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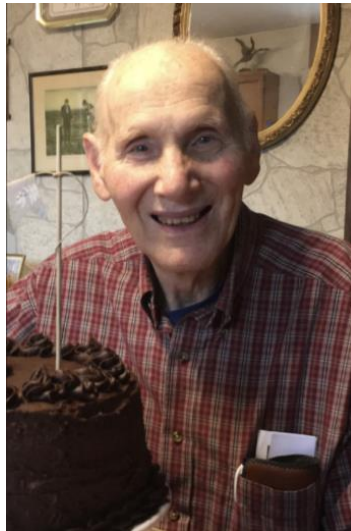


Becker, Verna Winnifred (BC '45), loved and enjoyed people wherever she lived. She was passionate about providing for other people's needs through friendship, books, physical needs, sewing and playing games. She was happily married to Clarence for over 50 years and they both enjoyed serving and traveling together. She is lovingly remembered by her son, daughter, granddaughter, and five grandsons. She went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2022.



Conwell, Ross (BC '78), born and raised in Brisbane, Australia. Ross was known for his love for Jesus, delight in God's word, and passion for sharing Christ's love through

preaching and evangelism. He loved and had a powerful impact on people. In addition, he pastored churches and served with open Air Campaigners in Australia, Canada, and Fiji. Left to celebrate his life are his loving wife, Sylvia, two sons, daughter, seven granddaughters, two grandsons, extended family, and many friends globally. Ross arrived at home in heaven on January 2, 2024.



Fodor, Les (BC '61), went gently to his heavenly home on January 26, 2024 at the age of 93. Survived by his wife Joyce, three daughters, son, three grandsons, and his two sisters. Les grew up on the

farm in Kipling, SK. He first worked at Prairie Bible Institute in the print room, and then at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island where he eventually moved. It was there he met and married Joyce. From then on Les and his family served faithfully at Homewood for many years. He will be remembered as a dedicated and inventive man of many talents.

Foster, Robert (BC '51) a Prairie graduate and active alumnus entered eternal rest in 2011.



Foxall, George McWilliam, Rev. Dr. (HS '49, BC '52) a former member of the Prairie board (1999-07', 2010- 13'). George grew up in Alberta where from a small age he felt called to serve in Africa as a missionary. George met his wife, Ruth, at an SIM candidate school. Where after George and Ruth left to serve in Nigeria. George's teaching responsibilities grew the more

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they served. Starting at a Hausa Bible School to developing a broad Theological Education by Extension ministry in Nigeria. He was dedicated to promoting education by digitizing resources by African theologians and co-founding the online Christian Ministry Academy with his son. His legacy lies in the institutions he helped build, students he taught, friendships nurtured, and lives he touched with the faith in God he exhibited all his life. George was welcomed into heaven on April 5, 2024.

Fredlund, Mabel (BC '39) served as a faithful missionary with OMF in both China and Japan for many years. She is survived by her brother, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members. She went home to Jesus on August 27, 2007



Freeman, Nancy E. (BC '72) passed away peacefully on July 20th, 2018. Remembered by her

three sisters and three brothers. She touched many lives through her time at Peoples Church, Montreal and Onward Gospel Church, Verdun.



Friesen, Lois (HS '47, BC '51, '84) daughter of L. E. and Pearl (Plummer) Maxwell. She grew up in Three Hills alongside her six siblings and the newly founded Prairie Bible Institute. Frequently accompanying her father as he traveled, preaching the gospel. She met Bill during Bible College and in 1952 they traveled to Japan as singles, getting married two years later. She served as a career missionary in Japan with her husband. She spent the majority of her time as a homemaker and was involved in a variety of ministries. Eventually retiring in Three Hills, Alberta they continued in

their hospitality by opening their home to friends and family. She will be fondly remembered by her three daughters, four grandsons, two sisters, and a number of nieces and nephews. Lois went to rest with the Lord on December 16, 2023.

Funk, Chester Thomas (BC '47) grew up on the farm and played a variety of instruments. He married Golda in 1947 where after they farmed and he eventually got involved in the construction trade. He will be remembered for his blue eyes, beautiful smile, great sense of humour, and hard work for his family. He was mourned by his wife, five children, nine grandchildren and a stepsister. Chester was welcomed home on July 2, 2001.



Gaskin, Reginald "Reg" (BC '52) born in Alberta went to Prairie Bible Institute after

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graduating from Moncton High School. He was hired by Eaton's in Moncton from 1952-70' in various progressive positions. He accepted a transfer to Eaton's Toronto as National Manager, Ladies Fashions, and Catalogue. In 1976 he moved to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as National Director of Finance and Admin. Reg was an active volunteer all his life. He was involved in various churches and in retirement assisted the Mustard Seed Mission. While his activities were numerous he always had time for family. Evident in all his work was his strong faith in Christ. His unshakeable faith was inspirational. He is survived by his wife Doreen, daughter, son, and five grandchildren. Reg passed into eternity on February 8, 2024.

Giesbrecht, Phyllis (BC '53) passed on to be with the Lord on October 5, 2005. Born in Bracken, SK she was well loved by her parents and as a result many lives were touched through her love for them. After becoming a nurse, marrying Milton, and mothering two children, the two of them went on to open up their home to many more children. Adopting and fostering many. She was known for her continuous love and will be fondly remembered by her 15 children along with their

spouses and other dear family members.



Goertzen, Helen (BC '50) born in Felsenbach, South Russia she came to Canada and graduated from both Prairie Bible Institute and Winkler Bible College. She went on to train as an LPN in Ontario. She was a well-respected nurse and worked for many years at the Health Sciences Centre. She is survived by her two daughters and their families. Helen went to her heavenly home on April 26, 2012.

Hamm, Peter M. (BC '52) grew up in BC where after completing high school went on to teach in a one-room country school. He continued his education by enrolling in Prairie Bible Institute and the University of British Columbia. He

went on to also study at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg where he met Betty and they got married. In 1958 the Hamms went to India as missionaries with MBM/S where they served as teachers and house parents. They returned to Canada in 1970 where Peter took up teaching at MBBC and would go on to write a book. Peter passed away in 1993.



Heggestad, John (BC '36) a former student of Prairie College went to be with his Lord on April 30, 2007. John married Fern on July 9, 1948 and they had four children. They farmed south of Frontier until they retired in the late 70's. His love for God and for others took precedence in his life. He was a compassionate man who lived his faith. He was a great storyteller and had a knack for making people laugh. John is remembered by his three daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Hiebert, Victor (BC '66) grew up in the Randolph area near Steinbach, MB. At 15 he met Susan and after 5 years the two of them were married. They lived in many places over the course of their 67 years together. His primary work was with JR Stephenson Ltd, as a mechanic, repairing gasoline pumps and later doing installations. A central focus of his life was his deep faith in Christ. He devoted himself to service wherever he was. He is remembered by his family and friends as a gentle, hardworking, helpful, godly, prayerful, playful, and faithful man. Victor was welcomed home on July 16, 2011.

Johnson, Elsie (BC '57) graduated from Canterbury High School and later from Saint John General Hospital School of Nursing. Elsie was the most caring and loving person you could ever meet. She did everything possible to help other people. Family, friends, and doing work for God

were very important to her. She is survived by her two sisters, two brothers, their spouses, and several aunts and uncles. Elsie met Jesus on August 8, 2011.



Klosse, Harry (BC '00, former staff 1964-'93) was born and raised in the Netherlands where he helped at his parent's bakery since childhood. After WWII Harry met Allie and their lives were forever changed. Due to circumstances the two moved to Canada. Harry and Allie became followers of Christ after attending a Billy Graham crusade. In 1964 they came to Prairie Bible Institute where Harry served as a baker until his retirement in 1993. Harry will be remembered by his three

sons, their wives, two brothers, as well as various other family members. Harry went to see the Lord on November 7, 2023.

Kutz, Ray (BC '56), a student at Prairie Bible Institute. Ray and his wife Dee served with World Team and he will be dearly remembered by his family. Ray passed away in October 2023.

Langlois, Lorraine (HS '58, BC '64) served with World Team after attending Prairie Bible Institute. She leaves to mourn her two sisters, brother, nephews and niece, as well as other relatives and friends. Lorraine went home on September 25, 2022.



Long, Donald Thaddeus (BC '65, former staff 1965-'75). Donald served at the print shop for many faithful years. He went on to

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serve in Japan with New Life League for a few years after his time at Prairie. Donald passed on to be with the Lord on January 11, 2024.



Lown, Nancy (Spouse to Nick Lown, BC '80) went home to Jesus on September 19, 2017. She was known for her love of people, nature, and Jesus. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



Martens, Herman Peter (Former staff '10) was born and raised in Alberta. He married Joyce in 1971 and they had two children. After moving to Three Hills Herman

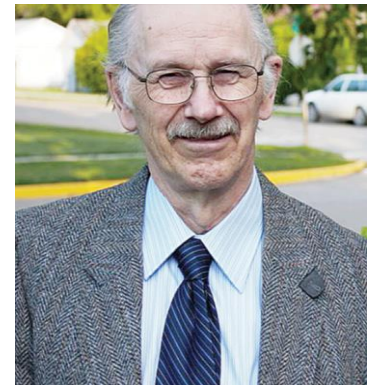
had a 30- year career as a municipal accountant. He was a man of many hobbies including rock hounding, fishing, music, painting, and working with computers. He was a hard worker who cared for his family, church and community. He is remembered by his wife, daughter, son, and nine grandchildren.



McCaffery, Beverly (HS '59, BC '60) raised in Okotoks, AB. She was an avid reader and attend PBI for high school and a College diploma. She graduated from the University of Calgary, studying Geology. She married Frank in 1966 and they moved to England to further his studies. They

had two children, one in 1975 and the other in 1977. They moved to California in 1981 where she was very active in her children's education. Beverly would spend many hours fishing on the shore. She enjoyed the company of her friends and family. She will be missed as she was a loving, caring mother and friend. Beverly passed away peacefully on April 30, 2019.

Mosher, Stephen Ralph (BC '67) cared very dearly for his wife Donna. He attended Clifford Galesburg High School, Prairie Bible Institute, and Grace University. Stephen served in the Navy. He went home to heaven on August 16, 2023.

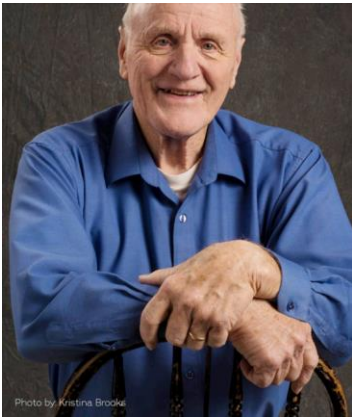


Parlane, Brian (Former staff 1969-'91) born in Ontario, he came to Prairie Bible Institute and graduated in 1969. Shortly after he married Esther Anne in 1971. Brian had a passion for art and many of the murals around Three

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Hills were painted by him. Brian and Anne devoted their time volunteering in the Three Hills community, including the Senior's Outreach, Art's Academy, and the Kneehill Historical Society. Brian was a cherished staff at PBI and he will be fondly remembered by his wife, four children, and many grandchildren. Brian passed to be with the Lord on November 8, 2023.



Rish, Charlie (BC '63, former staff 1962-'04) born in Johnstown, PA came to Prairie Bible Institute by influence of his pastor. After graduating he joined staff at the Prairie farm. He soon noticed Sara, another single staff, and they got married in 1965. After injuring his back, he transferred out of the farm into the painting department. He stayed at PBI keeping all the school buildings protected and looking good until 2004 when he retired. He was heavily involved with the Prairie Tabernacle and

spent many hours serving the church. Charlie was also known for his hobby of photography. He was an adventurous man and outdoor activities were something his whole family enjoyed. Charlie will be remembered by his four children and other family members. Charlie passed into glory on December 16, 2023.

Sells, Glenn Major (BC '69) a former student at Prairie Bible Institute. Married to Del. Glenn was taken to heaven on May 28, 2015.

Stephenson, Mary Jane (HS '50) was one of seven children raised in the mountains of West Virginia. Her and her sister Freda came to Prairie Bible Institute for high school at the encouragement of their aunt. PBI helped shape her character and resilience she exhibited throughout the rest of her life. She went on to study at Columbia Bible College before starting full-time administrative work. Over the years she used her

talent for organization and communication in ever increasing roles of responsibility and trust. Culminating in dedicated support of the chief executives at Reynolds Metals Company, where she retired in the mid 1990's. She made dear friends, loved companion animals, international travel, and singing in the church choir. This gracious and generous woman was brought into Jesus' arms on May 14, 2022.



Tiel, John Nickolhas (BC '86, former staff 1976-'88) born in the Netherlands, his family moved to Canada in 1949. After growing up on the farm he moved to Edmonton to become a journeyman electrician. This is where he met his wife Berdina and they were wed in 1960. They moved South to Three Hills in 1976 where John worked as an electrician for the College for 22 years. John and Berdina moved to

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Penticton, but shortly after decided to move back to Three Hills. They reconnected with good friends and the two of them spent many long hours together. John will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and friend. He leaves to mourn his wife Berdina, four children, 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, all their respective spouses, and many other family members. John passed from this life to his heavenly home on April 7, 2024.

Tygert, Earl (Former staff 1945-'49) a Pastor in upstate NY, heard L. E. Maxwell speak at Round Lake, NY and got connected with him. Maxwell invited Earl and his wife Emogene to teach and take some classes at Prairie. In 1948 Earl went to speak to missionaries in China and Japan. While in Japan God gave him a clear word to return to Japan and serve there. As a result, the family moved in 1949 and started a Bible School and printing ministry. They stayed there till 1968 when they chose to return for their children's education. They bought a castle in PA and used it as a Christian school and for various conferences. He will be dearly missed by many. Earl went to be with Jesus June 1978.

Tygert, Emogene (Former staff 1945-'49) was invited with her husband Earl by L. E. Maxwell to teach at Prairie Bible Institute. She taught voice and led the Radio Choir. While her husband was away in Japan she received a word from the Lord that they were to serve as missionaries in Japan. It was hard for her to leave Prairie as she had been very happy there. However, in 1949 they set off for Japan starting a Bible College and printing ministry. They had four children during their time in Japan. After 19 years of service the family moved back to PA, bought a castle, and used it for continued ministry. Emogene will surely be missed by many. She joined her husband in heaven July 2006.



Unger, George "Gerry" (Former staff 1975-'01) was the fifth of nine children. He married the love of his life, Deanna, in 1961. After receiving a BA from McMaster University the family moved to Three Hills, where Gerry spent the next 25 years teaching high school and doing Stewardship at Prairie Bible College. He held the positions of vice principal, registrar, and class advisor. He co-authored several textbooks and sat on various education and church committees. Even though Gerry gave of himself to all these achievements. He would say his greatest joy came from his love of his Saviour. He will be remembered as a man of Christian faith, kindness, and humour by Dea his wife, two daughters, grandchildren, and other family members. Gerry went to his eternal rest on January 15, 2024.

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Ure, Audrey (Spouse to David Ure, HS '52) passed away on September 25, 2012. Primarily a farmer's wife and mother who desired to be God's servant. She chose Naturopathic medicine as a vocation of service rather than a career. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, grandchildren, and sister.

farm from his mother. Over the years they ran several businesses out of the farm. David was a supportive father and husband. He is remembered by his daughter, grandchildren and several other family members. David passed at home with his daughter and friends beside him on January 13, 2023



Ure, David (HS '52) grew up in Kaleden and attended school at Kaleden Elementary, Penticton High School, and Prairie Bible Institute. Following his sister to Prince George he worked various jobs including driving ambulance, school buses, and city buses. He met Audrey there and they got married in 1961. After the birth of their two children they bought a