

Celebrating Evelien



February 21, 2016

Dear Evelien,

You came into a world that was well-prepared for you. As the fourth child you have all the benefits of your parents' experience with your siblings: closets full of hand-me-downs, and toys from one end of your house to the other.

But most of all, you have a world full of people who are eager to welcome and support you.

In anticipation of your baptism we thought you might like a memento of who these people are — so that as the list grows, you can enjoy your family roots.

Love,

There are many people who
were waiting a long time for
your arrival.

Here are some of them...



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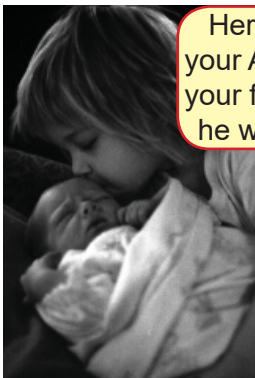
...like your parents



and your brothers and sister



...and many other brothers and sisters



Here's a photo of your Aunt Daegan giving your father a kiss - when he was just born!



Here's another when they were a bit older. They still liked each other.

Can you guess who these other brothers and sisters might be?



Here they are again, but a little older.



This is a picture of Peter when he was 6.



Here's a photo of your Grandma Fran when she was about 7 or 8 years old. She was the oldest of 4 children for about 16 years until her brother Peter was born, so she knows about living with 2 brothers and a sister. Her brothers Jim and John are on the left and Wilma is sucking on her finger. This was taken about 1952 or 53.

Here is a photo of your Grandpa Bill when he was about 9 years old. He didn't know you would be arriving years later but you wouldn't have arrived without him, so it's like he was waiting for you.



In this photo he is sitting beside his brothers Peter and Robert. Pete is holding your Great-Great Grandma's dog Patsy. 1953 or 1954

Your Grandparents were also waiting



with Grandma Fran,



Here you are with
Oma,



and with Grandpa Bill



with Opa,

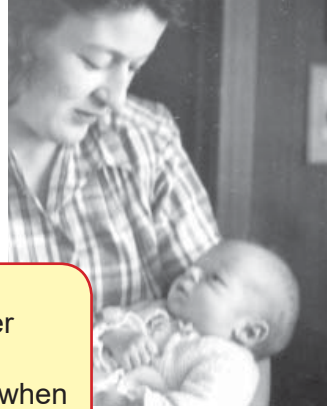


Here's a photo of your Oma
and Opa with your mother -
when she was very young.

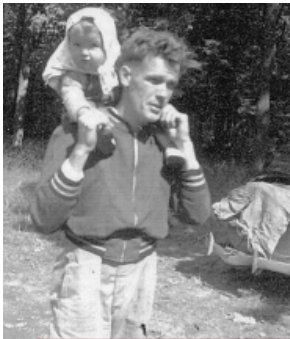
..and so were Parents of your Grandparents



Here is one of your mother with your Oma's parents



Here is your Greatma Shaver holding your Grandma Fran when your Grandma was very young



...and here is your Great-Grandpa Shaver holding your Grandma Fran.



Here is your Great-Opa and Great-Oma at your Mum and Dad's wedding on May 7, 2005.



Here is your Great-Grandma Reimer holding your Dad when he was very young



In this picture, your Great-Grandpa Reimer and your Dad are having breakfast together. What do you think they are talking about?



Your Oma with
her mother.



Here is your
Opa with his little
sister Anya and
their Oma and Opa
Verhoeff.

...and even Grandparents of Grandparents
were waiting for you.



Fran with
her grandmother
Elizabeth



Your Dad
with his Great-
Grandmother
Dumville



Fran with her
Grandmother Gladys



Your Grandpa Bill with
Greatpa and Greatma
Reimer - about 1945



Your Opa with his
Oma Sietje Vandebyl
- when he was about 1
or 2 years old.



In this photo, your
Opa is about 5 years
old with his mother,
grandmother, and father

This is a photo of your
Dad, with his Dad, with
his Dad, with his Dad, in
1983.

When Daegan was born in
1969, we had a lovely visit from
your Great-Grandmother Shaver
with her mother Gladys and your
Great-Grandmother Reimer with
her Mother Emily.



...but that's not all.

Because many Uncles, Aunts, and Cousins were also waiting



Here's a nice photo of your Aunt Anya and Uncles Lance and Rudy at your sister's baptism. Even your Great-Grandma Shaver was there.



Here's your Uncle Rudy with your brothers and sister. I wonder what he is smiling at.



Your Uncle Lance and Aunt Marissa are watching you sleep. They were excited about seeing you as well.



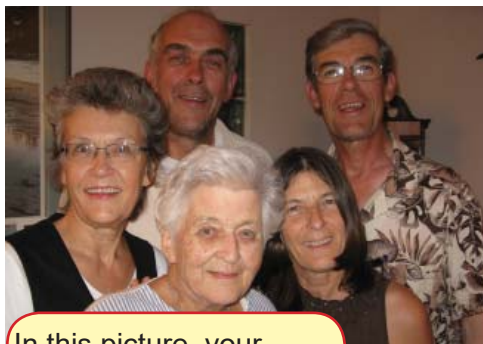
Your cousins Thomas, Samantha, and Zachary are sitting with your big brother in 2008.



Your cousins Adrianna and Niko are saying hello to you with your Aunt Anya and Mum. Niko was a bit nervous because he didn't want to drop you.



You even have many great-uncles. Here are two of them with your brother Pieter and your Grandma Fran. Peter has a red shirt and John has a black hat. I wonder why they are laughing.



In this picture, your Grandma Fran and her two brothers John and Jim are visiting with their sister Wilma and your Greatma Shaver.



Your Great-Aunt Penny, Great-Uncle Peter, and Cousins Sarah and Kathryn came to see you one nice September afternoon. Sarah's friend Andrew came with them to see what the fuss was about.

Your Aunt Daegan and Uncle Steve dressed up for a special photo at their new house in 2010.





Here is a photo of your Opa and Oma with their children and grand-children



I wonder if some day you will be able to name all the people in this photo! They all know you and will welcome you at their next meeting. This one was in Indonesia.

...and many, many Friends

Andrea was one of the first people to welcome you since she helped your Mum and Dad at your birth. Every time you write your second name, you can think of Auntie Andi since you share the name Marie with her.



Jolene, one of your Mum's best buddies came by to give you a hug.



Darcy and Andrea



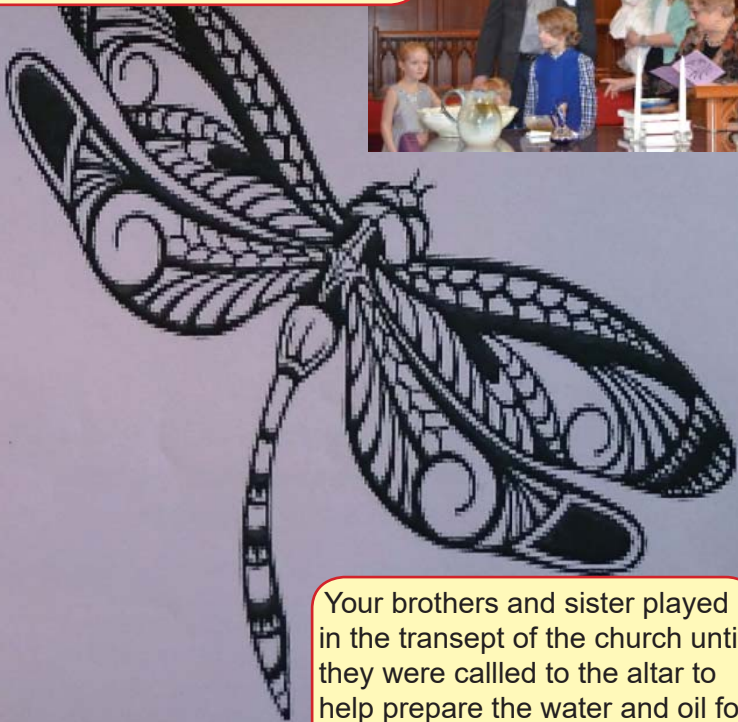
Here's your Mum with Ryan Hofer, the head coach at TWU, and Chelsea. She is destined to be one of your babysitters.



Carly, Sophie, and Nikki also came to pass on some good volleyball vibes right from the day you were born.

On February 21st, 2016 we all gathered at West Point Grey to celebrate your baptism.

Janis Terrien introduced you and your family to the congregation. Janis used to telephone your Greatma Shaver every morning to check that she was okay.



Your brothers and sister played in the transept of the church until they were called to the altar to help prepare the water and oil for your baptism. Charlie and Pieter had matching clothes for this special occasion.

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Your father and mother had some important things to say to you. They are printed below.

Dear Evelien,

We pray that you grow up to be a woman that is sure of who she is. That you know you were placed on this earth by the God who created the universe and that He has a great plan for you. We pray that you are not identified by who others say you are but by who Christ has made you to be.

We promise to help you find the tools you will need to navigate this world with a smile. We promise to talk about the tricky things and walk alongside the mistakes you are going to make....and we hope that you can forgive all the mistakes we are going to make along the way.

We hope you find joy in our home and you see it as a place where many people are loved and welcomed. We hope that in turn you are able to welcome many people into your life. This is where richness is found.

A verse that we have chosen for you is from Romans, which is a book that was often quoted by your Great-Grandfather Jack. Romans 5:3-5 says...

"We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who he has given us."



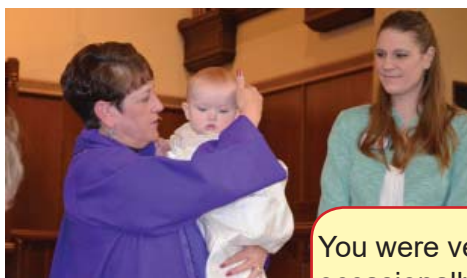
You even wanted to say something yourself. In this photo you are trying to take the microphone from your father.



...and from your mother!



Rev. Valerie Taylor took you for a walk down and up the aisles so that everyone could see you and say hello. If you look carefully, you will see your Grandpa Bill's Aunt Elaine and Uncle Ralph in the congregation - along with your Aunt Daegan and Uncle Darcy.



You were very well-behaved and occasionally joined in the events with a chirp or squawk. You even flirted with the young woman playing the clarinet at the service.



Eunice Williams said a prayer for you on behalf of the congregation. Eunice has been a friend of the Shaver family for many years. She is now 100 years old! You can see what she said below.

Your parents brought you to this congregation at this early time of your life to be received into the Christian church. I know so many of us have been helped to learn and continue to learn more of God's presence in our lives. Now we pray that as you grow and develop you may become ever more fully aware of that greatest blessing in your life: God's constant presence, grace, and peace.

♪ **Suna Responses** 应唱

MV 94

*Love comes to heal the broken heart, to ease the troubled mind;
without a word Love bids us start to ask and seek and find.*

Celebrating The Joy Of Baptism

欢庆受洗的喜悦

*Evelien Marie Wind Reimer
beloved daughter of Lies and JP Reimer*

Scripture: 经文 Mark 10: 14 - 16 *Colin Brown*

Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not try to hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." And Jesus put his arms around them, laid his hands upon them, and blessed them."

Introduction to Baptism: 受洗介绍

- † Baptism acknowledges the spiritual journey that begins at our birth. Each of us is born with the spark of the Divine within, and surrounded always by the love of God.
- † Through Baptism, God claims us as God's own, and invites us into fullness of life by following the teachings and way of Jesus the Christ.
- † Baptism celebrates and gives thanks for the wonderful uniqueness and possibility of each person - created in God's image - blessed to be a blessing to the world.

The Blessing of the Water: 施洗水的祝福

May this water be a sign for us of the outpouring of God's love and Spirit upon Evelien, who is being baptized today - and a reminder of the blessing we all receive in abundance as God's beloved children.

(water is poured in the baptismal bowl)

Naming & Introduction of Evelien 介绍

The Baptism and Blessing with Oil 圣油的施洗和祝福

Congregational Blessing: 教会的祝福 *given by Eunice Williams*

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle: 点燃施洗蜡烛

Receive the light of Christ on behalf of Evelien. It is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly, so that she may always walk as a child of the light, with the flame of faith alive in her heart.

Baptismal Certificate & Gift from the Congregation 教会的施洗证书和礼物 *(family returns to their seats)*

Welcome and Affirmation of Support by the Family of Faith: 教会这个信仰家庭对 Evelien 的欢迎和对她的支持的确认

The church is the family of Christ, the community in which we grow in faith and commitment.

We rejoice to welcome Evelien in our midst and to celebrate her baptism as one of God's beloved children. As a family of faith, we seek God's grace to be a community which is open and inclusive, and one in which the gospel is truly proclaimed in word and deed. We promise to support this child and her family with love and concern and to nurture all children under our care, that they may come to know the beauty and wonder of God's great love for each of us, and for all creation.

In this Baptism, we are called to dedicate ourselves anew to God. And so we proclaim together with one heart and voice:
I believe in God ... Source and Sustainer of the universe, my Creator.

I believe in Jesus Christ ... the Way,
my Saviour and teacher;
I believe in the Holy Spirit ... the breath of life,
my Comforter and Guide;
I believe in people ... their aspirations,
my sisters and brothers;
I believe in myself ... what I am, what I can be,
and what by God's grace I shall be.

The Consecration of the Oil of Baptism 施洗油的神圣

Throughout the Bible, oil was used at special times to anoint royalty, priests and prophets - as well as others who were set apart for God's service. Today, as we use the oil to make the sign of the Cross on Evelien's forehead, we are affirming for her the ancient blessing of God's people: "You are important and precious in our eyes, and in the eyes of God. Receive this blessing with the prayer that you, in turn, may make your life a blessing to others."
(oil is poured in the bowl)

♪ **Hymn:** 赞美诗 'Jesus Loves Me' (vs. 1 & 2) **VU # 365**

Introduction of the Family: 受洗家庭介绍 *Janis Terrien*

Promises of the Parents: 父母承诺

JP and Lies, by bringing Evelien here for baptism, you are reminded that, as parents, we do not own our children, but rather hold them in trust for God, who gives them into our care. This is a sacred trust - one which lasts a lifetime. There is no greater responsibility and calling. And so I ask you:

Will you do your best to provide a home in which love resides, and will you give Evelien the opportunity to seek a relationship with the God who created her, Jesus who loves her beyond measure, and the Spirit who walks with her every step of her journey through life?

Answer: We will, with the help of God.

From Lies and JP: *their dreams, hopes, and prayers for Evelien*

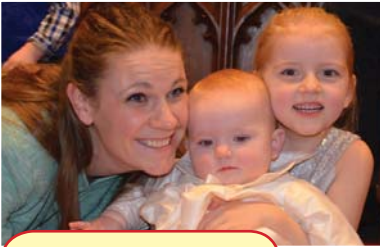


Here is a copy of the order of service at your baptism.

You can see from the photo how happy all these people were to be with you. Do you know who they are?



We then all went to the gymnasium to have some drinks and cookies. It was a nice time to pass you around to the people who were chatting ... and of course, to your siblings.







Here are a few photos that Samantha took back in the church sanctuary before we drove to Opa and Oma's for lunch.









Your Uncle Lance, Aunt Marissa, Aunt Daegan, and Cousin Samantha joined us for lunch.






 <p>Peter Reimer b: 25 May 1915 in Herbert, Saskatchewan (22- 18-10-3) m: 11 Nov 1937 in Rocanville, SK d: 14 Jun 2007 in St. James Cottage Hospice, Vancouver, BC</p>	 <p>Lilian Laura Jones b: 07 Sep 1916 in #7 Hancock Road, Bromley, UK d: 22 Mar 2012 in Vancouver BC</p>	 <p>Michael John Victor Shaver Rev. b: 31 Oct 1918 in Fort William, ON m: 01 Aug 1944 in Fort William, Ont d: 21 Nov 2001 in Vancouver, BC</p>	 <p>Dorothy Heald Hamlet b: 15 Mar 1921 in Fort William, Ont d: 17 Mar 2015 in Vancouver, BC</p>
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 <p>William Charles Reimer b: 22 Feb 1944 in Vancouver, BC m: 06 May 1967 in West Point Grey United Church, Vancouver, BC</p>	 <p>Frances Marjorie Shaver b: 29 May 1945 in Port Arthur, Ont</p>
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 <p>Jean Pierre Reimer b: 16 Nov 1972 in Montreal, QC m: 07 May 2005 in Woodgreen Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB, Canada</p>	 <p>Lies Lydia Verhoeff b: 31 Oct 1981 in Calgary, AB, Canada</p>	 <p>Charles Paul Reimer b: 10 Jan 2008 in Langley, BC</p>	 <p>Chloe Frances Reimer b: 25 Nov 2010 in Langley, BC</p>	 <p>Pieter Jacob Reimer b: 25 Sep 2013 in Langley Memorial Hospital, Langley BC (10:31 PM)</p>	 <p>Evelyn Marie Wind Reimer b: 13 Apr 2015 in Langley Memorial Hospital, Langley BC (6:34 AM) 8 lb. 7 oz. 22 inches</p>
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 <p>Johannes Paulus Verhoeff b: 10 Mar 1965 in Den Haag, The Netherlands m: 06 Aug 1979 in Calgary, AB, Canada</p>	 <p>Jacob Wind b: 13 Dec 1964 in Coekorden, Holland</p>
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 <p>Frederik Hendrik Verhoeff b: 11 Feb 1925 in Lawang, East Java, Indonesia m: 05 May 1954 in Bloemendaal, the Netherlands</p>	 <p>Wilhelmina Anelia Vander Bijl b: 22 Aug 1927 in Narcondada, Sumatra, Indonesia</p>	 <p>Pieter Wind b: 22 Aug 1918 in De Krm, Ambt- Hardenberg, The Netherlands m: 15 Oct 1942 in Heeg d: 02 Oct 2011 in Calgary, AB, Canada</p>	 <p>Janneke Boschma b: 01 Sep 1919 in Sneek, Friesland, The Netherlands d: 08 Oct 2014 in Calgary, AB, Canada</p>
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