

ELSIE MANETTA (JOHNSTON) LOWE January 4, 1903-- December 10, 1964



Manetta (Johnston) Lowe was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, youngest child of David and Ann (Bell) Johnston. Ann (Bell) Johnston passed away in 1907. David moved his family, six sons and two daughters, to Edmonton, Alberta. Here they met the Moon brothers and was advised on filing for land in the Bezanson area. They moved to Bezanson in 1912.

Manetta went to school in the Presbyterian Church on the Smoky River hill above the Old Bezanson townsite.

Maneta ran for Carnival Queen in Grande Prairie in 1929. She gave it an excellent try and came in second. She won a beautiful silver tea set of which her Granddaughter, Sharon Lowe, inherited and has it on display in her china cabinet today.

On May 31, 1929 her and her beau, Jack Lowe, eloped to Clairmont, Alberta and were married. Manetta and Jack had two sons. Joseph Johnston Lowe Jr. was born June 2, 1930 and Herbert Earl on May 10, 1934.

Manetta had a stroke in 1950 and was hospitalized for five months. She recovered verily well but walked with a cane and had some paralysis on her right side. She was blessed with fourteen more years and then passed away on December 10, 1964.

My Mother's name was Dorothy Ann (Johnston) Doerkson, Manetta's niece. She gave me the honour of making me Aunt Manetta's namesake. My name is Elsie Manetta (Doerkson) Giesbrecht.

To me she was always a very prim and proper lady and dressed stylishly. I was always fascinated by her when they honoured us with a visit at our farm.



By: Elsie Giesbrecht

Joseph | Manetta | Jack | Herbert