

GRANNY'S GIRLS



The children that were gifted to Marilyn and I are here with Marilyn.

Left to right are Nona Kucher (our eldest); Tamara Verigin-Burk (our youngest); Marilyn (nee Verishine); Lora (nee Startup) married to our only son Kimball; and Lori Woodhouse (our remaining daughter).

Our family has special birthday gifts for each other, Marilyn's request was always one where she could go on a weekend trip with her "GIRLS".

This resulted in several trips that included Cranbrook, B.C., and twice to Spokane, Washington, USA. This photo was taken at Northern Quest in September 2022.

They travel in one vehicle so that they can enjoy each other the entire time they are together.

Here is what they do as an occupation:

1. Nona has a position as Change Management Lead at Teck in Trail, B.C., responsible to create, support and implement program and project level change management strategies and plans.

- a. Various Degrees from University of Victoria and Royal Roads
- b. Executive Coach
- c. Management Practitioner / Innovator / Strategic Thinker / Influencer of Change for better processes / Requisite Organization Focus
- d. She also holds a position as Rental Coordinator for Whatshan Lake Retreat that she administers from her home in Castlegar, B.C.
- e. She volunteers at:
 - i. Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
- f. Children include:
 - i. Kayla Heddle married to Nathan Heddle
 1. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Health Studies major in health policy and evaluation
 2. She has a business in food production, specializing in plant-based meal preparation, catering, and manufacturing food products
 3. Her operating business is named Roasted Chickpea
 - ii. Nathan is a Red Seal Journeyman Electrician
 1. Works at SD 20 as Maintenance Electrician

2. He volunteers for the Castlegar Fire Department as Fire Fighter / First Responder
3. He is a running enthusiast
4. He volunteers at Whatshan Lake Retreat
- iii. Allie Szmata
 1. Studied at UBC
 2. Former Nursing Unit Clerk at BC Cancer Agency
 3. Employed at Alberta Health Services in Peace River as a Nurse
 4. Operates a home baking business names Northern Dough
- iv. Garrett Kucher living with Tori Apostoliuk
 1. Professional Golfer on the European Tour
 - a. Returning to Spain in January 2023
 - b. Sponsored by:
 - i. Predator Ridge
 - ii. Taylormade
 - iii. Integra Tire
 - iv. Intraline
 - v. GarNorth Pipeline Services
 2. Developer / Home Builder
 - a. Currently renovating an older house for a home
 3. Garrett and Tori volunteer at Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
- g. Grand children include:
 - i. Daxx and Zane Heddle
 - ii. Haden and Weston Szmata
- h. Owns a house in Castlegar, B.C.

2. Tamara has a position as CEO for the Castlegar Chamber of Commerce in Castlegar, B.C.

- a. She holds degrees:
 - i. Early Childhood Education
 - ii. Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting
 - iii. Bachelor of Arts
 - iv. She successfully challenged and was awarded a Masters of Arts in Leadership
- b. She also holds a position as CEO of Whatshan Lake Retreat that she administers from her home in Castlegar, B.C.
- c. She volunteers at:
 - i. Doukhobour Heritage Retreat Society #1999
- d. Children include:
 - i. Nigel
 1. Partner Danielle LaRocque
 - a. Holds a degree BAEng
 - b. Is completing a Masters in English

2. Nigel academic achievements
 - a. Pending graduation with bachelor's in general studies
 - b. Continue to achieve a Bachelor's in Education
 3. Nigel's Trades education
 - a. First year Plumbing Trade
 - b. Employed with
 4. Nigel's current employment
 - a. CYCW for SD 20
 - b. Working at Teck as Labourer on Shut Down
- ii. Malcolm
1. Education
 - a. Is completing a degree BA Economics in 2023
 2. Future aspirations
 - a. Career in Data Science involving Strategic Development, a "Strategy Scientist"
 3. Has had employment with:
 - a. Dishwasher at Chopsticks
 - b. Line Cook at Boston Pizza
 - c. Attendant at Castlegar Golf Course
 - d. Labourer for PCL Construction
 - e. Labourer for GeoGrout Inc.
 - f. Strategic Development / Data Entry Ferro Concepts Inc.
 - g. Taproom Manager for Tailout Brewing (current)
- iii. Solomon
1. Education
 - a. Completed two-year Carpentry apprenticeship
 - b. Completed one year of Business School
 - c. Completed two years of Psychology
 2. Worked as Carpentry Apprentice for Ventana Construction
 3. Current Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer at Trainwithsolly
 - a. Created an App to train clients all over the World
- e. Grand children
- i. Xander Burk

3. Marilyn is semi-retired as a Great Grandmother and Grandmother

- a. She holds an Interim Standard Certificate from the Saskatchewan Department of Education
- b. She has taught at:
 - i. Dunfermline Public School, near Asquith, Saskatchewan
 - ii. Perdue Elementary School at Perdue, Saskatchewan
- c. She was employed in various positions:

- i. Secretary at Verigin Industries Limited and Marbella Pacific Construction West Limited (MPCWL)
 - ii. Dare Cookie Manufacturing
 - iii. Courier for MPCWL
 - iv. Bookkeeper for E. Verigin Consulting Ltd
- d. She has and continues to volunteer at:
 - i. Castlegar USCC Doukhobor Sunday School Teacher
 - ii. Rotary Ann's in Trail, B.C.
 - iii. Rotary Ann's in Vancouver, and North Delta, B.C.
 - iv. Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Club in Tsawwassen
 - v. Doukhobor Cultural Association
 - vi. Director Lower Mainland Doukhobor Benevolent Society
 - vii. Director Castlegar Sunfest Committee
 - viii. Director and Volunteer for Castlegar Hospice
 - ix. Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society
 - x. Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999

4. Lora has a position as at Kootenay Savings Credit Union in Trail, B.C.

- a. She has a university course on financial literacy from Dalhousie University. She has also achieved:
 - i. Financial coach at KSCU
 - ii. Safety Representative for her Department which included work safe classes and tests for stress in the workplace, workplace safety, workplace first aid, etc.
- b. Her occupation is Centralized Administration Representative at Kootenay Savings Credit Union (KSCU)
- c. She was manager in a retail business and took training in sales, employee relations and Human Resources Courses
- d. Her children
 - i. Abby living with Scott Onischak
 - 1. Abby's education
 - a. is a bachelor's in Physical Education & Coaching with a minor in Human Kinetics
 - b. She is completing a two-year program in Yoga Therapy
 - 2. Abby's occupation
 - a. Yoga Teaching
 - b. Ambition to be a Yoga Therapist
 - 3. Abby's business is called "How to Flourish", she has a regular clientele
 - 4. Her partner Scott
 - a. Has a degree in BAHis
 - b. Is completing a two (2) year Certificate in Radio Arts & Broadcasting

- c. He is writing sports blogs for the Toronto Maple Leafs and Blue Jays
 - d. His aspiration is to be a sports analyst / sports media person
 - 5. They both volunteer at Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
- ii. Macy
 - 1. Has a Diploma in Human Kinetics
 - 2. Continuing with a Bachelor of Physical Education & Coaching at Douglas Collge
 - 3. She volunteers at the Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
- e. Her husband is Kimball Verigin
 - i. University Degrees as BKin and Bed
 - ii. He is employed at Selkirk College as Department Head, Athletics and Recreation
 - iii. He volunteers at Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999

5. Lori is an Executive Assistant at Kootenay Savings Credit Union

- a. Her education includes:
 - i. Attended University of Calgary for a year
 - 1. Played Field Hockey on the College Team
 - ii. Bachelors in general studies from SFU
- b. Her career included:
 - i. Business Manager at Klassen GM in Surrey, B.C.
 - ii. Administrative Assistant at Kalawsky's GM in Castlegar, B.C.
 - iii. Administrative Assistant at AM Ford in Trail, B.C.
- c. Her husband and partner Rick Woodhouse
 - i. Education BSc in Computer Science
 - ii. Retired from Teck Metals Ltd as Manager, JDE Global IS
- d. Both Lori and Rick volunteer for Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
- e. Her Children:
 - i. Sean Chahley married to Roxy Fenton
 - 1. Sean's education Bachelor of Business Administration (Management Major)
 - 2. Current employment Senior Account Rep at WESCO (Kelowna)
 - 3. One year as Rotary Exchange Student to Brazil
 - 4. Local exchange through SD to Castlegar sister city called Embetsu near north end of Japan
 - 5. Works on a hobby fly tying business called Fly Culture (pause at this time due to Marlowe taking over this office)
 - 6. He volunteers at the Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
 - 7. His partner Roxy
 - a. Is a professional Hair Dresser
 - b. She volunteers at Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
 - ii. Kara Hlookoff

1. University Degrees
 - a. Bachelor in Kinesiology
 - b. Bachelor of Education
 2. Certificate in Fashion Business
 3. Taught Russian and Pre School
 4. Currently works at her Fashion Business
 5. She Volunteers at Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999
 6. Married to Tyler Hlookoff
 - a. Holds a Technology degree ASCT
 - b. Works at Fortis BC in Castlegar.
 - c. His position is
- f. Her Grand Children
- i. Ashton Hlookoff
 - ii. Sloane Hlookoff
 - iii. Marlowe Chahley

When I started this blog, I never anticipated that the overall results would develop into this story.

My father had no formal schooling whatsoever and lived his life in illiteracy. My mother achieved grade four.

Marilyn's father achieved grade 6 and her mother grade 7.

Both sets of parents were very capable farmers and capable in all those aspects necessary to survive on the farm.

I think it is phenomenal that the family was able to achieve the educational levels that they have within two (2) generations.

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