

Lavern Edgar Storer



Lavern 9 Months

Lavern Edgar Storer was born on November 2, 1914 in Kearney, Buffalo County, NE as found on his birth certificate, death certificate, Social Security claims and his WWII draft card. He was the second of two children born to Walter Edgar Storer and Suzie Jane Williams.

In 1918 the family moved to a farm near Paxton, Nebraska and then a short time later to a farm 2 miles north of Madrid, Nebraska as stated in his obituary.

Lavern is listed in the 1920 census in Madrid, Perkins County, District 0175, listed at 5 years old, with his parents and sister Eunice. In this census his father Edgar lists his occupation as farmer. In the 1930 census the family is still in Madrid, Perkins County, District 0009, and Walter is still listed with farming as his occupation. The family does not report owning a radio set. In the 1940 census the family continues in Madrid, Perkins County, District 68-9, but Walter passed away at the end of 1930 and Eunice was married in 1933 to John Flaming, so that left Lavern and Suzie on the farm with Lavern managing it at age 25. While the census districts changed, the family did not move off of the farm.

According to his obituary published in the paper, which is yet to be identified, likely either the Keith County or Garden County paper, Lavern attended school in the Sunnyside School District through the 8th grade. The 1940 census also confirms that with his grade completed listed as 8th grade.

In 1940 Lavern filled out a draft card for WWII and listed himself as self-employed with Suzie Storer as next of kin. Lavern was not called to serve in WWII, most likely because he was the provider for his mother

and was the only son on the farm. (can we confirm this somehow, I wonder?)

Lavern 1935

Lavern met his bride Geneva Louise Perlette and married her on June 10, 1941 as filed in the Perkins County Marriage books. They were

married at her parents' home as reported in the local newspapers. Geneva's family had lived in Perkins County since 1917 when her father and his parents moved from Denver, Colorado. Lavern and Geneva were married by the Reverend Glen W Marshall of the Grant Methodist Church. The newspaper article from the Grant Tribune Sentinel states that "The bride wore navy blue with white accessories and carried a bouquet of bud roses. The groom was dressed in a navy blue business suit"

His obituary states that in 1944 the couple purchased a wheat farm on the tableland south of Lewellen, Garden County, Nebraska and farmed there until 1965 when they bought the Lewellen Conoco Bulk Service and moved into town. Lavern delivered fuel to area farmers until his retirement in 1980 and then helped his son Ron with the farm.

Lavern and Geneva were members of the United Methodist church and held many positions on the administrative board over the years. Lavern also served many years on the Lewellen school board.

Lavern and Geneva loved to travel and Geneva wrote travel journals from their trips. We have a few (not yet scanned into electronic format) and they should provide interesting reading. In a booklet put together for her 50th Class Reunion Geneva stated in 1989 that she and LaVern had been in every state but Hawaii, and that they went to Phoenix every year in January and February.

Lavern passed away on March 5, 1998 at his home in Lewellen, Nebraska while he was on the phone with his daughter Lana. Lavern is buried in the Fariview Cemetery, Garden County, Nebraska



Engagement Photo



Unknown Date

Lavern and Geneva had two children

- **Ronald Eugene Storer (1944)**
- **Lana Sue Storer (1949)**



Ron, Lavern, Geneva, Lana



Geneva, Lavern, Lana, Ron

Geneva Louise Perlette



Geneva date unknown

Geneva Louis Perlette was born June 9, 1923 in Grant, Perkins County, Nebraska. She was the second of three daughters born to John P Perlette and Hannah Rose Hastings.

In both the 1930 and 1940 census the Perlette family is listed as living in Valley, Perkins County, Nebraska. (1930 Perkins, Valley, District 0013; 1940 Perkins, Valley, 68-13) In both cases John is listed as a farmer, and in the 1940 census Geneva is listed as a Rural School teacher. In 1930 the family does not report owning a radio set.

In the newspaper article for Geneva and Lavern's wedding it states that Geneva graduated from Perkins County High School in the class of 1939 and taught school for two years in district 54.

We have Geneva's Certificate of Baptism at the Liberty Valley Methodist Episcopal Church on June 2, 1940.



Geneva High School Senior

Geneva continued her love of teaching and was a preschool Sunday School teacher for many years. She also served as the church treasurer and was a delegate to the churches annual conference several different years. She was active in the United Methodist Women and was a district officer for many years.

Geneva loved to play cards and always had the grandkids play P&P which we believe was Pride and Prejudice but the grandkids called it "pee and poop". She babysat for grandkids and neighbor kids and loved it. She had a beautiful yard and spent hours working on it and her flowers.

Geneva passed away on April 5, 1996 in the hospital at Ogallala, Keith County, Nebraska. She is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Garden County, Nebraska.