

BRUCE & HELEN 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.

OBITUARIES

PARRISH — Laurence Franklin Parrish passed away at the Grande Prairie Auxillary Hospital on March 26, 1972 at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Parrish was born in Oregon in 1907 and has been a resident of the Bezanson district for the past 42 years where he farmed and did logging.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Mildred; one son, Dale of Bezanson; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Janet) Dahlberg of Prince George, Mrs. John (Sylvia) Bruno of Salmo, B.C., Mrs. Bruce (Helen) Fenton of Bezanson; 10 grandchildren; 2 brothers and 5 sisters. He was predeceased by one son, Laurence William in 1935.

Funeral services were held on March 30 at 2 p.m. from the Oliver Funeral Chapel with Rev. Waite officiating, interment was in the Glenn Leslie Cemetery.

Donations to the Cancer Fund would be appreciated.

Arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Home of Grande Prairie.

Visitors clean up at Bezanson

BEZANSON — Visiting rinks took the bulk of the top prizes in the annual Bezanson ladies' curling spiel over the weekend.

Rita Boyer of Grande Prairie defeated Emily Schudlo of Sexsmith to capture the first event. Rose Sinclair of the city was third

and Barbara Turner of DeBolt was fourth.

Della Robertson's 1974 district championship girls' rink from DeBolt dumped Faye Gaboury — a member of the 1973 Robertson title team — in the second event. The Gaboury rink is from Bezanson. Margaret Birnie-Brown of Valleyview was

third and Agatha Vavrek of Sexsmith was fourth.

The host rinks came through in the third event. Grace Nellis won it over Bea Fells while Mavis Ames was third and Helen Fenton was fourth.

There were 20 rinks entered.

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Fenton wins Bezanson spiel

BEZANSON — **Helen Fenton** of the host Bezanson Curling Club defeated Evelyn Rycroft of Grande Prairie to capture the first event in the ladies' bonspiel last weekend.

The competition started at the Bezanson rink, but warm weather forced it to relocate to the artificial surfaces at DeBolt.

Marie Wilburn of the city

finished third in the first event with Agatha Vavrek of Sexsmith fourth.

Nancy McDonald of Grande Prairie beat Carol Dorscheid, also of the city, in the second event. Rose Ames of Bezanson was third; Jean Robideau of the city was fourth.

Bea Fells of the host club dumped Alvina Grove of Grande Prairie in the third-event final. Doreen Boyd of the city was third and Wanda Johnson of Wembley was fourth.

Bezanson area book in works

BEZANSON — A long-awaited project for the Bezanson district is rapidly getting off the ground.

A group of area residents have launched an intensive search for background material on the district, one of the first settled areas in the Grande Prairie region.

The ultimate idea is to publish a book.

"We've been collecting material for years and years, but now we've finally got to the point where we're actively searching for information," a spokesman for the local group says.

The project is unique in that it has divided the region from Grande Prairie to the Smoky River and from the Wapiti River north to the Kleskun Hills into 11 regions.

These are based on the small school districts established many years ago. A committee chairman—in some cases two people—is responsible for gathering every scrap of material, including the recollections of oldtimers, from each of the districts.

The material will deal with the schools, the churches, the clubs, social activities, sports, and the people of each district.

The work is headed by president Ralph Girvan of the Crystal Creek district. He headed the Grande Prairie County Agricultural Society last year.

His executive includes secretary Margaret White and treasurer Doug Clarkson.

The people responsible for the individual school districts:

Lindsay—L.A. Weegar; East Kleskun—Helen Fenton, Linea Oe; Kleskun Hills—Gordon Thompson; Kleskun Lake—Eleanor Harrison; Bezanson—Elsie Ames, Wanita Patterson;

Somme—Bernice Dorscheid; Crystal Creek—Doug Clarkson; Twilight—Emily Lavalley; Fitzsimmons—Isabel Hessler; Tranquility—Norma White; Five Mile—Mildred Lawrence.

No further meetings are planned for the time being while the gathering work goes on.

Pearson wins spiel

N Harvey Pearson teamed up with Harley Olson, Guy Ireland and Wayne Hudson to win the annual Bezanson men's open curling bonspeil which ended Sunday after five days of competition.

The Pearson foursome downed Joe Schulze in the final. Harley Berg and his rink took third while Joe Quinn finished fourth in the first event.

Allan Perkins won the second event downing Dave Woolsey in the final while Grant McNally took third and Murray Stark fourth.

Vern Boyd and his rink took the third event over Albert Schulze with Gordon

Crowe third and Vern Bulford fourth.

Bezanson also hosted their ladies' bonspeil earlier this month. Agatha Vavrek won that event downing Laverne Foran in the final.

The Dorene Binks foursome took third while Faye Gaboury placed fourth.

Second event was won by Diane Gacek with Jean Robinson second, Helen Fenton third and Lynn Hagland's rink, skipped by Janet Woolsey, fourth.

Agnes Hodges and her girls won the third event, Janet Sarmaga was second, Patricia McNally third and Maxine Maxwell fourth.

Cribbage tourney goes November 29

Submitted by BEA FELLS

BEZANSON — We took the Golden Years Club bus to Grande Prairie for a shopping day on Nov. 5 and had a good day. One more such day is planned before Christmas. Will tell more about it later.

The Jim Fells Memorial Crib Tournament will be held at the Legion Hut on Nov. 29. Registration at 12 o'clock. Start play at 1 p.m. Lunch halfway through play. Single play \$3 each.

The card party which should have been held on Tuesday, Nov. 18, will be held instead tonight, Nov. 19, due to a

special meeting being held for the community at the curling rink.

The card party on Nov. 11 saw five tables in play. Winners were: Men's High — Elsie Ames; Low — Willie Monroe; Ladies' High — Edna Anderson; Low — **Helen Fenton**.

Get-well wishes to Art and Ruth Patterson from all of us. Hope to see you back in circulation real soon.

Deepest sympathy to Cora Welander and family in the loss of Sigfried Welander, husband, father and grandfather, loved by all.

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MILDRED VIOLA PARRISH

Mrs. Mildred Viola Parrish passed away on Saturday, September 9, 1989, at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, Alberta, at age 74.

Mildred was born in Iowa, U.S.A. on February 2, 1915, and had been a long time resident of the Bezanson area. Mildred lived at Mackenzie Place since November, 1988.

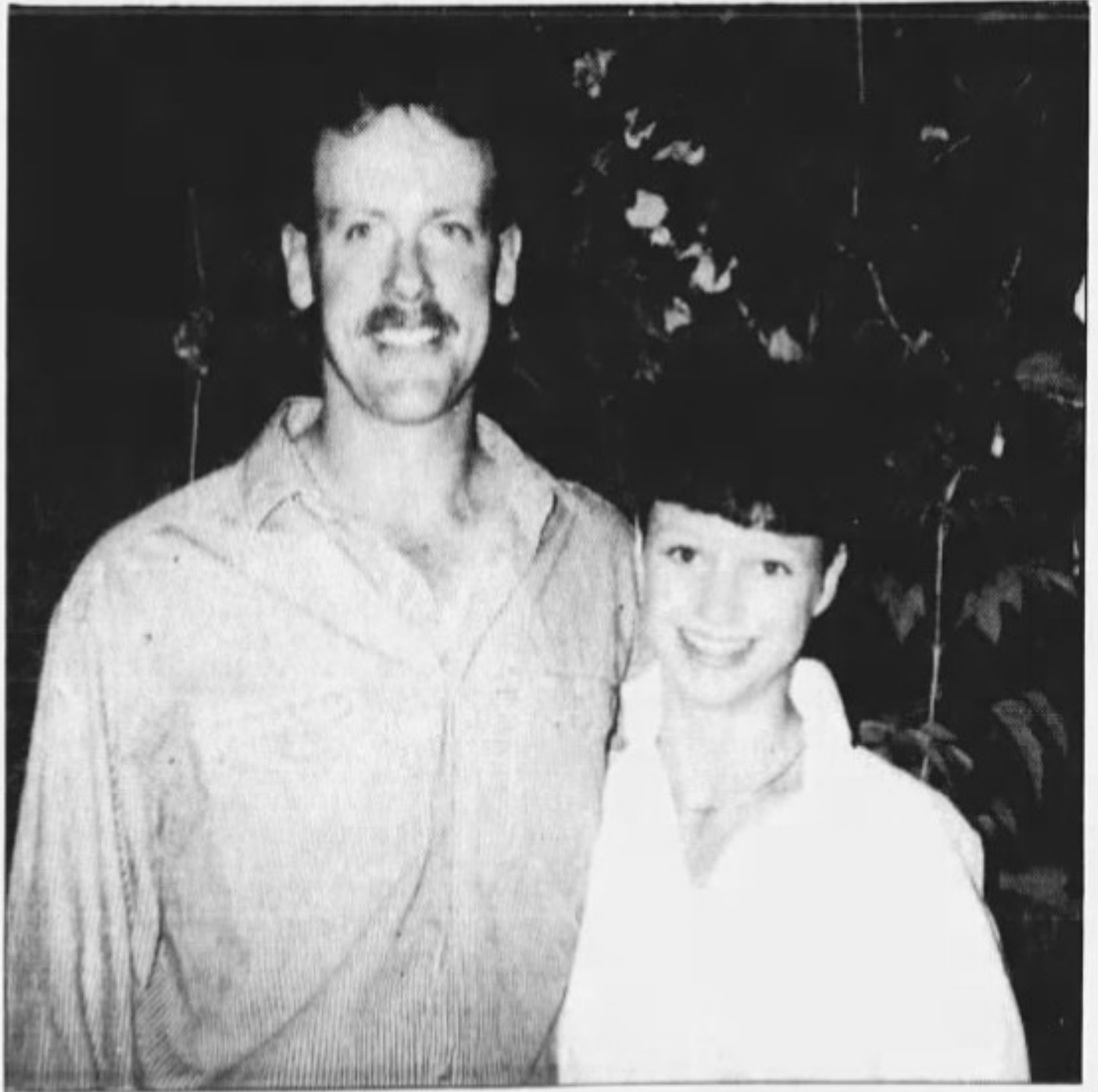
She is survived by her son Dale (Margaret) of Bezanson; 3 daughters: Janet (Ralph) Dahlberg of Prince George, B.C., Sylvia (John) Bruno of Salmo, B.C., and Helen (Bruce) Fenton of Bezanson; 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Meryl (Mary) Patterson of Bezanson; 1 sister Minnie Sackett of Candle Lake, Saskatchewan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Laurence in 1972; infant son William Laurence; her parents, Guy and Bertha Patterson; sister Velda Patterson; brother Gene Ronald Patterson; her step-mother Addabelle; and brother-in-law Nemo Sackett.

Funeral service for the late Mildred Viola Parrish will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Tuesday, September 12, 1989, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Jake Thiessen officiating. Interment to follow at the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to the Diabetes Association, or the Golden Years Centre in Bezanson, would be appreciated.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Funeral Directors and Licensed Crematorium, Grande Prairie, Alberta. Telephone 532-2929.



Anderson - Fenton

Bruce and Helen Fenton of Bezanson, Alberta, along with Olive Anderson of Woking, Alberta, would like to announce the engagement of their children, Bryan Fenton and Wendy Anderson. Wedding to take place on August 1, 1992 at Christian Fellowship Assembly, Grande Prairie. Open House at 7:00 p.m. at Bezanson Hall; all friends and family are invited.

The Peace Wapiti School Board No. 33



Would like to thank the people that volunteered to work with the bus transportation during the Canada Winter Games. Special thanks to those pictured above for their long hours in organizing, scheduling and dispatching. Left to right Joanne Peter, Roland LaCroix, Maurice Powell and Ron Andres. Thanks also to all the volunteers listed below. These people helped to make the Canada Winter Games a success.

Don Ames	Russell Ames	Trudy Andres	Laurent Aubin
Sheila Aubin	Ron Aujala	Brad Balderson	Susan Beck
Doreen Bezovie	Ed Blasazak	May Blew	Gladys Bolin
Tony Bonise	Laurie Bowen	Sharri Bowen	Doreen Boyd
Bev Brace	Louise Braumberger	George Brown	Courtez Coney
Betty-May Court	Laura Croswell	Darlene Dautel	Gordon Dick
Norma Dombrova	Darrek Dorscheid	Charlotte Eady	Gloria Edgar
Steve Ewert	Bennie Fedchuk	Gwen Fedchuk	Bruce Fenton
Helen Fenton	Shelley Foley	James Fraser	Michelle Gardinier
Conrad Gerk	Elaine Giesbrecht	Murray Gillespie	Brenda Glenn
Ted Gobin	Jack Gould	Jack Goy	Wendy Grendys
Al Hallick	Hector Hamel	Donna Hansen	Ron Hansen
Tyler Hansen	Ike Hartman	Brad Haukedal	Jean Haukedal
Phil Haukedal	Gordon Heasler	Ed Holland	Margaret Hommy
Gilbert Huber	Tony Heuther	Norman Isley	Helen Kellogg
Jim Kellogg	Bob Kennedy	John Kirby	Brent Larsen
Janet Laverick	Joy Lawton	Irene Lee	Bob Leech
Ginny Lieverse	Kelly Lightfoot	Art Link	Cindy Littleton
Harold Ljuden	Marg Ljuden	Gloria Lock	Linda Lock
Merle Logan	Isabelle Longmore	Ruth Lowen	Lori Lubeck
Ray Marcoux	Marie Martin	Marge McAusland	Wayne McBean
Alice McKay	Tom McKay	Rose Mellon	Sandy Metcalf
Colleen Napper	Lori Nellis	Cecil Nichol	Rebecca Ottahal
Doreen Parker	Brenda Patterson	Cheryl Patterson	Cindy Patterson
Craig Patterson	Danny Patterson	Lannie Patterson	David Peters
Keith Peters	Vanessa Peters	William Peters	Gordon Pfau
Hugh Powell	Sharon Preston	Mary Ranestad	Art Rigby
Penny Robinson	Valerie Rowney	Doug Russell	Evelyn Rycroft
Doreen Sandboe	Marg Scarrow	Cam Smith	Chester Sorgaard
Tom Sorken	Judy Souther	Diane Spiers	James Stearns
Francis Sunderman	Mary Sutherland	Misty Sutherland	Ruth Sylvester
Jim Thompson	Doreen Thomsen	Ann Trarback	Mike Turner
Darlene VanNieuwerkerk	Gayle Waayenberg	Lana Wagner	Ruby Wakelin
Charolette Waldorf	Betty Weegar	Carly Weissenborn	Nancy Weissenborn
Fern White	Jean Wilson	Cliff Yanishewski	Louise Young
Hilda Zylstra			

"Thank you everyone - The Board is proud of you"



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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Dale Parrish, 65, of Taber



Myron Dale Parrish, beloved husband of Margaret Parrish passed away at the Taber Hospital on Wednesday, May 8, 2002,

after a courageous battle with cancer and Parkinson's disease.

Dale was born July 24, 1936 in Grande Prairie, Alberta, the son of Laurence and Mildred Parrish. He received his schooling at Bezanson and resided in the Bezanson area with his family until moving to southern B.C. in 1955. He logged with his father until their return to Bezanson in 1963.

Dale married Margaret Best on August 3, 1968 in Rossland, B.C. He farmed and logged with his father until Laurence passed away in 1972. Dale continued farming for a few years and operated heavy equipment until the spring of 2001. Dale will always be remembered for his teasing manner. He loved to play cards, watch hockey, camp, attend rodeos, go for drives, participate in senior activities and most of all attend family reunions. Some of his greatest moments were ones spent with his granddaughters.

Besides his loving wife Margaret, he will always be remembered by his children Karen (Luke) Girouard, Gale Parrish and William Parrish; granddaughters Stephanie, Nicole and Victoria Girouard; sisters Janet (Ralph) Dahlberg, Sylvia Bruno and Helen (Bruce) Fenton and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and other relatives.

He was predeceased by his brother William, parents Laurence and Mildred, father-in-law Norman Best, mother-in-law Mel Best and brothers-in-law Dale Best and John Bruno.

The funeral service will be held at the Bezanson Community

Church, Bezanson, Alberta, on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at 2 p.m. with Rev. M.V. Begalke officiating.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes in Dale's name may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, #210, 9928-100 Avenue, Grande Prairie, Alberta, T8V 0T9; The Parkinson's Society, 480D-36 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2G 1N4, or to the charity of one's choice.

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