

HAZEL ALINE NEUKIRCH

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I was born in 1923, the ninth child of Fred and Ivy Neukirch at their farm near Lookout, Oklahoma. I attended grade school at Pleasant Valley District #40 for eight years and Freedom High School for four years at Freedom, Oklahoma, graduating in 1941. In 1942 I went to Los Angeles, California and lived with George and Evelyn. I went to work at Douglas Aircraft Company in El Segundo, California, and worked there until 1944 when work terminated. Because of loss of Government contracts most employees were laid off. I came back to Oklahoma for about a month and then went to Richmond, California and went to work in an office at Kaiser Shipyards until 1945. While in Richmond I lived with Maxine Bliss and her parents.

Bert William Hall, son of Frank and Martha Hall was born in 1922 in Texas County near Cabol Missouri. He moved with his family to El Dorado Kansas in 1924. He attended Lincoln elementary school in El Dorado for six years, El Dorado High for two years and El Dorado High School for four years, graduating in 1940. He went to Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) Camp in 1940 and spent six month in South Dakota. In 1941 he went to work for Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita Kansas then joined the United States Navy in 1942.

In 1945 I married Bert Hall. We were married at the Presbyterian Church in Richmond California by Reverend Warren Prall. Bert had just returned from overseas and we spent his thirty day leave with his parents, who lived in El Dorado, Kansas, and visiting other relatives. He was then stationed at Norman, Oklahoma and I lived with my parents who were living in El Dorado Kansas at the time. In 1945 Bert got his discharge from the Navy. He worked for a while in El Dorado at different jobs, as steady jobs were pretty hard to find right after the war. We then moved to Great Bend where he worked in the oil fields for a short time and then lived in Hutchinson for a while where he worked at a service station. In 1947 he went to work for Skelly Oil Company, known as Getty then Texaco. I went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in El Dorado in 1949 and worked for several years.

Roger William Hall was born in 1952 at Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado Kansas. He attended kindergarten at Grandview Elementary School in El Dorado and grade school at Towanda Grade School for eight years. He was active in baseball, basketball and band in grade school and played baseball in the summer baseball programs. He attended high school at Circle High School Unified District #375 for four years at Towanda, graduating in 1970. While in high school he was active in baseball, basketball, football, golf and was in both the junior and senior plays. In 1972 Roger married Connie Louise Hinde at the Cassoday Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Calvin and Marlene Hinde and was born in 1952 and lived in Cassoday all of her life. They lived in Towanda and Roger worked part time and attended Butler County Community Junior College and Connie worked at the Veterans Administration in Wichita Kansas. In 1974 they moved to Norman Oklahoma where Roger attended the University of Oklahoma and

Connie worked at the National Sever Storms Laboratory. Roger graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Things Hazel remembers as a child growing up.

1. Walking a mile and a half to school everyday.
2. Chinaberry fights her older brothers, Bliss boys and Braught boys used to have.
3. Christmas Eve programs at the Lookout Methodist Church.
4. Literary Society programs at Moundridge School northeast of Lookout, when Francis Albright taught there.
5. Box supers and programs at Pleasant Valley School.
6. Learning how to milk a cow (Wishes she hadn't).
7. Herding cows to water during the drought years.
8. The terrible dust storms of the 30's.
9. Dads cherry orchard, especially when mother gave Mrs. Barker cherries we had picked to can and she borrowed the sugar to can them and never repaid it.
10. Taking piano lessons from Mrs. Barker, she could chew gum louder than anyone I ever knew.
11. Helping mother plant garden, which seemed like a mile long, when planting peas and beans would bury a dish full at a time here and there to keep from planting them thinking she would never know. She did when they came up.
12. Topping maize with Gladys and Marjorie.
13. Shocking feed and almost getting bit by a rattlesnake.
14. Herding turkeys back to their pen at night. (Dumbest birds ever created)
15. Sledding down the hill north of the house with Gladys and Marjorie in the moonlight.
16. The Ladies Aid Society made and quilted a quilt each year and raffled it of, I think Uncle (August a bachelor) won most of them.
17. Picking and canning sand plums every year.
18. Uncle August showing up on Sunday afternoons with fifty pounds of ice to make homemade ice cream.
19. Decoration Day programs at the Lookout Church and going to the Lookout Cemetery where the kids put a bouquet of flowers, usually made of wild flowers, on each grave. Uncle Henry always helped.
20. Riding the school bus 23 miles each day to Freedom to go to high school.
21. Although money was scarce during the depression years when I grew up, we always had a lot of friends and I learned to appreciate the things I did have.