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First-St. Andrew's United Church



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FRANK & JOYCE MEADOWS

By Jean Wright



Like many of Frank Meadows' sermons, this begins with a story...

Once upon a time, a shy, tubby little boy grew up as an only child in the west end of Montreal. A few miles down the road, a little girl was growing up, oldest in a family of five children. He caddied at the old Royal Montreal golf course and played rounds by himself at nearby Meadowbrook, when it was empty, and she busied herself reading and making doll clothes.

He was at McGill while she was at high school, but like all good tales, they met in a church group while he was teaching school, and she was preparing to go to Teacher's College, fell in love and got married.

The story could end there with both teaching, having a family and a comfortable life in Montreal. Instead, the next forty years saw him make a career change, return to university to study for the ministry, spend a year in France in post-grad study, and then serve in churches in six cities, three provinces, while she raised four children, and earned several university degrees as they moved about.

On the eve of retirement, he is still playing golf, and she is still making doll clothes as an artist creating unique dolls. And they are living happily ever after.

Apart from the bare-bones story, what incidents and influences stand out? Frank cites the influence of the minister at his church in Montreal, where he was playing the organ to pay for his car. Unhappy in his teaching assignment, Frank talked to him about his goals and what he hoped to do with his life, and the minister commented that it sounded as though he should be a minister. He took Frank down to meet the principal of the United Theological College who said, "Sounds genuine to me." Thirty-five years later, Frank was again welcomed at United Theological College when he was granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

The strong influence of Joyce's parents who returned to their Maritime roots after her father retired from teaching shines through Joyce's discussion of their lives. The books, the discussions, the political debates continue to this day when they all get together at her family home near Truro.

When Frank and Joyce reminisce about all the places they have lived, laughter is the golden chord on which they string their memories. "Remember when...?" Frank says Joyce's laugh was the first thing that attracted him, and Joyce tells about a letter he wrote to her signed "affectionately". What did that mean?



Joyce and Frank Meadows

Joyce remembers the excitement of their scholarship year in France. With one child in tow, and expecting another, she jokes that she got to know parts of Strasbourg off the tourist track like the pre-natal clinic.

In Ste. Thérèse, a small town in Quebec, their fluency in French opened the door of acceptance for the Protestant minister to receive the unprecedented invitation to speak at the huge Roman Catholic Cathedral in nearby Ste. Rose.

Living in cities across the country offered opportunities beyond the challenges and satisfactions of the work in the church. Frank had the fun of being on stage in musical theatre during their seven years in Saskatoon, and in Waterloo they both sang in Howard Dyck's Philharmonic Choir. Joyce was able to pursue her love of studying History, and ultimately do a degree in Library Science, and have a career as a librarian.

The decade they spent in Toronto was tumultuous. In addition to his duties at Fairlawn United, Frank was the chairperson of the committee which had responsibility for developing the policy on ordination of gays and lesbians for the whole of the United Church.

Reflecting on the last eleven years at First-St. Andrew's, Joyce and Frank speak about the satisfactions of a mature ministry and a mature marriage, their great joy in their adult children and grandchildren, Joyce's artistic outlet in her special dolls, Frank's reading

and studying, and the times shared with friends. Frank talks about the privilege of the trust people put in the minister in sharing the important highs and lows of their lives.

In his poem *Ulysses*, Tennyson says that we are "a part of all that we have met", and Joyce and Frank carry with them parts of Montreal, the Maritimes, Ste. Thérèse, Strasbourg, Saskatoon, Waterloo, Toronto and London. In turn, they have left parts of themselves in the churches and people whose lives they have touched.

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FSA Program Guide

Pentecost 2000



Dear Friends:
I have been offered the opportunity to write this 'final' letter in the Summer edition of Tidings. It is more of a challenge than I had expected. I look at the program guide and I realize with a pang that I won't be here for some of the activities, and it will feel very strange indeed to be in London. There is no way that I can sum up the experiences I have had being a minister here for the last eleven years. It has been, in just about every respect, a wonderful experience, one that I wouldn't have missed for all the world. Even during those times when I felt discouraged about my work here, there were many members of the congregation who rallied around and encouraged me to look at all the signs of growth and new life in the congregation. You have helped me to grow and to mature as a minister during these years. I only hope that I have been able to care for you as effectively as you have cared for me.
It's never easy to assess one's effectiveness in ministry. Billy Graham tells about the time he was on a plane and the man sitting in front of him had been drinking to excess. The man became rather loud and abusive. Finally the flight attendant said to him, "Sir, do you know that Billy Graham is sitting right behind you?" The man turned around and said "I'm so glad to meet you. I went to one of your crusades and it changed my life!"
Regardless of what effect my preaching may have had, I rejoice in the things we have accomplished together over these years. We have adopted a new system of church government. We have made our church accessible to everyone who wishes to enter here. We said we wanted better pastoral care for our members and we created the position of parish nurse and employed Heather Bedford and we created the position of Community Development Coordinator. Ted Kosiecki has just begun his work in this position.
It's time now for the congregation to look ahead and to set some new goals and objectives. The years ahead promise to be exciting and challenging, and I know you well enough to know that with God's help your ministry will continue to be a blessing for the church and the community at large.
God bless you all.

Frank

FIRE & GRACE

Stories of History and Vision edited by James Taylor

The United Church Publishing House, Toronto

A Review by Margaret Wonfor

This collection of stories spans the 75 year history of the United Church. It reminds me of the old fable of the blind man and the elephant as each storyteller writes from his/her experience of the church. *Fire and Grace* is a trip down memory lane for long time members as past happenings are paraded before us anew, this time from the vantage point of distance. For newer members, with fewer years of memory, it is a reading must to hear of the events which have shaped the United Church into the community of faith it is at year 2000.

The concept of union emerged from the vision our ancestors, in the three founding denominations, had of a national church which would eliminate wasteful overlapping in small communities. Also local union churches in Western Canada proved that union did work. The desire to be a "uniting church" encouraged the new church to be a leader in ecumenical relations both in local communities and in the formation of the Canadian and World Council of Churches. There was a global dimension to this vision as well. Influenced by John R. Mott whose rallying cry was "the world for Christ in this generation," the United Church recruited and supported missionaries abroad and in isolated parts of Canada. With the maturing of indigenous churches, the United Church wisely withdrew many of its overseas personnel to allow emerging leaders to accept responsibility for their own affairs. Our relationship continues, but now as a partnership.

Social justice has always been a hallmark of the United Church. This book is full of stories where our denomination has taken bold steps to right injustices, always at great risk. In early years the name of Dr. Mutchmor was synonymous with lobbies to government for good legislation, the evils of excessive alcohol consumption and gambling. His voice was followed by Ray Hord's condemnation of the Vietnam war,



issues that didn't win popularity polls. Currently the Division of Mission in Canada raises its voice against the evils of child poverty, the plight of Third World nations' foundering debt, the inhumanity of nations towards refugees, etc. The ordination of women and the acceptance of homosexuals as equal members of our congregations have been painful and divisive issues, so painful to some that they have left our fellowship.

This book has credibility because its stories deal with our failures as well as our successes. Former moderator Bob Smith tells a very touching story of the apology to native people at the Sudbury General Council which Donna Sinclair describes as 'a moment of grace'. "Now they (native people) are waiting to see whether we mean what we say when we say we are sorry."

This is just a nibble of the smorgasbord that has been on the United Church table during its brief history. The feast is within the pages of *Fire and Grace*. The good news is that challenges are presented to engage us all in the story waiting to be written. With the fire engendered by the Holy Spirit and the grace available from a loving and just God our generation will be equipped for the task.



Margaret Wonfor

Info-Line

WESTMINSTER WEEKEND - JUNE 2, 3, 4

Celebrating the Story - All women invited.

UCW GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 8 - 10:30

Jubilee Challenge - All women invited. Lunch \$10

Tickets/Information from FSA Unit Leaders

CELEBRATE FRANK'S MINISTRY WITH US - JUNE 10

2-7 p.m. with presentation about 4 pm. At Jean Comfort's farm on Evelyn Drive. Need a ride? Phone Muriel Parsons (434-6574) to request or offer.

SUMMER WORSHIP IN LOWER HALL AT 10:30 AM

June 18 to September 3 Enjoy the cool!

SUMMER WORKSHOP - JULY 15 - 9:00-3:30 - SILOAM

Leadership - Judy Savoy

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIVE OAKS

(For details, see Bulletin Board by Chapel)

FILL A BAG OF BOOKS FOR THE SUMMER

Our well-stocked church library, next to the Chapel, offers many resources for pleasure, meditation or learning. Books! Videos! Magazines! Return them in September

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

For the Spring cleanup of the FSA Grounds

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE "2"

If you missed out on the last opportunity with Frank to visit the land of Jesus, please stay tuned for another chance in the Spring of 2001. Info call Roger Snyder (679-4885)

RUMMAGE SALE - \$1,857 RECEIVED THANKS!

Watch for next chance in October

HOLLY BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 25 - 9 TO 1

Start your projects and shopping lists soon

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WORSHIP

May 28 The Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Earth Stewardship Sunday
Preacher: Frank Meadows

June 4 The Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Preacher: Frank Meadows

June 11 The Day of Pentecost (communion)
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
The 75th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
June 18 First After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.
Preacher: Susan Shelstad

June 25 Second After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.
Preacher: Susan Shelstad

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10:30 a.m.
For the month of July, the services will be conducted by Frank Meadows

August 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30 a.m.
For the month of August, the services will be conducted by Susan Shelstad

Sept. 3 Twelfth After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

Sept. 10 Thirteenth After Pentecost
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
A service of gathering and re-affirming the covenant of our baptism.

MUSIC

From mid-June through August our Worship services will again be held in the Lower Hall. Although we will all miss the beauty of our sanctuary and the sounds of our organ, this new venue gives a feeling of intimacy that we cannot achieve otherwise. During these summer weeks our choir soloists will provide vocal music and their singing and ours too will be accompanied by a number of pianists from our own congregation.

Our thoughts will be with the members of the Laudamus Bells as they represent us and Canada at the International Festival of Bells in Birmingham, England. This group has worked extremely hard (and very successfully!) to raise money for their trip and we wish them a safe journey and an exciting time this summer.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Regular Church School classes end on **June 11**. Church School will continue throughout the summer in a multi-age class format (3 year olds to grade 6). The summer unit is entitled *Stories of King David*. Nursery will be provided for infants to 2 years.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Youth Retreat at Pearce-Williams Centre from **Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4**.

PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER CHAIN

Need prayers for yourself or others? Call Pat at the church office (679-8182) and the name or concern will be passed through the prayer chain. First names only will be used unless permission is granted to use the full name. Confidentiality will be respected.

Members of our team are prepared to come and pray with you in your home or hospital room. Two people will be sent in response to your call. Phone the church office (679-8182) and someone will get back to you.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD continues. Baby food is a special need. White donation baskets are near church entrances.

FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

Singles and marrieds who enjoy fun are invited to join with the Circle of Friends. Children Welcome.

● **Saturday June 17 - BBQ**
Hosts: Kevin and Roger - 233 Grand Av

● **Saturday July 8 - SunFest**
Host: Ann MacPhail - Victoria Park (bank)

MUSIC

HEALING PRAYER TEAM

PASTORAL CARE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MUSIC

WORSHIP

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember and celebrate the story of the church from its earliest days until now. Our regular worship times are 9:15 in the chapel and 11 o'clock only at 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall. For more detailed information regarding each Sunday service, you can dial 679-8182 after office hours for a recorded message. If you are on-line you will find updated information every week on our web page at www.fsaunited.london.on.ca

Changes...

**First-St. Andrew's United Church:
a Christian Family encouraging spiritual
growth through worship, friendship, learning
and action**

COVENANTAL UNION

*"Love is always supportive, loyal, helpful and trusting.
Love never fails!"*

April 7 Leah Jean Morise, Pamela Ann Whittaker

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

*"May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness."*

Cheryl & Todd Telford

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Thomas Frederick Reidy March 16

Anne Electa Hambly March 23

Viva Olivia Anthony April 9

William Alistair Taylor April 9



SOME OF THE PREACHERS AND PREACHERS' KIDS AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

Back : Elmer Butt, Don Spencer, Elizabeth Smith, Ralph King, Augie Meacham, Catherine Edwards, Barry Moore, Madeline Cram, Marjory Smith.

2nd Row: Jack McKay, Susan Shelstad, Frank Meadows, Herb Wonfor, Katherine Wonfor, Dan MacLean

1st Row: Jane Westmorland, Virginia Rogan, Mary McLarty, Jean McColl, Lillian Madill, Debbie Maund, Donna-Jeanne Andrews

Front: Barb Dalrymple, Helen Eberhard, Muriel Parsons

Not pictured: Phyllis Barnes, Don Beck, Topher Beck, Heather Bedford, Bessie Bowden, Helen Guthrie, John Jardine, Fred Lloyd, Sue MacLean, Bill McCosh, Doug McGregor, Janet McKay, Nancy McNee, Barbara Plante, Naomi Prevost, Michelle Sangster, Sam Shelstad, Alan Wilson, Reid Vipond, Sharon Worth.



**Tom McLarty volunteers on
clean up day - April 15, 2000.**



ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Mulching helps reduce the amount of water your lawn needs by reducing the evaporation from the soil

MISSION ED CAPSULE

**The Mission and Service Fund supports 41
congregational youth ministries**

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Pam Burns has been named President of the Dental Secretaries' Association
- ◆ Kathleen Grealis has received the Apprentice of the Year award
- ◆ Doris & Ross Strickland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May
- ◆ The Wednesday Morning UCW Unit was honoured for 20 years of volunteer service at Extendicare.

Series: God's Stewards

FRAN EBERHARD

By Monika Lee

The London Free Press Millennium issue recently singled out Fran Eberhard as a Londoner who has made a positive difference in our society. She has been honoured at Western through the annual "Fran Wigston Award," given to an outstanding graduating female basketball player. She has revolutionized women's sport and advanced the role of women in athletics with unflagging energy.



Monika Lee

Born the youngest of nine children in North Bay, she came to Western to study Physical Education as an undergraduate. A talented athlete, she participated in Western's volleyball, basketball, track and field, and swimming. Next she taught and coached at South Collegiate. After completing an M.A. in Physical Education, she obtained a faculty position at Althouse, which she held from 1965 to 1998, when she took early retirement. During that time, she served as a Department Head and continued to play and coach sports with great energy.



Fran Eberhard

She took the Western Mustangs women's volleyball team to the Ontario championships and to the national championships several times. Nationally, they placed first three times and second four times. Of her many athletic and coaching achievements (including national and international victories) a significant one for her was her campaign to change the rules of women's basketball, her favourite sport. The old rules made the game less interesting and challenging for girls to play. Because of her tireless lobbying over a period of three years, finally, women in Ontario were allowed to play with the men's rules. It was a hugely important transition in the history of women's sport that has vastly improved the game for women. Always a trailblazer, she also holds the distinction of being the first woman to referee men's basketball.

Fran is married to lifelong member of First-St. Andrew's, John Eberhard. Their children, Rob (31) and Kelly (28) are fortunate indeed. So are their well-loved Yorkshire terriers, Cuddles and Missy (see photo) and their six cats. I couldn't help but notice how appropriately Cuddles was named, as he wiggled and stretched with pleasure under Fran's caresses.

However, her biggest ambition in life at the moment is to get back to her cottage in Temagami. Fran is a great lover of sport, nature and life. You will glimpse her and John near the wheelchair access: a woman who looks far too energetic and youthful to play in a league called the Huff N' Puffs. I guess that explains how they took the Gold Medal in the most recent Ontario Winter Games. Bravo, Fran!

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

By Heather Bedford

As I write this article it is an "April showers brings May flowers" type of day but soon our very short Ontario spring will turn into the hot humid days of summer.

Nutrition is important in any season. We need to get the correct balance from the various food groups on a daily basis. When summer comes and we experience the "muggy" days our appetites decrease but it is especially important to comply with our required nutritional intake.

I'm sure very few of us drink the recommended eight to ten glasses of water daily in any season let alone the hot weather. We see more and more people with water bottles being a part of their attire. Maybe we all need insulated bottles with the FSA logo on it! At any rate, in the hot weather, take extra time to get lots of fluid into you. High sugar content liquids such as "pop" and "Koolaid" should be avoided.

Fruits and vegetables as well as having important nutritional value have a high water content. Most fresh fruits are 80 to 90% water and fresh vegetables are 65 to 95% water.

Try to avoid frequenting the "fast food" establishments instead of cooking. The excuse is always "it's too hot to cook" but you can consume your daily intake of fat in almost one bite with "fast foods" unless you make wise selections. There are many balanced meals you can create without having to turn on the stove.

I have a supply of the booklet, "Eat Well, Live Well For a Lifetime!" distributed by the Dietitians of Canada that has many practical ideas and easy recipes. It includes articles on daily intake of fat and fibre. Let me know if you would like one.



Heather Bedford

BOSTON YOUTH GROUP VISITS FSA

By Kate Pickering

For a week in April, a group of twenty-eight youth and chaperones called FSA "home". This youth group from Boston had travelled to London in order to provide mission work to various groups around the city - and they did it with great energy. We, of course, couldn't let them leave without having a little fun. So, thanks to Susan for a great deal of organization, and a fantabulous kitchen crew, the FSA youth were able to share an amazing evening full of laughter, lasagna, and Canadian games. With much creative ingenuity, we were able to provide the expected Canadian games. (They weren't really Canadian per se; the Boston group was just impressed we knew how to throw a good time!) The evening was a great chance for some American/Canadian bonding time. We all got to let loose on a Sunday night and help each other to prepare for the week ahead. I didn't think it was possible to contain so much enthusiasm in one place - the Lower Hall was bursting. I'm glad we were able to provide our friends with a relaxing atmosphere, and comfortable sleeping quarters. The games night was a great success! From their arrival to departure, the Boston gang was given, firsthand, the opportunity to enjoy the spirit and fellowship at FSA.

COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Bill Watson
Chair of Council (471-6049)

● The United Church Council of Middlesex Presbytery, as part of its Sower Project Phase 2, has made a grant of \$2,000 towards the start-up costs of the Community Development Coordinator position. The application for this grant was prepared by Ken Wright and John Whitehead.



Bill Watson

● A report of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee which was approved at a special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 9, was received and approved by Presbytery on April 12. A vacancy for the position of Minister of Worship and Administration at First-St. Andrew's was then declared.

● The Search Committee for this position, which was approved at the same Congregational meeting is now in effect. The 12 FSA members of the committee are Donna Ellis*, Kate Pickering, Kay Hillier, Aldis Murray, Barbara Plante, Barbara Ridgewell, Don Jones, Doug Jones, Bob Slater*, Chris Silcox, Roger Snyder and Bill Watson. Presbytery members are Tom Hiscock and Ed Tufts.

(*co-chairs)



Nancy Howard

THE LAUNDRY FUND

By Nancy Howard

"Would you write about the laundry fund?" they asked, as if I should be aware of what that was. The laundry fund?!? It was one of those times when I knew my sister would have elbowed me for the facial expression I failed to hide.

No one wanted to suggest that the church was laundering money when the Clark Fund became affectionately known as the laundry fund. More than one source understood the original intent of the fund to be to handle the garment cleaning needs of theology students. Without a doubt, these students would be strapped for cash. Even the ordained clergy had to budget their wages to meet personal financial obligations. So the idea of a laundry benefit did not seem totally far-fetched. One source laughed as he admitted, "At least the story being spread did not say the students were using the fund at the Park Plaza Hotel or something of that nature!"

Other sources denied the laundry rumour, and said that the purpose of the Clark fund had always been for the education of student ministry. Still others thought it was always intended for continuing education, training and development of the ordained clergy.

Records from the Official Board Meeting held in November of 1977 state, "Herb Cocker explained that a fund established years ago by the Robert Clark Estate, and which was for the education of student ministry and was under the management of the senior minister has now been shown as one of the trusts held by the trustees. The monies have been invested and the income will be deposited in a separate account and the incumbent senior minister has the authority to write cheques on that account. This was done as the



Rev Wm J. Clark

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MUSICAL

By Kate Pickering

So, what's all the hubbale about *The Troubbable of Zeruabbabel?* The children's musical, based on Jeremiah 52 and Ezra 1-6, proved to be a message presented in a brilliant manner. The twenty-two thespians delivered their musical journey with great vitality and enthusiasm. The show ran quite smoothly, thanks to the great behind the scenes work and outstanding musical accompaniment. With much work, preparation, and guidance from Paul Merritt, the Children's Choir was able to provide the congregation with an entertaining piece of work. From the portrayal



Kate Pickering



Megan Mounteer

of slaves, through the parade of freedom (complete with "animals"), to the arrival in Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the temple, the show was a quick attention grabber. Continuing in the tradition of Music at FSA, the congregation was even allowed a piece of the action in the last number, *Let Us Celebrate*. From the opening number through to the end, the Children's Choir was colourfulbale, adorabbale, and extremely enjoyabbale.

result of legal advice from John W. Cram, QC, of Cram and Associates."

Somewhere along the line, the uses of the account changed and broadened. Today the interest generated from the investment of the Clark fund remains in a special account used at the discretion of the Minister of Worship and Administration. It supports education and development of all staff, subsidizes lay people to programs, and made possible Frank's recent sabbatical. There is another account used for the education of theology students.

Confusion in the story doesn't end there. It wasn't until 1977 that John W. Cram, a member of the Board of Trustees, found a copy of the Clark Trust Fund. The account laid dormant at the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation for probably seventy years! The exact length of time of the dormancy is a fact we've been unable to trace due to the lack of available records of the early years of the church. It's been said that the initial gift left in trust was \$500.00 and when it was rediscovered, amounted to almost \$65,000.00 in a statement of December 31, 1977.

All sources agreed that the Rev. William J Clark left the Clark Fund in trust when he left First Presbyterian Church in 1907. That's how the story has been passed along for decades. But check out the first names. They do not match! I never even noticed until I started writing, because when it wasn't referred to as the laundry fund, it was simply the Clark fund.

How unfortunate that a piece of our history is lost in time. We will never know all the facts, but can be grateful to Robert Clark for the legacy left behind in a generous gift that benefits all members of FSA in providing opportunities for education and spiritual growth that some might otherwise never be able to experience.



FSA Memorial Garden

Reach Out! Idea
Find an older person you have not met and introduce yourself.

**WHAT IS IT?
WHERE IS IT AT FSA?**

Answer in next issue of Tidings

From Last Issue - What is it? Where is it at FSA?
ELEVATOR FRAME IN THE ACCESS LOBBY
Letter "L" in Braille below

Guess who's having fun now at First-St. Andrew's United Church

How did you do?



Frank Meadows



Now can you guess who is pictured here-->



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IF I WERE A KID AGAIN

By Brad Kilb, June 1999

On the occasion of Lorna & Albert's 60th Wedding Anniversary

If I were a kid again, I'd choose parents who would:

Play with me, rather than sending me out to play.

Take me on family holidays, rather than shipping me off on vacation.

Share real-life experiences with me, rather than 'buying' me a life.

Talk with me, rather than talking at me.

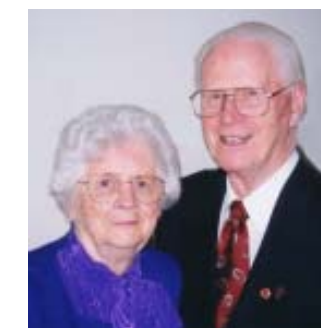
Encourage me so I'd build self-esteem, rather than always pointing out my faults.

Demonstrate that 'caring' is encouraging others be the best they can be, rather than always seeking to be number 1.

Teach me that life's choices are founded on values, rather than trying to satisfy everyone all of the time.

Expose me to the realities of the world, rather than hiding and protecting me.

Teach me that obstacles are really challenges to overcome ...that it's how you play your cards, rather than complaining about the cards you're dealt.



Lorna & Albert Kilb

Teach me that money is a means to a lifestyle, rather than living to amass wealth.

Demonstrate that every day is full of awe and excitement, because life is not a dress rehearsal.

Show me that they really do love me by accepting whatever I say, however I act, whoever my friends, ...just as I am.

Every day I thank God that I made the best possible choice.