

Family ALBUM

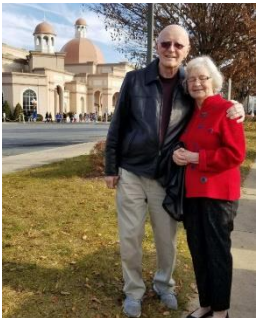
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1940's



DOUGLAS, Anna (Schmidt, BC '40), the 4th oldest citizen in Alberta, recently celebrated her 106th birthday. Born two weeks after the Armistice was signed in WW 1 and raised in Beiseker, AB, in 1947 she sailed under the China Inland Mission to China where she married fellow missionary Alban Douglas. Shortly after their wedding, they had to flee communist soldiers and were later put under house arrest in their mission compound. Anna became pregnant and developed eclampsia which put her in a coma for three weeks during which she delivered a stillborn daughter. In 1951 they were forced to leave China and became missionaries to the Philippines from 1954 to 1964. Unable to stay due to Alban's health, they and their two children were invited to join Prairie staff where Alban taught missions until his retirement. Widowed since 1996, Anna has lived in her own home in Three Hills until moving into a nursing home earlier this year.

1950's



REIMER, Milton (BC '56) has fond memories of his days at PBI, especially sitting under the teaching of godly men and women, and believes those years formed a firm foundation for the rest of his life. He went on to obtain his PhD, taught in several universities and colleges, pastored churches, and was named Professor Emeritus at Liberty University. He has been married to Clarice for 67 years and recently celebrated his 92nd birthday at home in Lynchburg, VA. Milton writes poetry as a hobby and would enjoy hearing from fellow classmates at cmoncall@hotmail.com. Here is one of his Christmas poems:

God looked and saw the world that He created
A world of people who like sheep had gone astray
Though they rebelled, God's love was unabated
He gave His only Son—the Truth, the Life, the Way.

This gift of love that God sent down from heaven
Came veiled in flesh, a babe born of a virgin's womb
No royal pomp or trumpet sounds were given
But shepherds heard the news and saw His stable home.

The world God loved did not accept His favor
His own received Him not, but spurned the gift He sent
A few there were who waited for a Savior
Who recognized the Child and at the manger bent.

Few understood the purpose of His mission
But by His name His mission clearly was proclaimed
He came to save from sin His lost creation
The sacrificial Lamb 'gainst whom God's wrath was aimed.

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ABBOTT, Ruth (Norris, HS '63, BC '67) is living in Apache Junction, AZ. Her husband Tom is deceased.



BINGLEY, Lance (BC '69) and his wife Glenda make their home in Omaha, NE, where he has pastored for 50 years. Lance is now 83 and retired due to health difficulties. Glenda is also retired from working in a dental office and ministering to children, and is a full-time caregiver for her husband. "God has been abundantly gracious to us," says Lance, "and we eagerly await the upward call!"



KING, Jewel (Ambrogini, BC '63) and her husband Frank were missionaries with the American Sunday School Union until his passing in 2015. She is well cared for in her home in Great Falls, MT, by her four children, her neighbors, and an amazing church.



PATRICK, Joanne (Christiansen, BC u'66) retired in 2016 after more than 36 years as an educator in the Seattle Public School System. After 51 ½ years of marriage, she lost her husband Robert to cancer in 2022. Joanne is presently living in Cle Elum, WA, where she serves in the Alliance Church as a deaconess and Bible study facilitator and hosts a Spouses Grief Support Group. She is blessed by two sons, their spouses, and seven grandchildren.



PERKINS, Andy (HS '66, BC '69) is the Founder and Board Chair of BESTWA, Inc. He and his wife Teresa have six children, sixteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild and make their home in Grand Prairie, TX, where Andy is active in Midlothian Bible Church. At the age of 50 in 1999, Andy began working in Liberia where BESTWA now provides food for over 1,300 severely malnourished children daily, along with medical care and Bible training. Medicine is also provided to 3 hospitals and 24 clinics and needy mothers are offered clean birth kits and delivery assistance.

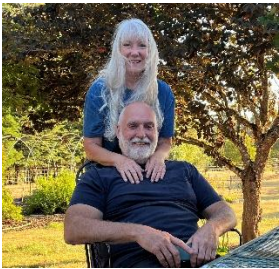
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WILDER, David (BC '68) is a worker/retiree with Lake and Peninsula Airlines in Port Alsworth, AK. After leaving Prairie, he moved permanently to Alaska and began a career in commercial fishing and flying all over the state. He and his wife Jacquelyn (**Vantrease**, HS'65, BC u'68) have three children and 13 grandchildren who all live nearby. "God has given us the desire of our hearts living in 'Bush Alaska' now for 55 years," says David. "We have opportunity daily for ministry with local people and our Christian community. May we prove faithful as we move into our retirement years."



1970's



ANDREW, Nancy (Garrett, BC '71) was married to Mark in 1976 and they have a married son and daughter and four granddaughters. She is now retired and makes her home in La Center, WA. Nancy teaches a Sunday school class of 3-to-5-year-olds and serves as church treasurer at Village Missions Church in Ariel, WA. A weekly Bible study fellowship keeps her grounded and in the Word and her life has been a testimony of God's faithfulness and unfailing love.



BOREN, Tom (BC '71) and his wife Lee had just purchased their first home when they met a travelling Prairie rep who became interim pastor of their church upon the death of their own minister. Through his influence they applied to Prairie Bible Institute, said goodbye to the new home they never had a chance to live in, and arrived as married students with no money and two suitcases to move into the rustic setting of the "Prairie Motels." They have four sons and now make their home in Eugene, OR.



BREITHAUPT, Daniel (BC '78) worked in Venezuela from 1980 to 1984 where he says his primary job was to "keep the water running." After that he was employed in the electrical trade until his retirement in 2015. Daniel and his wife Pat make their home in Saint Clair, MO.

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BURNS, Dennis (BC '77) resides in Victor, MT, with his wife Donna. He is now retired but has enjoyed a life-long involvement in music ministries. Throughout the last twenty years or so Dennis has used his musical gifts to honour the Lord and served as an elder in his church, and is now active as a deacon.



CLAUS, Kathryn (Nepodal, BC '76) is presently living in Springville, IN, with her husband Paul. She is now retired and enjoying her ministry as the leader of children's chapel at her local church.



KEPLER, John (HS '71, BC '75) and his wife Amy are now in the "pre-retirement" phase of life after 31 years of pastoral ministry in the north-eastern US. They serve in their local church and work in the area in a somewhat warmer climate in Leland, NC. "God has always been faithful," says John, "and we are greatly blessed."



KIDD, Orin (BC '76) and his wife Rosalia went to West Irian (now West Papua) in 1977 and have been involved with the Kimyal tribe ever since, Orin in church planting and discipleship and Rosa in women's work and translation. They maintain their connection now with short-term trips and were grateful to see the New Testament dedicated in 2010. Since 2005 the Kidds have been involved with Grace Bible Fellowship in Albany, OR, where Orin served as Outreach Pastor. He also has taught Perspectives courses and was an adjunct professor for five years at Corban University. They have two married sons who live in Oregon with their children and grandchildren.



LARSON, Juanita (Wilder, BC '74) and her retired pastor husband Vern are making their present home in DeSmet, IN, to be near to family. She has homeschooled her five children, been a pastor's wife, and worked in various forms of children's ministries, and has been leading a ladies' Bible study for the past ten years. The Larsons enjoy travelling around the country to visit their children and grandchildren and are learning the importance of giving thanks in all the ups and downs of life.

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RUST, Julie (Baird, BC '77) lives in Lancaster, PA. After three years as a children's missionary in Colombia, SA, she married her husband Randy and together they have served churches in Illinois and Washington State. After her four children left home, Julie earned her Master's in Education and taught Spanish at a Christian High School for 13 years. She retired this past June and they have moved to Pennsylvania to help out with their four grandchildren.



1980's



GOWANLOCK, Leona (BC'83) is living in Severn, ON, where she works with OMF International as Mission Mentorship Coordinator for those inquiring to serve in East Asia. She is thankful to be able to work from home and support her parents, in their 90s with declining health, and is grateful for good medical and family support. Her prayer is that she will finish well with her mother and father.



KRUEGER, John (BC '82) is a semi-retired building contractor. He and his wife Priscilla have been married for 41 years and make their home in Langley, BC. They are enjoying their two married children and five grandchildren and John is involved in their local church.

1990's



PULLEY, Melissa (Dearden, BC '99) has been married for 23 years to Russell and they are the parents of a recently graduated daughter and twin boys in Grade Eleven. They live in Waterloo, ON, where Melissa has served at Creekside Church in the Toddler department for the past seven years. For now God has placed her full-time at a factory that makes parts for cars, but she hopes one day to do a missions trip with her husband and to share the experience with her local church.

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2000's



KROEKER, Alison (McMahon, BC'03) moved to southern California after her marriage to Cheyenne and taught school until they adopted their first daughter. In 2012 they relocated to a family farm in Inman, KS, where they adopted a second child and got involved with their local church and the foster care system that has brought over 20 children through their doors. They now have four daughters of their own and love doing ministry daily as a family with those who need love and a safe haven. They have seen God show up in so many ways and experience his faithfulness continually.



NIMMONS, Kendi (Dyck, BC '13) married Ryan Nimmons on November 23, 2024. Her husband works as an accountant for an industrial electric company. In the fall of 2021, they were introduced to each other through a Prairie College friend and dated long-distance for nearly 2.5 years. Kendi moved to Texas in May to finish planning their wedding and began working remotely for Prairie as the Director of Philanthropic Partnerships. This entails connecting with both alumni and donors of the College within the USA. If you would like a visit and update from Prairie, please feel free to reach out to her at kendi.dyck@prairie.edu.



WIEBE, Andrew (BC'24) joined Prairie staff after graduation as Director of Alumni Relations. While on GlobeTREK in his senior year he travelled to Brazil where he met a missionary family who then conspired to introduce him to their niece Susanna. She had been raised in Brazil but was now living in Kansas. A romance developed and Andrew and Sue were married in September of 2024. They are now making their home in Three Hills, AB, where Andrew has recently transferred to new responsibilities as Director of Recruitment.