

ALICE DELANEY

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Wedding

DELANEY - LANIGA

A candlelight ceremony last Saturday evening at Peace Chapel, Christian Reformed Church in Grande Prairie, united in marriage Irene M. Delaney, daughter of Mrs. Alice Delaney of Grande Prairie and Ken Laniga of Grande Prairie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laniga of Tamale, Ghana.

Rev. Boelkins of Edmonton was the officiating minister, while Mrs. G. Postman provided the music and accompanied soloist, Melvin Delaney.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Clarence Boyer, the bride was resplendent in a floor-length chiffon with lovely lace train and a headpiece of net topped with orchids.

The bride's attendants, Holly Pender of Canal Flats, B.C.; Lois McMurray of Grande Prairie; and Connie Laniga, the groom's sister from Tamale, Ghana, were all attired in pale pink sheaths of lace and carried bouquets of white carnations.

Attending the groom were best man Bert Delaney; Ed Kossack and John Laniga of Blueberry Mountain.

Ray Delaney, the bride's brother and Brian Boyer, her cousin, served as ushers.

For the reception at the York Hotel, the bride's mother wore a turquoise dress and coat ensemble and a white carnation corsage.

The groom's mother was dressed in a gold sheath with a black stole and a white carnation corsage.

For the wedding trip to Vancouver, the bride wore a white and navy suit with white accessories.

Guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laniga and daughter Connie who came from Ghana to attend, Other out-of-town guests were from Bezanson, Debolt, Clairmont, Sexsmith; Spirit River, Bad Heart; Blueberry Mountain, Essondale, B.C.; Canal Flats, B.C.; and Tupper, B.C. The newly-weds will reside in Grande Prairie.

EAST GERMANS FLEE

BRUNSWICK (Reuters) - Seven East Germans between 18 and 24 fled to West Germany across the Lower Saxony border Monday night and early Tuesday, Brunswick police said.

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BOUNCING BOXER — Warm sunshine, a playful dog and a wagon and two little girls can have a lot of fun. Gwen Pennington (left) and Connie Laninga of Grande

Prairie at play yesterday with bouncing Bif who is owned by the girls' grandmother, Mrs. Alice Delaney of the city.

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Tribute to a Mom

Editor's Note — Following is a loving tribute to a mother by her family, which we hope that — in the spirit of this Mother's Day — will be taken also as a special tribute to all mothers.

Submitted by
the children of
Alice Balmer

Our mother, Alice Balmer, came to Canada from the Netherlands as the young war-bride of Archie Delaney.

He was born in 1914 and raised in the Esker Hills area from age 1 and brought his bride home to farm there.

In August, 1966, dad was killed in a tractor accident, leaving mom the task of raising four young children alone. Jane was 8, twins Irene and Eveline were 7, and Ray was 5.

By Christmas of that year, with the help of many good friends and relatives who volunteered their time and labor to build us a home, we were able to move into a small two-bedroom house in Grande Prairie.

Mom now faced the problem of earning a living — Despite being a highly-trained nurse and mid-wife in the Netherlands, she found her training only partly-recognized in Canada. After upgrading her education, she started a full-time job at the Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital in 1968, working there until retiring in 1975.

MANY SACRIFICES

Looking back, it amazes us to think of all the sacrifices mom made for us. She wore hand-me-down clothes from friends and relatives so we could be properly dressed for school.

Her spare time was used making our home a place we really wanted to be. She spent hours cooking delicious meals, baking bread and goodies and putting up preserves. Our friends were always welcome at our home and an extra kid or two at meal-times was not unusual.

She gave all her time to us. No matter how tired, she found time to read to us. With her funny (to us) accent that became more pro-



Alice (Delaney) Balmer (front center) is surrounded by her children: Ray Delaney and Jane Harding (back), Irene (left), Irene, and Eveline Pennington.

nounced when reading, she imitated and brought life to many characters in a wide variety of books. Because of her passion for literature, we all find joy in reading.

Mom's greatest sacrifice, we are sure, was her decision to stay in Canada rather than return to Holland when dad died. She felt there was a better future for us here.

It must have been a very difficult decision and we're sure she had moments of regret.

To keep us out of mischief, mom kept us busy. Every summer she bought season tickets for swimming and made sure we attended at least one Bible Camp and Vacation Bible School.

MOM ENCOURAGING

Winters were a glorious time of sledding, playing in the snow and especially skating — at the arena, on community rinks, even on the streets. Mom encouraged us all to participate in sports and was there to watch and praise us whenever she could.

Mom also joined in card and board games with us during the winter. She was, and still is, a gifted loser.

Even when we locked mom up in

the chicken coop so we could use her best clothes for dress-up, she loved us. Even when we brought home tiny pink field-mice and squirming polywogs for pets, she loved us. And even when mom found us girls telling our boyfriends mom spoiled a flooded shotgun, she still loved us.

Because of mom, we are a very close-knit family. As often as possible we still do most social activities together and consider each other as "best friends."

We look back now and smile at all the Mother's Day cards we made in school for Father's Day. At the time, we didn't realize mom was earning both, being truly mother and father to us.

Mom not only fed and clothed us, but loved and taught us many values needed for our future. With an unflinching faith in God, she instilled in us a love of Him, honesty at all cost, consideration of others, and the virtues of hard work.

Thanks Mom, for everything. We love you.

Jane, Irene, Eveline and Ray.

Now 67 and retired, Alice still keeps very active, including volunteering time and energy with Grande Prairie's Food Bank.

Thank You

The family of Alice Balmer-Delaney wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to Dr. B. Norris, the staff of Mackenzie Place 2E and the dialysis unit for the loving care of their wife and mother.

A special thank you to Gene Kraus of Oliver's Funeral Chapel for his Christian concern and care of the family.

Thanks also to our friends and family for their prayers and support during our recent loss.

June, Eveline, Irene & Ray & Bill Balmer

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William Alvin Delaney, 86, of Blind Bay, B.C.

(William) Alvin Delaney of Blind Bay, B.C. (formerly of Louis Creek, B.C., Tupper, B.C. and Clairmont, Alta.) passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, B.C., at the age of 86 years and seven months.

Dad fought long and hard to stay with us but died, as he lived, without complaint and only concern for those of us who kept the vigil by his bedside until the end.

Alvin was born on February 14, 1916 in Thessalon, Ont., to John and Alberta (Bertha) Delaney. In 1918, following the death of his father, Alvin and his mother and five siblings moved to the Kleskun Hill area and he gained a step-dad, Isaac (Ike) Boyer and later four additional siblings.

Alvin lived, worked and made his home in the Kleskun/Clairmont area until 1962 when he moved his family to the Tupper area.

In 1974 upon retirement, he bought a small acreage at Louis Creek, B.C., and resided there until his failing health necessitated a move to a seniors home at Blind Bay, B.C., in June 2002. Dad's health improved immensely in this new environment but, sadly, on August 17, 2002 he entered the hospital where he spent his last days.

Dad knew who all of us were, to the end, and kept his sense of humour even though we knew he was in extreme pain.

We felt honoured to be able to spend these last weeks with him as he had sacrificed so much to raise us, and help us whenever he could, throughout our lives. Dad always gave unselfishly to others, never asking anything in return. He will be greatly missed.

Alvin was predeceased by his parents and step-dad, infant son, James Alvin; sisters, Annie Delaney, Edna Ames and Florence Delaney; brother, Johnny Delaney, Archie Delaney and Clarence (Bub) Boyer; brothers-in-law: Carl Cotnam, Fred Ames, Art Bryenton, Johnny Fitzsimmons, Dick Smith and Albert Butler; sisters-in-law: Alice (Delaney) Balmer; in-laws: Marion and Grace White, Hill Jory, Howard and Evelyn Anderson, Everett White, Lloyd and Maida Sauder and Dan and Ila White.

Alvin is survived by wife, Jessie of Red Deer, Alta.; children, Melvin (Gail) of Red Deer, Garry (Carol) of Scotch Creek, B.C., Ruth (Alvin) Breitreutz of Bezanson, Alta., Cleora (Larry) Stokes of Penticton, B.C., and Daniel of Barriere, B.C.; grandchildren, Kevin (Aleta) Delaney, Jody (Stan) Sewell, Sean (Marcia) Delaney, Denny (Michelle) Delaney, Jason (Michelle) Breitreutz, Peter Delaney, Carey (Shelby) Delaney and John (Lisa) Stokes; great-grandchildren, Bretton and Jordan Delaney, Taylor and Allison Delaney and Jon Sewell; brothers, Raymond Boyer and Harry Boyer; sisters, Lila Cotnam, Ada Bryenton and Ruthe Butler; brothers-in-law, Bill (Kay) Balmer; sisters-in-law, Rose

Fitzsimmons, Ruby Boyer, Rita Boyer and Jean Boyer and in-law Cleora Jory. Alvin is also survived by numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends.

At Alvin's request, no formal service will be held. Instead, all family and friends are invited to join the family for a "Time of Remembrance and Fellowship" at the Bezanson Golden Years Centre on Saturday, October 19, 2002 from 1-5 p.m. Bring your pictures and your memories!

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Kleskun Hills Museum Society, in memory of our Dad.

Cremation has taken place and a private burial will take place, at a later date, at the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Alvin will be laid to rest, at his request, near his family and beside his brother, Johnny. The plot was graciously donated by Rose Fitzsimmons.



DELANEY, June Alice -

May 19, 1946 - June 6, 2011.

June passed away peacefully to our Heavenly Father after a long battle with cancer. She passed away at home in Rosedale, AB. with her sister Eveline and brother-in-law Mark Adams at her side. June was born in the Netherlands and raised in Grande Prairie. She was predeceased by her parents Archie and Alice Delaney. June is survived by her 2 children Laurie (Dick) Van Gennie, Larry (Anna) Harding and 3 grandchildren. She will also be sadly missed by her sisters Eveline (Mark) Adams and Irene (Joe) Riou and her brother Ray Delaney as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. A memorial service will be held at the Glen Leslie Cemetary August 26, 2011 at 2pm. Memorial Donations in honor of June's mother Alice Delaney. The Kidney Foundation, 14121 128 A Ave., Edmonton, AB T5L 4P5.

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