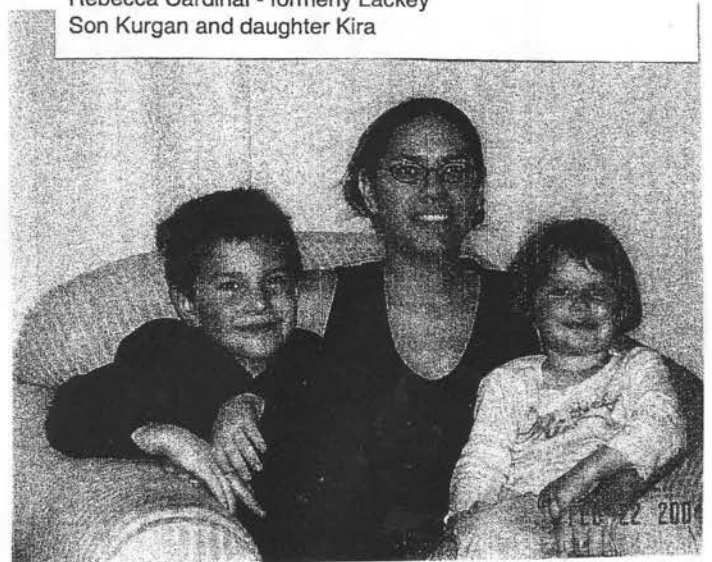
Cynthia (Cardinal) Tierney, husband Peter  
Older daughter Madison, and Sarah  
Providence, Rhode Island



Matt Cardinal - Portland, Oregon  
Painter and Bicycle Mechanic, getting married late 2006.



Rebecca Cardinal - formerly Lackey  
Son Kurgan and daughter Kira



Carolyn Ulrich  
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Served at Calling Lake 1965 - 1966

1970 - Moved to Slave Lake

1972 - Moved to St. Albert. I drove school bus for 10 years

1982-1985 - I worked at Youville Nursing Home in St. Albert  
Ronda married Barry Neufeld in October 1985

1986 & 1987 - I spent 2 summers (April - September) at Yellowhead Tower - a forestry fire tower at Robb, southwest of Edson

1987-1988 - Back in St. Albert, I worked for KCR valves - a company remanufacturing intake and exhaust valves. I took care of accounts receivables and occasionally drove deliveries of 6000 to 8000 pounds to engine rebuilders in Tacoma, WA, Minneapolis, Minn and across Chesapeake Bay to Easton, Maryland. (On this trip oil leaked from the transmission on Indiana Turnpike near south Bend - no cell phone! I stayed with a cousin near Goshen till the truck was fixed on Monday) I would return with at least 5 full drums of dirty valves.

1990-1995 - Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. I worked on a geriatric ward and young offenders ward - the stories I could tell. February 1991 - Valentines Day - birth of my first grandson - Gideon Robert Neufeld. February 1993 - Ground Hogs Day - grandson #2 - Nolan Philip Neufeld.

1995-2000 - These years found me working at Home Depot (170<sup>th</sup> Street) in Edmonton

2000 - Time for another change ..... I spent 4 months working at a Bed & Breakfast near Penticton, BC and then a big move to Grande Prairie to be closer to the grandsons, and of course Ronda and Barry. Ronda works for a hearing aid clinic and Barry is employed in the oil industry.

I have spent the last five years working for the Grande Prairie School Board as a Facility Supervisor for evening and weekend groups using school facilities and also some summer school cleaning. I also do house cleaning for about 10 homes. Over the past few years I've been able to find some wonderful families to work for. I spend many hours at hockey arenas, and have put in my grandma time at the soccer fields, football fields and lacrosse arenas. I have got to know the hockey arenas of Northern Alberta and even rode the hockey bus to a tournament in Edmonton. Both of my grandsons play on competitive hockey teams and do a lot of traveling over the winter months.

I've also been fortunate to travel twice to Mexico City to visit my son Phil. He initially went to Mexico as a missionary and then stayed for 11 years. In 2002 he moved to New York City. I had a great time visiting him in Manhattan in December 2004. Phil works as a commodities trader for a fertilizer company in Connecticut.

If you are ever on the way to Alaska, be sure to stop in - the highway goes right past my home. If you ever fly to Grande Prairie, let me know - I can see the airport out my back window.





GIDEON 2006 NOLAN



BARRY - NOLAN  
RONDA - GIDEON



This Child  
of  
Mine!



11 yrs in Mexico City  
Felipe Leon home  
for a visit

CHRISTMAS EVE  
MANHATTAN  
2004



CAROLYN & PHIL



SOKREAKSA Him - My Chosen Son  
MET PHIL at ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE  
GRADUATED ALSO FROM PROVIDENCE  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - WINNIPEG  
MAY - 1996  
WIFE PHALY - dau. Sophie - SON PHIL  
NOW IN SIEM REAP, CAM. CHURCH -  
PLANTING - HE ALSO TAUGHT IN PHNOM  
PENH BIBLE SCHOOL





### CHURCHES

Various buildings at Calling Lake, Alberta, were built by volunteers. This church, built by VS-ers, was financed by a local sawmill owner who is a Christian and deeply interested in community welfare. Other buildings included the clinic and youth center, plus a schoolhouse at Sandy Lake.

Fifty years ago Ike and Millie called our attention to teaching opportunities at Calling Lake. The change in our original plans to teach at Fort Vermilion meant that we met all of you celebrating fifty years of the influence of being a VSer and that has made all the difference. "A Road Less Traveled" for us with life long and life changing friends who chose to remain in Alberta.

The class pictured below which Ginny taught was made possible by Ike and Leo having the initiative with Slim Ellefson's help. A classroom and a school bus was made available that the County of Athabasca was tardy in providing.

### FIFTIETH VSER REUNION



Grade one at the old log school, 1959-60.



Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 - spring of 1962.

Back: Willard Roe, Gilman Cardinal, Raymond Brubaker.

Middle: Joan Sutton, Agnes Cardinal, Cora Roe, Lorraine Roe, Linda Ellefson, Margaret Nipshank.

Front: Bernice Nipshank, Clarice Cardinal, Judy Sutton, Hazel Cardinal, Ruth Anne White, Wendy Ellefson.

- photo courtesy Raymond Brubaker



The names of the first students to graduate from grade nine at Calling Lake are underlined in the picture at the left. They had a higher average on the Alberta Standardized Tests than Athabasca. It was a proud moment!





As VSers in the Maritimes while stationed at Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, September to December, 1997



1955

2005

Fifty years has changed us, color of hair, clothes we wear, relationships we have, perspectives on service, and by increasing the circle of family love with Harold and Arin and Lorna and Eric pictured below.

Our grandchildren, Zak, Claire, and Logan are posing by a family pet that seemed to be a cross between a reindeer and a moose that was classified as a special species known as a Ruse.



In the first years of our marriage 1955 to 1974 we moved 15 times. When we moved to the current address below Ginny announced to me, "You can move, I'm staying here." The firmness of that announcement is reflected in the 32 years we have lived at our current address, from which only the Lord with the help of advancing age will be able to move her.

Ray and Ginny Brubaker, 92 Sunset Blvd. St. Albert, Alberta T8N 0P3



George and Barbara Ann (White) Wicker  
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George came to Calling Lake, Alberta in August, 1957. He worked in the sawmill, kids clubs and other duties. Barbara Ann came to Calling Lake in August, 1957 as the Municipal Nurse to replace Elma Knapp. We were there until July of 1959 when we returned to the states.

On March 12, 1960 we were married in Pennsylvania. Our first year was spent in Minnesota where George had been working. We moved to Harrisonburg,, Virginia for George to get his teacher's training at Eastern Mennonite College in July of 1961. In July of 1964 we returned to Alberta where George had a teaching position at Chipewyan Lakes. We were there for three years. In 1967 we were transferred to Fort McMurray where we lived until 1976 except for a two year period spend at University of Alberta in Edmonton where George got a diploma in Science. In 1976 we moved to Lac La Biche, bought a quarter section of land and build a log home. George taught school at the Dr Swift Jr. High and Barbara Ann worked as a Public Health Nurse. George retired in 1994 and Barbara Ann retired in 1997.



We have three sons. John, November, 1961, Edward, March, 1965 and Robert, January, 1968. John is married and has three children. He is a missionary with Send International and working in Siberia. Edward is married and has five children. He is a family physician in Norfolk, Nebraska. Robert is married and has four children. He is Vice Principal of Dr. Swift Middle School in Lac La Biche.



We are in the process of moving into a trailer that we purchased last fall and placed about 200 hundred feet from our present home. Robert will be purchasing our place and moving into our home this summer.

George continues to do some subbing in the schools in town. We are involved with the Lac La Biche Evangelical Free Church. George is Head Elder. Barbara Ann is involved with women's group activities in the church.

Barbara Ann enjoys good health. George had triple bypass surgery in 2001 and is doing well. Both of us enjoy gardening. George has a real love for growing tomatoes. We also enjoy birdwatching. For some reason or other we don't seem to be watching stars as much as we did when we were dating at Calling Lake.

#### Our Family 2003



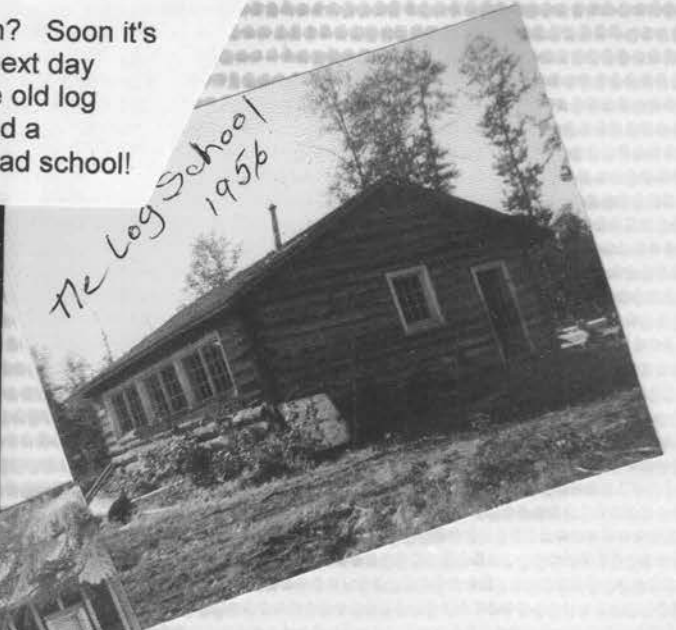
L-R back row Kerry-Lea and Ed Wicker with Benjamin, twins, Jacob, Thomas and Emily. They also have Elizabeth born in April this year. Barbara Ann and George, Robert and Joanne with Rebecca, C. J and Jeannette plus one year old Andrew. Sharon and John with Heather Ann, Matthew and Heidi.



THEN----50 years ago

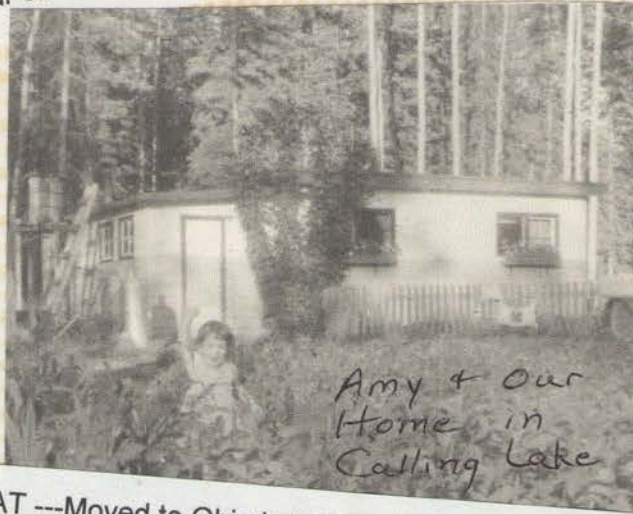
Anna Rose (Ann) Nafziger Kiesow served as teacher in  
Calling Lake 1956 - 1958

Will I teach school or start a kindergarten? Soon it's  
decided - I'll teach school, and the very next day  
I started teaching grades 1,2, and 3 in the old log  
school. Eleven students to begin with and a  
scarcity of books and supplies. But we had school!





LATER--- Peter Kiesow and I were married in 1958 and made our home in Calling Lake. Finally, I was able to start a kindergarten. Our daughter Amy was born in 1962.



Amy + Our Home in Calling Lake

AND AFTER THAT ---Moved to Ohio in 1963, Ann was a stay-at-home mom until Amy was in first grade, then worked part-time in the children's department of the local library. Peter worked at Sauder Woodworking, much of that time as supervisor of the third shift. We attended and helped in a small Mennonite church. And Amy? She grew up.



AND NOW? Enjoying retirement!

Amy lives in Pueblo, Colorado with her two cats. She's a massage therapist and just finished a two year course in dental hygiene. Peter and Ann travel, garden, walk, watch the birds, and do some loafing. Peter drives cars sometimes for a local car dealer, and Ann enjoys tutoring and making note cards from pressed flowers, leaves, and grasses.

Peter and Anna Rose Kiesow  
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from Ray/Ruth Horst

June 7, 2006

Dear former VSers,

We are sorry we cannot be with you in the celebration of VS in Northern Alberta. We had previously committed ourselves to that weekend for a family reunion in Pennsylvania. Even though we cannot be with you in body we will certainly be with you in spirit. We were happy that Elsie Gingerich visited us on May 31<sup>st</sup> and can bring personal greetings from us. We wish it were possible to have a half day to reminisce with each of you about your VS experience and catch up with your current life.

I started with MBM in May 1954 and in June J.D. Graber suggested that I plan to attend the Alberta/Saskatchewan Conference meetings at Carstairs over the July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend because they had interest in developing VS work in Native communities (up north). While at conference I learned to know conference representatives and their interest in this development. I also learned that it was arranged for me to travel to Smith with Willis and Florence Yoder to investigate service possibilities. It rained all weekend and when we headed north I soon discovered the challenges of travel in North country. The paved roads ended when we arrived at Clyde Corner and I thought it was bad until we got to Athabasca where the road became pure mud and water holes. It was planned for me to see a man by the name of Slim Elfson near Smith but after a number of attempts to get there and being stuck, Willis gave up and I never got to make that contact.

In spite of the problems we faced we did not give up on this dream of service in Native communities. We began working with a young couple who were interested in community service in the north country. Ike and Millie Glick with their young son, John Edgar, stopped in Elkhart for orientation in their converted <sup>ambulance</sup> hearse which became the base of operation until they got a building constructed at Calling Lake.

This became the beginning of placing teachers, nurses, community workers and Bible School teachers in many communities.

As we reflect on the development it seems like it was a comet streaking across Northern Alberta with shooting stars striking places like Calling Lake, Sandy Lake, Eaglesham, Imperial Mills, Anzac, Marlboro, Edson, Chipwyan Lake and Lac la Bische. These are the ones that come to mind but my files are buried in Mennonite Church Archives at Goshen.





## Calling Lake 1960 -62

John served as unit leader

Sylvia served as public health nurse

After leaving VS we spent time in St. Louis, Missouri where John studied mechanics and Sylvia worked as operating room nurse. After returning to Michigan John pursued his career in mechanics and Sylvia in nursing until 1971 when we purchased our first business. It was a trucking company; hauling crude oil and bulk cement. In 1982 we purchased a Bandag retread shop because it complimented our trucking endeavor. We continued with our businesses until we sold the trucking company in December 1989 and the tire shop in 1997. This was the beginning of our retirement and we soon found we needed to have something to do that was more challenging and worthwhile.

In 1996 we were contacted by MCC about a project in New Brunswick, Canada. They were beginning a tire recycling plant to provide jobs in a small town that had a 30% unemployment rate. We worked with the MCC people for about a year and a half and then because of problems there we went to New Brunswick and took over the management of the plant and became sole owners in 1998. We now have people in place to manage the business and we spend about a week each month overseeing the operation and giving guidance to the employees.

We are also working with CPI in Honduras. This is a big challenge and a huge blessing. It is tied in with TRACC in New Brunswick and provides jobs and helps the needy in both places. We have learned to love the Honduran people; especially the young people.

Our life isn't all work! We have enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, Mexico, Honduras, Canada and across the US. We enjoy camping and have taken several tours and cruises where we have met many wonderful people. We enjoy gardening and working in our yard when we are home.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends while at the reunion. See you soon.

John & Sylvia Leonard



Darrell, Paul, Helen  
White



Ken, Doris, Kenny  
Sutton



Darlene, Harvey  
Sheila, Armin  
Burkholder



Noel, Alma,  
Rosemary, Heidi,  
Knapp



Helen White



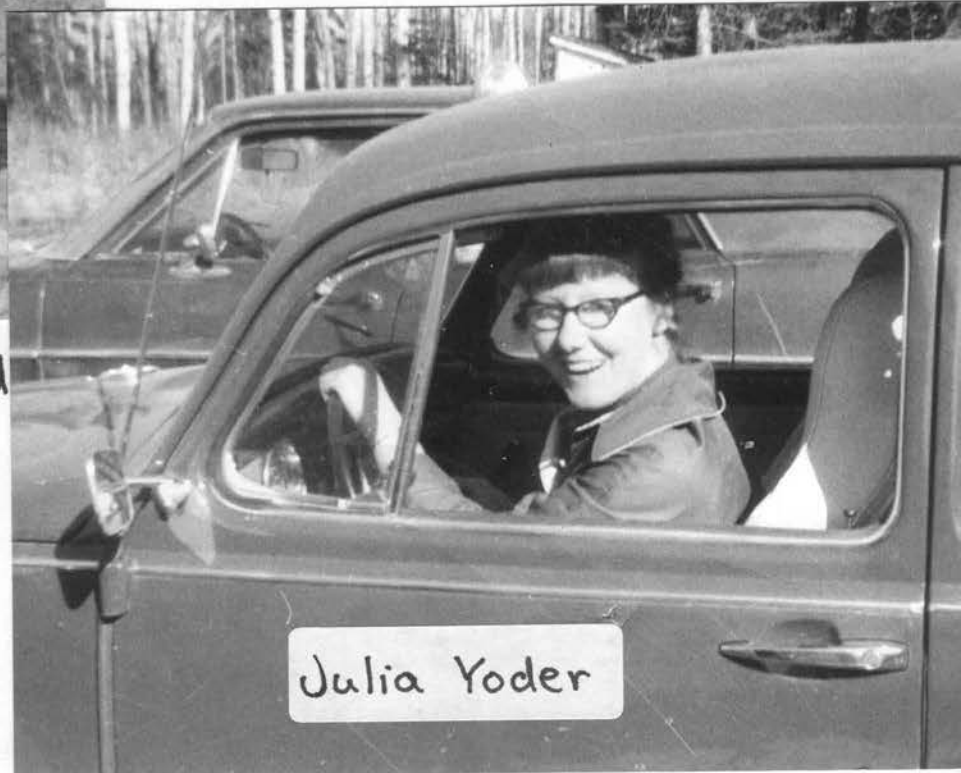
Julia Yoder

Julie + Bonnie Jantzi

Alma Knapp



Hilda + Sandra Crawford



Julia Yoder

Elvin Blosser  
Box 68, Linden, AB TOM 1J0

History:

-Served at Calling Lake (October, 1956—October, 1958]

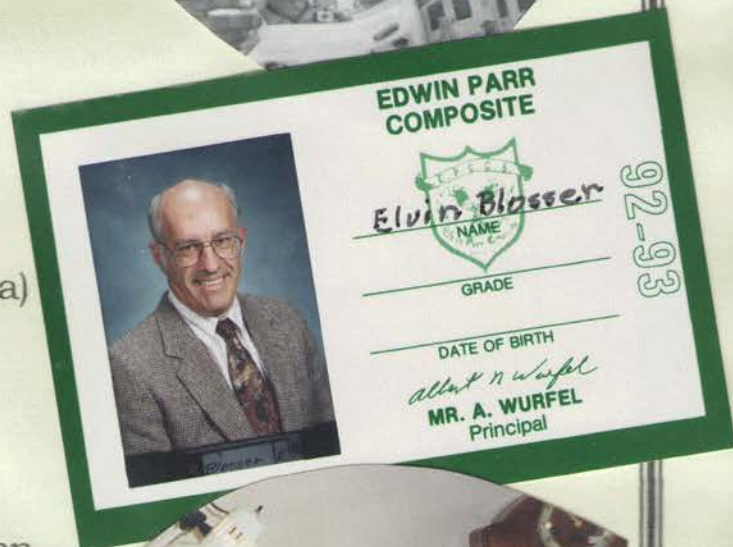
-Remained in Alberta after VS; worked for Slim Ellefson at his sawmill at Calling Lake four years.

-Married Norma Elgert, a teacher from Smith, AB on July 12, 1961.

-Graduated with a B.Ed. degree from the U of A (Edmonton) in 1966.

-Taught Biology, Chemistry and General Science at Edwin Parr Comp. High School (in Athabasca) for 28 years until hyperactive thyroid disease led to early retirement in 1994.

-Moved to Linden, also in 1994, where Norma and I opened Linden Clock and Craft two years later. The craft part has fizzled out, but clock repair work is brisk and gives me reason to get out of bed in the mornings.





Home  
And  
Family



Family Photo-2001



God has blessed us with 4 children- Sharon (Randy Neilson), Kelly (Doon Pauly), Carla (Laurie Newsham), Kevin (Dana), and 13 lovely grandchildren who range in age from 20 years down to three years. The three youngest, (shown in second photo) have recently been adopted by Kelly and Doon, from Haiti. All except Sharon's family live in Alberta (Stony Plain, Erskine and Olds). Sharon and Randy are presently in the process of moving from Montana to Minnesota where Randy will attend seminary.

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My next birthday cake, a month away, will have 70 candles! Norma and I are also celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We give thanks to the Lord for He is good.



Come visit us at our home or shop at 124 Centre St. S. in Linden. Phone: (403) 546-4343

## PERSONAL PAGES

**Name and current address:** Ike and Millie Glick 7103-111 Street, Edmonton, AB T6G 1G9

**Where served:** Calling Lake 1955-1967  
(Chipeywan Lake 1959-1960)  
(Interim pastor at Holyrood/Edmonton 1960-62)

### Life Summary since VS:

1967 Moved to Edmonton from Calling Lake to administer TEAM Products for network marketing of Native handicrafts (an outgrowth of VS)

### Church

1967 to present Members of Holyrood Mennonite Church as teachers, worship leader, elders, newsletter correspondent, community life, greeter

### Other Church-related Involvements

Co-founders/Board Members of The Welcome Home Community(Ike & Millie)  
Board Member of Christian Peacemakers International (Ike)

### Businesses

1970's Co-West Associates---Social research  
1980's Folkgraphis Frames----picture framing  
1990-- Great Hold-Ups Inc.---designed, patented display accessories (Homebased)

### Further Education

Master in Community Development--Ike  
Doctorate in Psychology--Ike  
Creative Writing: Fiction, Nonfiction, Children's Literature--Millie

### Family

Raised 5 kids, 4 married, 8 grandkids

### Hobbies

Gardening, word games, reading, creative writing, loving nature, grandparenting



'41 Buick ambulance that brought the Glicks to Alberta in 1955

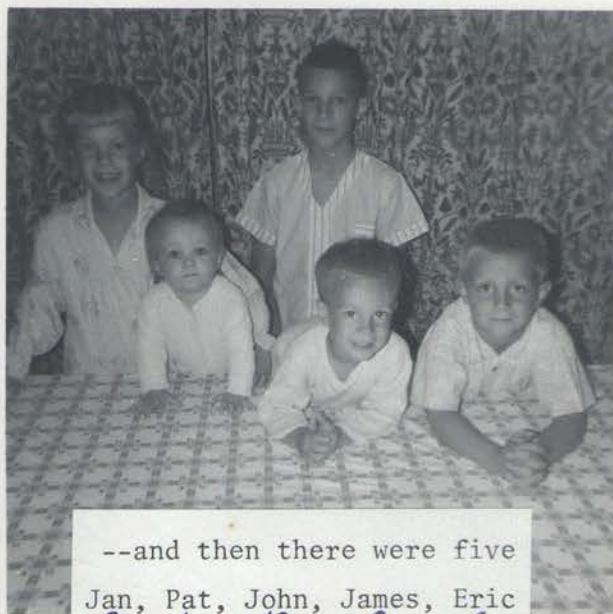


Cessna 180 (LHK) docked at Calling Lake



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John Edgar - Millie - Ike  
(outside VS house)



--and then there were five  
Jan, Pat, John, James, Eric  
8 1 12 2 6

AND NOW, on to Grandparenting  
Pat & Jim's Mateo (#8)







Paul & Helen White  
210-2741 55 St NW  
Edmonton AB  
T6L 7G7

1956-1971.

**Dear Ray and Friends :**

The last time you saw us at Calling Lake my family & I lived along the river next to where the VS house was. I worked as a carpenter. But then the local sawmill closed down and local jobs became less. We had to move after 15 years in Calling Lake.

In 1971 I registered at N.A.I.T. to study Resp. Therapy. In 2 Years I had a job in the University Hospital. For 11 years I worked With heart surgery patients & I enjoyed it. We are attending the Holyrood Mennonite Church for the last 35 years.

Our 4 children married and we have ten grandchildren and six Great grandchildren. Ruth lives in N.C., Darrel in Oreg., and Miriam And Ken in BC.

About 5 years ago we moved into a condo, the same one where Leo & Bonnie Jantzi live. Many people here are Christians and It is a nice place to live. We both have time to volunteer. We are Blessed with Good health and many Good friends. God is Good.

Blessings to All of You,

*Paul and Helen White*



MIRIAM, RUTH, HELEN, DARREL, PAUL, KEN



The VS program brought changes in the lives of children, adults, communities and the volunteers. Change can be good or bad but we trust that the overall affect of you volunteers was for the good of everyone. I'm sure that we made some mistakes but we tried to do our best. We hope that there were many people whose lives were enriched by their interaction with you as volunteers and that you were enriched by the experiences.

Ruth and I left the VS administration in 1974 when we went to Nigeria under MCC. We will always look back to these years of work in Alberta as some of the best years of our lives. We appreciated learning to know you and were blessed by our interaction with you through the years.

After two years with MCC we returned to MBM with an assignment under Evangelism and Church Development. It was then I found various little Native American Fellowships among seven different tribes scattered throughout the US and Ontario who were not aware of each other. We helped them organize United Native Ministries Council with whom we served as staff persons for eighteen years. Ray was Executive Secretary and Ruth was editor of their Newsletter. During our time of serving UNMC we found each of the churches increased their attendance and as a symbol of their revitalization all the churches were remodeled or built new. We have been blest by interaction with our Native Sisters and Brothers and were sorry that old age caught up with us and February 1, 2005, with Ray 81 and Ruth 83, we turned the program over to others.

We wish that we could be with you at Bucher's to celebrate fifty years in Alberta. May this be a time for you to reminisce and also be supportive of each other in your daily walk with the Lord. May the Lord bless you and may His face shine upon you.

Yours in Christ,  
Ray and Ruth

*Ray and Ruth*





## Paul Nafziger – Hudson Michigan - with Mom and Dad summer of '57



My family had brought Ann to Calling Lake in 1956, and it was a very muddy trip – we said we arrived “slidways.” Dad thought he could be of help with some carpentry projects. Dad and Mom volunteered to work at calling Lake for the summer of 1957. We also spent some time at Smith doing work for Willis Yoder.



One of the first tasks was to erect a former oil driller’s shack to house the summer fellows. The floor, walls and roof were all stacked on a pile, and needed to be set up. New tar paper on the roof and sides kept out the rain.



Stuart was a fisherman, he had brought along his motor, but the unit did not have a boat. So he made one, and I was selected to hold the other end of the boards and fetch screws. I learned a lot about building a boat.



We needed to get the boat to the lake – so “making do with what we had”, Stuart used his car trunk, Roy and I carried the back part of the boat, and Elma carried the flag. It was a grand parade as I recall!







Ike somehow came up with a small Piper Cub plane. Slim bulldozed out a landing strip, and we chopped away some of the taller brush around the strip. A hanger was made of logs and slab wood. Nothing fancy, but it seemed to work pretty good.

The unit helped clean up the Calling Lake cemetery.



We also worked at Willis Yoder's place at Smith for several weeks. Dad did a number of carpentry jobs including hanging doors in Willis' home. One day a car stopped and said they had hit a bear. We went with Ed (Willis' son) to find it - Ed taking along his rifle. The driver showed us the location, Ed searched around in the ditch - while we offered helpful advice... "Be careful - don't get too close - wounded bears are really mean etc." Ed found him and promptly "dispatched." Dad had a great time butchering his first bear. We ate a lot of bear meat. (fish is better)

Back at Calling Lake, I helped Roy build a new outhouse, and got to use a hammer and nail on siding. It was a grand 2 seater! Always thought Roy was a pretty cool guy. When the holes were cut out, the piece looked kinda like a heart, so Roy and Paul wrote their girl friends names on them, and tacked them up above the door of the shack for decoration.





Dad also worked at siding the VS house, and was by then good enough with a hammer to be able to nail on my half of the piece!



Birthdays were celebrated with a wiener roast by the lake, along with hand cranked ice cream. The ice had been stored in a slab building filled with saw dust. Getting a chunk of ice, ice picking it into pieces, then cranking the ice cream was my major contribution to the unit. Photo is of Ann's birthday party.



Celebrated my 14<sup>th</sup> birthday while at Calling Lake. (I remember it as a good time – photo looks like a solemn affair – probably didn't want my photo taken?)



Wood was cut for the long winter ahead, and a team of horses and wagon borrowed to haul to the unit. Ann fancied that she remembered how to drive horses, and did a pretty good job



Church services are an important memory for me of Calling Lake. Each row of benches had a different slant to the back, from rigid upright to laid-back. I liked the laid-back style best. The best memory is of the long time spent visiting after services. Perhaps that's why I'm still the last one to the car on Sunday mornings?







But by far the **biggest** event of the summer was the blossoming of a “north woods” romance of sister Ann and a local lumberjack, Peter Kiesow. My role was to shuttle notes back and forth, pretty much oblivious of what really happening. Apparently all of the invitations to unit activities worked! This is their engagement photo.

Pretty cool car eh?

The summer of '57 was a good experience for a 13-14 year old boy. I enjoyed being around Ike and all of the guys, no doubt being a real pest most times. I did enjoy working with each of the summer VS'ers on projects, and it felt especially good to be able to stay in the shack and be “one of the guys.” I learned a lot from their “guy” conversations, especially about girlfriends since that subject was a big mystery to me.



**After Calling Lake VS?** '61-'62 DeVry Tech School (electronics) - '62-'64 worked in radio broadcasting - '65-'66 VS at Frontier Boys Camp Colorado - '67 -'75 more radio work - '68 married Ella Bontrager, settled in Archbold Ohio, 3 children, Kent, Ann Marie and Dorine. All married, Dorine and Jeremiah have our first grandchild, Bucky - '75-'04 settled in at Sauder Woodworking, Archbold, managing their maintenance and working on special projects. Retired '04. Moved 25 miles North to Hudson Michigan in '02, now developing 73 acres into a wildlife refuge – about ½ is already wooded, and on the rest we dug ponds, continue to plant trees and bushes and tall grasses. We always enjoy company, so please stop by if in the area - **consider this an “official invitation.”** Thanks to all who organized this reunion, and the invitation to attend.

*Paul*

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