

ROBERT & MYRTLE FENTON

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Wedding

-PARRISH – FENTON

Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Parrish of Bezanson and Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenton of Bezanson were wed recently in Bezanson.

Rev. Stokes was the officiating clergyman and May Turner provided the music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was charming in a full length gown with trailing red roses.

Bridal attendants were Mrs. Sylvia Bruno, Anne Sackett and Joanne Dorscheid, while Ray Fenton and Dale Parrish accompanied the groom.

For the reception at Bezanson Hall, the bride's mother wore a beige brocaded dress with beige accessories and a white corsage.

The groom's mother was attired in a blue dress with white accessories and a white corsage.

For a wedding trip to Rossland, B.C. the bride wore a pink sheath dress and white accessories.

Out - of - town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Nemo Sackett and family; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pope; Anne Fenton; Larry Fenton; and Mr. and Mrs. John Bruno.

The newly-weds will reside in Bezanson.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fenton (nee Margaret Giles) of Saskatoon.

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FENTON GILES

VULCAN — Marriage vows were exchanged in a double-ring ceremony between Margaret Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Giles of Vulcan, and Raymond Alexander Fenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenton of Grande Prairie. The Rev. A. Anderson officiated and Miss Heather Lindstedt provided the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a slim-fitting floor-length gown of white Italian cloque, the edge with a tiny ruffle flowing into a train. The neckline and waist were also edged with stand-up ruffle. The bride's headpiece was a scalloped bouffant veil held in place by a tiara of seed pearls and crystals. Long-stemmed pink roses formed the bridal bouquet.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Ann Boucher as matron-of-honor and bridesmaids Mrs. Betty-Anne Regehr and Miss Sally Giles, sister of the bride. Tiny Sheeley Fenton, niece of the groom was the bride's flower girl.

The matron of honor wore a floor length gown of yellow Italian cloque featuring an A-line style with short cap sleeves. The bridesmaids wore matching long gowns of pale aquamarine Italian cloque. The three carried bouquets of long-stemmed Talisman roses. The flower girl, as the bride's personal attendant, wore a floor-length A-line gown in white Italian cloque and carried a basket of yellow roses.

Alan Fenton, brother of the groom, attended as best man. Bruce and Jim Fenton, also brothers of the groom, were ushers.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Giles chose a powder blue knit suit accented with silver threads. Silver and darker blue accessories with a silver-tipped rose corsage completed her ensemble.

The groom's mother, Mrs. Fenton, wore a jacket dress of turquoise linen completed by turquoise and white accessories and a gold-tipped pink rose corsage.

For going away, the bride chose a floral-patterned dress and matching apricot coat ensemble, complemented by accessories of the same material, black patent shoes and a white orchid corsage.

Following a honeymoon trip to points in B.C. and northern Alberta, the couple will reside in Saskatoon, Sask.

OBITUARIES

JENSEN — Mrs. Hjertine Jensen passed away at the Grande Prairie Auxiliary Hospital on June 11, at the age of 93 years. Mrs. Jensen was born in Norway and later moved to the United States. In 1912 she came to Fox Valley, Sask. Then in 1929 she moved to Glen Leslie (Bezanson area) and lived there until approximately seven years ago when she moved to the Central Park lodge in Grande Prairie where she resided until her passing.

Mrs. Jensen is survived by four daughters; Mrs. Dina Goff of Bezanson, Mrs. Myrtle Fenton of Bezanson, Mrs. Mildred McPhee, of RR #1, Grande Prairie and Mrs. Geraldine Stark of Grande Prairie, one son Marvin Jensen of Grande Prairie, 17 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Didrik and two sons Sigvald and Gustav.

Funeral services were held on June 15 at 2 p.m. from the J.B. Oliver Funeral Chapel in Grande Prairie with Pastor L. Lerseth officiating with interment following in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Pete McPhee, Bruce Fenton, Lyle Jensen, Duane Stark, George Hansen and Gerald Goff.

Arrangements were by the J.B. Oliver Funeral Home.



Mildred McPhee, left, and Myrtle Fenton, 70 years young

Twins celebrate 70 years

The Labor Day weekend saw some celebrating at the Bezanson Legion Hall, as family and friends joined to honor two long-time residents of the area. Identical twins Myrtle Fenton and Mildred McPhee were 70 years old on Thursday and the gathering, held Sept. 1, helped them mark their special day.

Myrtle and Mildred, nee Jensen, moved to the Bezanson area with their family in 1929 from Fox Valley, Saskatchewan, and the family farmed for a number of years.

Mildred married Bob McPhee, a farmer from the Glen Leslie district. Mildred and Bob raised four children: Bonnie Scott of Strathmore; Arlene Pope of Edmonton; Peter, now in Alaska and Terry, working the family farm at Glen Leslie. Mildred has

three grandchildren.

Myrtle married Bob Fenton of the Bezanson district. The couple raised five children: Alan of St. Albert; Bruce, farming on the family farm at Bezanson; Ray of Fort Saskatchewan; Jim of St. Albert and Muriel of Dawson Creek, B.C. Myrtle has 10 grandchildren.

The twins' families, relatives and friends attended the birthday celebrations and presented them with a beautiful cake, numerous gifts and a flood of good wishes.

Family picture albums brought back many happy memories, ensuring an enjoyable day for everyone.

MARVIN JENSEN

Mr. Marvin Jensen passed away at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, Alberta on Tuesday, December 13, 1988, at the age of 82.

He was born at Kensil, North Dakota, U.S.A. He moved to Saskatchewan in 1911, and to Grande Prairie in 1929, where he had since resided.

He is survived by his wife Mae; daughter Marlene (Gerald Birnie-Brown) of Grande Prairie; grandsons: Wade, and Kurt; his sisters Geraldine Stark, Mildred McPhee, Dina Goff, and Myrtle Fenton.

He was predeceased by his father Didrik in 1946, his mother Hjertine in 1971, brother Gustau in 1918, brother Sigvald in 1918, and son Lyle in March, 1988.

Funeral service for the late Marvin Jensen will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel Grande Prairie, Alberta on Friday, December 16, 1988, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Vern Wishar officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Alberta Heart Fund.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Olive Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

Obituary

DINA GOFF NEWELL



Mrs. Dina Goff Newell passed away at Mackenzie Place, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Saturday, January 28, 1989, at the age of 85.

She was born at Bricelyn, Minnesota, U.S.A. She moved from the U.S.A. to Fox Valley, Saskatchewan in 1912, and then to the Grande Prairie area in 1929, farming at Glen

Leslie and Bezanson, until her retirement years which were spent in Grande Prairie. She was a member of the United Church.

She is survived by 2 sons: Gerald (Dianne) Goff of Bezanson, and Lorne (Leta) Goff of Rocky Mountain House; 5 grandchildren: Dennis (Shaela), Jay, Garry (Val), Dave, and Lisa; 3 great-grandchildren: Ashley, Ryan, and Lindsay; 3 sisters: Mildred McPhee, Myrtle Fenton, and Geraldine Stark, all of Grande Prairie.

She was predeceased by her husband Vern Goff in 1960, and by her second husband Ted Newell in 1981; brothers: Gustav and Sigvald in 1918, Marvin Jensen in 1989; and grandson Vern Goff in 1984.

Funeral service for the late Dina Goff Newell will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel, 10212-102 St., Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Thursday, February 2, 1989, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Vernon Wishard officiating. Interment to take place at the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie, Alberta. Telephone 532-2929.

Special supper for some special people...



The **Bezanson Golden Years Club** recently prepared a supper in honor of 80-years-and-over residents of the area. Each was presented with a corsage before sitting down at the head table and being introduced as special guests. In photo above (back row, l to r): **Ted Coney, Myrtle Fenton, Marvis Stewart and wife, Max Franks, Mildrew McPhee, Ellis Turner, Cara Welander, Art Rees.** Front row: **Marie Menard, Mary Podolski, Edna Ames, Tilla Berg, Margaret Griko, Hazel Weegar.**

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Senior celebration



The Bezanson Golden Years Club celebrated Seniors Week with a supper and social evening — with music by Ernie Bredeson, Andy Waldner and Marion Waldner and singing by Mabel Bredeson, John Stark and Phyllis Stewart — for the 80-year and over members. Those taking part included Francis Goodland (front left), Hazel Weegar, Art Rees, Maggie Robideau, Willie Munro, Ed Bredeson, Mabel Bredeson and Annie Oe (back left), Peggy Robideau, Claire Irvine, Mildred McPhee, John Stark, Myrtle Fenton, Art Patterson, Edna Anderson, Elsie Ames, Ellis Turner, Billie Ford and Fred Ford.

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Bezanson twins celebrate 85th

BETH WILKINS

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The Jensen identical twins are 15 years shy of being 100 years old, but that doesn't seem to phase them. They are still up to enjoying the company of their family and friends at birthday time.

Myrtle Jensen (**Fenton**) is the older twin. She beat Mildred Jensen (McPhee) into the world by about two minutes, she told her son, Bruce, at their birthday party in Bezanson Sunday.

They were born Sept. 4, 1910, in Cansel, North Dakota. When they were about two years old, their parents and family moved to Fox Valley in the Richmond area of Saskatchewan.

The Bezanson area became home in 1929 when they moved into a house, just south of the Bezanson Store.

Each married a farmer. Their farm houses were exactly eight miles north and south of each other, says Bruce.

"We haven't been too far apart," says Myrtle. "We were always together when we were growing up, as we've grown older, not as much."

When they were younger, too, they looked more alike.

"Even our own kids couldn't tell us apart at times," says Mildred.

Times have changed, and drastically since they were younger.

"It's not the same world," says Myrtle. Things are moving fast — too fast. There is no comparison with the past."



Staff photo by Beth Wilkins

Myrtle Fenton (left) and Mildred McPhee celebrated their 85th birthday in Bezanson on the weekend.

They used to go berry picking and such together when they were young. Now, since they've moved to Grande Prairie, they settle for a coffee together at the Co-op.

Saskatchewan has a strong tug for them. Their trip back this year will

probably be their last, the women say.

Myrtle has four sons and a daughter; 12 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Mildred has two sons and three daughters, and three grandchildren.



FENTON/WEISS

It is with great pleasure that Alan and Betty Fenton of St. Albert, Robert and Mary Weiss of Leduc and Grandmothers Myrtle Fenton and Peggy Robideau, announce the upcoming marriage of Patti and Barry. Wedding to take place June 10, 2000 in Leduc, Alta at St. Michaels Catholic Church. Photo by Courtyard Photo Studios Ltd.

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Geraldine Stark, 83, of Grande Prairie



Geraldine Selma Stark (nee Jensen) passed away peacefully at the family home on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 in the

presence of her family.

Geraldine was predeceased by her parents Didrik and Hjertin Jensen, brothers Gustav and Sigvald, sister Dina (Vern) Goff, brother Marvin (Mae) Jensen, sister Mildred (Bob) McPhee, brother-in-law Bob Fenton, and nephews Lyle Jensen, Gerald Goff and Peter McPhee.

Geraldine is survived by her lifetime partner of 64 years John D. Stark, son Duane, son Roy (Marie), son Warren (Debby) and daughter Denise (Rick) Hryciuk, sister Myrtle Fenton, grandchildren Michelle Stark (Andriy), Troy Stark (Carrie), Rebecca Stark, Nicole Stark, Kelly Hryciuk and Stacey Hryciuk.

She is also survived by nieces and nephews Allan (Betty) Fenton, Bruce (Helen) Fenton, Ray (Marg) Fenton, Jim (Betty-Ann) Fenton, Muriel (Bud) Powell, Lorne Goff, Bonnie (Andy) Scott, Arlene McPhee, Terry McPhee and Marlene Bernie-Brown and many paternal nieces and nephews.

Geraldine was born on July 16, 1918 in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, and moved from

the family farm at Fox Valley to the Glen Leslie / Bezanson area in 1929.

In 1938 Geraldine married Johnny and settled on their homestead on the banks of the Smoky River where the family grew up.

In 1968 the family farm was sold and Geraldine and Johnny moved to Grande Prairie where they have since resided.

Despite her 30-plus-year battle with breast cancer she continued to do the things she loved such as painting, sewing, cooking and gardening.

However, most of all she continued to give her love and support to her family, always putting their well being ahead of her own.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes in Geraldine's memory may be made to the Compassion House Foundation, #354, 10113-104 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1P1 (support facility for out-of-town breast cancer patients).

Public viewing will be held on Friday, March 15, 2002 from 7-8 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, 10005-107 Ave., Grande Prairie.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2002 at 1 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel.

Interment will follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

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Obituaries



FENTON, Myrtle September 4, 1910 – May 18, 2011. Myrtle Fenton (nee Jensen), formerly of Bezanson and Grande Prairie, passed away at the Continuing Care Centre in Spirit River, Alberta on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the age of 100 years and 8 months. Myrtle was born on September 4, 1910 in Kensal, North Dakota, moved to the Fox Valley area of Saskatchewan in 1912, and to the Bezanson area in 1929. She will be remembered for her selflessness, her love of family and family times, her sense of humour and cheerfulness; her kindness to all, and her love of the outdoors and sports. Myrtle will be sadly missed and forever loved by her children Alan (Betty), Bruce (Helen), Raymond (Margaret), Jim (BettyAnn), and Muriel (Bud); 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her parents Hjertine and Didrik; her husband Robert; three sisters Dina, Mildred, and Geraldine; and three brothers Sigvald, Gustave, and Marvin. To the staff at the Continuing Care Centre in Spirit River for the care, compassion, and friendship provided to our mother – a heartfelt thank you. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, with a time of fellowship following at the Bezanson Senior Citizens' Centre.

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