

GEORGE ELLIS NEUKIRCH

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George Ellis Neukirch was born in 1910 at the George Ellis farm seventeen miles northeast of El Dorado, Kansas. He was the third child of Ivy and Fred Neukirch. He attended his first two years of school at District #1 school near Cassoday, Kansas. In the spring of 1920 he moved with the family to a farm at Lookout, Oklahoma. He attended the Pleasant Valley District #40 grade school through the eighth grade. In 1937 he was employed by the Peerless Carbon Co. at Lefores, Texas. In 1938 he met Evelyn LaFon who worked at the boarding house where he ate. They were married in 1939 at Wheeler, Texas. They lived two years at the company housing project near LeFors, Texas. In 1942 George terminated his work there and was hired as maintenance mechanic for Douglas Aircraft Co. in El Segundo, California. They lived in Manchester and Vermont Blvd. area in southern Los Angeles until the war was over.

In 1945 they moved to a 40 acre farm seven miles southeast of Greeley, Colorado. They resided here twenty three years raising their two children Daryl and Trena. In 1969 they moved to eastern Colorado to a larger farm four miles south of Eckley, Colorado. George's dream to have the circular sprinkler irrigation came true when he had seven successful crops. His son took over the farm at his retirement in 1976. George and Evelyn traveled extensively that year throughout the United States. They now reside in Odell, Texas.

Daryl Ellis Neukirch was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colorado in 1952. At the age of eight days he found his way to the George and Evelyn Neukirch's home who were so anxious to welcome him to their family. He attended the Seventh Day Adventist elementary school at Greeley, Colorado through the eighth grade, Campion Academy, Greeley and Yuma High Schools.

He met Shelly Jo Ann Murphy of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Born in 1953. She was attending S.M.C. of Collegedale, Tennessee. They were married in 1973 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. They soon moved to Eckley, Colorado where he farmed two years with his father. He is now farming alone since George retired in 1976. Daryl and Shelly have two children. Bradley Ellis, born in 1974 at Wray, Colorado and April Dawn, born in 1976 also at Wray.

Trena Sue Neukirch was born at Lt. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colorado in 1953. This little girl made George and Evelyn very happy when she came to live with them in 1953. She attended Greeley S.D.A. Church School, Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado and graduated from nursing Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee. She nursed at Takoma Park, Washington D.C. at which time she met John E. Poehler Jr. of Cheverly, Maryland. He was born in 1953. They married in 1974 in Wray, Colorado and lived in Maryland until 1977. John's job took them to Norfolk, Virginia where they now reside.

Evelyn Elizabeth LaFon was born near Cleburne, Texas in 1919 to Lizzie (Prater) and Chester LaFon. She attended elementary country schools ant Freeland and Burton, plus two years at Cleburne High School at Cleburne and Pampa, graduating from Wheeler, Texas.