

GEHARD & TILLA BERG

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Triple celebration



Mr. and Mrs. Gehard Berg



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bredeson



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bredeson

Married within eight weeks...

Gehard Berg and his sisters Margaret and Mabel all were married within eight weeks of each other — 59 years ago.

The three, with their spouses and immediate families gathered for a very special joint wedding anniversary celebration, April 18 at Aurora Court in Grande Prairie.

Reminiscing over cake and coffee, each had his or her own story to tell.

Margaret married Alfred Bredeson, March 22, 1927, with Minnie Nelson and Elmer Johnson as attendants. Travelling home to Sexsmith after the ceremony, they were met with a shower of rice as they disembarked the train.

Their first home was a small house north of Sexsmith, while Alfred worked for a short time on the railway. In 1928 they filed on a homestead in the Glen Leslie district, where they lived since, raising five children who have given them 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Margaret played guitar and Alfred, violin, and once when returning home from playing at a dance, they found their home gutted by fire.

REBUILT

Before long, though, they had rebuilt and Margaret's beautiful flowers and plants and crocheted items once more decorated their home. Her garden and yard always showed the great pride she had in her work.

Alfred loved the outdoors. He was long a great hunter and trapper, fisherman and boatsman, often just enjoying nature and the quiet of the wilderness.

Gehard Berg chose a beautiful spring day, May 9, 1927 in Saskatoon, Sask., to make Tilla Ask his bride.

They journeyed by train to a farm near Meacham where Gehard worked as a farm helper. He later raised chickens and sold eggs and always enjoyed sports — skiing, playing and coaching baseball, and curling. Even today he can show off his trophies for some of these.

Tilla's spare moments were occupied with crocheting, tatting and sewing.

One fall day in 1940 as Gehard was finishing helping his neighbors around Viscount (south central Saskatchewan) with the threshing, he announced "Alberta is calling" — he and Tilla and their three children sold the livestock, bought a 1928 Chevy, loaded up all their worldly possessions, and headed for "the great Alberta."

Three days later they arrived, were reunited with their families and Gehard began farm work again, with the threshing here.

He also helped earn a living for his family by playing fiddle with a dance band. Their evenings often passed with games of Norwegian whist and other card games.

UNTIL RETIREMENT

They settled on their own farmland near Bezanson soon after, brushing it by hand and building a home, farming and logging until they retired. They've enjoyed many trips together over the years, camping or travelling by bus.

Their three children have given them nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mabel was the last the three Bergs to tie the knot, marrying Edwin Bredeson May 19, 1927.

They worked at a sawmill north of Buffalo Lakes for the first couple of years together, then moved to the Glen Leslie district to begin farming.

Their house was never large but always had room for one more. Many Sundays saw family and friends join the Bredesons for ballgames, horseshoes and a table full of food for all.

Mabel never seemed to tire of cooking and specialized in decorating many beautiful wedding cakes.

Always interested in music, Edwin played violin and Mabel played piano with a dance band for years.

Ed was also a wilderness lover, enjoying hunting, trapping and fishing. Camping and fishing still occupy a lot of the couple's time today and they often take the holiday trailer and boat up to Sturgeon Lake.

Both are healthy and active, living on the farm where they raised their three children. They have 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.