C. Gordon Knapp

(Written text and photographs provided by C. Gordon Knapp). C. Gordon Knapp was born April 12, 1939, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was the son of C. Harry Knapp and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp. Gordon Knapp was educated in the Schools of Minnesota. He first attended Wilkin County School and then went on to graduate from the West Central School of Agriculture in 1957. C. Gordon Knapp married Rosalie Kay Payne on October 10, 1958, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Rosalie Kay Payne was the daughter of Rose and Kermit Payne. Rosalie Kay Payne graduated from the Fergus Falls Minnesota School system and went to graduate from the Fergus Falls Community College, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp farmed near Foxhome, Minnesota, in Wilkin County. In addition to working the farm, C. Gordon Knapp owned and operated the Knapp Seed Farm, Inc. located near Foxhome, Minnesota.

C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp had three children: Julie Kay Knapp, born March 6, 1960, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Thomas David Knapp, born September 6, 1962, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota; and Kristine Joy Knapp, born March 8, 1965, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The last known address for C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp was Ottertail Lake, Minnesota.

A photograph of C. Gordon Knapp taken when he was about three years of age in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

A photograph of C. Gordon Knapp (right) taken with Jim Knapp when Gordon was about three years of age.
A photograph taken of C. Gordon Knapp when he graduated from West Central School of Agriculture in 1957.

A photograph of C. Gordon Knapp taken at his graduation from West Central School of Agriculture in 1957. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

A photograph of Rosalie Kay Payne at about two years of age.

A photograph of Rosalie Kay Payne at about six years of age.

A 1985 photograph of the C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp family. Shown in the back row from left to right are: Jeremiah Mark Olson, Mark Lyle Olson, C. Gordon Knapp, and Thomas David Knapp. Shown in the front row left to right are: Julie Kay (Knapp) Olson, Michelle Kay Olson (being held), Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp, and Kristine Joy Knapp.

C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on October 10, 2008.

C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp photographed on a holiday to Niagara Falls during 2009.
An article written about C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp receiving a conservation award. Date and source unknown.

A copy of a business card showing an aerial view of the layout of C. Gordon Knapp's business, Knapp Seed Farm Inc., located in Foxhome, Minnesota.
JULIE KAY (KNAPP) OLSON

(Written text and photographs provided by C. Gordon Knapp). **Julie Kay Knapp** was born March 6, 1960, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She was the daughter of C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp. Julie Kay Knapp married **Mark Lyle Olson** on June 14, 1980, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Mark Lyle Olson was the son of Lyle and Audrey Olson. Mark Lyle Olson was a Mechanical Engineer.

An undated photograph of the children of Mark Lyle and July Kay (Knapp) Olson. Shown are: Jeremiah Mark Olson (back), Michelle Kay Olson, and Joshua Nathaniel Olson.

An undated photograph of the eldest three children of Mark Lyle and July Kay (Knapp) Olson. Shown are: Jeremiah Mark Olson (back), Michelle Kay Olson (right), Joshua Nathaniel Olson (left), and Marissa Rose Olson (front).

A wedding photograph of the bride (Julie Kay Knapp) and groom (Mark Lyle Olson) with her parents: C. Gordon and Rosalie Kay (Payne) Knapp. Date: June 14, 1980.
JEREMIAH MARK OLSON

(Written text and photograph provided by C. Gordon Knapp). Jeremiah Mark Olson was born July 2, 1983, in Los Angeles, California, and was the son of Mark Lyle and Julie Kay (Knapp) Olson. Jeremiah Olson worked as a Principal and was Superintendent of Schools in Jamestown, North Dakota. Jeremiah Olson married Rebekah Marie Joy on June 19, 2004. Rebekah Marie Joy was born September 11, 1982. Jeremiah and Rebekah Marie (Joy) Olson had three daughters, Naomi Joy Olson, born August 2, 2006, and twins, Lydia Faith Olson and Abigail Grace Olson, born October 8, 2008.

NAOMI JOY OLSON

(Written text and photograph provided by C. Gordon Knapp). Naomi Joy Olson was born August 2, 2006, and was the daughter of Jeremiah and Rebekah Marie (Joy) Olson.


Naomi Joy Olson at 1 year. Photograph taken during August of 2007.
LYDIA FAITH OLSON

(Written text and photograph provided by C. Gordon Knapp). Lydia Faith Olson was born, October 8, 2008, and was the daughter of Jeremiah Mark and Rebekah Marie (Joy) Olson.

A photograph of Lydia Faith Olson at three months of age.

ABIGAIL GRACE OLSON

(Written text and photograph provided by C. Gordon Knapp). Abigail Grace Olson was born, October 8, 2008, and was the daughter of Jeremiah Mark and Rebekah Marie (Joy) Olson.

A photograph of Abigail Grace Olson at three months of age.
MICHELLE KAY (OLSON) GIESE

(Written by C. Gordon Knapp). **Michelle Kay Olson** was born on April 2, 1985, in Los Angeles, California, and was the daughter of Mark Lyle and Julie Kay (Knapp) Olson. Michelle Olson worked as an Interior Designer. Michelle Olson married **Matt Michael Giese** on February 12, 2005, in Jackson, Minnesota. Matt Michael Giese was born May 5, 1983 and was the son of Mary and Mike Giese. Matt Michael Giese worked as a Police Officer.

JOSHUA NATHANIEL OLSON

(Written text and photograph courtesy of C. Gordon Knapp). **Joshua Nathaniel Olson** was born on November 18, 1986, in Los Angeles, California, and was the son of Mark Lyle and Julie Kay (Knapp) Olson. Joshua Olson worked as a truck driver. Joshua Olson married **Sara Schaan** on April 18, 2007, in Bismark, North Dakota. Sara Schaan was born September 1, 1987. Sara Schaan worked as a laboratory technician in a local hospital.

MARISSA ROSE OLSON

(Written text and photographs provided by C. Gordon Knapp). **Marissa Rose Olson** was born on July 22, 1993, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and was the daughter of Mark Lyle and Julie Kay (Knapp) Olson.