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Who's Who at OGBC?

By: Jodi Robinson

Paul and Linda Flory have attended OGBC for 2 years. They have 2 daughters, Sonja Beall and Rachel Flory. They have an outside cat named Pepper.

Paul was born May 12, 1958 at Lodi Hospital. He has an older brother and older sister as well as a younger sister. His earliest childhood memory was when his dad would kill chickens by cutting their heads off and he and his siblings had the job of chasing down the headless chickens. His childhood nickname was Waldo. His favorite thing to do with his family was the Thanksgiving Dinners they always had the weekend before Thanksgiving. His ancestors are from England.

Linda was born December 21, 1960 at Dunlap Hospital. She has one younger brother and two younger sisters. Her earliest childhood memory is of her mom braiding her hair and finding chicken pox on her neck. Her nickname from her parents was Linny. Her favorite thing to do with her family was playing Bingo with prizes at their Christmas gatherings. Her ancestors are from the Berne, Switzerland area and were Anabaptists. Also, she has ancestors from Scotland, Wales and France. She has a famous uncle named Stanley Becker who got a professional baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and used the money to buy his parents a house. He later played for the Cleveland Indians.

Linda attended Orrville Public schools and later the Wayne County Career Center where she received an Associate Degree in Floral Design. Her favorite subject in school was Science, especially Biology. She studied French and can read it pretty well. She says the most important thing she learned in school was the multiplication tables. She wanted to be a mom and a housewife when she grew up and attained both. She was a member of FFA (Horticulture), and learned to play chords on a guitar. As a child she enjoyed games like Candyland, throwing bean bags, Tiddlywinks, bags of buttons, and playing kickball, football and hide and seek with the neighbor kids.

Paul attended Norwayne Public Schools and later the Wayne County Career Center. His favorite subject in school was History, including American and World History. He says the most important thing he learned in school was how to do math in his head. Although, he didn't like memorizing the math tables while in school, that ability has been very useful throughout his life. He wanted to be a pilot and an astronaut when he grew up. His favorite games as a child were monopoly and chess.

Paul has enjoyed motorcycling since he was 18 years old. He took Linda on a motorcycle trip for their honeymoon to Glacier National Park. His longest motorcycle ride was to the Arctic Circle. He rode all the way from Ohio to the furthest northern point of Alaska at Trudeau Bay where the Alaskan pipeline starts.

Both of the Flory's have a life of service to others, doing things that make other people's lives easier.

Paul has worked mowing yards, and operating a full-service gas station. He learned to operate heavy equipment on the job and has also worked as a laborer, forklift operator, brick layer, janitor and at LUK manufacturing. He currently works in lawn maintenance.

Linda has worked doing lawn work, as a nursing assistant, painting and wall papering, medical coding, warehouse factory work and as a Home Health Aide which is what she is currently doing. She enjoys her work and gets a lot of satisfaction from it, feeling good about what she is able to do for those in need of her services each day.

When asked what was the best thing they ever did for someone else, Paul said, "Helping where I can, when I can. I always had a strong back and a pickup truck." Linda said, "Taking the time to learn the minute details of being a caregiver. Receiving a thank you from my patients is very gratifying."

The Flory's support the Pregnancy Care Center, Haven of Rest, OGBC and "whatever need comes up." When asked if there is someone in their lives that they admire, Paul said, "I have a friend Don who has gone through unbelievably terrible health problems but when I ask him how he is, he always says: "Doing good, I have a wife who loves me, other people have it a whole lot worse". Linda said, "I admire my husband. He is so good with people, with small talk, good at being tactful. He keeps up with his old friends and helps organize his class reunions."

As for Favorite Things:
Paul likes the color purple, trilliums, and sausage. He likes to cook but doesn't care much for the clean up afterwards. Paul used to collect motorcycles. He also likes coins and has a collection of those, many of which he found including an 1864 Silver Half Dollar. He says that he can tell an old coin by the sound it makes when jingled with other coins because of the silver c ontent found in older coins. When asked where he would want to be right this minute if he could be anywhere, he said, "Being with my grandson, Daniel". Paul's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Linda likes the color aqua, wildflowers, chocolate and green tea. She likes to eat Paul's cooking and doesn't mind the cleanup. She appreciates that Paul is good at retaining facts and figures and has a lot of financial wisdom. She collects arrowheads. She likes to make things including crafts, crocheting, especially granny squares, gardening, paint by number, work-out exercises and bicycling. When asked where she would want to be right this minute if she could be anywhere, she said, "Visiting England". Linda's favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:11 He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.

Linda prayed to accept Christ as her Savior in second grade during after-school Bible studies. She was baptized at the Canton Baptist Temple when she was 19 years old. When asked what she would like to say to God when she meets Him in

Heaven someday, she said, "Thank you for reaching down for someone such as I."

Paul went forward at the Steve Winfield Ministry at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in 1993 and prayed for salvation. He was baptized at Wooster Grace Brethren Church in 1993. When asked what he would like to say to God when he meets Him in Heaven someday, he said, "Why do you care so much for us?"

BABIES and PRESCHOOLERS AT OGBC

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Jacob Archer Edwards (Jay-kuhb, rhymes with wake up) was born on October 13, 2019. He measured 3 Pounds, 9 Ounces, 17 Inches. His loving parents are Don and Holly Edwards. They chose the name Jacob from the Bible because they wanted a strong name. Don chose Archer which is also a strong name. Jacob's grandparents are Alfred and Lula Edwards (already in heaven) and Jim and Carol Zimmerly.

Jacob's favorite things are music and he loves stories, from his family, books and a favorite stuffed animal that tells stories. He loves "swimming" aka playing in the water. He really enjoys people and his smile is a ministry unto itself as Holly as often been told by a special friend. When talking with Jacob, you need to get up close so he can hear you.

Jacob's first year of school begins this year as he will be entering kindergarten with teachers who will come to his home.

His parents' heart desire for Jacob is that "he will be happy, healthy and stay out of the hospital". His parents' goal is to take care of him so he can reach his full potential.

Holly has a webpage on Instagram aimed at raising awareness of Trisomy 13.

Nehemiah Reed Steiner (knee-uh-my-uh, rhymes with Jedediah) was born on May 25, 2024 at home in Fremont to his loving parents, Joel and Daria Steiner. He measured 8 Pounds, 12 Ounces, and 21 Inches. His parents chose the name Nehemiah because it means "Yahweh comforts". His middle name was chosen because it was Joel's grandpa's last name. Nehemiah's grandparents are Daron and Dawn McAllister and Tim and Kathy Steiner. Nehemiah recently became a big brother to his sister, Josephine.

Nehemiah loves to play with trucks and he is very chatty.

His parents hearts' desire for their children is that "they will grow up to love the Lord and serve Him and be best friends with each other".

Josephine Dawn Steiner (Jo-suh-feen, rhymes with go-between) was born at Aultman Orrville Hospital on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 6:31 AM to her loving parents Joel and Daria Steiner. She measured 8 Pounds, 8 Ounces, and 20 Inches. The name Josephine was chosen because her mother's family has a tradition, dating back many generations, of naming the first girl after her father. Dawn is Daria's mother's name. She has a brother Nehemiah. Her grandparents are Tim and Kathy Steiner and Daron (where Daria got her name) and Dawn McAllister.

Joel and Daria hearts' desire for their children is that they will "grow up to love the Lord and serve Him and be best friends with each other".

FUNNIES

The American investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellowfin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

The Mexican replied, only a little while.

The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish?

The Mexican said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs.

The American then asked, "but what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The Mexican fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siesta with my wife, Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play guitar with my amigos, I have a full and busy life."

The American scoffed, "I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing, and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats. Eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually NYC where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The Mexican fisherman asked, "But, how long will this all take?"

To which the American replied, "15-20 years."

"But what then?"

The American laughed and said that's the best part. "When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions."

"Millions... Then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."

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A cowboy applied for an insurance policy. “Have you ever had any accidents?”, asked the agent.

“Nope,” said the cowboy, “though a bronc did kick in two of my ribs last year, and a couple of years ago a rattlesnake bit my ankle.”

“Wouldn’t you call those accidents?” replied the puzzled agent.

“Naw,” the cowboy said, “they did it on purpose.”

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Because of the shortage of jobs in town, a boy appeared for work on a farm. The foreman decided to give him a try and told him to milk a cow, equipping him with a stool and a bucket.

An hour later the boy returned dirty and sweaty, the bucket in one hand and the broken stool in the other.

“Extracting the milk was easy,” he explained. “The worst part was getting the cow to sit on the stool!”