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Don and Louie Lackey
55th Anniversary
April 4, 2006

Life Story

- **April 4th 2006 – 55th Anniversary**
- **Back to the Beginning – 1929 and 1931**
- **Growing up neighbours**
- **Starting Out – April 4th 1951**
- **What was going on - 1951**
- **The Family Arrives - and never leaves**
 - **1952,1953,1956,1959,1967,1971**
- **Relatives, Friends and Neighbours**
- **Reminiscing**
- **Closing**

April 4th 2006 – 55th Anniversary

➤ **On behalf of your family, relatives, friends and neighbours we want to say – Congratulations.....**

- **For 55 years of marriage**
- **For being great parents**
- **For being pillars of the community**
- **For your active participation in your church**
- **For your participation and leadership in various groups over the years – UCW, Women's Institute, Optimist Club, Masons**
- **For always being there to lend a helping hand**

➤ **This is indeed a major life achievement and we are all proud and honored to be a part of your afternoon and evening**

- **Once again congratulations on your big day.....**

Back to the Beginning – 1929 and 1931

◆ **A little history for those that were not aware....**

➤ **1929 - Dad was born on Jan 25th in the house he lives in today**

- **Raised with his three brothers by their father**
- **Went to school down the road**
- **Became involved with the farm at an early age**

➤ **1929 – Major World Events**

- **October – stock market crashed launching the great depression**

➤ **1931 – Mom was born on Jan 25th one mile down the road**

- **Raised with her five brothers and two sisters**
- **Went to school up the road**
- **Attended high school in Dutton – stayed at Mac and Mae's**

➤ **1931 – Major World Events**

- **Las Vegas legalizes gambling to draw tourist – it worked**
- **Empire State Building and George Washington Bridge opens**

Growing up Neighbours

- **Mom and Dad have always known each other**
- **There is a picture of Mom as a baby and Dad as a toddler sitting on a blanket on the lawn**
- **They went through school together, although a year or two apart**
- **They went to dances together at Port Stanley and other community events**
- **Dad used Uncle Len as a reason to have to go down to the Lunn house**
- **Then they realized that being neighbours wasn't good enough**

Starting Out – April 4th 1951

- **Married at Manse in Wallacetown**
 - **Aunt Grace and Uncle Ken stood up with them**
- **Honeymooned by “touring” around Lake Erie**
 - **Stopped in Cleveland to visit friends**
- **Mom moved into the Lackey Family home**
 - **Grandpa and brothers Ken, Clair and George were her new family**
- **Dad took over the day to day management of the farm**
 - **Had to earn the right to do so from Grandpa**
- **Mom took over the day to day management of the house**
 - **Had to earn the right to do so from Grandpa**
- **Grandpa moved to Wallacetown and the boys moved away**
 - **Mom and Dad always had an open door for them to come home**

What was going on – 1951

- **Television was changing everything**
- **Lucille Ball married Desi Arnaz and “I Love Lucy” began**
- **“Rock and Roll” started in Cleveland, Ohio**
- **“Dennis the Menace” started**
- **Roy Rogers show started**
- **The United Nations in New York was completed**
- **Chrysler introduced “power steering”**
- **Joe DiMaggio retires**

The Family Arrives – and never leaves

➤ Ivan - 1952

- Married to Sheri
- Daughters – Michelle and Sheldon, Kelly, Megan
- Grandchildren – Julie, Shelley, Robbie

➤ Jim - 1953

- Married to Lori
- Son - Rob

➤ Barb - 1956

- Married to Bob
- Children – Marcia and Tom
- Grandchild - Bailey

➤ Randy - 1959

- Married to Ann
- Daughter – Katie

➤ Paul - 1967

- Married to Tammy
- Children – Brinley and Brogan

➤ Ron - 1971

Relatives, Friends and Neighbours

- **A lot of people that visited with Mom and Dad this afternoon and many at Dinner tonight have known Mom and Dad for a lot longer then us kids**
- **But Mom and Dad have talked of you and tried their very best to ensure us kids knew who you were and how you were connected**
- **Be a near or distant relative, an old or new friend and a current or past neighbour, they wanted us to know you through them**
- **We thank you for taking the time to be here today**

What has changed in 55 years...

- **The obvious - we are all a little bit older, with less hair**
- **I asked Mom on January 25th – their birthdays - if they felt any older and she answers – No. I thought that was good news**
- **Life has evolved non stop over 55 years due to technology, impacting the way they ran the farm, the way they ran their lives, but Mom and Dad have always been great adapters of change**
- **Us “kids” – and I mean all of us – did our best to add a few more grey hairs, and while they were probably scared of what we would do next, they continued to support each and every one of us**
- **Family members have been added through marriage and birth and a few have been lost**

Reminiscing

- **Changes made at the farm - building and silos being made**
- **Changes made to the house - Bruce Lunn, Pat Waite, Uncle Lloyd and brother Jim**
- **Expanding the lawns to give Dad a 6 hour weekly activity**
- **Going to Kincardine to visit with Arnold Burden's family**
- **Playing Ramoli with Grace and Lawrence in Tryconnell**
- **George and family and Clair and family coming for Saturday night visits**
- **Ross popping in for visits on his way to / from the coffee shop**

Closing

- **We wish you both the very best 55th anniversary**
- **We thank you for allowing us to participate with you**
- **We wish you continued good health and many more anniversaries to come**