

# Northern Lights

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*The Journal of the  
Anglican Diocese of  
Yukon  
Summer/Fall 2008*



*Kathleen Lake, Kluane National Park  
Near Haines Junction, Yukon*

# Thank you for Praying



## Day 1 & 16

**Whitehorse:** Christ Church Cathedral.  
The Very Rev. Peter Williams and Barbara Williams.  
The Rev. Mary Battaja, (Associate Priest, on leave).  
Lino Battaja & family. Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Zimmerman

## Day 2 & 17

**Fort Nelson:** St. Mary Magdalene.  
**Toad River, Alaska Highway, mile 150-506**  
Rev. Dawn McDonald and Rev. Neville Critchlow. Lay  
Minister: Don Thompson and family

## Day 3 & 18

**Watson Lake:** St. John the Baptist  
**Lower Post, Swift River.**  
**Telegraph Creek:** St. Aidan.  
**Dease Lake; Glenora.**  
The Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame & family.

## Day 4 & 19

**Carcross:** St. Saviour's.  
The Rev. David Pritchard and family  
**Tagish, Johnson's Crossing**  
**Teslin:** St. Philips  
The Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the Ministry Team

## Day 5 & 20

Communities of: **Carmacks, Keno, Faro and Ross River.**

## Day 6 & 21

**Atlin:** St. Martin.  
The Rev. Dn. Vera Kirkwood & family.  
Licensed Lay Minister: Dorothy Odian.

## Day 7 & 22

Clergy in secular employment holding Bishop's  
License for ministry in the Diocese of Yukon:  
The Rev. Martin Carroll..

## Day 8 & 23

**Haines Junction:** St. Christopher's.  
**Beaver Creek:** St. Columba.  
**Alaska Highway: mile 918-1202**  
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy  
& Lay Ministry Team.

## Day 9 & 24

**Whitehorse:**  
Church of the Northern Apostles.  
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard)  
The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

## Day 10 and 25

**Mayo:** St. Mary with St. Mark.  
The Rev. Susan Titterington. and the Lay Ministry  
Team  
**Pelly Crossing:** St. James the Lord's Brother.  
Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

## Day 11 & 26

**Dawson City:** St. Paul's. **Moosehide:** St. Barnabas.  
**The Klondike Creeks; The Dempster Hwy.**  
The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Percy  
Henry. The Ven. Ken Snider (Honorary Assistant) and  
Aldene Snider. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry;  
Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

## Day 12 & 27

**Old Crow:** St. Luke's.  
The Rev. Susan Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Marion  
Schaefer, Esau Schaefer & family. and Lay Ministry  
Team.

## Day 13 & 28

The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher: Diocesan Administrative  
Officer.  
Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee..  
Diocesan Prayer Partner: Diocese of Fredericton.

## Day 14 & 29

Pattie Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate:  
Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.  
PWRDF Diocesan Representative:  
Diocesan ACW President: Gloria Hockley and all  
ACW members.

## Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:  
The Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall.  
The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.  
The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.  
The Rev. Don Sax & The Rev. Dn. Lee Sax.  
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.  
The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.  
The Rev. Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon  
The Ven. Arthur Privett  
The Rev. Canon David & Alice Kalles  
The Ven. John & The Rev. Dn. Carol Tyrrell  
The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.  
Marion Carroll.  
Licensed Lay Minister: Edith Josie.

## Day 31 and daily:

The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle &  
family.

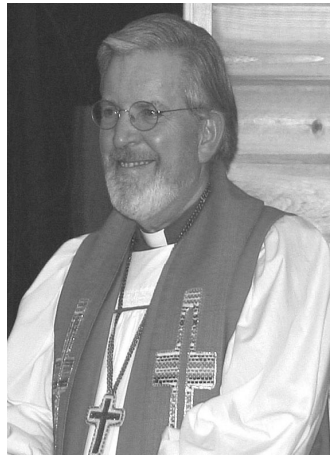
## *From the Archbishop.....*

**I**n June of this year the Diocese of Yukon held an Electoral Synod. The purpose of this synod was to elect a coadjutor bishop who would succeed me at the end of this year as Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon. After a full day of prayerful voting the synod was not able to declare an election as the required number of total votes, a two thirds majority, could not be reached. The synod was adjourned to be rescheduled at a future date.

The following day was a Sunday and at Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse, with a number of synod delegates present, I announced that I would continue as Archbishop of Yukon for an undetermined period of time. It seems that it is not time for a change of leadership in the Diocese of Yukon as yet. With the awareness that we have gained through our Lord's faithfulness to us as a diocese in the past, we move on into the future confident that He will indeed lead us in His way. He is faithful!

During our Electoral Synod it was a pleasure to have with us our newly appointed Diocesan Chancellor, Mr. John Bethell, who resides in the Vancouver area and who willingly gave of his time to assist us. We have been without a Diocesan Chancellor for far too long and we need to thank Mr. Douglas MacAdams, Q.C., who is the Chancellor of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, for assisting us in finding Mr. John Bethell.

Recently I enjoyed pastoral visits to



the B.C. communities of Ft. Nelson, Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake and the Yukon communities Old Crow, Teslin, and Dawson City. Along with these visits, in the same period of time, I chaired our Executive Committee meeting and our Electoral Synod. As well, I traveled to Ottawa to attend the Board meeting of Anglican Renewal Ministries. This ARM event was very encouraging to me as members of the ARM Board represent both the Anglican Church of Canada and Anglican Network in Canada, all prayerfully working together under our Lord for the renewal of the church. The Holy Spirit of God spoke strongly to us through our times devoted to prayer, praise and ministry to one another.

I was pleased to confirm three young people in each of the parishes of St. Luke's, Old Crow and in St. Paul's, Dawson. Both of these confirmation services were blessed by God as we worshipped together. May these six young people continue to grow strong in the Faith and in love and service for our Lord.

And now, Blanche and I are off to the Lambeth Conference in England.

*From the Archbishop: continued*

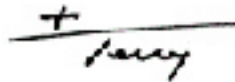
This will be our second Lambeth Conference and our last, since these conferences happen only once every ten years. Prayerfully we approach this time, this critical time, in the life of the Anglican Communion. What is the Holy Spirit saying today to the world-wide Anglican Church? May God in his mercy enable the bishops from around the Anglican world to both hear and obey as they gather for the Lambeth Conference.

It is with great appreciation that I extend my thanks to those of you who faithfully support the Diocese of Yukon in prayer and through financial donations. The Bishop's H.O.M.E. Appeal has truly been for the Diocese of Yukon an avenue of support from within our diocese and an avenue for the offering of support for some that are beyond our diocesan borders.

This Appeal is a diocesan effort to Help Ourselves Minister Effectively (HOME). We want to be able to employ another ordained person for ministry in the Northern Tutchone area of our diocese. For this we will be required to raise annually \$25,000.00. The HOME Appeal is now focused on this pastoral need. In faith we anticipate the necessary financial provision for this ministry as we together in faith and commitment seek to Help Ourselves Minister Effectively in the Diocese of Yukon.

With thankfulness for your prayerful support I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Archbishop T.O. Buckle  
Diocese of Yukon

## *Confirmations in Old Crow and Dawson City*



On recent visits to Dawson City and Old Crow, Archbishop Terry Buckle confirmed a number of young people. At the Confirmation Service in Dawson City (Left) Archbishop Terry Buckle is shown here with Allison Anderson, Teya Frost and Naomi Viney. The Confirmees in Old Crow (right) are pictured with Archbishop Terry and Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer.

## Dean of the Cathedral Retires

by: Scott Gilbreath

As Dean Peter Williams prepares to retire later this year after five years of serving God's people in the Diocese of Yukon, he granted an interview for this Northern Lights special report.

Dean Peter was born and raised in Toronto. After dropping out of high school, he worked at various unskilled jobs as a young man. He spent a year in the Navy and then was employed as a welder-fitter for several years. During that time, he became involved with a fundamentalist charismatic cult-like organization called "The Overcomers Church" and, miraculously, became a Christian through its ministry. There he met Barb who went to Sunday evening youth group meetings. Peter also began to attend Bible college at night.

A few years later, "The Overcomers Church" split apart amid allegations of inappropriate and manipulative behaviour by church leaders. This was a disappointing and confusing time for Peter and Barb, but they eventually found a spiritual home at a local Anglican church.

Encouraged by Anglican ministers and teachers, Peter was led to enter University of Toronto as a mature



student. Seven years later, he graduated from Wycliffe College and was ordained a clergyman in the Anglican Church of Canada.

His first posting was as assistant curate, St George's, Oshawa; then, he became assistant priest at Trinity Church, Barrie. He subsequently served as rector at St

Peter's-On-The-Rock, Kirkland Lake; St Luke's, Thunder Bay; and Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. He and Barb were then called to ministry in Peru, where he served five years as Chaplain and Rector, Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd, Lima, where his bishop was Gregory Venables, who is now Primate of the Province of the Southern Cone.



In 2003, Peter was called to northern Canada as Dean, Diocese of Yukon,

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Peter and Barbara Williams: continued from previous page

and Rector, Christ Church Cathedral. Barb has been a great asset in his ministry, especially in her gift of humour that the church so often needs. Dean Peter leaves with a strong feeling of affection for the people of Christ Church Cathedral and will continue to be in prayer for them, especially for the elderly and infirm. He covets our prayers for divine guidance as he and Barb move into the next phase of their ministry to God's people. He encourages parishioners to keep on demonstrating the good of Christian

community among the elderly, who so often nowadays are marginalized and isolated, even sometimes by their own families. Showing love and respect for our elders can be a powerful Christian and counter-cultural witness that the people of Christ Church Cathedral can offer.

May our Lord continue to bless Peter and Barb as they seek to follow him in their future ministry endeavours.

*This article was written and submitted by Scott Gilbreath, a member of Christ Church Cathedral, Whitehorse.*



## Br-r-r-r-r-r-!!

No, there is nothing wrong with the quality of these photographs. The white specks you see are not dust or scratches but SNOW! Yes, you read that correctly!

Church of the Northern Apostles in Whitehorse held their annual picnic in June and brave souls that they are, they did not cancel because of the weather!



*Top: A group of the picnickers.*

*Right: Sarah Usher (right) with Linda Gerein*

## ***Yukon Priest Travels to Alaska***

*Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington*

I am about to enter the fourth house in my home visits in Eagle, Alaska. In the first home, I conduct healing prayer for a man who fell off his roof and had a bruised and swollen back. With her permission and with another woman present, I lay hands on a woman in the second home who was having trouble breathing because of her blocked sinuses. I pray with a person struggling with alcoholic issues in the third. In all these situations I pray for God's Spirit to enter the person and heal.

The man reported less pain and next day had noticeably less bruising and more ease in walking. The woman said she could breathe better almost instantly. The person with alcohol issues came to church the next day sober for the first time in over a year.

In each of these situations God is using me as a conduit for His power. I know that I can do nothing but it is Him working through me to assist others. As I walk toward the next house, I reflect on how I've got to this place.

I travel to Eagle, Alaska once a month during the summer months to provide pastoral and sacramental ministry to the members of St. John's Episcopal Church. During the winter, ministry is provided by Ms. J. Beck, a licensed lay minister. This is the fourth year that I have traveled to Eagle and God willing this ministry will continue.



I live in Dawson City, Yukon about 5 hours drive from Eagle, Alaska. As a result of an agreement originally made between Archbishop Terry Buckle and Bishop Mark MacDonald and continuing with the Alaska Diocesan Council, I am able to cross both a diocesan border and an international boundary to provide ministry. The Diocese of Alaska will elect a new Bishop in 2009.

The first year I began this ministry I drove my Jeep along a sometimes very narrow, very windy, very difficult road to get to Eagle. After looking over the canyons that the road snaked alongside and thinking more than once that if I happened to go over the side of the road, I would not be found for a very long time, God intervened in the form of Holland America. For the last three years, Holland America has blessed me with a ticket whenever I want to travel between the two towns on their 98 foot catamaran, Yukon Queen II.

Instead of a long stressful drive, I can now sit back and relax on a boat ride up the Yukon River. I arrive refreshed and ready to provide ministry in what ever form is needed for the St. John's congregation. Many of the members are related to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation of Dawson City by family, culture and language.

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## *Ken and Alene Snider Have Big Anniversary Month*

*by Dan Davidson*

It's been a big month for the Snider family in Dawson City. In the space of four weeks Ken and Aldene have

celebrated two major anniversaries.

On July 5 family and friends gathered on the front lawn at St. Paul's Anglican church to help the couple celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

All their children - John, Peter, Hope, Grace, Paul, and Richard - were there with their spouses and children. Guests and friends arrived from

Inuvik, Whitehorse, Mississauga and Petrolia, Ontario.

Congratulatory messages were received from Governor General Michaëlle Jean, MP Larry Bagnell, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Commissioner Geraldine Van Bibber.

In celebration of their parents' lives together, the children had prepared a 20 minutes slide show of highlights from their family and work life, which was enjoyed by everyone after they had had enough tea, coffee, juice, goodies

and pieces of the "50" shaped cake. In addition there was an eight page, spiral bound biography with 18 photographs

for guests to take home as a memorial booklet.

On the next day, Ken and Aldene reconsecrated their marriage vows during a church service in which Ken was also able to officiate in the baptism of his youngest grandchild.

Within that same 50 year span there was another anniversary, which the family celebrated on June 6. That was the 40th anniversary

of Ken's ordination to the Anglican priesthood, in 1967, although he had been in ministerial work as a member of the Anglican Church Army since 1954.

His first posting as a priest was to Dawson City, and he subsequently served in Whitehorse, Inuvik, and Mayo, with the latter post including services in Pelly Crossing, Stewart Crossing and Carmacks.

When Ken and Aldene "retired" in 1998 they moved back to Dawson City, where





they had, years earlier, purchased a heritage home (previously known as the Ferry Saloon) which they had relocated (as with many older Dawson buildings) to Craig Street.

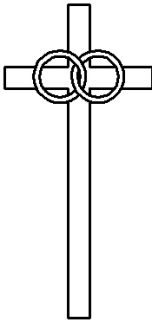
In addition to tending the gardens at the church and being the official person who knows how to get the most out of the wood stove, Ken is the Honorary Assistant Priest, and handles most of the mid-

week services at MacDonald Lodge as well as many of the Historic Saturday Night services in the summer.

Aldene teaches Sunday School and manages the Thrift Shop beside the

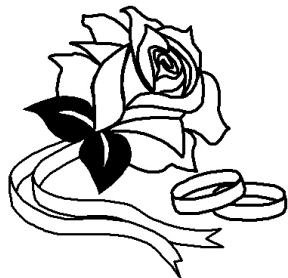
Richard Martin Chapel, which is a great financial aid to the parish. Without the Thrift Shop many transient summer workers would have nothing to wear.

*Dan Davidson is a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Dawson City*



*A Snider Family Tradition:  
Numbered Birthday Cakes!!*

You can read more about Ken and Aldene Snider beginning on page 12 from an Anniversary tribute written by their family.



*Lee Titterington continued from page 7*

As much of my Dawson ministry is with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation, I have become familiar with the customs of both groups. So I travel back and forth between Eagle and Dawson, bringing personal greetings from relatives. I incorporate Hän language and customs into the liturgy. I provide pastoral counseling, when appropriate and provide healing prayer, when necessary. It's an honor to be of service and to be invited into people's lives in this manner.

It's Sunday and I'm using the American Book of Common Prayer for service. Members of St. John's congregation come to the altar rail with tears in their eyes because it's been a long time since they have received Communion. I am humbled to be allowed to engage

in this moment with them, because I know how important the Eucharist is to them.

After service, we quickly have fellowship and I have to get back on the boat to return home. Going against the river flow it takes five hours to get back to Dawson. Just as we leave Eagle, many of St. John's congregation are on the river bank, waving. Although the physical connection is removed for another month, we stay in touch through email and phone. Next month I return and pick up where we have left off.

*The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington is the Minister at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Dawson City, Yukon.*

*Not Alone 3 Youth Conference*

Some Anglican young people from Mayo, Dawson City and Old Crow attended the Not Alone 3 Conference on May 2 - 4 in Whitehorse, Yukon. From left: Betty Davidson, counsellor, Hazel Phillips, Desiree McGinty, Martha Phillips, Naomi Viney, Teya Frost, Liannah Charlie-Tizya, Brianna Tetlich, Milissa Lord, Allison Anderson; seated Kasahra Atkins. Missing Susan Titterington, Director, Adam Leary



## From the Editor

I do hope you are having a good summer and that there have been opportunities for you to have some rest and relaxation.

On page 13 you will see an article entitled: *“Psalm 23 Explained”*. This was sent to me some time ago and I thought that now would be a good time to use it in Northern Lights!

What a comfort it is to know that the Lord is MY Shepherd - notice how personal the Psalm is: written in the first person singular and David was supremely confident in the constant shepherding of his Lord.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus told the parable of the Shepherd and the sheep and then announced to his listeners that he is “The Good Shepherd”

A good shepherd is concerned for the welfare of his sheep and will not take them to places where they will not be properly fed and watered. But, as we all know, sheep tend to wander and get into situations where the shepherd, when he knows one is missing, will go and search and rescue the sheep and bring it back home..

Life is like that isn't it? We tend to wander away at times from the way the Shepherd wants us to go. We are the ones who do the wandering - not the Shepherd!!

The Shepherd remains faithful from beginning to end. When we know Christ as our Saviour, he is our Shepherd who provides for our needs, protects us in difficult situations and has prepared a place for us where we will live with him for ever. WHAT A SHEPHERD!!

At the end of August, my husband and I will be travelling to Uganda with Africa Community Technical Services

(A.C.T.S.) for three months. We have often talked about the possibility of going to Africa and now the opportunity has come. The main mission of ACTS is to provide clean water to villages

in South Western Uganda. However, they now want to add Discipleship Training to their outreach ministry. The Anglican Church in Uganda is very strong but training is needed for Christians in order that they can help disciple those who become Christians, who in turn can train others in living for Christ. ACTS works in close conjunction with the Anglican Church in Uganda.

We would appreciate your prayers as we embark on something new in our “retirement ministry”. The winter



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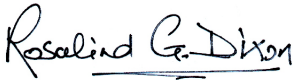
*From the Editor continued...*

issue of Northern Lights will indeed be edited while I am in Uganda'

Thank you to all who write or contact the Diocesan office to express your appreciating of this magazine. It is my prayer that it will continue to be a blessing to you.

May you know the continuing presence of the Good Shepherd with you always

With every good wish and blessing.



Rosalind G. Dixon

### ***Diocesan News***

The Rev. Dawn McDonald and her husband, the Rev. Neville Critchlow are moving to Fort Nelson. (*The Rev. David Terwilliger, who replaced Dawn when she went back to Vancouver, has returned to Alaska*). We welcome Dawn back into the diocese and Neville who is able to join her, now that he has retired from his parish in Vancouver. We wish them and the people of Fort Nelson, God's richest blessing as they settle in to their ministry in that community.

### ***ACW President.***

Gloria Hockley is once again, the Diocesan President of the ACW. We wish to thank Dorothy Odian for her term of being the President and pray God's continued blessing on the ministry of the ACW in Yukon.

## ***An Edited "Snider Profile"***

***Excerpts taken from a booklet written by daughter Grace***

**K**enneth Cober Snider was born on July 26, 1933 on a farm in Etobicoke Township, near Toronto, the youngest of three children born to Lila and Jack Snider. As a boy he was full of curiosity, wonder, and mischief. He had a natural enthusiasm and passion for life. In high school he took courses in Motor Mechanics, then apprenticed at a garage and got his Ontario Motor Vehicle Mechanics License. His mechanical skills would serve him well in the future because traveling as a minister on "lonesome" roads would become a prominent theme in his life. While driving, Ken heard his first call to the Christian ministry. He was traveling to his uncle's home when the truck's brakes failed and he began careening helplessly down a steep and winding road. Frightened and in a panic, he asked God to save his life; his prayer was answered. Soon after, a second call was heard while he was out moose hunting in Ontario. He was chased up a tree by a motivated bull moose. He asked God to spare his life; once again his prayer was answered. He responded to these callings by seeking out the Christian Youth Group with which his sister, Shirley, was actively involved. Ken was intensely curious about their activities but didn't want to express that interest too keenly to his sister. He managed to participate in

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## Psalm 23 Explained



The Lord is my Shepherd.

*That's Relationship!*

I shall not want.

*That's Supply!*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

*That's Rest!*

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*That's Refreshment!*

He restoreth my soul.

*That's Healing!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.

*That's Guidance*

For His name sake.

*That's Purpose!*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death.

*That's Testing!*

I will fear no evil.

*That's Protection!*

For Thou art with me.

*That's Faithfulness!*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me,

*That's Discipline!*

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

*That's Hope!*

Thou anointest my head with oil,

*That's Consecration!*

My cup runneth over.

*That's Abundance!*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

*That's Blessing!*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.

*That's Security!*

Forever

*That's Eternity!*

*What is most valuable is not WHAT we have in our lives;  
but WHO we have in our lives.*

*Psalm 23 - Author: King David*

*Explanation: Author unknown*

## ***PWRDF News***

# ***Anglicans give more than \$210,000 to Burma and China***

Anglicans across Canada continue to respond overwhelmingly to The Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF s) request for donations to the dual disasters in Myanmar (Burma) and China, contributing more than \$210,000 in donations towards disaster relief.

More than \$147,000 has come in for Burma, with \$65,500 of that coming from individual donors and \$81,500 from churches. Individual donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian International

Development Agency (CIDA).

About \$63,500 has come in so far for China.

PWRDF will continue to receive funds even though the July 23 deadline is passed. However, those funds will not be matched by CIDA.

PWRDFs Finance office staff are processing stacks of donations which come in through the mail and through online donations



### ***An Edited "Snider Profile" continued from page 12***

some of the youth group activities and felt that this was where he belonged; soon he asked Jesus to come into his life.



**A**ldene Gertrude Gadsby was born on October 23, 1930 on a farm in Enniskillen Township near Oil Springs, Ontario. She was the second of four daughters born to Gertrude and Watson Gadsby. Aldene and her sisters had numerous chores including carrying water and driving horse-pulled wagons Imagine back to the 1940s. It is difficult to believe it now, but it was felt that farm girls did not need an education beyond Grade 8. Aldene's parents were of a different mind and

ensured that each of their girls not only completed high school but went on to further their education; two as nurses and one as a teacher. In 1944, the year she was in between elementary and high school, Aldene stayed home to help out on the farm when her younger sister, Nancy, was born. Aldene began her nurse's training in 1950 at Sarnia General Hospital. She had many challenges but she felt God's spirit helping her wherever she was - on the Wards or in the Operating Room. She attended the Anglican Women's Training College to become a Women's Auxiliary missionary. She took courses at the Church Army where one of her classmates was none other than Ken Snider. When

she graduated in 1955 she accepted a nursing position in Hay River. When she left for the North, she had no idea that she and Ken would meet again...

In September 1954, Ken had joined the Church Army in Toronto. In May, two years later, Ken was commissioned as a Church Army Captain and he and another Captain went on a mission in the Diocese of Saskatoon. Ken soon went north to Cambridge Bay in the Diocese of the Arctic, under Bishop Donald Marsh. His experiences in the North were extensive: 1) he helped to build the mission house, 2) he traveled back and forth across the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line sites, which were under construction, and 3) he was ministering to people who were living in igloos. Ken was witness to a change of era – from witnessing First Peoples subsisting off the land to the creation of high tech DEW line sites. He appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity of learning some of the “Eskimo” language. In October, Ken was transferred to Hay River to be in charge of two churches: St. Andrew’s in the “white town” on the island at the mouth of the Hay River, and St. Peter’s in the “Indian village”. As God would have it, Aldene Gadsby was also in Hay River; in charge of the Nursing Station in the “Indian village”. Ken and Aldene were reacquainted and formed their life-long relationship. In Aklavik, on July 5, 1958 after living in different towns for a year,

Ken and Aldene managed to find the time to be married. They were married in Aklavik as Ken was not able to perform his own marriage ceremony. No family members were able to attend their celebration. Aldene tells of only knowing one person at her wedding – Ken – her groom.

After prayerful contemplation, Ken decided to study for ordination and in September of 1964 he entered Emmanuel & St. Chad’s School of Theology in Saskatoon.

In May 1967, the Sniders drove from Saskatoon to Toronto - starting a long-standing and continuing tradition of driving across 90% of this country in both directions and driving across 90% of the Yukon. In Toronto, Ken was ordained Deacon in his home church, St. Andrew’s, by Bishop Henry Marsh of the Diocese of Yukon and given new responsibilities in Dawson City. Their arrival in Dawson City in the summer of 1967 was the beginning of the Snider family’s long-standing love affair and connection with Dawson City. Ken started his eleven-year ministry being responsible for both St. Paul’s and Clinton Creek, a mining community west of Dawson City. On June 6, 1968 Ken was ordained Priest by Bishop John Frame in Dawson City

*Congratulations Ken and Aldene from all your friends in the Diocese of Yukon!*

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