



Everyone has a Story to tell.

Louise was born in Ellensburg, Washington, a small community in the central part of the state. She grew up with her parents, who's families has immigrated from Germany, and 1 brother and 1 sister.

When Louise completed high school she went on to college to study teaching. This is where she met her husband Joe, who was enrolled in college as well taking general studies. Louise went on to teach elementary school, and really enjoyed working with the children and watching them grow.

When the United States joined into the Second World War, Joe began working for the government in the Civil Service. He was a welder in the Navy yards and was stationed in Pearl Harbour. The couple corresponded on a regular basis and Joe described the beauty of Honolulu and Louise was beginning to think it wouldn't be such a bad place to live.

Joe was only a quarter mile from the navy yard when the Japanese began bombing. After 2 years of service during that time of turmoil Joe was granted a month's leave and returned home to marry his sweetheart, Louise, and bring her back to Hawaii. They were married on January 1, 1944. A new year and a new beginning for the couple.

When the war was over, the couple returned to Washington and started their family. They had a son, and a daughter.

Joe had developed a small sawmill and worked with his brother in the lumber business. Things weren't going so great so the Fetters family heard about the opportunities in BC and they moved their family to Horsefly.

Louise said that life was very different here. They went from having all the amenities to having none. No running water, no flush toilets, no electricity.

Things didn't pan out with the sawmill so Joe and Louise moved into Williams Lake as their children were entering into high school and there was no high school in Horsefly. They pursued a tract of land and worked on the creation of a lakefront subdivision. "There was nothing there when we arrived", Louise recalls. "Joe built all the roads and put in the water systems." The subdivision grew from nothing to 90 homes, which is currently called the Fetters Subdivision.

Louise and Joe have been married for 66 years and she says that those years have been interesting, comfortable and loveable. Louise said that life with Joe was always an adventure and she went along for the ride. She loved spending time with Joe and could often be found working right alongside him when he was clearing land or working in the shop.

Now, Louise says she lives the life of a "Woman's Retirement" in the Williams Lake Seniors Village. She no longer has to cook and clean but does spend time reading and going for her daily walks. Louise lives in Assisted Living and her husband Joe is in Residential Care, but she goes to visit him daily, and brings photo albums to reminisce, or reads to him.

Inset photo: Louise fishing.