

CALVARY COURIER

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HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO VERLAND AND JEAN ENGLE

by Jean Engle

Verland Engle and Alice Jean Nikkel were married on September 20, 1963, in Pella, Iowa, by Jean's uncle Rev. Richard De Jong. The wedding reception was held in the Sully Christian School's new gymnasium. Our car was a 1962 black Volkswagen, and some ornery nephews lifted it up onto cement blocks so our wheels just sat and spanned. We could not make a getaway until they lifted our car off the blocks, with us inside! What a racket we made speeding through the town of Sully, with strings of tin cans and toilet paper flying everywhere and a parade of cars following us on our way out of town. Our honeymoon was at Lake McBride, near Iowa City, Iowa, and we thought we were on the other side of the world!



Our very first apartment was on the second floor of a big white house where the Marion County Windmill Bank now resides. Our daughter Sandra was born there. We had an outdoor, very long stairway entrance that was icy and treacherous all winter long! We had no freezer, so our frozen goods were kept out on the porch landing in a box. One night, some so-called friends came and ate our ice cream, leaving only spoons and an empty carton behind.

Our next move was to an apartment at 224 Main Street, just one very short block from where Verland took a new job at Pella Rolscreen; his starting wage was \$1.25 an hour, along with insurance and a nice bonus at year's end. Our son Randy was born in this apartment. Two years later, we bought a home on North Prairie Street, where our son Rus was born. We lived in our house for 48 years until moving into a duplex 8 years ago.

God has given us a great gift of a loving marriage for 60 years. He has been with us through all the ups and downs, some disappointing valleys, but so many blessed mountain tops as well. We give God all the praise for a loving, God-fearing family of three wonderful children and their spouses, six grandchildren, and most recently our first great-granddaughter. Our membership at Calvary also began in 1963 and has spanned 60 years. We have been blessed by so many, in so many ways, over these 60 years... We give him thanks and we know that every day we are given is a special gift.

To God be the glory!

THANKS!

We thank you Calvary church deacons and elders for volunteering your time to help us get our school facility ready for the new school season beginning September 5. We also thank those who purchased items to complete our landscaping and painting projects. We thank you church for your ready support and prayers. It is all a true labor of love to JCA. We hope you learned more speaking with Chis and the mission purpose to reach the "least of these for Christ honor and glory". Christ said "let the little children come" Micah 6:8 "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." We will keep you informed of all the new changes in our staff going forward through our newsletters. We welcome any small group bible studies who might enjoy a Saturday morning out for a few hours helping clean or organize. God's Love to you all.

-Joshua Christian Academy

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged me, expressed sympathy and supported me through the loss of my daughter Diane.

Goldie Dingeman

Congratulations to Alexis De Vries and Tyler Dafflitto



Alexis Marie De Vries and Tyler Dane Dafflitto met on Snapchat/mutual friends when Alexis was in her sophomore year at college in 2019. Their courtship started long distance when Alexis was at Trinity College in Chicago and Tyler was in South Carolina finishing up his trade school education. Tyler then returned to Iowa and Covid brought Alexis home from college. Last summer their courtship became long distance again when Tyler was away in training for the National Guard in South Carolina. Alexis wrote Tyler in long-hand each day for the many months they were apart.

Alexis is the daughter of Tom & Jill De Vries, who attend Calvary Church. Tyler is the son of Dane & Mary Dafflitto from Newton, Iowa. The couple got married on July 29, 2023, at the Central College Chapel with the reception held at the Graham Conference Center. Chaplain Dan Van Kooten married them. This was special because Chaplain Dan was Alexis's former teacher/principal, and he also works at Vermeer Corporation with Tyler. Alexis and Tyler chose plum and sage as their colors with their theme being Secret Garden. This theme made Alexis's mom very happy as they had a lot of plants spread throughout the chapel and conference center. The verse the couple chose for the wedding was Proverbs 3:5-6, because they relied on that verse when Tyler went through his basic training for the National Guard.




Alexis and Tyler visited McGregor, Iowa, for their honeymoon where they hiked Effigy Mounds and Pikes Peak. The couple hiked a total of thirteen miles during their visit. Their biggest hiking day was eight miles in one day.

Tyler is a welder on the third shift at Vermeer Corporation. He is also in the National Guard. His MOS in the National Guard is in small arms artillery. Alexis teaches at North Mahaska Jr/Sr High, where she mainly teaches middle school English. She will also be involved in creating the yearbook with the high school students.

The couple enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, going to the shooting range, cooking, and going out for coffee together. Tyler likes to golf while Alexis likes to read her book there with him. Tyler likes fishing and learning how to shoot new guns. He also enjoys cars since he was an auto technician before he became a welder. Alexis takes pleasure in reading, writing poetry, and hand crocheting. They both enjoy their pit/pointer mix dog named Charlie.

Calvary wishes you God's blessings as you begin your life together

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Andrew Sytsma	2 Alaina Herdegen
3 Barb Van Gorp	4 Angela Vande Zande	5 Logan Gallaher Gerry Harms* Josh Pommer Lucy Stravers*	6 Jim A. Van Zee	7 	8 Nellie Vander Schel	9
10 Eric Vande Zande	11 Amy Bandstra Krista Van Gelder Noah Nunnikhoven	12 	13 Molly Bolt Tim Roose Mark Vos	14 Gavin Ulferts Derek Vander Ark	15 Mary Eisloo*	16
17	18 Geneva Jansen* Bernice Vermeer*	19 Brooks De Vries	20	21	22 Peter Bierma Eric Van Wyngarden Geneva Van Zanten*	23
24 Teresa Ulferts Steve Van Wyk Alek Vink Steve Theune	25 Jo-Ann Blom* Reagan Rus	26 Emily Dockter	27 Alex Sandbulte	28 Bernie Spoelstra* Lois Van Houwelingen Jo Vermeer	29 	30