

With the LORD



Alexander, Donald Leroy (BC '57, staff '57-'62, former board member), had a twin sister, Dorothy. Though he won multiple state titles in swimming, he followed his brother, Harold, to Prairie Bible Institute. Here he met his wife Judy (**Ward**, BC '62) and together they had three children. Don was a lifelong student and achieved four master's degrees and a PhD. He served in Hong Kong at the Alliance Bible Seminary before working at Crown College and then Bethel University, teaching theology until 2002. He also pastored at least 20 churches. He was 88 when he passed into the Lord's presence September 24, 2023.

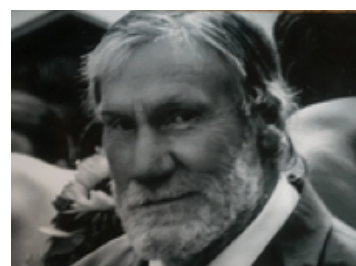


Anderson, Edwina (BC '52) was 92 when she went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2023. She was a member of the Big Chimney Baptist Church and loved playing the accordion. She was an RN for 38 years with CAMC. She loved her husband Donald and their two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



Bennett, Richard Abrahams (BC u'50) was married to Dorothy for over 60 years. Together they began bringing biblical encouragement to persecuted believers. After Richard preached a

couple messages for a radio program called "The Living Word," he began a career with Trans World Radio (TWR) through "The Way of Truth" program. This led to the creation of Cross Currents International Ministries and broadcasts heard around the world.



Bennett, Norman David (HS '72, BC u'73) was a loving husband to Patricia Wilson and father to Chris and Curtis. He was a stonemason by trade, hardworking and honest, with family his first priority. His grandson Calvin brought him joy beyond measure.



Bradley, Donald Roy (BC u'58) was born in Modesto, CA. He worked

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at JS West Milling Company for 38 years before retiring in 1997. Together with his wife, Judy, their retirement years in Sonora were spent with family, friends and neighbours. Sons Rodney, Brent, and Todd miss him greatly. He was 84 when he passed into the arms of Jesus on May 5, 2023



Brown, Betty Rae (**Underwood**, BC u'60) went to be with the Lord on May 15, 2023 at the age of 86. She was married to Clarence in 1954 and they shared 67 years together. She loved Belgian horses and canning or freezing produce from the vegetable garden. She lived out her faith by leading Bible clubs and worshipping the Lord in song. Her daughter said that Betty's heartbeat was that everyone would come to know the Saviour of mankind; "Without Him there is darkness and no hope."

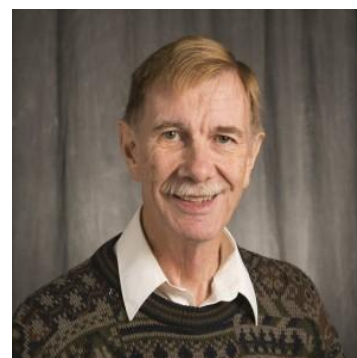


Burgess, Loretta Cook (staff '72-'73), wore many hats over her time on earth. She was a teacher, a baker, a mother, but above all a servant of the Lord. Alongside her husband, Andrew (staff '72-'73), they taught at Prairie, which began her passion for teaching for 20 years. Another 40 years were devoted to baking in her community of Reidsville, NC. During summer she teamed up with Andy to portray Bible characters at VBS and special needs camps in Kentucky and North Carolina.



Carlson, Doreen (**Ritz**, HS

'55, BC u'60) was married to Reverend Edward Allan Carlson for over 65 years. They faithfully served together in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan until 1987 when Ed began serving as the National Director of Evangelism Explosion Canada. They had 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Her promotion to heaven occurred on August 1, 2022 at age 85.



Charter, Vernon (HS '65, BC '69, staff '86-'13) was the Professor Emeritus of Music and worship at Prairie, serving for over 27 years before "retiring" in 2013. A lifelong learner, Vernon earned his doctorate in Worship Studies from IWS in 2011. He was married to June for 52 years and was known as a kindhearted and generous man.



Corsi, Carl (BC '53) entered eternal rest on October 15, 2019, at age 91. He was married to Mildred Grace for 21 years before she passed away, then was married to Janet Alberta for 34 years. Carl spent his entire career with the Internal Revenue Service working with non-profit organisations. His nephew recalled that Uncle Carl was more like a friend, answering theological questions soundly and compassionately.



Dahl, John Isaac (HS '48, BC u'49) was welcomed

home by his loving wife of 59 years, Melita, and his daughter Lois on February 5, 2015 at the age of 91. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, compassion, and faithful service to the Lord. John's heart was always on the farm and with his family, but his faith was what gave meaning to his life. He was a member, and at times a leader, at Temple Baptist Church in Swan River for decades. John is remembered lovingly by 5 children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Davidson, Randell Barry (BC '72) was a lifelong resident of Salmon Arm until his passing on June 16, 2023. He enjoyed all aspects of farming, especially driving and tinkering on anything with wheels. He was a talented musician as well, versed in accordion, violin, guitar, piano, and especially the string bass. To Randall,

the consummate adventurer, strangers were friends you just hadn't had the pleasure of meeting yet.



Day, Esther Charlotte (**Brown**, BC '57) went to be with Jesus on June 29, 2023 at age 89. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many in Centralia, WA. It was at Prairie where she met the love of her life, Douglas (BC '57), and were together 52 years until his passing in 2009. Esther loved teaching and playing music, studying the Bible and watching Mariners baseball.



DeFord, Timothy Colin (BC u'76) was 67 when he passed into the presence of the Lord on June 17, 2023. He had nine children with his loving wife Rita, and would beam whenever he was able to tell people about his 21 grandchildren. He met Rita in Perry, Iowa, while working for his uncle at Lord's Clothing. This led to a travelling clothing business that provided suits and ties to men throughout the Midwest.



Gibson, Joyce (HS '47, BC '51) received her promotion to heaven on July 23, 2023 at the age

of 94. She was the Editor in Chief at Scripture Press for over 40 years and wrote a monthly devotional for Haven Ministries into her eighties. She loved to travel and even climbed a pyramid in her 70s. Her passion in life was drawing children to Jesus through storytelling and reading in Sunday school. When she went blind in her 90s, she prayed and received a vision to start the only library for miles around Kabale, Uganda. The plaque at the front door reads, "Welcome to God's Joy Library, the answered prayer of Joyce Gibson who asked, listened and loved us well."



Gormsen, Pollyanna (BC u'35) was 105 when she was embraced by Jesus on December 3, 2020. She loved working with children at Lakeland Village where she worked for 20 years. She

also taught Sunday School and held Bible studies at several homes.



Griffiths, Charlotte Ann (**Hartt**, HS '48, BC '51) was 92 when she entered her eternal rest on June 28, 2023. Together with her husband Richard, they were missionaries with the Evangelical Alliance Mission, serving in Dutch New Guinea (now part of Indonesia) for 42 years. While Dick translated, it was Charlotte who put the Hatam language into writing and taught the people how to read. She also taught the women the Bible and sewing skills.



Cullingsrud, Merrill Lone (BC '54) was at Prairie when her heart was touched by the needy orphans of Haiti. She spent a year in Quebec to learn French, only to learn that Creole was the common language in Haiti. She persevered as a housemother to 8-9 rambunctious Haitian boys. When she returned to Renton, she cared for her mother until her passing. She then worked in Newton's Christian Bookstore before becoming full time staff at Renton Bible Church.



Hamburger, Claire Todd

(**Hoff**, HS '51, BC '55) was saved at the age of 14, transforming her life to where she transferred to Prairie Bible Institute High School. She spent her summers doing mission work with Daily Vacation Bible School. She also took further education at Columbia Bible College, teaching courses from Northern Normal College, and ethics courses from University of Calgary and PBI. She met her husband, Basil Todd in Agar, SD, and together they raised four boys of their own, and provided foster care for 30+ children. After Basil died in 2013, she married Melvin Hamburger.



Harris, Kenneth (BC '67) was married to Alice Marie (Holmes) in April 1990 and had two children. Ken worked for over 40 years at ConAgra Mill as a flour packer and

later as a janitor. He also dedicated time to Open Air Ministries in Minneapolis and at Sweet Spot in Hastings. Ken enjoyed singing, reading, spending time with loved ones, and the outdoors at Battle Lake and Camp Lebanon.



Harrod, Albert (BC u'56) was surrounded by his wife, Dorothy, and three sons as he passed into eternity on August 21, 2023. After graduating from Prairie, he ministered in Alberta and BC, including the Pacific Coast Children's Mission. In the last 30 years, he and his wife owned a home health service to provide loving care to senior citizens.



Hartzler, Curtis (HS '65) passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer on May 28, 2023 at 77 years old. Born in Iowa, Curtis moved with his family to Carstairs, Alberta as a child. After graduating from Prairie, he earned a degree in engineering at the University of Calgary and spent his career in the Oil & Gas sector. In his freetime, Curtis loved working on projects around the house, riding his Harley, and spending time at his cabin in Creston. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.



Haws, Etruria Alison (**Wells**, BC u'52, staff '65) and her husband Neville

Athelstan (BC u'54, staff '65) were called home to be with their Heavenly Father on August 14th, 2009 and September 17th, 2011 respectively.



They leave behind many loving family members, and memories of their

compassion and love. They joyfully supported 20 different children through Compassion Canada throughout the years.



Hermann, Renée (**Bradley**, BC '78) was 67 years old when she entered glory to be with Jesus on September 21, 2023. She used her training at Prairie to serve the Indigenous people of Canada with the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, sharing the love of Jesus with them. After her time there, she studied at Winnipeg Theological

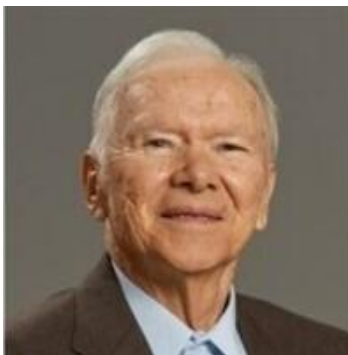
Seminary (now known as Providence) and received her master's degree in counselling. Renée is missed greatly by her husband, Erhard, and a large extended family. She is remembered for her witty humour and wise and caring counsel.



Hutchison, Peggy (**Flint**, BC u'53) is lovingly remembered as a "remarkable wife, mother, and grandmother of deep faith" by many. Having studied at both Prairie and Multnomah School of the Bible, she spent countless hours throughout her life studying the Bible and in prayer. Preceded in death by her husband, Verne, the two often enjoyed travelling in their retirement. Peggy was also fond of making family history photo books for her loved ones. She entered her eternal home in heaven on July 30, 2023.



Inglis, Donna Mae (**Williamson**, BC '62) joined the West Indies Mission (now World Team) after graduation, serving for 17 years in Trinidad. From Trinidad, Donna worked at her home church in Coeur d'Alene, ID for a year before attending Miami Christian College to further her studies in counselling. While there, she worked at the World Team headquarters, where she met widower Max Inglis. The two were quickly married, which gave Donna her four beloved children "all at once." Faithfully serving as a pastor's wife in Abbotsford, BC for a few years before the pair retired, Donna continued volunteering in the church and larger community. She was welcomed into eternity by her Saviour on May 6, 2023.



Jeschke, Marlin (HS '47, BC '52) spent his life as an obedient servant of the Lord, a student and an educator, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. From Prairie, he went on to earn a BA in English, a Bachelor of Divinity, and a Ph.D. in Religion. Marlin taught at Goshen College from 1961 to 1994, teaching The Christian Faith class 50 times! Even after retirement, Marlin remained active in Christian academia and the Mennonite Church. He is predeceased by his wife of 36 years, Charmaine, in 1991 and his second wife, Betty, in 2018 after 24 years of marriage. Marlin went home to Jesus on September 16, 2023.



Johnson, Ruby Ruth (HS '58, BC '62) went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the age of 83. She lived a life in service of her Father in Heaven, who blessed her with the gift of building community wherever she went. Ruby was a teacher for 32 years, and volunteered at Foothills Alliance Church, Pioneer Girls, on the School Board of Foothills Alliance Preschool and Kindergarten, and more. She is missed by a large extended family and many friends.



Kirk, Audrey Anna (**Olson**, BC '58, staff '58-'99), was originally

from Isanti County, MN, but it was her time at Biola University that led her to Prairie, mainly through the encouragement of Dr. J. Arthur Mouw. Originally here for one year, Audrey ended up staying for the rest of her life, marrying Doug Kirk. They welcomed four children and many grandchildren. Throughout her years on staff at Prairie, Audrey served as Assistant Dean of Women, in Prairie's Little Sister program for student wives, as a church hostess, and finally as switchboard operator for the school. She was also blessed with a lovely singing voice, one that many remember fondly from weddings, church, and other special occasions. She followed her beloved Doug to heaven on April 22, 2023.



Kuepfer, Isobel Loraine
(**McCowan**, BC u'76)

passed into the loving arms of her Saviour on May 25, 2023 after a short battle with cancer. She is remembered by friends and family for always living out the command to "love your neighbour" through her warm smile and personality, as well as her homemaking skills. Isobel volunteered with Gideons International with her husband, Allan, who predeceased her in 2020.



Leque, Gloria Ann
(**Schreiber**, BC '51), passed away at the age of 93 on August 5, 2023 after a long life of faithful service to the Lord. Upon graduating from Prairie, Gloria moved back to her home state of Washington, working as a telephone operator and later as a secretary. When she retired in 1994, she devoted her time serving with Light House Mission in the Agape Home for Women & Children. Her family and

friends remember Gloria's love of reading her Bible, riding the train, shopping, travelling, gardening, and animals.



Lumley, Betty (BC '52, staff '52-'54) was born in Ontario to a religious farming family, and was 14 when she asked Jesus into her heart. After graduating from Prairie, Betty spent many years bringing the Gospel to different Indigenous communities across the prairies with NCEM, before eventually returning to Three Hills upon her retirement in 1990. Even in retirement, Betty would often talk to former Sunday School students of hers on the phone, faithfully praying for them and their children. She is lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Betty went home to her Lord on July 7, 2023.



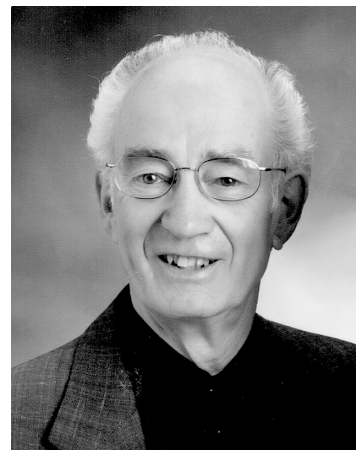
Matheson, Marjorie Ann (**Major**, HS '69, BC '73) passed away with her children and grandchildren by her side on May 28, 2023. A Prairie staff kid, Marjorie spent her life caring for children and trying to make her community a better place wherever she went. First as a mother and foster parent, then as a social worker, and finally in her retirement volunteering with the Royal Canadian Legion.



McAlpine, Frances

Elizabeth (**Farny**, BC '53) served with the West Indies Mission (now World Team) in the Dominican Republic for 8 years, before meeting her husband, Arthur. They enjoyed over 46 years of marriage. Frances worked as a secretary at Pacific Biblical Mennonite Seminary and Link Care during her professional career in California, where she was known for her attention to detail and patience. She also faithfully served as a pastor's wife to Arthur. Frances left behind her two stepsons and their families on June 1, 2020.

McCloud, Kenneth "Ken" Allan (BC '60) of Modesto, CA passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 with his wife Beth (Marybeth) and son David by his side. He also leaves behind his two other sons, John and Scott, two grandchildren, and many extended family members. Ken was a teacher by trade, spending 27 years teaching in elementary schools before his retirement in 1991. He loved sports, gardening, dancing, and travelling all over the world with Beth.



Oliver, Arnold Wesley (BC '60, staff '76-'93) wore many hats throughout his life; missionary, teacher, pastor, dean of students at Prairie, director of AIM, and counsellor to name a few. His favourite roles were that of loving husband to Shirley, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Arnold served the Lord all over the world, and he went home after a race well run on May 6, 2023 at the age of 86.



Penner, Marguerite Ann (**Schmit**, BC '51) married fellow Prairie grad Bernhard Penner the year

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after they graduated, in Cuba. They spent 30 years on the mission field between Trinidad, Jamaica, and Cuba. The pair moved to Portland in 1991, and Marguerite was predeceased by Bernhard in 2007. Marguerite passed away on August 28, 2023 leaving behind a large extended family.



Sanders, David Lee (BC '69) was already a US military veteran and husband of his beloved Jenette by the time he enrolled at Prairie. They had two children while they were students. After graduation, David and family returned to his home state of Illinois where he and Jenette served in local missions for more than 30 years. David was known for his sense of humour and the way he loved his God and his family. He

entered eternity on February 6, 2022.



Schlammann, Ronald Jack (HS '48) moved back to his home state of Illinois after graduating from Prairie High School, and was only 20 years old when he opened his flower shop. His creative floral designs and friendly customer care are still renowned in the area, with his business thriving for over 50 years. His beloved wife, Nona, predeceased him in 2020, and they leave behind three children and a large extended family. Ronald and Nona spent many years travelling, antiques, sailing, and hosting friends together, but most importantly they served the Lord together in their community and home church, Evangel Baptist in Wheaton. Ronald was 93 when he went to be with his Saviour in heaven on August 21, 2023.



Seid, Faye Leong (BC '58), was born to Chinese immigrant parents in Arizona, and her family moved to Colorado before settling in Sacramento, CA. Faye returned to California after graduating from Prairie, where she served in the state Employment Development Department for more than 37 years before her retirement in 1992. She leaves behind her husband of 63 years, Leslie, three children, and many grandchildren and extended family members. Those who loved Faye remember her for quiet compassion and selflessness. Faye went to be with her Lord on October 2, 2023.



Skelton, Brian Gerald (BC '60) entered into rest on May 4, 2023 at 91 years old. He was born in England and married Margaret Ann in 1955. Both were led to the Lord by Prairie grads shortly after, which in turn led them to Three Hills where Brian attended Prairie. They welcomed five children, and were since blessed with 21 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Brian was predeceased by his wife Ann, after 57 years of marriage.



Tipton, Dawn (**Johnston**, BC u'89), passed away

peacefully on May 13, 2023. She leaves behind her loving husband of 59 years, Keith, 9 children, and a host of grandchildren and other family and friends. Dawn is now reunited in heaven with her beloved daughter Christine. Through several moves, including one taking her all the way from Ontario to Alberta, Dawn was known for being an excellent homemaker, baker, mother, wife, and friend. Her homes were always places of refuge for her, and Dawn took great joy in keeping each of them. Dawn loved the Lord and her greatest joy was seeing her children and grandchildren come to know Him.



Uptigrove, Freda Bernice (**Certz**, BC u'89) was born in Vancouver, BC and her travels with her husband Ormand (HS '48) took her to India, Cameroon, and Haiti on the medical

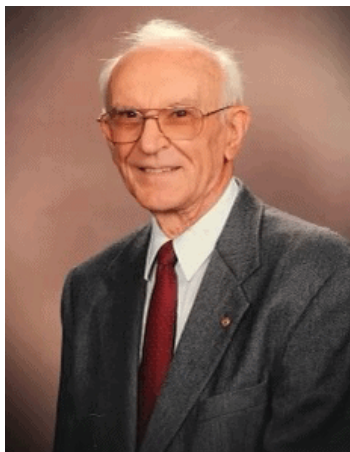
mission field. The pair moved to Three Hills and lived there for several years before settling in Calgary. Freda followed her beloved Ormie and their son, John, to be with the Lord on July 25, 2023. She leaves behind her son Jim and her grandchildren, all of whom miss her dearly.



Wendland, Katherine Ann (BC '06) passed away in Japan on May 10, 2023 with a loving family by her side. She was only 39. Katie was an avid traveller and reader, having visited 32 different countries, and making her home in Japan as a teacher. She devoted herself to her Lord and her students, and brought light and laughter into any room she entered. Katie is missed by many, and remembered for her selfless love.



Windle, Joel Douglas (BC '11) was just 33 years old when he was welcomed into eternity by his loving Saviour on September 28, 2023. He lived a life devoted to serving the Lord and helping others, from working as an EMT, Pharmacy Assistant, and Certified Nurses Aid, to his recent work towards becoming a US Navy chaplain. Joel became a US Marine Corpsman in 2022, and was well-respected by everyone he worked with. Joel leaves behind his loving wife of 7 years, Fiona, and his two young children, Jeremiah and Zoe, along with his parents, siblings, and many other loved ones.



Wood, J. David (HS '47, BC '51) went on from Prairie to earn a BA from Wheaton College ('54) and graduated from North Park Theological Seminary in 1958. That same year he married his wife Rachel. David earned a MA from Northwestern University's Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1966. The pair served in Congo for 25 years. While their 3 children were in college, Dave and Rachel spent 1979 to 1987 in Wisconsin, with Dave serving as pastor of Zion Covenant Church. In 1987 they returned to Congo where they served until their retirement in 2003. Retirement didn't stop Dave from serving as visitation pastor for Bethesda Covenant Church in Rockford, IL; director of Love, Inc.; and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. He was 93

when he went home to be with the Lord on February 14, 2023.