

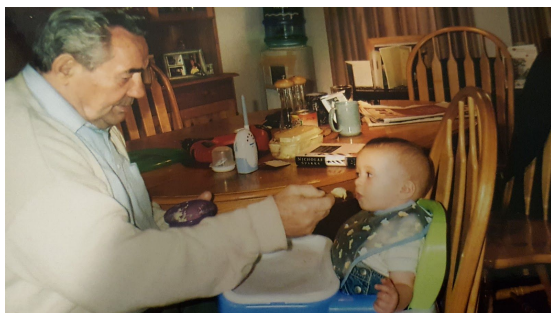
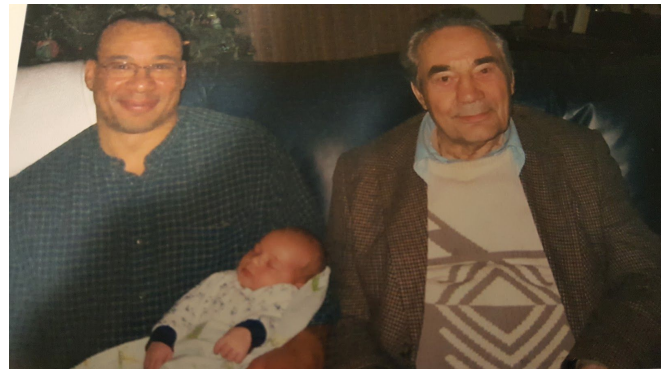
PEOPLE OF FAITH – Norma Angela (McKenzie) Bayer



Norma Angela McKenzie is the oldest of 2 children born to George and Elizabeth in Jamaica 1939. She was baptized and confirmed in the Church of England. The family immigrated to England in 1952 where Norma completed her education. Her brother Everton is deceased.

Norma came to Canada in 1962 to work for the North West Regional Hospital Board of Saskatchewan.

By 1964 she travelled to Ontario working as a vacation relief RN. During that time she met Kurt and they were married the following year 1965. 3 years later they were blessed with a son, Derrick James, then we welcomed Jeneen as our daughter- in- law and they were blessed with 2 sons Jayden and Ryan.



Kurt, Norma and Derrick relocated to Sparwood in 1974 where Kurt was employed as a tradesman by Kaiser Resources. The family attended St Barbara's Anglican Church in Sparwood until its closure in 2001. The Priests were Rev. Lee Bezanson, Rev. Garwood Russell , and Rev John Pratt. After the closure of St Barbara's our membership was transferred to Christ Church Fernie.

Norma found employment at Michel- Natal District Hospital for 3 years, then on to Sparwood General Hospital when it opened in 1978 until her retirement in Jan. 2000. Norma's involvement with the church include: Jr. Warden, church committee member, lesson reader, Prayers of the People leader, ACW member/ president.

Kurt enjoyed attending Christ Church. He found the camaraderie among parishioners rather uplifting. He especially enjoyed the company of Rev. Bill Inglis who visited him regularly at home to study the scriptures and play cribbage. Rev. Trevor Freeman was also a frequent visitor and one he held in

high esteem. He was a kind, caring, husband, father & friend who passed away suddenly on Sept. 18/2014 at the age of 84, *sadly missed* by all who had the opportunity of interacting with him. His service was held at Christ Church with Rev Dr. Yme Woendrest and Rev. Cindy Corrigan officiating.



What Norma values most about Christ Church is the fellowship; being fortunate enough to hear/ have the Gospel. What she would like to pass on to the future is the ability to continue loving one another and with God's help strive to be better servants/people.

(Contributed by Norma, September 2018)