

be based entirely at the Whitecourt Maintenance Depot.

Ovie married Betty Hinchey of Vermilion, Alberta, on the Christmas Eve of 1942 while on leave from the services. Since the war they have made their home in Whitecourt where both Betty Anne and Bill were born and grew up. Two years after daughter Betty Anne was married in 1961, Betty began to work full-time as secretary in the Whitecourt Town Office. She has continued in that capacity for over seventeen years and finds the work satisfying, particularly since Bill too has been away from the old home for several years.

Daughter Betty Anne now lives at Stoney Plain, just out of Edmonton, where husband Michael Velichko installs and maintains high-rise elevators. They have three children: Darrel, Eddie and Betty Joann. Son Bill, with wife Irene Cunningham, is raising two sons — Gilbert and Greg — in Edmonton where Bill is a skilled welder.

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Donald Mathers/Doris Boulton

Donald Lloyd Mathers — 1921 -

Doris May Boulton — 1919 -

Married 30 April 1948

0.5.1.2.1 **Audrey** Jeanette — 1957 -

0.5.1.2.2 **Lloyd** Ross — 1959 - 1973

0.5.1.2.3 **Donna** Yvonne — 1964 -

Donald, the second son of Florence and David Mathers, was born at Wainwright, Alberta, where he started school and enjoyed life with his classmates and neighbors. He was twelve when the family was transferred to Edson where he completed his senior grades and developed his interest in motors and auto-mechanics. In 1941 he joined the Canadian Army but his limited eyesight disqualified him from any assignment overseas. He served four years in the Ordinance Corps at Grand Prairie, Kingston, Calgary and London, Ontario, before being discharged in the Toronto area. In civilian life he has maintained his interest in automechanics and for the past eighteen years has worked for Harper Detroit Diesel of Oakville which markets GM diesel motors.

Don met Doris Boulton through friends in Edson who gave him an address and telephone number and recommended that he call at a certain boarding house where Doris happened to be. Doris was born in Springhill, Nova Scotia, which she describes as "the same town as Anne Murray comes from, only I don't sing the way she does". Her parents who were both officers in the Salvation Army were transferred to Toronto. As Doris puts it, "between Springhill, Nova Scotia, and Edson, Alberta, we sort of met each

other half way". Two children, Audrey and Lloyd, were born in Toronto during the late fifties. Donna arrived after the family moved to Oakville where Don and Doris now have their home.

Daughter Audrey, and husband Kevin Denike, live next door to Audrey's parents on the 8th Line Road. Married in 1977, Kevin is an orderly at Queensway Hospital. In 1973 son Lloyd was struck by a train near his home while crossing a high trestle in a driving rainstorm. "Neither Lloyd nor the engineer had a chance". Younger daughter Donna has not yet finished high school, but on a 1981 summer job found a real interest in the work of a Day Care Centre. Who knows what may come of it?

0.5.1.3

Ellen Mathers/Jacob Hendricks

Florence **Ellen** Mathers — 1924 -

Jacob Hendricks — 1920 -

Married 7 Feb., 1946 - Sep. 1973

0.5.1.3.1 **David** John — 1960 -

0.5.1.3.2 **Duncan** Bruce — 1966 -

Ellen, the only daughter of Florence and David Mathers, was the third member of the family born at Wainwright, Alberta. She recalls being in grade five when the family moved to Edson and she had to find herself a new group of friends. She went as far as high school in Edson and at the same time was a choir member in the church where her mother was organist. She did not go on to university or commercial college which would have necessitated her leaving home. Instead she trained as a switchboard operator in the local drugstore at \$26 per month for the Alberta Telephone System. She also worked for a short while for the Alberta Florist Service and for the local branch of the Imperial Bank before she was married in 1946.

Ellen met Jake Hendricks, who was born at Lowe Farm, Manitoba, while he was in Edson working as a civilian with the Royal Canadian Air Force. They were married in Edmonton just before Jake was sent overseas to Britain and Europe on a tour of duty. Ellen returned to Edson where for another ten years she worked in a local men's clothing store.

By 1956 Jake had returned to Canada and had taken on the job of housing administrator for the Canadian Government in the Northwest Territories. The next eleven years saw Ellen living in the western Arctic and tundra country. At first she lived at Whitehorse in the Yukon where son David was born. Later they were moved to the very shores of the Arctic at Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk. Finally, they moved inland and south to Fort Smith where son Duncan was born. By 1967 the family had been moved to Ottawa where