

MARY ELIZABETH NEUKIRCH

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Mary Elizabeth Neukirch daughter of Fred and Ivy Neukirch was born on the Ellis farm southwest of Cassoday, Kansas in 1916.

Cleator Chase son of Bertha and Jacob Chase was born on a farm 10 miles southeast of Freedom, Oklahoma in 1913.

We were married at the Alfalfa County Courthouse at Cherokee, Oklahoma in 1941.

Cleator was called to the United States Army for service in 1942. He was admitted to the Army Hospital at Fort Sill, was in the hospital and was discharged from the United States Army in 1942.

We lived in the house across the road west of Camp Houston from December 1942 until July 1943. Then we moved to the McLaughlin place 2 ½ miles northeast of Freedom, Oklahoma. We lived there from July 1943 until September 1943. We then moved to the old Mart Moorland place 7 miles northwest of Freedom, Oklahoma September of 1943. We rented the farm until 1946 then we purchase it. We lived there until 1968 and then we moved to Buffalo, Oklahoma. We sold the house in Buffalo in 1976 and moved to a place we bought southeast of Beaver, Oklahoma where we now live.

I started teaching in 1936. 1 year at District 41, 1 year at Plainview, 3 years at Edith, 2 years at Houston Valley, 4 years at Unity, 6 years at Centerview, 1 year at Coldwater, Kansas, 1 year at Coy, 1 year at Protection, Kansas, 10 more years at Centerview, 5 years at Buffalo, Oklahoma and three years at Fort Supply.

Mary Jane and Leona came to live with us in 1958.

Leona married Bill Perry in 1964. They have three children, David, Rebecca and Steven. They live 5 miles southeast of Beaver, Oklahoma. Leona was born in 1945, Bill was born in 1942, David was born January 21, 1966, Rebecca was born in 1969 and Steven was born in 1973.

Mary Jane married John Steinbrecher in 1971. They have one child, Kody Lynn, and live southeast of Princeton, Minnesota. Mary Jane was born in 1950, John was born in 1946 and Kody Lynn was born in 1974.