

Clevengers Are Parade Marshals

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were married on December 9, 1949. In February 1951, Iona Lynne was born to the young couple. Then they moved to Tulia, where he farmed until 1956. While in Tulia, two other children were born: Dee Anne, December 1953 and Duane, July 1955.

Deryl was active in Boy Scouts, and she, in Girl Scouts. Deryl served as Hart's Scoutmaster for 12 years. They also were active in the Hart School PTA. Joan taught in Hart schools for several years, and Deryl served as a school board trustee for nine years. He also has served on the board of directors for Hart Producers Co-op Gin. He currently is president of the Hart Golden Group.

He was named "Aggie of the Year" for Abilene Christian College in 1968. He was the fourth ACC recipient, being the honoree for the ACC chapter of Delta Tau Alpha, national honorary society for agriculture students. In 1970, he was named "Man of the Year" by the Hart Lions Club.

Deryl substituted for a time for Hart's ag teacher, Lanny Tucker. Joan also taught in the elementary, being the first Head Start teacher for the school district, at the request of then Superintendent Paul Kennedy. She taught for several years at Hart ISD. She did not receive a teacher certification, but did complete some college classes through correspondence at then West Texas State College in Canyon. She filled in at Hart in the absence of a classroom teacher, receiving substitute pay, she adds.

The three children attended Hart schools, graduating from Hart High School, and being active in extracurricular activities. The three attended Lubbock Christian College, now Lubbock Christian University.

Iona met her husband, Neil Baldrige, at LCC; they married in 1971 and both graduated

from LCC in 1973. Iona earned a Master of Education in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin and also has her Ph.D. from Texas Tech University. She is a biology professor at LCU, teaching at the University for 36 years. Neil earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin and works with computers. They have two children, Lisa Kretzschmer and Stephen Baldrige. Stephen's son, Hobson, says of his grandparents: "They aren't 'shot' doctors, but teacher doctors."

Dee married Dale Gannaway in 1975; they met while students at LCC. He earned his bachelor's degree and is in education at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs. She is a substitute teacher. They have two children, Kristan Hanes and Geoff Gannaway.

Duane married a hometown girl, Marie Davis Scoggin, in November 1975. They have four sons, Guy Scoggin, Gary Clevenger, Scotty Clevenger and Chris Clifford. Duane and Marie farmed and lived east of Hart; he died unexpectedly in January 2010.

Marie later moved into Hart, and Scotty and his family moved to the farm, continuing Clevenger Farms. Guy lives in Amarillo; Gary, Lubbock; and Chris, Albuquerque, NM. Chris found himself in a precarious family situation at 14 and was living by himself in his maternal grandparents' house. Duane and Marie asked him if he wanted to live with them, and he wholeheartedly accepted, Joan says.

Deryl helps keep Duane's memory alive by sending in mostly hilariously funny, sarcastic columns to the monthly Plainview Herald's Reader's page. Duane wrote for The Hart Beat and the Herald, and had the ability, in the words of his mother, to get his opinion across without making anyone mad.



Deryl and Joan as young couple with their young children. Deryl is holding Duane and Joan, Dee. Iona is in between.

Deryl retired from farming in 1999. He and Joan enjoy traveling, but because of "old age," their last trip was four years ago when they went to Alaska, for the third time. They have visited all 50 states and 23 countries on four continents. However, they travelled with their daughters this summer to enjoy the Fredericksburg experience.

They attend Garland Street Church of Christ in Plainview, where he served as elder until retiring from that position; they also have attended the Church of Christ churches at Hart and Edmonson, where Deryl also served as an elder. He has been a song leader and Bible teacher.

Joan likes to read, but doesn't much anymore because her eyes aren't as good as they used to be. She also likes to sew, making clothing for Nicaraguan children through her church; she doesn't do this anymore. Deryl used to enjoy hunting for rocks and was a member of the Hi-Plains Rock Club of Plainview.

The couple has eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and ten great-great-grandchildren.

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