

Morton Rowe Salway



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Morton & Marg

Born: 3 Sept. 1925, Cardston Alberta Canada

Married: Annamaria Madeline Ganzer, 20 Apr. 1943

Morton was born September 3, 1925 in Cardston. He went to war in January 1945.

I used to tell him Bible stories and he was very fond of the story of “Moses in the Bullrushes.” One day I asked him what story I would tell him and he said, “Tell me about the kid in the weeds.” Morton was a good athlete, particularly fond of tumbling. He and several other farmhands had practiced so well that they would go around to the country dances and perform for their own amusement as well as the holiday makers.

Morton is a tall, well-built fellow and at a lumber camp where he worked, they called him “Little Abner.” When he was about fourteen, he went to a picture show by himself and jokingly said to the usher, “If a pretty girl comes in, give her a seat near me.” Sure enough, the usher brought in a very pretty littler girl. Morton made friends with her and the usher came in behind him and whispered “How are you doing?” “Fine.” said Morton. He brought the girl home on Sunday supper and we never saw her after that.

As soon as he had turned eighteen he volunteered for war but almost as soon as he got to England, the European war stopped. He then volunteered for the Japanese war and was returned to Canada for it but as soon as he got back, that war stopped. So Morton never had a chance to fight. He served as guard over a German prison camp until he was demobilized. We are all rather proud of the fact that when he enlisted, he was found 100 percent physical and 100 percent mental.