

HARVEY McLEAN FAMILIES

JOHN HARVEY McLEAN (1895 - 1955)

Sp1: Elizabeth Gertrude Samson (1892 - 1936)

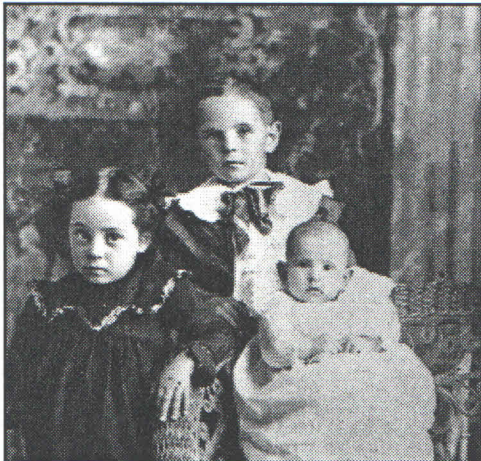
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1. Ronald Harvey McLean (1950 -)

John Harvey McLean was born on January 1, 1895 in Underwood, Ontario, Canada. His parents were Charles McLean and Elizabeth McDonald. When he was just an infant, he emigrated with his parents to Adams, North Dakota, in April of 1895 where he grew up surrounded by uncles, aunts, and cousins. He was known as Harvey all of his life. Harvey's mother Lizzie died when he was eight years old. As a result Harvey had to help his Grandmother Mary with tending to his younger sisters. He also was expected to help his father with the farming chores. Harvey went to school at the Tiber School along with many of his McLean cousins.

Harvey's father, Charles McLean, died when Harvey was 22 years old and he became the head of the household. It was all up to Harvey to settle his father's estate. He filed a



Harvey McLean and two of his sisters, Marie and Lauretta, about 1901, Adams, ND



Harvey McLean, about 1919, Adams, ND

petition for letters of administration on August 1, 1917. His Uncle James McLean was appointed a special guardian and his Uncles Allan and Duncan performed as witnesses. After about 3 years of appraisals, selling standing crops and settling debts Harvey was left with the farm and he shared with his sisters the remaining \$45.97 in cash, a \$937.65 certificate of deposit and a \$100 liberty bond. He had to take over the farm and help raise three sisters in which he sent two of them to teacher's college.

Harvey met Elizabeth Samson in Adams through Harvey's sister Marie (Marie eventually married Elizabeth's brother Louis). They were married on July 25, 1919 in Grafton, North Dakota. Local newspaper coverage of the event was as follows:

"Harvey McLean and Elizabeth Samson, two prominent young people from Tiber Twp., were married at Grafton last Friday, July 25.



Harvey McLean, about 1920, Adams, ND

The bride is a well known and highly esteemed young woman, the favorite among a large circle of friends. The groom is a rising young farmer in Tiber and possesses many sterling qualities that insure a successful career in life. The happy couple will make their home on the groom's farm in Tiber. A host of friends of the worthy young couple extend to them most hearty congratulations and wish them abundance of joy and happiness in their journey thru life."

Harvey continued on the farm established by his father and he and Beth began raising a family. Their first child, Enid Ione McLean was born in the neighboring town of Lakota on November, 27, 1920. Their son Keith Wallace McLean was born in Edinburg on November 15, 1924.

Harvey soon tired of the farming life and took an exam to be a mail clerk for the Postal Transportation Service. He took the exam five years before he was appointed. He was wondering why it was taking so long, so he went to see the local postal inspectors at Grand Forks and found out that he needed to become a U.S. citizen first. Because he had been in North Dakota since his infancy, it did not dawn on him that his birth in Canada meant that he was not a citizen until he was naturalized. His

father had become a naturalized citizen and all the other children were born in North Dakota, but nobody had taken care of this for Harvey. After he became a citizen he was promptly appointed as a mail clerk in 1927. The family moved to Fargo where he served as a substitute mail clerk on several rail routes. They lived in three different houses while staying in Fargo. He and Beth had a son, Hugh Duane McLean, on June 30, 1928 while in Fargo. Their son, Jay Allen McLean, was also born in Fargo on June 26, 1931.

Harvey then took a substitute assignment at the large mail terminal in St. Paul, Minnesota and the family lived there for a short time. He did not like working in the large city terminal and was happy when he finally received a permanent assignment in Sherwood, North Dakota, where he would be on the Great Northern route from Sherwood to Granville. Being a clerk with the Postal Transportation Service also meant that Harvey was required to carry a gun on duty to guard against mail train robberies. In those days a lot of payroll cash was carried in the mail.

This transfer caused a move of the family



Harvey and Enid McLean, about 1921, Park River, ND



Beth, Jay, Hugh, Keith, Enid, and Harvey McLean, about 1932, Sherwood, ND

from St. Paul to Sherwood. Being a government employee with a steady income allowed Harvey's family to live quite well in the Sherwood area. They lived in three different houses during their time there, including some of the larger more prestigious homes. Harvey would ride the train daily to Granville, transporting the mail from Sherwood and surrounding communities to the main line. He then would pick up Sherwood area mail and sort it on the way back. He was often met at the station by Miles McLane who had the contract with his dray business to haul the mail from the depot to the Sherwood Post Office.

By September 1931, Harvey and Beth had settled into a small house in Sherwood, and Enid and Keith were enrolled in school. They received a visit from Harvey's sister Rena during Christmas 1931. Rena was then teaching at Chasley and brought along her friend Elmer Nordine of Verendyre.

On March 1, 1932, Harvey wrote this note in Enid's autograph book:

"Daughter Enid, I wish you wealth, I wish you health, I wish you gold in store, I wish you heaven after death, what could I wish you more? Lovingly, "Dad"

Also in 1932, Sherwood started a golf course and opened a local club. In June 1932, Harvey and Beth became the newest members of the club. In July 1932, Harvey and Beth moved their family into the Gilliland house.

In April 1933, Harvey had to drive his sister Rena to Minneapolis. He also gave a ride to Lois McLane of Sherwood who needed to get to Fargo for an expected job. Then in July 1933, Harvey took a two week vacation and was relieved on the mail train by Adrian Aus of Fargo. Harvey returned to work in August. On August 13, 1933, Harvey took his family along with the H.A. Sweeney, Lee Steeves and Roy McFarlane families on a fishing trip to Lake Metigoshe.

In June 1934, Harvey took his family on a vacation to Devils Lake where they attended a family reunion at the Chautaugua. He was

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

The railway mail service, authorized in the Act of March 23, 1864, made it possible for trained clerks to sort letters and other mailable matter en route between cities, thus cutting as much as twenty-four hours from the delivery time. Under the new system, the mail traveled in specially fitted cars and arrived sorted and ready for distribution. Delivery to small towns was done by the clerks placing the mail bag on a hook next to the tracks while the train was still moving. Since the railway mail service eliminated many clerical jobs in post offices, it cost the Post Office Department virtually nothing additional and demonstrably improved the service. Postal clerks were simply recruited into the railway mail program. Then the Act of December 31, 1888 brought the railway mail clerks into the civil service. The railway mail service continued to provide efficient transportation of the U.S. Mail until the late 1960's. At that time, greater efficiency was achieved through the use of aircraft and trucks.

An exhibit of the clerks of the seventh district of the railway mail service is on display at the Bonanzaville History Village in Fargo, North Dakota. J. Harvey McLean's photo is included in the exhibit. Also, the depot he once reported to work at has been remodeled into a restaurant called "The Great Northern."

relieved on the mail train by C. L. Monteski of Minot, but was back to work by June 19.

In July 1934, Harvey and Beth had as their guests a friend from the railway mail service. The July 12, 1934, Sherwood Tribune published the following about the visit:

"Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Seastrand and son

Reid, of Sanish were week end guests at the J. H. McLean home. Mr. Seastrand, like Mr. McLean is engaged in the mail messenger business. He and Reid are also golf devotees and on Tuesday morning all, with Lee C. Steeves, went a foursome on the local course. A unique feature of this foursome was that all are left-handers."

In August 1934, Harvey and Beth had as their guest, Walter Olson, a friend from Adams, North Dakota, who was on a construction job for Bell Telephone at Lansford. Later that month, Harvey took a two week vacation and was relieved on the mail train by W. Leonberger of Fargo. They took a trip to Lake Metigoshe and took along with them Enid's friend, Vivian Bernsdorf. Harvey had another week off in November and was relieved by William Hutsinpillar of Fargo.

In May 1935, Harvey made a business trip to Fargo. On December 26, 1935, Harvey was installed as senior steward at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge.

In March 1936, Harvey was a pall bearer for Minnie Alexander. Mrs. Alexander was the long time postmistress of Sherwood whom Harvey was acquainted with through the Postal Service. In June, Harvey's cousin, Florence, came to visit. In July, Harvey took the family on a two week motor trip. He was relieved on the mail train by F. W. Kramer of Wahpeton.

While living in Sherwood, Beth was having a lot of health problems. She had suffered a couple of miscarriages and Harvey thought it be better to lighten her load, so he hired Dora Magnuson as a housekeeper to take care of many of Beth's household duties. After a couple of years, however, Elizabeth died of complications of childbirth on September 7, 1936. Harvey had Elizabeth's body transported back to Adams North Dakota where she was buried at the Odalen Lutheran Church cemetery where many of the McLean ancestors are buried. Enid and Keith accompanied him to

Adams.

In October, Harvey's sister came to visit in Sherwood for several days. Then in November, Harvey's cousin, Gladys, came to visit.

In April 1937, Harvey went to Fargo to take his annual postal examination. While there he also went to visit his sister. In June, Harvey took two weeks off and took his family to the eastern part of the state to visit relatives. In November, Harvey had as his guest Harry Sweney who was the former United States immigration officer in Sherwood. Mr. Sweney was visiting from International Falls, Minnesota. On December 23, 1937, Harvey was installed as senior deacon of the Sherwood Masonic Lodge.

Harvey married his second wife, Dora Magnuson, who had been their housekeeper, on December 31, 1937.

In January 1938, Harvey was a pall bearer for Richard Wesley Burke. He shared this task with Miles McLane.

In March 1938, Harvey and Dora went to Fargo to visit Harvey's sister. In June, Harvey took a three week vacation and was relieved on the mail train by Raymond Swenson of Williston. During his vacation, it was announced that Harvey would be moving his family to Fargo where he would work on the main line between Fargo and Minot. They left Sherwood on July 4, 1938. His new position was working out of the Great Northern Railway Depot in Fargo.

Harvey and Dora moved the family from Sherwood to Fargo to a house on 10th St. North. The brothers were able to walk eight blocks to service drug for sodas and other entertainment. This was quite a change for them from the small town of Sherwood.

In 1940, Harvey and Dora decided to have a house built on 7th Street North in Fargo and that would become the family home from then on. Harvey liked to work in the yard and kept

a nice garden atmosphere. He also liked to play golf once in a while and would often take Hugh with him.

Harvey remained a great help to the rest of his family. He often looked after their welfare. In one example, his sister, Rena, needed an operation on a leg bone and Harvey drove her to Minneapolis.

Harvey took his job very seriously. His diligent work was recognized when he was promoted to clerk in charge on the Fargo to Williston route. That route caused him to spend the night in Williston before returning to Fargo the next day.

On February 8, 1950, Harvey and Dora had a son, Ronald Harvey McLean. By this time, Enid had been married and out of the home for over 11 years, Keith was living in Bismarck, and Hugh was newly married in Moorhead, Minnesota. However, Jay was still in the home.

In 1952 Harvey was still healthy. In fact, up to that point in his life he was seldom sick or ill. But in 1953, he told Dora that he was sick and needed to see a doctor. His blood pressure was 240 and they put him in the hospital.

In January of 1954, Harvey went to Los Angeles, California, to visit Enid and her family. The trip included all of the sights of Southern California like the beach, Knott's Berry farm and the like. The grandchildren had a wonderful time being with him.

Harvey enjoyed seeing Jay graduate from college in 1954. Harvey's sisters, Marie and Lauretta, came to the graduation as well.

On January 23, 1955, Harvey was found dead about noon in the garage of his home at 1254 7th Street N., Fargo, North Dakota. He had been under treatment for a heart ailment for some time. A post mortem examination disclosed that death was due to the heart ailment. Harvey's funeral announcement was as follows:

"Funeral services for John H. McLean, 60,

of 1254 7th St. N., will be at 2 Thursday in Merill Moore Mortuary. The Rev. Dr. W.W. Strahl, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate."

"Pall bearers will be Alvin Hall, James Parsons, Harold Moffitt, Firman Kraker, Thomas Jefferson and James Carter. Honorary pallbearers will be Ben R. Ansley, H.R. Holthusen, Clyde H. Knudson, Donald F. Zabel, R.M. Jenkins, J. J. Martin, A.O. Seastrand and D.F. McMerty."

"Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens with the committal service by East Gate Masonic Lodge. Mr. McLean, who had been in the Postal Transportation Service since 1927, died Sunday."



Beth Samson, around 1896, Cavalier, ND

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Elizabeth (Beth) Gertrude Samson was born in Akra, North Dakota on October 8, 1892. She was baptized at the Vidalin Icelandic Lutheran Church on November 2, 1893 under her Icelandic name Elizabet Gudrun. Her parents were Jonas Samson and Katrin Asmundsdottir. Beth was born shortly after the family had relocated from Iceland. Beth's mother died on March 12, 1894 while Beth was still an infant, so she never had a recollection of her mother. With eight children to look after, her father decided to put the children into foster families. Beth's father remarried on August 11, 1896 and took into his household two of his second wife's daughters, so he still was not able to have any of his younger children with him.

Beth's first foster family was John and Elinborg Bjornason who lived in Akra, so she

was at least close by to some of her brothers and sisters. The family included a daughter, Christina, who was 16 years older than Beth and another foster child, Walter Paulson, who was eight years older than Beth. Beth was still in that household during the 1900 census.

Sometime after 1900 Beth lived with another foster family, Levi, in Akra. They had a daughter, Runa, who was about Beth's age. They not only were foster sisters, but were best friends for life.

Beth was often in contact with her real brothers and sisters and her father, Jonas, while they were still living in North Dakota. She was always close to her sister, Helga. It seems her father must have made arrangements for Beth and Helga to have a picture taken together in Akra in 1900. Her father, Jonas Samson, along with her brothers, Chris Samson, and Sam Samson, and her sister, Svava Samson, all moved to Saskatchewan in 1902.

Beth and Helga were most likely influenced by their older brother, John J. Samson, to seek higher education. John was a school teacher and later became a lawyer. So in 1909, Beth



Beth Samson, about 1910, Fargo, ND

and Helga went to Fargo, North Dakota where Beth worked her way through college getting up at 2:00 AM to do a family's wash by hand. She boarded at the home of Professor W. D. Richards at 1215 11th Avenue North. She managed to graduate from high school in 1911.

Helga and Elizabeth's 1911 classes were the first year of a rural teachers course at the North Dakota Agricultural College (now North Dakota State University). It was a three year program leading to a teaching certificate for rural schools. She obtained it in 1913.

One of her first teaching jobs was in Canada near where her father was living. Beth came to Wynyard, Canada, and taught school at the Harvard district school and stayed with some relatives. Some of those relatives were in her class. She was also near her brothers, Chris and Sam Samson. She was in Canada from the fall of 1913 through most of 1914.

In the fall of 1914, Beth got a teaching job in Edinburg, North Dakota. She apparently was living with her brother, Lewie Samson. That is where she met Harvey McLean. She had become acquainted with the McLean family through Harvey's sister, Marie. In a 1915 letter to Marie she exchanges information

about both of their future spouses: Harvey McLean and Lewie Samson. The reference to "the kids" in her closing indicates that she wrote this letter in the schoolhouse while teaching school. She wrote the following:

"Edinburg, N.Dak., Jan. 27, 1915, Dear Marie, Thanks awfully for your letter rec'd long ago. Why haven't I answered it before? First reason I am all out of decent paper and envelopes, second my fountain pen is on the bum and I simply can't write with this pen decently. And last all my ink is frozen. Who says I haven't cares and troubles. Well for news I spose so many write you that you have heard them all. I went over to Jim Holmes' Thursday Jan. 22. Had a good time then we went in a sleigh to a basketball game at Adams. I pretty nearly froze going home again. I haven't been anywhere since Xmas week. Yes once over to your Uncle Allan's. You see I am not always on the bum.

Well for the play we have met once and it all went well. I am old nagging woman, your sister-in-law at that and of course Lauretta and Lewie are in it. I am planning on a shadow social with the play. We will have it in March before the roads break up.

Lewie intends to have an auction sale next month and Joe Simmons will move over and of course I'll move out I spose. But where I don't know.

Yes, we had a fine time at the party at our house but I was pretty sleepy next day at school and the house was pretty dirty. Harvey danced quite a bit that night.

I see by your address that you live only about four blocks from where I used to stay. I stayed at 702. I'm just in love with Grand Forks and intend to go there next summer.

You said you would tell me all about the dress making. Well here it goes. Is she a good fitter? Not too cross. how much do you have to pay for the course and how long do you have to stay and finish it?



Beth Samson, about 1918, Edinburg, ND

This is surely getting long. Please answer soon. Excuse scribbling and mistakes as the kids are bothering me all the time. "Bye bye, your friend, Beth"

Harvey and Beth were married on July 25, 1919 in Grafton, North Dakota. Beth moved into the historic Charles McLean home and became the new lady of the house. A newspaper article about the event of their wedding was as follows:

"A wedding of interest in the county occurred on Friday, July 25, at Grafton, when Miss Elizabeth Samson became the bride of Mr. Harvey McLean, both of Tiber township. Miss Samson has been a teacher in this vicinity and is a popular and esteemed young lady. Mr. and Mrs. McLean will make their home on the groom's farm in Tiber and a large number of friends will join in wishing them much happiness in their married life."

Beth went to Lakota, North Dakota, to be with her sister, Helga, when their daughter, Enid Ione McLean, was born on November 27, 1920. Their son, Keith Wallace McLean, was born in Edinburg on November 15, 1924.

When Harvey was hired by the Postal Transportation Service, Beth helped Harvey move their little family to Fargo. Hugh Duane McLean was born in Fargo on June 30, 1928. In 1929 Beth wrote the following letter to her sister Helga:

"Dec. 14, 1929, Dear Sis,

To say I was surprised or not I can not tell. I thought there was something up last summer when you spoke of Mrs. Camp etc. but so soon seemed to good to be true. And a girl. God's ways are surely beyond our understanding. Now dear you must not mourn so your dream girl for if you had her I'm sure you wouldn't have this one. So many people were surprised that you'd adopt a boy but I always thought that that was fate as some day you might have a girl of your own and now you have both. I'd come up for a few days and leave kids with Harvey (after Xmas) but Winnie is going home and I'm afraid he could hardly handle Hughie. and I wouldn't take him as he coughs such a lot yet. Honestly I don't think he and Keith are ever going to get over it. I'm up at nites until I am getting foolish. Hugh is cutting his double teeth too.

I've always been ambitious to have a baby girl but I'm so tired out chasing Hughie some days I feel I never want another baby. I never know when my gas is on or off. My teakettle full



Beth Samson McLean, about 1920, Adams, ND

of junk or burnt matches. My coffee dumped. He lines up cans and chairs till he climbs up to the ceiling. We have no door on pantry. Just open shelves and he climbs as high up as he pleases. Turns on the faucets and lights. Just is the awfulest imp. One Sat. dad was going to bathe Keith and Enid as I was going out and Hughie fired three bath towels into the tub before they were thru. He talks a lot and in general is a monkey. I hope Donald isn't as jealous as he. He just is sick if the kids sit with me and beats Buddy Blue if he comes down to play with Keith.

Harvey's train will not stop at Lakota during the holidays. Of course he'll spend Xmas eve at Williston and won't be home until 4:00 PM Xmas day. Keith is getting a train. Enid a pair of skates. She's already got them as the rink is only a couple of blocks from here. They also got a new sled as someone stole theirs.

Melvin is getting married next week and they may be down here for their honeymoon trip.

Will make some plans for turkey later. We're having it for New Years as Rena will be down and I hope Harvey will be home too. Well I spose you won't come down now but see you someday. Am going to make a robe for her, which rose or blue. Write as soon as you feel like it. Congratulation, Beth

PS - Have mailed all my Xmas presents as if they are mailed before 15 they escape the term"

While still in Fargo, their son, Jay Allen McLean, was born on June 26, 1931. Then Beth moved her household to St. Paul, Minnesota for only a few months.

By September of 1931, Beth and her family moved to Sherwood, North Dakota following Harvey's transfer there. Enid was enrolled in the sixth grade and Keith was just starting school in the first grade. In November 1931, Beth surprised Keith for his birthday by

bringing his birthday cake and candy suckers to his first grade classroom. She also visited Keith's classroom in December.

On March 1, 1932, Beth wrote in her daughter Enid's autograph book:

"Dear Enid, Reputation is what men think and say of you, Character is what God and the angels know you are. Mother"

In April 1932, Beth enjoyed a trip with her family back to Lakota to visit her sister, Helga.

Beth was quite instrumental in assisting in the organization of the Sherwood Campfire Girls. The following article was published in the May 26, 1932 Sherwood Tribune:

"Camp Fire Girls Hold Last Meet,

The local Camp Fire Girls organization brot to a successful close their schools year's work Tuesday afternoon, when they all journeyed to Elmore for a picnic outing.

The party left Sherwood at 4:14 and were home safely about 8:00 o'clock that evening.

The girls have had a very successful year of work, having completed projects in sewing, baking, cooking, their health rules, and all passed the Girl Scout Laws as prescribed by the National headquarters.

Mrs. Stafford N. Ordahl has been their chaperone during the year, and she has been assisted by Mrs. J. H. McLean.

The Girl Scout troop next year will be minus the services of their chaperone, Mrs. Ordahl, and those of Virginia Rice, as both are leaving Sherwood.

It is hoped by the girls that Mrs. McLean will accept the chaperoneship of their organization, as she has so ably been of great service to them during their year just closed."

In June 1932, Beth and Harvey joined the local golf club and played often together. Then in July, Beth moved her family into the Gilliland house. In September, the Campfire Girls started their regular meetings again with Beth and Mrs. Lee Steeves as their leaders. In November, the Campfire Girls had a costume

party that was held in the McLean home.

In October 1933, Beth and Mrs. H. A. Sweeney were hostesses at eight tables of bridge at the McLean home. Beth served up a three course luncheon for all the participants.

Being a teacher by education, Beth was active in the Sherwood Parent Teacher Association. She assisted in putting on a Christmas program on December 13, 1933. She gave a talk on "The Selection of Toys for Children."

Beth was also active in the Lutheran Ladies Aid and entertained a meeting of that organization in her home on March 22, 1934.

Beth was a learned person and was quick to find ways to enjoy intellectual pursuits. She was a member of the Sherwood Study Club. Beth had a part to play at most every meeting. On December 11, 1934, she gave a report on the G. F. W. C. (General Federation of Women's Club) Magazine. On December 18, Beth hosted the study club meeting in her home where all the women were dressed as various characters of Mother Goose stories. Beth's interest and quest for learning also influenced her children, who were recognized for various academic achievements several times in the Sherwood Tribune newspaper in the 1930s.

On April 25, 1935, Beth and several other women hosted the Lutheran Ladies Aid in the basement of the Lutheran Church.

On September 1, 1935, Beth had a son who was born dead. The baby was buried in the Sherwood cemetery on September 3. Beth spent several days in the hospital recovering.

Beth attended the Sherwood Study Club meeting on February 11, 1936 and provided a review of the articles "The Changing World" and "The Future Comes" which dealt with facts and figures concerning the New Deal. In March, Beth helped to host the P.T.A. meeting. In May, Beth gave a reading on "Tributes to Mothers" at the Sherwood Study Club meeting.

Beth enjoyed the pursuit of writing poetry. She perhaps came by this naturally as her Icelandic Grandfather Samson Björnsson was a skáld (poet) as were many of her ancestors. In 1936 she wrote the following two poems which may reflect some of the sorrow she felt from the loss of her baby a few months before:

*"Little raindrops, are you fairy jewels?
Or just the tears that angels shed?
As they see us saddened Mortals
Mourning for our loved ones dead.
Tell me raindrops are they happy?
Do they see us folks below?
Do you meet your friends in Heaven?
Those are things I'd like to know.
Somehow you always give me comfort,
As I watch you on the pane.
For I know time heals all sorrow.
Just as the sun will shine again."*

*"There's beauty in the sunset
and the dew upon the grass,
There's beauty in the raindrops
and the clouds that quickly pass,
There's beauty in the starlight
on a cold and frosty night,
There's beauty in the snowflakes
as they drift by soft and white,
There's beauty in the roses
in every leaf and tree,
There's beauty all around us
If we take the time to see."*

Just a few months later, the McLean family lost the beauty that was Beth. Beth began to have further health problems. She was enduring an especially difficult pregnancy. She had toxemia with high blood pressure and she was hemorrhaging. Her sister, Helga, and brother, Lewie, came to visit in the last part of August 1936. They stayed over a week. Beth asked Helga to play hymns on the piano. Beth said that she didn't want to go to the hospital, but things got worse. Beth died on September 7, 1936. Beth's obituary was published as follows:

"The Sherwood community was saddened Monday afternoon of this week when they

learned of the sudden death of Mrs. J.H. McLean, of this city.

Mrs. McLean was taken to the Deaconess hospital at Kenmare a week ago last Monday, and gave birth to a baby son on Wednesday of last week. The baby lived only about three hours and was buried in the local cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Later in the week, Mrs. McLean became suddenly worse, and her family was summoned to her bedside. She rallied some on Sunday, but passed quietly to her final reward about 1:30 o'clock p.m. Monday afternoon."

Elizabeth G. Samson McLean was born October 8, 1894, at Akra, this state. She was raised and went to grade school there. She continued her education at the Agricultural college, Fargo, after which she taught school in North Dakota and in Canada.

July 25, 1919 she was united in marriage to J. Harvey McLean, and to this union seven children were born. Now living are Enid 15, Keith 11, Hugh 8, and Jay 5.

They lived at Adams until 1927 and then moved to Fargo where they resided until 1931 when the family removed to Sherwood, and where they now live. Besides her husband and children, she leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Mrs. J.O. Aaser of Lakota, and three brothers, L.J. Samson of Edinburg, C.J. Samson of Raymore, Sask., and S.F. Samson of White Rock, B.C.

Mrs. McLean was an active member of the Sherwood Study Club, and of the Sherwood Lutheran Ladies aid, and was also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge at Mohall.

Funeral services were held from the Sherwood Methodist church Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Harold Loerch in charge of the rites, being assisted by a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Byhre, Mrs. A.C. Sorenson, and E.L. Penn, with R.O. Bostrom as accompanist.

The body was in charge of an undertaking

establishment of Kenmare, and after the services here was taken to Kenmare where it was shipped to Adams where internment will be made on Friday. Mr. McLean and Miss Enid and Keith left by car this morning to be present at the last rites.

Pall bearers were Messrs. H. Halldorson, A.C. Sorenson, G.D. Minnich, L.C. Steeves, W.H. Hall and E.M. Byhre."

Beth is buried in Odalen Cemetery in Edinburg, North Dakota alongside the McLean family that she had come to call her own.

DORA EVELYN-OTYLIA MAGNUSON (1911 -)

Sp1: John Harvey Mclean (1895 - 1955)

1. Ronald Harvey McLean (1950-)

Dora Magnuson was Harvey McLean's second wife. Dora was born September 19, 1911, in Mohall, North Dakota to Andrew and Eva Magnuson. Dora could speak Swedish when she was young. In September, 1923, Dora was living with her family on a farm near Loraine where her father was a farmer. Dora attended grade school and some high school in Lorraine and Eden Valley.

On February 23, 1929, Dora hosted a party for the "Willing Workers" club at her brother Ted's home in Sherwood. In September 1929, Dora transferred from the Eden Valley school to the Sherwood High School for her senior year. Dora would come home at 3:00 AM from dances. They went in a bob sled, two hours each way.

In April 1930, Dora moved with her family from the "Routier" farm into the "Pettis" farm in Eden Valley. In May 1930, Dora's father got a road contract for hauling 4600 yards of gravel on four miles of Eden Valley road. Dora graduated from Sherwood High School on June 1, 1930. After her graduation, she cooked for the crew on the road contract job her father was working on. She ended up using 600

pounds of flour in that job. That job was completed by the end of 1930.

On December 30, 1930, Dora was a bridesmaid at the wedding of her brother Clifford to Leona Hefter at the St. James Catholic Church in Sherwood.

By February 1931, Dora was enrolled at the State Teachers College at Minot where she graduated in 1932. She was looking for a teaching job but they were quite scarce. She landed one as a substitute in Souris, North Dakota, for a short time.

With her abilities to cook and her skills as a teacher, she started taking jobs as a housekeeper. In December, 1933, she was working at the John Campbell home. In March 1934, she was working at the Clayton Spaulding home. In October, 1935, she was working in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hall of Souris. She took a short break and returned to her home in Sherwood for Christmas 1935.

In the spring of 1936, Dora came to work in the home of Harvey and Elizabeth McLean. Elizabeth McLean had given birth to a still born child in 1935 and was having continuing related health problems. Harvey McLean had Dora come to work in their home to ease the burden on Elizabeth with their daughter and three sons. Elizabeth died a few months later in September, 1936, and Dora's help was then needed more than ever. She helped Harvey with the visits of his sister and cousin shortly after his return from the funeral and burial of his wife in Adams, North Dakota.

In January 1937, Dora obtained a job related to a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. She worked with Sherwood Recreation Supervisor Ted Lund on a project to record some of Sherwood's recreational activities. The January 14, 1937, Sherwood Tribune included the following article:

"Miss Dora Magnuson and Ted Lund spent part of this week going over the Tribune files and getting data on the athletic doings of the

local high school. They will write the story of their findings and present it to the school for permanent record purposes."

On June 4, 1937, Dora helped her sister, Helen, and Enid McLean host a farewell party for Margaret Sweney at the McLean home. Later that month Dora was the guest of some friends in Velva. On September 29, 1937, Dora celebrated her birthday by entertaining several guests at the McLean home.

Harvey McLean and Dora were eventually attracted to one another and they were married in Mohall on December 31, 1937. The following article concerning this event was published in the January 6, 1938 Sherwood Tribune:

"Dora Magnuson Weds J. H. McLean on December 31st

A wedding of local interest took place at Mohall on Friday, December 31, at the Methodist Parsonage, with the Rev. W. W. Smith officiating, when Miss Dora Magnuson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Magnuson, of south of town, was united in marriage to Mr. J. Harvey McLean, of Sherwood.

The bride wore a gown made in sport style, of dark green, with white trim and black accessories, and carried an arm bouquet of American Beauty roses and bridal wreath.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Magnuson, who was attired in a gown of Dubonet with navy blue accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of roses.

Mr. McLean was attended by Lee C. Steeves, as best man.

Following the ceremony the bridal party came to the home of the bride's parents, and there a bounteous wedding dinner was served to about forty relatives and close friends.

Centering the table was a four-tier wedding cake and at either end of the table were tapers of pink and yellow.

Mrs. McLean is a graduate of Sherwood high school, and has been prominent in affairs

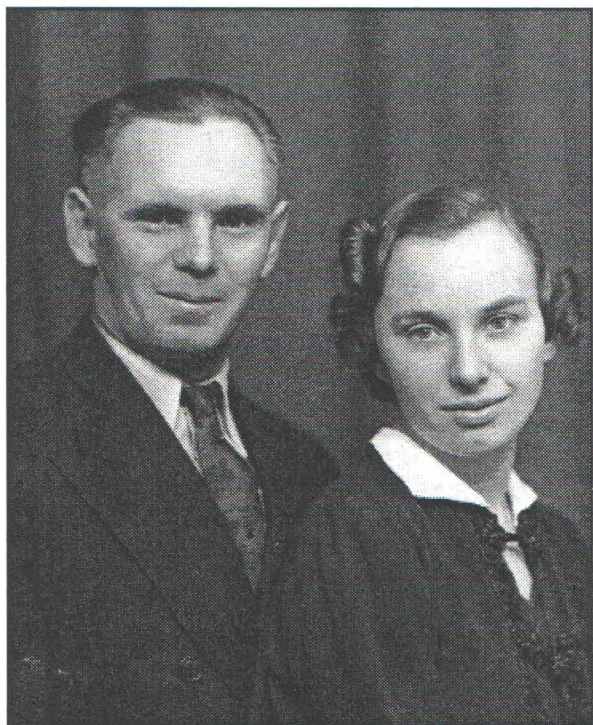
of local recreation committee since its founding several years ago.

Mr. McLean has been mail messenger on the local run for the past number of years, and both have a host of friends who wish them well on their journey of wedded life."

Dora became the new mother of the McLean children. Enid was in high school at the time and her best friend happened to be Dora's little sister, Helen. Dora could never get Enid and Helen to do the dishes or other housework. Dora even tried to teach Enid how to make bread without much success. Enid and Helen would avoid all this by saying that they were going out to the Magnuson farm and then go somewhere else. In March, 1938, Helen got a job at the local high school building and she took up room and board at the McLean home.

In May, 1938, Dora was hostess to her aunts and uncles from Minneapolis. In June, 1938, she and her mother hosted the Lutheran Ladies Aid in her home.

On July 4, 1938, the McLean family



Harvey and Dora Magnuson McLean,
about 1945, Fargo, ND

relocated to Fargo, North Dakota as Harvey was transferred. They lived in a 7th street brick house for one year where they worked hard to clean the walls and redid the floors. Then they moved for awhile to the south side of town. But Dora wanted to build on 7th street. Enid stayed for a few weeks with them then. However, she decided to go the business college in Fargo and moved out of the house. Harvey bought a lot on 7th Street and had a house built. They customized it with alcoves in the living room walls and a bigger refrigerator space. While it was under construction, Dora would pick Harvey up at midnight at the train depot and they would go by the house to see what progress had been made. They were very happy with their contractor Mr. Anderson. Later Dora was able to use Mr. Anderson's son's services to evaluate her repair needs after the 1957 tornado. Harvey, Dora, Keith, Hugh, and Jay moved into the new 7th Street house on February 8, 1940. She heated a hot dish of Goulash that night in the furnace as the stove was yet to be installed. In 1940, Enid had her first son, Daniel, and Harvey and Dora became grandparents. This was the first time she became "Grandma Dora" and would eventually be grandma to many as the years went by.

Harvey and Dora often traveled around North Dakota visiting friends and relatives. Dora drove most of the time as Harvey liked to look at scenery. Eventually Harvey and Dora had a child of their own. Their son, Ronald Harvey McLean, was born February 8, 1950. He was born exactly 10 years after the McLean family moved into their 7th Street home. By this time, Keith and Hugh were out on their own. Jay was still home but was starting to make his own way. Things were fine until Harvey began to have health problems in 1953. Harvey died in 1955 and things changed for Dora and Ron. After Harvey's death, Hugh and his wife Bev picked up Dora and Ron and took them back to New York with them for an

extended visit.

In 1956, Dora took on a very important Grandmotherly task. She took in Enid's son Dan to live with her for nine months. Dan was having some struggles at home and all concerned thought some time in North Dakota could change things. Dan went to Shanley Catholic High School while there. She took Dan with her to a wedding in Sherwood. She had his haircut and asked him to wear a suit jacket. She said he needed to look nice as both

his grandfathers were respected men in Sherwood. Dan used to tease Ron by pulling his ears, even though Ron was technically his uncle! On one occasion Dan started a fire in the trash can upstairs. Dora took it all in stride and showed her great qualities of mentorship.

Dora went to work in February, 1957 at a home for unwed mothers called the Florence Crittenton home. She was a food service supervisor, cook, house parent, and resident training manager. Seventeen years later it changed and became home for the mentally retarded and handicapped under the name of Fraser Hall. Dora retired from Fraser Hall on September 16, 1986, after 29 years of service.

Dora has lived in the 7th Street house for years. She often took in college students as roomers. She mentored them and encouraged them in their chosen careers. She did this for so long she even took in the son of one of her first roomers years later.

Dora has become affectionately "Grandma Dora" to all the McLean and McLane grandchildren. She also perhaps became "Grandma Dora" to those in Fraser Hall and all her roomers.

Today Dora lives quietly in her retirement. She is also active in the First Presbyterian Church. She enjoys being with her youngest grandchildren (Ron's children) and remains "Grandma Dora" to all.

THE 1957 TORNADO

A tornado hit Fargo in 1957 and came right down 7th Street passed the McLean home. Dora, Ron and Jay were at home. The sky got real black. They waited it out in the basement. There was so much force and noise. Ron suggested that they all pray. After it passed they came upstairs and looked around outside. A church, an apartment building and Shanley High School had all lost their roofs. Dora's niece Virginia and her husband came over to see if they were alright. There was glass all over. Fortunately they had put up their storm windows. All the trees were down as well. There was no electricity for eight days. Dora had to cook on a camp stove. Keith came home to help with the repairs. Hugh and Bev also came to help. It became a small family reunion. After they finished, Keith wanted to take everyone to a movie but didn't have any clean clothes with him so he wore a pair of Harvey's old coveralls.

Five children lost their lives in that tornado and there was tens of thousands of dollars worth of property damage. The strangest thing that happened at Dora's house was that a roof shingle was found between a closed window and its screen. No one could figure out how the tornado did that.

THE MAGNUSONS

The Magnuson family will always be connected to the McLean family in many ways. Harvey McLean married Dora Magnuson in 1937. Also, Helen Magnuson was the best friend of Enid McLean. Helen's first husband Lyle was the best friend of Enid's husband, Pat McLane. The two families have been associated with one another back to the early days in the Sherwood, North Dakota area.

Dora's father, Andrew Magnuson, was

born August 17, 1873 in Smalen, Sweden. In 1890, at the age of seventeen, he and his brother Victor came to the United States and went to Wisconsin to be with relatives. He eventually moved on to Wyoming, Minnesota. He had his own ice business, the Linstrom Ice Company.

Dora's mother, Eva Hagstrom, was born in Linstrom, Minnesota. At age sixteen she went to Minneapolis to work as a housekeeper and waitress. Eva met Andrew at her home in Linstrom. Andrew and Eva were married December 4, 1897, at Center City, Minnesota.

They bought a farm in 1911 in Eden Valley, North Dakota, and the family relocated there. Dora was born after their arrival. Andrew worked at the grain elevator in Lorraine and farmed.

The family was made up of seven boys and three girls. The boys, Elmer, Albert (Happy), Clifford, Victor, Theodore, Harry and Arnold were all called by their middle names. The girls were Dora, Florence, and Helen.

The Magnuson family became the second family to the McLean children. All the McLeans can remember time spent at the Magnuson farm and home.

ENID IONE McLEAN (1920 -)

Sp: James Patrick McLane (1918 -)

1. Daniel Miles McLane (1940 -)
2. Penny Elizabeth McLane (1943 -)
3. James Patrick McLane II (1944 -)
4. Dennis Brian McLane (1951 -)
5. Timothy Shawn McLane (1960 -)

Enid McLean was the first born of Harvey McLean and Elizabeth Samson. She was born November 27, 1920, in Lakota, North Dakota. Her life will be described in a following chapter.

KEITH WALLACE McLEAN (1924 -)

Sp: Hazel Granrude (-)

Keith McLean was born November 15, 1924, while the family still lived on the Charles McLean farm in Adams, North Dakota. His parents were Harvey McLean and Elizabeth Samson. He enjoyed his early life on the farm with his older sister, Enid. His nickname was Ke Ke. He was about three years old when the family moved to Fargo for the first time. He started school while in Fargo. Soon the family



Enid and Keith McLean, about 1927, Adams, ND

was off to St. Paul, Minnesota, and then to Sherwood, North Dakota, in September, 1931.

When his family arrived in Sherwood, Keith was enrolled in the first grade. By October, 1931, Keith had perfect attendance in the first six weeks of school and was a star pupil in reading. On November 13, 1931, Keith's mother Beth came to his classroom at school and surprised him with a birthday cake and candy suckers for all the kids. Keith remained a star pupil in reading throughout the 1931 and 1932 school year. He also got perfect scores in arithmetic in January, 1932. He soon added spelling and phonics to his school achievements

as well. By April, 1932, he had read 18 books at his young age.

In November, 1932, Keith entertained a number of his friends at his home in honor of his birthday.

In August, 1933, Keith enjoyed a camping and fishing trip with his family and several other Sherwood families at Lake Metigoshe.

Keith was recognized several times in the 1933 and 1934 school year for perfect attendance. He was also a hit with his friends when in came to school in February, 1934 with a bag of heart shaped cookies.

In December, 1935, Keith was recognized for perfect scores in spelling. In January, 1936, he also got A's in history and reading. Later that month, Keith brought to school his moving picture machine to share with the class.

Keith's mother, Beth, died in September 1936 when he was 11 years old. He accompanied his father and sister, Enid, back to her burial at Adams, North Dakota.

In November, 1936, Keith had a part in the play "Great Caesar." By February, 1937, Keith was on the junior high honor roll. Keith's nickname at the junior high was "Snuffy" McLean.

In October, 1937, Keith was part of the school dramatic club. In November Keith played the part of the announcer in an Uncle Ezra broadcast. Keith also played Tom Sawyer in the all school presentation of "Huckleberry Finn" on December 16, 1937.

On December 6, 1937, Keith was presented with his tenderfoot badge in the Sherwood Boy Scout troop.

On July 4, 1938, Keith moved with his family to Fargo where his father was transferred. He ended up finishing high school in Fargo in 1942.

Keith went on to North Dakota State University in Fargo, but by February of 1943 he was selected at 18 years old to go to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to enter the U.S. Army.

Then he went to Camp Roberts, California, during February, March, and April for basic infantry training. Then it was off to Fort Reilly, Kansas, to train for using seismographs. On December 9, 1944 he arrived in the European theater of World War II. One time he was driving with lights off and they got strafed by an enemy aircraft. On Dec. 16, 1944 he was at the battle of the bulge. He was setting up survey lines and seismographs. He spent 30 days in the battle.

Upon his return from the war, Keith enrolled at North Dakota State University. He graduated from there in 1948 with a degree in civil engineering. He landed a job right away with the North Dakota Highway Department in June, 1948 in Bismarck, North Dakota. He had highway building assignments throughout North Dakota.

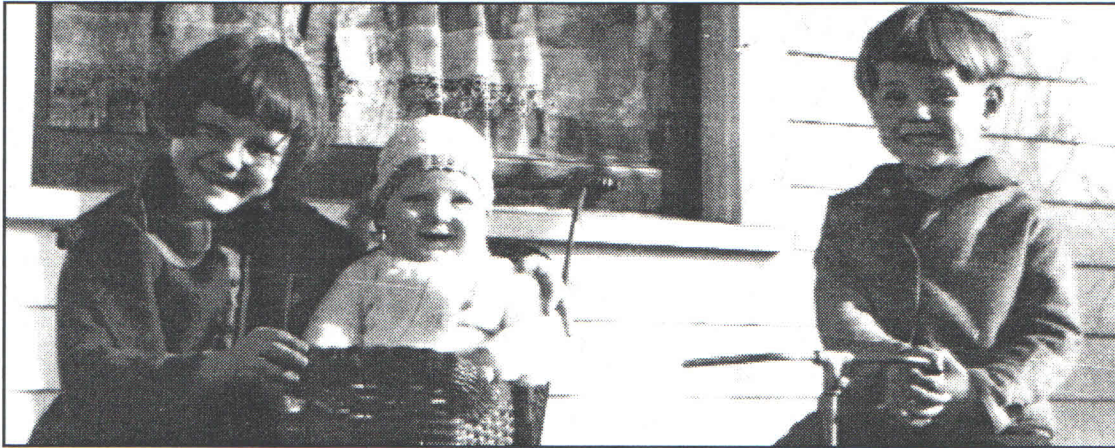
While Keith was in the field, he would have to go to the local phone company to make calls to his home office. In one such phone company, he met a young operator, Hazel Granrude. In 1955, they began dating and on October 14, 1957, they were married in Rapid City, South Dakota. Hazel had four children from her first marriage who joined the household. Her children are LaVerne, Shirley, Mylan, and Janice.

Keith retired from the Highway Department on July 1, 1987. He and Hazel continue to make their home in Bismarck. Keith's retirement pursuits include reading, history, and travel. He and Hazel have traveled the entire length of the Lewis and Clark trail, including rafting down some of the major rivers.

HUGH DUANE McLEAN (1928 -)

Sp: Beverly Furscht (-)

1. Vicki McLean (-)
2. Terry McLean (-)
3. John Michael McLean (1960 -)
4. Nancy McLean (-)



Enid, Hugh, and Keith McLean, about 1929, Fargo, ND

Hugh McLean was born on June 30, 1928, in Fargo, North Dakota. His parents were Harvey McLean and Elizabeth Samson. He was quite an active child and seem to really keep his parents busy. He was often referred to as Hughie and also had the nickname of Hugga. In 1930, Hugh was two years old and believed himself to be his sister Enid's favorite brother. At least he was constantly competing for her attention. He was three years old when his family moved from Fargo to St. Paul, Minnesota, and then to Sherwood, North Dakota, by September, 1931.

In August, 1933, Hugh enjoyed a camping and fishing trip with his family and several other Sherwood families at Lake Metigoshe.

Hugh was enrolled in the first grade in September, 1934. He was recognized as the best reader in his class on September 20, 1934. In October, Hugh was on the primary school honor roll with two A's. In November, he was back on the honor roll and had the highest score in a vocabulary test.

In January 1935, Hugh was recognized for having the most A's in the first grade. This happened again in March.

Hugh's mother, Beth, died in September, 1936 when he was eight years old.

On July 4, 1938, Hugh moved with his family to Fargo where his father was transferred.

Hugh had a lot of happy times with the family, although he was not beyond mischief. One time he had got a hold of Harvey's gun (which was for his work on the Postal Transportation Service) and was pointing it at his little brother, Jay. Sometimes he would accompany Harvey on the golf course. One time Harvey sent him on a very important errand. It was December 7, 1941, and Harvey wanted a copy of the newspaper with the news of the Pearl Harbor attack. He sent Hugh to go get the paper.

By 1945, Hugh was working summers on the Magnuson farm in Sherwood. He remembers that Dora's brother, Happy, gave him his first taste of beer. Enid was also in Sherwood for the summer. Hugh took Enid for a ride in his 1934 Ford that had some bourbon and muscatel wine under the front seat. A cop pulled them over. Enid said, "we're going to jail, what are we going to tell dad?" It turned out to just be a game warden and he asked if they had any birds. They both had a big laugh after he left.

In 1946, all the boys in Hugh's high school class signed up for the Navy. Hugh had flat feet and was rejected by the Navy, so he went in the Army and served in the Philippine Islands.

When he returned from the war, Hugh enrolled at North Dakota State University in Fargo. He married Beverly Furscht in

Moorhead, Minnesota, on November 26, 1949. He and Bev lived in the college dorms until he graduated. He graduated from NDSU in December, 1950 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Hugh began working for General Electric in January, 1951. In 1952, General Electric sent him as a field engineer to El Paso, Texas. They went for a visit to Juarez, Mexico, where they happened to see John Wayne talking to his future wife, Pilar. In 1954, they were still in El Paso and Hugh had a temporary field assignment in Williston, North Dakota. He met Bev and their children in Salina, Kansas, for Christmas. Hugh spent a full career with General Electric with assignments in Chicago, Dallas, and in Schnectady, New York. He retired from General Electric when he was 60 years old.

Hugh and Bev have four children: Vicki, Terry, John and Nancy.

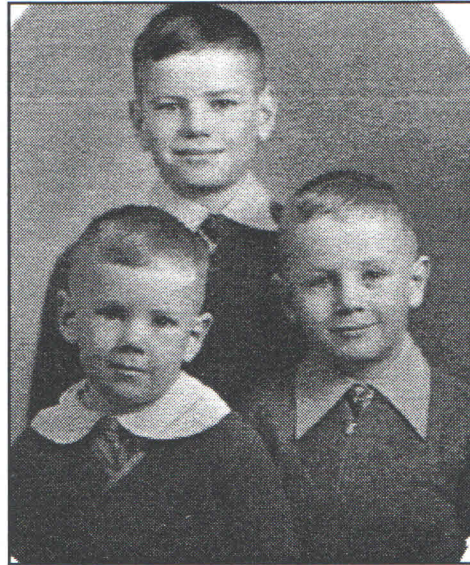
Hugh and Bev spend the winters at their home in Ocala, Florida, and the summers at their place in the mountains of upstate New York.

JAY ALLEN McLEAN (1931 -)

Sp: Elizabeth (Betty) LaValley (-)

1. David A. McLean (-)
2. Gary J. McLean (-)
3. Paul C. McLean (-)
4. Marc R. McLean (-)

Jay McLean was born June 26, 1931, in Fargo, North Dakota. His parents were Harvey McLean and Elizabeth Samson. Jay was just a baby when the family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and then to Sherwood, North Dakota, by September, 1931. His nickname was



Jay, Keith, and Hugh McLean,
about 1936, Sherwood, ND

“J.J.”

In August, 1933, Jay went on a camping and fishing trip with his family and several other Sherwood families at Lake Metigoshe. He was only two years old. When he was older, they went on vacation to Fish Lake in Canada. It was one of the few family vacations they went on while they lived in Sherwood.

In January, 1936, Jay accompanied his mother, Beth, to visit his brother Hugh's classroom. In September, 1936, Jay started the first grade. Jay's mother, Beth, died that same



Jay, Keith, Enid, and Hugh McLean, 1955, Fargo, ND

month when he was five years old.

In October, 1937, Jay got 100% on his numbers test and his spelling test. In December, Jay was on the second grade honor roll. He was on the honor roll again in February, 1938. In April, Jay was recognized for having read more than 20 library books.

On July 4, 1938, Jay moved with his family to Fargo where his father was transferred. After living his life in a small town, moving to Fargo was quite an adventure for Jay. Jay used to sit on the curb on Broadway and listen to the sounds of cars and try to guess what kind it was. He had never experienced so much traffic. In 1938, Jay had the chicken pox and the whole house was quarantined. In 1948, Jay graduated from high school when he was 16 years old. He then enrolled at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

In 1950, Jay's little brother, Ron, was born and quite often Jay was the designated babysitter. Because the rest of the family seem to have nicknames, Jay began to call Ron "Slim" because he was such a chubby baby.

In 1952, Jay was spending 50 hours a week at NDSU and working 40 hours a week at the Fargo Forum newspaper. Jay eventually graduated from NDSU with a degree in architecture.

In 1954, Jay was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Keith loaned him money to buy a car and off he went. In 1955 he was at Rapid City, Air Force Base in South Dakota. He was a photo intelligence officer in the Strategic Air Command. That year they conducted a simulated atomic war.

In 1956, Jay got out of the Air Force and drove back to Fargo. Then he went off to the University of Southern California to earn his masters degree in architecture. He lived in a small place in Manhattan Beach, California, and was able to visit Enid and her family on several occasions. He graduated from the masters program in 1958.

On August 1, 1958, Jay McLean married Elizabeth (Betty) LaVallie in Fargo. Jay and Betty have four children: David, Gary, Paul, and Marc.

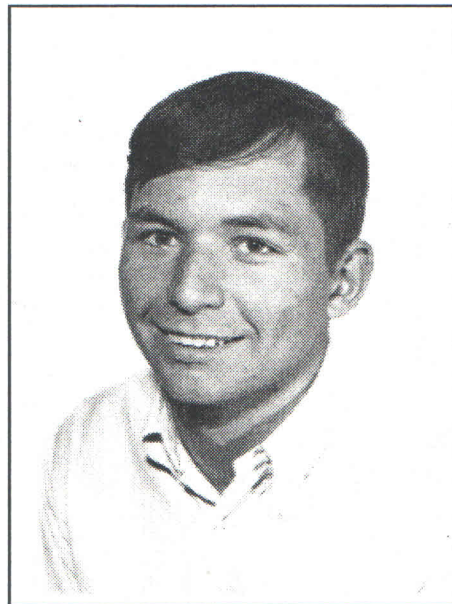
Jay enjoyed a long career as an architect while residing in Madison, Wisconsin. During his career he even had the occasion of designing his brothers Keith and Ron's houses. Jay retired in 2001.

RONALD HARVEY McLEAN (1950 -)

Sp: Mona Dahlberg (-)

1. Chelsea McLean (-)
2. Ian McLean (-)
3. Colin McLean (-)

Ronald McLean was the son of Harvey McLean and Dora Magnuson. He was born on February 8, 1950, in Fargo, North Dakota. It took Harvey four days to name him. He grew up in the McLean family home on 7th Street in Fargo. His nick name was "Slim," as given by his brother Jay. Ron had the unique situation in that he was an uncle on the day he was born to three of Enid's children even though they were older than he.



Ron McLean, about 1968, Fargo, ND

Ron often had Jay as a babysitter though Jay could never get him to sleep. They became very close. When Jay came home from the Air Force, Ron was anxiously awaiting his arrival. Ron graduated from high school in Fargo and then was off to the University of Wisconsin where he earned a degree in political science. He entered law school and received his law degree from the University of North Dakota in 1975.

Ron married to Mona Dahlbert on July 19, 1975 in Fargo. He and Mona live in Fargo where he practices law. Ron serves on the Fraser Hall board of directors where Dora was previously employed. Ron and Mona have three children: Chelsea, Ian, and Colin.