

Elton Erwin & Edna Johanna Neumann Zoch

In 1929, I, Edna, was born at Schattle, Texas, south of San Antonio, to Herbert and Otilie Weiser Neumann. I had two brothers, Martin and Alfred. Daddy was born at Dresden, Germany, to Ernest and Christina Neumann. Daddy came to Texas as a young man. He promised his parents he would return to Germany with perhaps a wife and children and money in his pockets. Instead, the Great Depression hit, he became ill, and died in 1934. Mother was born in Giddings, Texas to Ernest and Emma Winkler Weiser. After Daddy's death, Mother, Martin, Alfred, and I worked hard on the farm, but with faith in God, love and prayer, we made it. Every Sunday we attended church and Sunday school in the local two-room schoolhouse where my brothers and I attended grade school, and here is where my grandparents organized the first Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in this community. My mother played the organ in church every Sunday.

In 1948 I married Harry Reinisch, son of Frank and Theresia Symank Reinisch of Elliott. His brothers and sisters were Minnie, Herbert, Gertrude, Erich, Gerhart, Adele and Elton. Harry and I lived in Vernon 10 months, then moved to the Jackson Springs Community, where we farmed and where our first child, Sandra Janel was born on December 16, 1949. In February 1951 we moved to Elliott (Bugscuffle) on the Moore farm where our son, Ronnie Lee, was born April 30, 1951, and another daughter, Glenda Lanel, on December 6, 1952. On this farm our three precious children grew up. On October 12, 1964, their daddy died in a pickup accident of an apparent heart attack. He had no insurance, so the going was rough for the children and me, but God was with us. Our children put themselves through college with the help of a small social security check. In 1965 I drove back and forth to take a beauticians course in Wichita Falls until I received my license and went to work in Vernon.

Herbert Mitschke helped us with the farming for four years until I married Elton Zoch in 1968. Elton is the son of Karl and Lydia Reinhardt Zoch. He attended school at Elliott and Oklaunion. He has twin sisters, Edna and Erna. We continued farming. In 1972 Sandra married Ronald Lee Underwood of Bowie, Texas. They have two sons, David and Mathew. In 1974 Ronnie married Helen Lee Moseley of Rochelle, Texas. They have two children, Cory and Beth. In 1975 Glenda married Nickie Gage of Lubbock, Texas. They have one adopted son, Cameron. We love and thank God for our children and grandchildren.

Harry and Elton both served in the United States Air Force. We belong to the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Harrold and are active in church activities.

One of the most humorous times in my life was when I was mowing the lawn and the mower suddenly stopped. I just knew I must be out of gas, so I called to Elton to bring gas. He looked, started laughing, and said, "You're definitely out of gas, you've lost the gas tank."

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