

# Vera McInerney

## Becomer's Mystery Person of the Week - July 17, 2009

I was born Elvera May Muth in a farm house in December 1932 in rural Scottsbluff, Nebraska. I had one sister, five years older than me. No brothers.

My parents were Christians and both taught Sunday School. I grew up in the church - was baptized, confirmed and married in this church.

When I was 4 years old, we moved to a farm southeast of Gering, Nebraska. I went to a 2-room country school from kindergarten to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. In order to go into high school, you had to take the county exams. I did and passed with a 90 3/8 average, upper 10% of class, so I went into high school for 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 1947, missing eighth grade altogether.

I loved to sing, was in girls glee club, and I and a classmate sang on stage between acts of our Senior Class play, "Meet Me in St. Louis".

I graduated from Gering High School in 1950 and had 50 in our class. I also sang in church choir. I was confirmed on Easter in 1947. I and 2 close friends formed a trio and sang at many functions and group meetings and with friends at a lake around a fire.

The other thing I loved to do was dance. We went to a dance every Saturday night. One place we went was 15 miles southeast of Gering, called "Last Peek". Winding roads and dangerous drive to get there.

This is where I met my first husband. His aunt was one of the girls in our trio. The trio was called the 3-Es (Eldora, Elnora, Elvera). We were to audition for the Ted Mack Amateur Hour radio show in 1957. We never went to the audition, so maybe we missed out on becoming famous.

I married my husband in Feb 1952 and four months later he was drafted into the Army, but was selected to the Marine Corp. Boot camp in San Diego, then on to Jacksonville, Florida for the rest of his time. Honorably discharged.

We returned to Nebraska and farming for three years. Moved back to Garden Grove, California in 1957. We had three children - one boy and two girls. I started work for Alpha Beta in 1970. We divorced after 20 years.

I met my second husband at Alpha Beta and we married in 1974. My soul mate and love of my life. We have traveled all over - 27 countries and a lot of cruises and most of the United States. It has been fun as he is my favorite person. So we always have a good time when we are together.

The Crystal Cathedral was and is our church. We joined Becomers in 1996. We are both Elders and our social life is mostly with Becomers.

Went to jail with Becomers. I retired from Alpha Beta in 1988 after 18 years of cashier. I also ran the front-end for 4 years as customer service person.

Three years after retiring, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Had surgery and 6 months chemo, But God healed me.

The 3 people I would have dinner with is Jesus, Moses and Cleopatra.

We have had some hard times, but life is sweet and God is good. I wouldn't change anything in my life. It's been quite a learning experience. Glad we found the Cathedral and Becomers. It has really embellished our life. Always fun being with fun-loving people.