

Alaskan trip unites Clavell family

By Jack Shephard
MOOREFIELD — Ruth Clavell of Moorefield had never been farther away from home than Florida, and she

may have been satisfied with just that much traveling if not for one thing — a grandson who probably had not far removed from any other Kentuckians. Through she was more informed of the surroundings through communications from her son, Elmer Clavell, she still thought of Alaska as a vast frozen wasteland, an uninhabitable snow-white tundra replete with igloos, Eskimos, and ice.



Ruth Clavell stands before a Russian Orthodox church in the Alaskan village of Ninlick. The church, which dates back to at least 1900, sits upon a hill and can be seen at every point in the village, Clavell said.

What she found when she arrived was an area very closely akin to eastern Kentucky, although the differences, she said, are notable. She set forth with her daughter, Lorena Hanes, on Saturday, June 29 from the Bluegrass Field airport in Lexington.

It would be the first time Ruth had ever set foot in the hull of an airliner. But unlike the many air travel misadventures, she said she was not apprehensive about the flight. In fact, she wanted the window seat," Hanes said.

From Lexington, she flew to Chicago and gawked at the massive Chicago International Airport.

"I have never seen such a place before," Clavell said. "The different people walking around, the shops and landscapes. If the airline

hadn't been so kind as to provide me with a wheelchair, why I would never have made the connecting flight."

Her flight experience, however, would not be limited to the luxury airline that carried her across the Canadian frontier to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. From Anchorage, she had but one more flight. A twin-engine shuttle that took them over vast, snow-capped mountains to the town of Kenai. She again requested a window seat.

We flew above snow-capped mountains and saw the stony peaks below us. The small villages looked like children's toys. The pilot took the plane down the peninsula toward Kenai. It was a spectacular, the ocean on either side of this long stretch of land," Clavell said.

They arrived at 5:30pm Alaskan time and met Ruth's son, Elmer Clavell, at the airport.

Up to that point, the only way Ruth or Lorena could tell they were in Alaska was the plane trip they had just completed. Everywhere they looked, the wild flowers were in bloom. Large purple lupines grew abundantly in yards and groves along the way.

Although the fact that flowers such as these grew so abundantly in the allegedly arctic state surprised and pleased Clavell, they couldn't compare to the roadblock they encountered almost as soon as they got on the road.

"The moose was huge," Clavell said. "It just walked right in front of us," Hanes added. The moose don't dart out in the road as some deer in Kentucky. They're very slow and they seemed to be as big as an elephant. Drivers just stop and let them cross and maybe take a picture, but

that's all," Clavell said. Less frequent, but just as imposing, are the Caribou, which look to be a distant cousin of the Moose with the biggest, thickest antlers Clavell said she has ever average Nicholas Clavell.

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OBITUARIES

HATHFIELD — A member of Cane Run Baptist Church and retired horseman from Castletown Farms. Survivors include a son, William Nelson Flynn, Winchester; three daughters, Nancy A. Nichols, Lexington; Jo Ann McKenzie, Lexington; and Joyce Biles, Lexington. Three nephews: Reynolds (Buddy) Flynn, Edgemont, Kentucky; Bobby A. Flynn, Richmond; Clayton Flynn Jr., Chesterfield, Missouri; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday, July 23, 1991 at the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home in Paris by the Rev. Paul Ganser and Dr. Richard London.

PARIS — Burial at Paris Cemetery. Casketbearers were Clayton Flynn Jr., Bobby A. Flynn, Reynolds (Buddy) Flynn, Paul Florence and Hudson Morris.

LEON STEELE — Leon Steele, 73, of 4821 Mayville Road, husband of Chloisne Richie Steele, died Friday, July 26 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington. He was a member of the Bartlesville United Methodist Church, a retired mechanic and veteran of WW II, and born in Bath County to the late Floyd and Lida Hatten Steele. Other survivors include a stepson, Charles A. Greener, Jr., a stepdaughter, Mary Dayton, Ft. Jewell, Kentucky; Nicholas County, Freda Bailey, Paris; Rita Baker, Carlisle; two brothers, Carl Steele, Carlisle, and Clark Steele, Paris; a sister, Anna Mae Pruitt, Paris; several nieces and nephews; 12 step grandchildren; and several step great grandchildren.

Services were held 2 p.m. Monday at Mather-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Brenda Routt. Burial in Bartlesville Cemetery. Casketbearers were Melvin Fryman, Clonus and Dowdell Ritchie, Adam Dayton, Billy Towles, Carl and Gary Steele.

FLYNN — William W. Flynn, 82, 580 Greenfield Drive, Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Paris, widower of Eva Lee Kincaid, died Sunday, July 21, 1991 at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington after an extended illness.

Services were held Monday, July 29 at 2 p.m. at Clark Funeral Home in Moorefield by Rev. Darrell Sexton. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Casketbearers were G.W. Sexton, Mike Sexton, Perry Foster, Phillip Hunt, Wayne Jolly, and Andy Jolly.

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2X8 #2 SPF	23.88	26.81	29.74	33.72	36.42	40.42	45.42
2X10 #2 SPF	24.37	27.30	30.23	34.21	36.91	40.91	45.91
2X12 #2 POOL-PIPE		30.30	33.27	36.24	39.21	42.18	45.15
TREATED		10"	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"
2X4 TREATED	21.40	24.37	27.34	31.32	34.02	37.72	41.42
2X6 TREATED	22.25	25.22	28.19	32.17	34.87	38.57	42.27
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2X10 TREATED	24.67	27.64	30.61	34.59	37.29	40.99	44.69
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