

MINI-BIOGRAPHY No. 43

Ida Kiddle Schaffer was born 10 May 1898 at Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the 7th child in a family of nine children born to Thomas Matthew and Elizabeth Agnes Slight Kiddle, both of English ancestry.

Although Sister Schaffer's grandparents joined the Church in England, her grandfather Kiddle did not come to Utah when his wife and family came about 1876. He was a Scotland Yard detective and stayed in London where his work was. On her mother's side, grandparents Edward Lewis Slight and his wife, Mary Jane Adams, and their family were brought out to Utah by the L.D.S. Church. ^{about 1872} His services as a typesetter were required to set up the type for printing the Book of Mormon in its present punctuated and paragraphed form. Grandmother Slight was a boxmaker by trade. She made fancy decorated boxes for candy, handkerchiefs, and gloves. Even after a box factory was established in Salt Lake City, boxes were brought to her to be decorated.

Before coming to Canada in 1901, Ida's father worked for Z.C.M.I. department store in Salt Lake City for 12 years. Although he was an electrical engineer by trade, he led the ZCMI choir consisting of employees of the firm. Being quite musical by nature, he learned to play the flute under the direction of Ebenezer Beesley, and played in the fife and drum corps band organized by Brother Beesley, Church music director.

The Kiddles came to Canada for Thomas M.'s health, so he could have work in open, fresh air. Thomas M. came ^{and} bought a farm south-west of Stirling about 3 miles, also a lot in Stirling. At first the family cooked and ate in a tent on their lot in Stirling. They slept in a Church tithing granary near by. When a workshop was built for his carpentering business, they moved into it until they got a house built. Father and sons worked at carpentry along with farming operations. They had shipped furniture, machinery, a team of horses and a cow with them from Utah. Sister Ida recalls that her father had a canvas bag full of \$5.00 gold pieces that amounted to one or two thousand dollars, she isn't sure which.

After nine years in the town of Stirling, the Kiddles moved to their farm. From there it was too far for Ida to go to Mutual, but her brother Walter--three years her senior--took her to dances at Stirling and at Raymond.

Of the nine Kiddle children, six are still living. Besides Ida, only Clara Mable Perrett lives in Cardston and attends in the Cardston First Ward. The parents died at Stirling in 1937 and 38 and are buried there.

Sister Schaffer has fond recollections of her childhood days. She enjoyed her school at Stirling, and the evenings at home with a musical family. They formed a family orchestra that played for dances at Stirling, Raymond, and New Dayton. The family organ had to be hauled back and forth from home to the dance halls. Her parents sang duets together. Their favorite was, "For The Strength of the Hills."

Ida developed many feminine talents. She could crochet at age 8, and sew her own clothes by age 15--making her own wedding dress when she was 20. After she was married she learned

to knit from her mother-in-law. She still practises these arts; and has won many prizes at local fairs. As recently as last week she won first prize for a gingham smock cushion at the Cardston fair. She also makes quilts to give for birthday and Christmas presents.

Sister Ida started keeping company with Alfred Schaffer in January 1918. He had contracted Bright's Disease while in the trenches in France during World War 1, and had been sent home in November 1917. Fred and Ida were married 20 November 1918 in the home of Bishop Fawns, of Stirling.

For the first four months of their married life, the Schaffers lived at Raymond, where Fred worked for his brother Ernest on the farm. Then they moved to Stirling and lived there until they came to Cardston in 1929. At Stirling Fred did odd jobs wherever he could find work. On being discharged from the Army, Fred had been given a trifling \$5.00 a month pension for only six months.

The Schaffers went through some hard times raising their young family. But Fred's kindness to his wife made the years pass pleasantly. They raised good gardens and had plenty to eat, but were often short of cash and clothing. Their three children--Gilbert L., Fronta (Boehmer), and Barbara (Laing) were born while the Schaffers lived at Stirling. Just before Fronta was born, they didn't have 10¢ in the house to phone to Raymond for a doctor. Fortunately Fred was able to sell some blacksmith material he had on hand to enable him to phone for a doctor. On another occasion they faced the coming Winter with \$30 in cash. At another time they had \$90 after Fall work was over. So Fred bought two cows, hauled beet pulp and molasses from the Raymond sugar factory, put it on straw for ^{cow} feed, and they were able to ship cream to Lethbridge all Winter.

In February 1929, Fred obtained the agency for Rawleigh products in the Cardston district, and the family moved here. He worked at this for four years and then got a job helping to build the present Post Office. When the building was completed, he was taken on as its caretaker--a job he held for 21 years until his passing 13 May 1960. In Cardston, the Schaffers were able to buy their own home and live comfortably. Fred never reached retirement age, due to the development of terminal cancer.

Sister Schaffer loves Cardston, and has never been sorry they moved here. She and Fred were sealed in the Temple on their wedding anniversary--20 November 1930--and had their children sealed to them. Since then they found great satisfaction working in the Temple together and doing genealogical research. They also took trips together to Saskatchewan, Utah, and California. They attended temple sessions at Logan, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles.

Sister Schaffer has taught Primary and been a visiting teacher in Relief Society in Stirling and at Cardston. She still does Relief Society visiting teaching. Her mother taught her to pray; and her father gave her a love for music. She enjoys attending Sunday School, Relief Society and other meetings. She especially loves to hear missionary reports. Her



40th Wedding Anniversary Dance
Gib & Helen *and* Winslow & Reita
Schaffer Sommerfeldt

are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversaries. We invite everyone to join us for an evening of dancing and fun.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 1984 — 9 p.m.
at the Cardston Social Centre.

Please use the North entrance!

Live Music NO GIFTS PLEASE Light Refreshments

Card of

thanks

Jun 23 1981

The family of Ida K. Schaffer wish to thank everyone for the comfort and love given us, in the passing of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother. We wish to thank the Cardston Hospital nurses and doctors for the kind care they gave her. For the neighbors and special friends who brought food and sent flowers. Also to the Relief Society for preparing the lunch. And to those who rendered the music so beautifully, and to the speakers. Also Bishop Wayne Olsen who conducted the services.

All our thanks,
Gilbert, Fronta & Barbara

Family of Helen & Gilbert Schaffer

Ron (Bonnie) Schaffer

Lisa (Keith) Cooper - Alina, Izaak, Marcus
Kelly (Helen) Schaffer
Vonda (Derenzol Sheppard) - Daylan, Tyus
Bob Schaffer
Bill Schaffer - Brayden
Natalie (Ricky) Rhinehart

Jim (Sharon) Schaffer

Nicole - Jillian
Michael (Jenn) Schaffer
Dylon, Tenley, Kurtis, McKay
Michelle (Brett) Wocknitz
Austin, Macie, Tayler, Skyler
David Schaffer
Allison Schaffer
Jeffery Schaffer

Gibb (Wendy) Schaffer

Danica - deceased
Rylan (Dana) Schaffer - Tyler, Halle, Kamree
Russ (Lacy) Schaffer - Bryn, Nicklas
Brandon (Kayla) Schaffer - Alexis

John (Cathy) Schaffer

Christy (Rob) Taft - Haley, Peyton, Saylor, Paisley
Jen (Eric) Nelson - Rylee, Mataya, Walker
Leah Schaffer
Ashley (Justin) Beaune - Ryker

Deborah (Charlie) Vegter

Douglas Junior (Theresa) Jensen - Kelvin, Joshua,
Elizabeth
Debbie Jo (Jos) Willard - Anthony, Liam
Kennedy (Michael) Peterson - William
Katherine (Zed) Spencer
Lance Jensen

Funeral Service

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Cardston Alberta West Stake Center
Wednesday, May 28th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
President Kenneth Sommerfeldt Presiding
Bishop Shawn Olsen Officiating

Registration Books: Leah Schaffer, Katherine Spencer,
Nicole Schaffer, Allison Schaffer
Organist: Debbie Burt Chorister: Bonnie Schaffer

Order of Service:

Family Prayer Gibb Schaffer
Opening Hymn "Consider The Lilies"
..... Sharon Schaffer & Debbie Vegter
Invocation Rylan Schaffer
Biography John Schaffer
Musical "Love is Spoken Here"
..... Grandchildren & Great grandchildren
..... accompanied by Sharon Schaffer
Speaker President Kenneth Sommerfeldt
Closing Hymn #100 "Nearer, My God, to Thee"
Benediction Michael Schaffer

Pallbearers: Grandsons

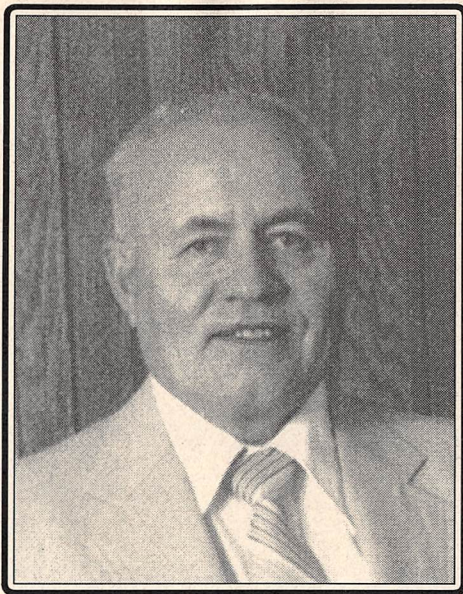
Kelly Schaffer	Bob Schaffer	Rylan Schaffer
Mike Schaffer	Bill Schaffer	Doug Jr. Jensen
Russell Schaffer	David Schaffer	Brandon Schaffer
Jeff Schaffer		Lance Jensen

Honorary Pallbearers: Granddaughters

Lisa Cooper	Nicole Schaffer	Vonda Jones
Danica Schaffer-deceased		Christy Taft
Debbie Jo Willard	Michelle Wocknitz	Natalie Rhinehart
Jen Nelson	Allison Schaffer	Kennedy Peterson
Leah Schaffer	Ashley Beaune	Katherine Spencer

Interment in the Aetna Cemetery, Aetna Alberta

Graveside Dedicatory Prayer Ron Schaffer



“Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.

Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.

2 Nephi 31:20

Gilbert Lawrence Schaffer

Funeral Service in

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Cardston Alberta West Stake Centre
Monday, February 9th, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Kimball J. Taylor Presiding
Elder Mark Boyson Officiating

Registration Books: Fulton & Marie Bevans,
Winslow & Rita Sommerfeldt

Organist: Jim Ferguson Jr. Prelude: Primary Chorus

Order of Service:

Family Prayer: Sunday - John Schaffer Monday - Gibb Schaffer Jr.

Opening Song: “Beautiful Mountains Blue” Acc. by Arnold Pitcher
..... Words and music by Iris Marshall
Trio Dianne Oertli, Linda Atwood & Tammy Leavitt

Invocation: Brenda Leavitt

Musical #: “Never A Better Hero” Acc. by Jennifer Schaffer
..... Granddaughters Christy, Michelle, Nicole & Natalie Schaffer
..... Vonda Jones, Lisa Cooper & Debbie Jo Jensen

Biography: Debbie Jensen & LaRon Schaffer

Musical #: “Because You Loved Me” by Linda Olsen Acc. by Christy Schaffer

Speaker: Bishop Kimball J. Taylor

Closing Song: “Love Is Spoken Here”
..... by Schaffer Grandchildren Acc. by Sharon Schaffer

Benediction: Doug Jensen

Pallbearers:

LaRon Schaffer	Gibb Schaffer Jr	Doug Jensen
James Schaffer	John Schaffer	Butch Boehmer

Honorary Pallbearers:

Kelly Schaffer	Bob Schaffer	Bill Schaffer
Michael Schaffer	David Schaffer	Jeffery Schaffer
Rylan Schaffer	Russell Schaffer	Brandon Schaffer
Doug Jensen Jr.	Lance Jensen	Jim Ferguson Sr.
Spot Boehmer	Fulton Bevans	Bill Sosick
Jim Sebastian	Winslow Sommerfeldt	LaVarr Carlson
	Garth Forsyth	

Interment in the Aetna Cemetery, Aetna, Alberta
Graveside Dedicatory Prayer James Schaffer