



SERVANT LINK

A TIME TO CELEBRATE:

Allan and Leona Gerber will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 27. A family celebration is on hold until next year. The Gerbers have ministered in NAB churches in Alberta, Wisconsin, and North Dakota during these past sixty years of marriage and ministry. They are “retired” but doing volunteer ministry in Valley City, North Dakota. Congratulate them with a note sent to 314 4th Street NE Unit 5, Valley City, ND 58072 or allangerber@juno.com.

Manetta Hohn will be celebrating her 90th birthday on August 12, 2020. You can send greetings to her email address at emhohn@shaw.ca. She and her husband, Edmond, invested their lives pastoring in Saskatchewan and British Columbia from 1959 to 1981 and serving as the regional pastor in British Columbia for thirteen years. Her son Calvin and his family are missionaries in Cameroon.

David T. Priestley recovered from a broken hip in time for his “21st” birthday on February 29! David and Janet anticipate their 60th wedding anniversary in December 2020. David was a pastor in Iowa and Illinois from 1964

until 1978 and then taught at what is now Taylor Seminary from 1982 until his retirement in 2001, though he continued to teach for two more years. You can send them greetings at priest44@telus.net.

Pete Schroeder celebrated his 98th birthday on February 10. He is still living in his own home in Edmonton, Alberta. He attends Hillview Baptist Church in Edmonton. Pete served churches in Southey and Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, and Calgary and Lethbridge, Alberta. He also spent approximately twelve years as a missionary, primarily in Nigeria but also in Cameroon for several years. His son Tim said, “One highlight memory for us as a family is that Hillview had him preach on the weekend of his 97th birthday.”

Eva Weisser of Arnprior, Ontario, will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 3, 2020. She served with her husband, Rev. Carl Weisser, at churches in Canada and the United States. Her children and grandchildren who live in the US will not be able to be with her due to the travel restrictions due to the coronavirus. If you'd like to, send her a card at 15 Arthur Street The Villa Room 219, Arnprior, ON K7S 1A1.

HOME TO GLORY:



Eloise Elaine Potratz—

January 28, 2020 (66), unexpectedly from a heart attack. Eloise was the daughter of Dr. Willis and Ruth Potratz and resided in

Stockton, California. After being commissioned at the 1982 Triennial at Niagara Falls, she served as an NAB missionary at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria, teaching missionary children. A memorial and burial will hopefully be held in late June in Iowa.

Cornie Isaak Wiebe—February 6, 2020 (83). Born in Hythe, Alberta, on December 11, 1936, the fourth child of John and Mary Wiebe, Cornie married Grace Ebel on July 7, 1961, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and graduated from the NAB Christian Training Institute in Edmonton two years later. The Wiebes served in Rabbit Hill and Trochu, Alberta; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Surrey, British Columbia, before Cornie became the administrator of Evergreen Baptist Home in White Rock, British Columbia. Though he retired in 1998, Cornie provided short-term pastoral support in Prince George and Vancouver, British Columbia, until 2001. Their final years were spent in Abbotsford, British Columbia, enjoying their four children, Kevin, Laurel, Shelley, and Kent, and their nine grandchildren. Their prayer life and love for their family was obvious. Grace passed away in May 2019. Cornie was the brother-in-law to Linda Weber, whom you can contact at weber928@aol.com.

Lois Kirsch—May 19, 2020 (91). Lois and her husband, Glen, were short-term NAB missionaries in Japan from 1994 to 1995 and were NAB pastors in Washington for a number of years. Their son, Phil, was a pastor in Washington with the NAB for many years as well. Glen passed away in April 2019 in Sequim, Washington. Lois spent the last week of her life in Washington in the hospital after suffering a heart attack brought on by septicemia. She leaves two children, Phil Kirsch and Nancy Weaver; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; friends; and family members. A small family committal service was planned for Tahoma National Cemetery on May 27. A memorial will

be held when possible later this summer. You can contact Nancy with condolences at springfieldfrog@gmail.com.

Juan Luna—April 3, 2020 (78), due to complications caused by kidney failure. With his wife, Amanda, Juan served as the NAB pastor of Iglesia Nueva Esperanza (formerly Garcia's Ranch Baptist) in Rio Grande City, Texas, from 1983 to 1992 and again from 2001 until his death. They also served as NAB missionaries in Mexico from 1992 to 2000. Juan is survived by his wife, Amanda Luna; daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Fabio Cezar; two grandchildren, Ana and Elias; and numerous relatives, friends, and parishioners in Texas and Mexico. A simple family funeral was held in early April in Rio Grande City, with members coming from the US and Mexico. Amanda plans to eventually move in with Sara and her family in North Carolina. You can contact Sara at mrs.lunacezar@yahoo.com.

ON THE MOVE:

Gary and Linda Bergman retired after pastoring First Baptist Church in Eureka, South Dakota. They are now living at N58W23780 Hastings Court, Sussex, WI 53089. You can call them at 605 281 0046.

Lucille (Wipf) Dalzell and her husband, Floyd, have moved to a different senior care center just north of St. Paul, Minnesota. They are doing well for their age and condition. In mid-December, Lucille had a pacemaker in and has developed more problems with her Parkinson's, and Floyd's dementia has worsened. They can be reached at their email, floyd.lucy.dalzell@gmail.com, or at their new address, 5379 383rd Street #116, North Branch, MN 55056.

Gordon and Joyce Harris are now living near their daughter's home in Missouri. Gordon retired after many years as a professor at Sioux Falls Seminary. Due to special care needs for both him and Joyce, they live separately. He is at The Neighborhoods by TigerPlace at 3003 Falling Leaf Court, Columbia, MO 65201. Joyce is at The Arbors at Mill Creek Village Senior Living at 1980 W Southampton Drive, Columbia, MO 65203. You can reach them through their daughter, Jami Harris Knight, at 615 545 9355.

Richard Paetzel can be reached at his daughter's address at 7336 Getty Heath NW, Edmonton, AB T5T 4L8. He served in churches in Illinois and Michigan before he became a professor of New Testament, as well as Academic Vice President, at the NAB College in Edmonton, retiring in 2000. He served as a part-time visitation pastor at Greenfield Baptist Church until 2015. His email is rpaetzel@telus.net. He recently commented, "Life has been good. I am in good health and active in ministry when the opportunity comes."

Carol Potratz has not moved, but please correct her address as there was an error submitted in the last Servant Link. Her correct address is #30, 1650 42 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6L 5P4. She is now part-time staff at Zion Baptist Community Church in Edmonton, helping Pastor Lee Bertsch in Pastoral Care for Second Half Ministries. You can reach her at carol.potratz@yahoo.com or by cell at 780 680 4207.

Willis Potratz is still in Bismarck, North Dakota, but has moved to a different address. Willis had a stroke in early 2019 and needed a bit more care. He is recovering very well but really appreciates the added assistance offered at his present home, Baptist Healthcare Center, 3400 Nebraska Drive Room 201, Bismarck, ND 58503. You can contact him at 701 989 7378 or willis.potratz@outlook.com.

Trudy Schatz has moved into long-term care at Sherwood Care in the greater Edmonton, Alberta, area. Trudy served in Cameroon as a medical missionary from 1959 until retirement. You can send a greeting to her at Trudy Schatz c/o Sherwood Care, 2020 Brentwood Boulevard N, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 0X1. She would love to hear from you.

Clyde and Barbara Zimbelman are "back in the saddle again" as the interim pastor at Shell Creek Baptist Church in Columbus, Nebraska. They started in July 2019 for a two-month period but plan to be there until October 31, 2020. They are not able to hold services due to the coronavirus, but they communicate with the members by weekly letters and phone calls. They are well and busy with gardening, fishing, repair work, etc. You can reach them at cbzim@usa.net.

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Please pray for **Myrna Harsch**, Bert Harsch's wife, as she started treatment for lymphoma on April 28. They can be contacted by emailing mbharsch@shaw.ca. Bert has been the Volunteer Coordinator for the White Cross Canada Distribution Center at Taylor Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, for the past seven years. Myrna works along with him! Please pray for healing.

In October 2019, **Joanne Kiemele** was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and a large cancerous tumor on her hip bone. She underwent radiation treatments to shrink the tumor and in January had surgery to remove it, repair the bone, and have a total hip replacement. Now she is receiving chemotherapy for the multiple myeloma, which is not a curable cancer, but it is in its early stages and treatable. Her husband, LeRoy, pastored in NAB churches in the Midwest and Washington before entering the US Army as a chaplain for many years. He continues to battle Parkinson's, along with back, shoulder, and foot issues. In early December, they moved into an assisted living facility close to their home. In June, they will celebrate their 59th anniversary! Their new address is 5250 Bridgeport Way W Apt. 224, University Place, WA 98467. Their phone number is 253 565 7668, and their email address is ljkiemele@earthlink.net.

Continue to remember to pray for **Sharon Mayforth** after the passing of Ron in December. She continues to live in the same care center near her daughter's home in Penticton, British Columbia. Her arthritis is causing much pain. You can email her at remay4th@telus.net.

Cliff Pedersen, formerly an NAB pastor, was recently diagnosed with a polyp on his vocal cord, the same vocal cord that had cancer twenty-five years ago. The doctor believes it isn't malignant, but the proof will come when the polyp is removed in about six months, a prolonged wait because of COVID 19 back-up. Cliff and Gloria ministered in the three western Canadian provinces from 1975 to 2001 and then moved to Three Hills, Alberta, where Cliff was field director with One Hope Canada until retirement in 2017. Pray for Cliff and Gloria as they wait for this treatment.

Within two weeks of diagnosis at the end of March, **Sig Schuster** started his first chemotherapy treatment to combat lymphoma. He says, "I was able to receive the treatment on April 7, while I was still in the Cancer Centre." Sig and Grace celebrated their 60th anniversary of marriage and full-time ministry on May 7. He served as a student pastor for two years during his time at Winnipeg Bible College (now Providence College & Seminary) and then served in many churches. God is good! You can send them a message at sschuster@shaw.ca.

The current pandemic that is sweeping the world has affected our NAB family as well. We do not have a complete list of our NAB family who have had the virus, but we are aware of a few who have gone through treatments and have now tested negative. We thank God for their recovery,

and at the same time we pray for the families who have lost loved ones. We need to pray for the pastors of our conference who are surrounded with many new challenges to present the Word of God to their flocks via a digital format through live streaming, Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, or other means. Pray that our missionaries and pastors in our worldwide NAB family remain safe and sensitive to the needs of their own congregations and ministry stations.

NOTICE: Beginning this fall, Servant Link will now be appearing in Onward, the NAB family magazine. If you aren't already, you will now receive Onward in the mail twice a year. This will not only help you to stay connected with other retired workers within the NAB, it will also keep you informed about the happenings in the wider NAB and NAB partner ministries.

This publication connects retired NAB workers with one another, with the NAB, and with God.

Please let us know about your changes, celebrations, prayer concerns, particular interest in any area of conference ministry, and resources you have discovered to make senior life better.

Send updates to Ron & Joan Stoller.

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