

as a television technician in Flin Flon. From there, the Friesens moved to Winnipeg in 1969 and to Watrous in 1972. In 1975, Frank and Judy bought the jewellery store in that town. Together they built that business and in 1977 purchased a second store in Humboldt. After eight months they decided to sell the Watrous store and move to Humboldt in the summer of 1978.

Frank and Judy enjoy golfing and cross-country skiing. Presently, Rhonda is attending first year university at St. Peter's College in Muenster and Karen is taking grade 11 at Notre Dame Collegiate at Wilcox, Sask.

After moving to Humboldt, Frank served on various executive committees, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt Golf Club and is presently serving as vice-president of the North Saskatchewan Jewellers' Association.

Frank and Judy are both members of the Royal Canadian Legion - Frank as a regular member, and Judy on the Ladies' Auxiliary.

GAETZ, Al

Submitted by Jean Gaetz

Al was originally from Spalding. He, his parents, Frank and Anna Gaetz, and his four sisters, Frieda (Wiegiers in Saskatoon), Margaret (Caron in Montmartre), Norma (Bielert in Prince Albert) and Mary (Brenna in Walden), lived on a farm four miles southwest of Spalding.

I had grown up in Naicam. My parents are Reg and Winnifred Brown. I have four sisters, Noreen (Trembley in Melfort), Glenda (Halysk in Saskatoon), Kathy (Beatty in Edmonton) and Nancy (Brown in Lethbridge).

Al had been working for Government Highways since he had left home, but after we were married, we found it was too much moving. Al, Reg and myself, Reg then being one year old, moved to Humboldt in November, 1957. Al had decided to go into the furniture business with his brother-in-law, Syl Wiegiers.

We moved into a suite on Sixth Avenue, on the east side of Deluxe Cleaners, now Empire Shoes. Syl's Furniture was located on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Ninth Street, where the Public Health building now stands. Al certainly didn't have far to go to work!

Our first daughter, Kerry, was born in January, 1958 and then four of us lived in that suite until the spring of 1959 when we purchased our first house at 1012-10th Street from Bill Kilinsky. At that time, the property across the road was hospital pasture and 10th Street ended at the north end of our block. It was like living in the country.

In October of 1960, Brian was born and Nancy a year later in November, 1961. We had to build onto our little house to accommodate our growing family.

In 1962, Syl bought the Louis Bruser building, where A-Line Furniture is now situated and moved Syl's Furniture into it. Business was growing steadily, as was the town.

The year 1965 was very eventful. Cynthia was born in July. We were finding the house on 10th Street too small. The Laskin house at 1009-9th Street was for sale. The Health Region was renting it at the time, but was in the process of building uptown. Mrs. Fletcher owned the house, but had never lived in it. Al and I bought it from her in the fall of 1965 and moved in during October. We became the third family to live in it in 50 years. Mayor Yoerger had built it in 1912.

That year too, Syl decided to sell the store. Al bought it from him and changed the name to A-Line Furniture. Ralph Frank had been working for Syl's Furniture and bought in as a partner of A-Line. Al and Ralph were partners in the store until 1974.

I, in the meantime, was busy raising kids and getting involved in their activities - Brownies, figure skating, home & school and other community service groups. Al, too, was involved with the town council, in minor sports, Jaycees and other community service groups.

In 1969, Al had started a mobile home court, Mobile Village. It was beginning to need more of his time.

In the spring of 1974, Kerry, our oldest daughter, became ill. She was just finishing her grade 11 and was sixteen years old. She died in November of cancer, just two months before her 17th birthday. It had been a very hard summer for everyone. We could never have coped if it hadn't been for the support of our friends, relatives, neighbors and the St. Elizabeth medical staff. The kindness and comfort shown us during that time was unbelievable and is unforgettable!

Al was finding the pressure of business too much. That fall he sold A-Line to Ralph Frank, Clare Isert and Geoff Lockhart. He moved his office to Mobile Village and began selling mobile homes and developing the trailer court.

In April, 1978, he sold Mobile Village to Francis Kehrig and bought Paul's Esso, one mile west of town. That summer, we remodelled the building and changed the name to Rabco, a retail business engaged in selling boats, motors, stock trailers, camping supplies, sailing vessels plus related parts and accessories. They are also soil testing agents for the University of Saskatchewan.

In the fall of 1978, Reg moved back to Humboldt. He had graduated from high school in 1974 and gone to Kelsey for two years, where he got his Mechanical Engineering Diploma. He then went to Calgary where he worked for oil companies. He didn't like Calgary however, he was happy to move back to Saskatchewan. He then drove the paddlewheeler for Dave Balon in Waskesiu for the summer of 1978 and then moved back to Humboldt in the fall to go into business with Al at Rabco.

Brian finished school in 1979. He works in Waskesiu for the summer months and in the mountains during the winter. At present he is hoping to become a ski instructor. Nancy went to Saskatoon Business College after graduating from HCI in 1979. The following year, she started a three year dance course at Grant McKewan College in Edmonton and is continuing with it this year. Cynthia is presently enrolled in grade 11.

Reg was married in June, 1981 to Margaret Snyder of Edmonton. He is taking over the business of Rabco from Al and has started a new shoe business on the side, Rabco Shoes.

Al left Rabco in June, 1981 and went back into partnership with Ralph Frank to start a real estate firm, a plan they had for many years. They now own Realty World Premier Real Estate.

Al and I are very proud of Humboldt. We think it is a very progressive town and feel fortunate that we chose such a nice place to raise our family.

GANTEFOER, Max

Max Gantefoer was born in Humboldt in 1950, and was raised and educated in Watson. He attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for two years where he took courses in music and education, graduating in