

Why does this ward have such a reputation for being so close and loving?

Some believe that it all started with Jude and Mary Visser and their family. They had seven children Ken (Darlene), Paul, Evah (Richard McMullin), Gayle (Ron Hansen), Steve, Andrea (Robert Marx), Lynea (Bryce Diamond) who all lived in the ward, and some of them still do.

Mary Visser's mother, Ann Sainsbury, and her brothers Clive and Bailey Sainsbury (Beth Bishop) lived close by.

Beth Bishop Sainsbury's brother, Mont Bishop lived next door to her and her sister Jenny (Orren Greenwood) lived just across the street to the north of her.

Jenny Bishop Greenwood's daughters, Jessie (David Lloyd) lived next to her, and Jeanine (Paul Kochevar) lived within the ward boundaries.

Jessie Greenwood Lloyd's son Todd and his wife Georganne lived in the ward, Todd served as a bishop and a stake president.

Jenny Greenwood's, Beth Sainsbury's, and Mont Bishop's cousin Grace Simkins lived a few blocks to the north of them. Her grandson, Doug Milne and his family moved into the ward, and Doug also served as a bishop of the ward.

Kellie Bishop, daughter of Mont and Yvonne Bishop married Doran Lybbert, son of Van and Evelyn Lybbert who lived in the ward.

Because so many of the ward members were actually related family members, they also treated everyone who moved into the area like family, and that loving attitude has remained and grown over the years, developing a very close-knit group that happily welcomes each new family into the existing Ward Family. Each new family also carried on the welcoming and loving attitudes as the years went by, exactly as Church members are encouraged to do.