
NETTLETON, Doreen E.

Interview by Stu and Berte
Berry in Moog House, Pentic-
ton on March 8, 2003

Doreen E. Nettleton (nee Elver) 1920-2003

In Attendance - Doreen, daughter Arlene, Stu and Berte Berry

Doreen's Mom and Dad and grandparents were born in England. Dick Elver fought in the First World War and came out to Canada after 1918. Not sure when Mrs. Elver came to Canada but sometime perhaps in 1919. Around that time, Mr and Mrs Elver, now married, moved to Calgary then Drumheller, Alberta where he worked in a coal mine for a part of a year. Mrs. Elver was pregnant and went into the Drumheller Hospital and delivered their one and only child, Doreen, in 1920. Having no car, Mr Elver walked miles from the mine to see his wife and daughter and found the hospital was under quarantine so he had to go back without seeing them.

After a short time in Drumheller, the Elvers moved to Naramata coming down the lake in the *Sycamous* when Doreen was about 6 months old. At the time they moved into a home on T I Williams' property near (what is) now Sandy Beach Lodge. They (later) moved to the Elver orchard on Naramata Road just north of Bill Littlejohn's property and the senior Elvers lived there all their married lives. Dick Elver died in March 1951 at the age of 59 and Lucy May Elver died in March 1977 at the age of 83.

When Doreen was 12, several Yorkshire Englishmen arrived in the town on a farm training program. One of them as 20 year old Cliff Nettleton and the other was George Bradshaw. Cliff farmed for Len Smith. Then he joined up in World War 2, served until 1944 when he was wounded and returned home. He met Doreen and they married and bought H P Salting's house and orchard on Robinson and Salting Roads. They had two daughters, Sandra and Arlene.

Doreen worked in the office at the Naramata Co-op for many years and Cliff ran the farm. Doreen was also very involved in the Naramata Red Cross and looked after the Naramata Loans Cupboard (medical supplies) almost right up to her death. Doreen was a life time friend with Dodie Baker, Agnes Furner, Barb Colquhoun, Kay Danderfer and many other friends at the Naramata Old Age Pension Centre. One seldom saw Doreen without her buddies, particularly Dodie, around her. Cliff predeceased Doreen in December 1973 at the age of 61. Cliff and Doreen were both wonderful community people and their memories will live on in the hearts of all who knew them.

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[Doreen E. Nettleton, died peacefully at the Moog & Friends Hospice House, Penticton on March 17, 2003. Survived by daughters Arlene Griffith of Naramata and Sandra Sanders of Surrey. Grandchildren Kimberley, Shelley, Wayne and Shawna and great-grandson Adam]