

Addendum to Grandma and Grandpa's Biography
November 2025

The man in the mirror told Grandpa that he forgot to include three things in his biography, so we've written this addendum.

First, Grandpa would like to acknowledge Dr. Montana Halliday. She is a young doctor who helped Grandma with her hip replacement. Grandma liked Dr. Halliday a lot and enjoyed having her for a doctor. Dr. Halliday made house calls for Grandma when it was difficult for Grandma to leave the house. Grandma and Grandpa felt Dr. Halliday was a very good doctor and they thought so highly of her that they even had her over for supper a few times with her husband and baby. Both Dr. Halliday and Dr. Ferreria visited Grandma's bedside in hospice when she was dying. About a year after Grandma passed, Grandpa had Dr. Halliday over for dinner once more before she moved to Chemainus where her family now lives.

Secondly, Grandpa wants to recognize the long-time parishioners who attend church daily with him. Norman and Colleen Eason drove Grandpa to church after his stroke until they went on vacation and Darlene took over driving. Fran Laliberte, Dorothy Reimer, Claudia Betz, Henriette Bratton, Maria Tejero, and Mylana Brander make up the rest of the small community of long-standing daily parishioners. Joe and Janice Haddock were part of this group of friends for many years but have now moved to Calgary. About every two months or so, Grandpa continues to invite this group for coffee and doughnuts at his house after church. Grandpa appreciates that he only needs to tell Mylana when he's offering to host, and she coordinates and invites everyone to come. Other members of the group sometimes host these get-togethers too.

Grandpa shared a funny story with me about how he and Grandma first met Mylana, the social organizer of the daily parishioners. They were all attending an evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church one winter about ten years ago. After Mass, Grandpa used his remote start to warm up their car. Grandpa and Grandma both got into the car and then noticed a woman standing outside, looking at them but not saying anything. Then they looked more closely at the inside of the car and realized it was not theirs! Mylana owned the same car as them, and she had pressed her remote start button after Mass too. Grandma and Grandpa quickly got out and found their own car, just a couple parking stalls away. They must have made appropriate apologies, because this was the start of a long friendship with Mylana.



Left to right: Darlene, Great-grandma Houle, Grandma, Julie, and baby Jaden, 1995

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, are the five-generation photographs Grandpa would like to have included in his biography. There are not many families who get to have one let alone two of these pictures to treasure. Grandma was involved in one, and thirty years later, Grandpa was in the other.

In 1995, Grandma, her mother (Maria Houle), daughter (Darlene Bester), granddaughter (Julie Bester), and great-granddaughter (Jaden Bester) made up a very special five-generation photograph. This picture was taken at Great-Grandma Houle's senior's residence in Vancouver.

The next five-generation photograph was taken in 2025 and included Grandpa, his daughter (Darlene Bester), granddaughter (Jana Campbell), great-grandson (Austin Campbell), and great-great-grandson (Lincoln Campbell).

These photos make Grandpa and Grandma feel very fortunate because they are so rare. Grandpa says, "Overall, it's been a great life". He and Grandma "used to talk about this all the time. Everyone goes through tough times, everyone. But we've been pretty happy."

Grandpa's biography spans seven generations, from his earliest memory of his grandmother, Jovanna, to his great-great-grandson, Lincoln. Grandpa likes to think about the changes he's seen in his lifetime, and what Lincoln's life will be like when he's 97 years old and looking back. It's hard to imagine the changes . . .



Left to right: Peter Campbell, Austin holding baby Lincoln, Grandpa, Avrey Campbell, Jana, and Darlene, at Austin and Avrey's Wedding, 2025