

## Lance and Melanie Carlson



Maggie, Lance, Melanie, Max, Sophia Carlson

Lance Christian Carlson was born November 15, 1969 at Osmond General Hospital, Osmond, Nebraska, to Kenneth and Marilyn (Shallberg) Carlson. He was raised in Wausa, Nebraska the youngest of four children. Lance graduated from Wausa Public High School in 1988. After high school Lance attended Kearney State College in Kearney, Nebraska on a Regents Scholarship. In 1992 he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from what by then had become the University of Nebraska at Kearney. While at Kearney, Lance met Melanie Farley.

Melanie Marie Farley was born October 18, 1971 in Syracuse, Nebraska where she was raised. She is the daughter of W. Harland and Mary Ellen (Heng) Farley and is the second youngest of eleven siblings. Melanie participated in a number of activities growing up most notably golf, qualifying for the Nebraska State High School Golf Tournament during her senior year. Melanie graduated from Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca high school in 1990 and subsequently attended Kearney State College where she met her future husband.

After graduation from Kearney, Lance moved to Lincoln to attend the University of Nebraska College of Law and Melanie soon followed. On August 7, 1993 Lance and Melanie were united in marriage at the First Evangelical Covenant Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Their first home was a small apartment near the University's East Campus where the Law College is located.

In May of 1995 Lance graduated from the College of Law with his Juris Doctorate degree. That summer he learned that Patrick Rogers, the attorney in Randolph, Nebraska had been appointed to serve as a county judge and would be selling his practice. Since Lance and Melanie had both been raised in small, rural communities the idea of living in a small town and raising a family in that environment was very appealing to both of them. In September of 1995, after passing the Bar Exam, Lance interviewed with Mark Behm of Wausa and his partner, Craig Monson of Laurel who had purchased the Rogers

Law Office. He was soon hired to work for the firm and on October 1, 1995 Lance and Melanie moved to Randolph.

Their first home was a very small house in the east end of town near the Catholic Church. It was while residing there that on December 3, 1997 Margaret Ellen (Maggie) Carlson was born to Lance and Melanie.

From October of 1995 through March of 2004, Lance practiced law with Mark Behm and Craig Monson as part of the partnership, "Monson, Behm & Carlson".

During this time many other changes occurred in the Carlson family. In April of 1999, the Carlsons realized that if their family was to grow more room would be needed. So it was in that month that they purchased the former Troshynski home at the very south end of town where they continue to reside.

On May 8, 2000 the family welcomed their second daughter, Sophia Marie and on October 30, 2003 a son, Max Christian was born.

On April 1, 2004 Lance purchased the law office from Mark Behm and Craig Monson and renamed it Carlson Law Office and continues to work as a solo practitioner.

Family life keeps Lance and Melanie busy but they are happy to be raising their family in this community. Maggie is finishing seventh grade at Randolph Public Schools, Sophia is finishing fifth grade and Max will be entering second grade this fall. The family attends the Evangelical Covenant Church of Wausa where they are involved in many activities.

Lance spends his spare time golfing, reading, enjoying music and following the Huskers. Melanie is a very avid reader and also enjoys golf, tennis and following sports. Most of all, Melanie enjoys being a mother to her three children.

The Carlsons are truly thankful for the opportunity to raise their children in this small community and feel very blessed to be part of such a special town. *Submitted by Lance and Melanie Carlson*

## Dean and Ruth Carstens

Dean and Ruth Carstens celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June of 2008. They were married at St. Frances Catholic Church on June 3, 1958. They have three children: David, Julie and Jeffrey. Another child, Mary Ruth, was stillborn in June, 1975.

David was born on March 5, 1966, and was adopted that same year. He now lives in his grandparent's (Herbert and Anna Carstens) former home six miles south of Randolph. In 1993, David married Shelly Buss and they had two children, Taylor, born on August 8, 1998, and Emily, who was born on December 28, 2002. The children now live with their mother in Creighton. David currently works for First National Bank in Wayne.

Julie was born on March 15, 1968, and was adopted in 1968. She married Jaber Katealo in October of 2007 and they have one child, Elijah, who was born on August 20,

2007. The Katealos live in Omaha. Julie is presently a property manager in West Omaha.



**Dean and Ruth Carstens**

Jeffrey was born on August 24, 1977. He married Keri Henderson on August 29, 2009. They live in Ames, Iowa, where Jeff works for the USDA as an agricultural science research technician.

Dean and Ruth live five and three fourths miles south of Randolph on the Pierce/Wayne county line. It is the same farm Dean's grandfather, Charles Carstens, purchased in 1898. In 1927, Dean's parents moved onto the farm and farmed the land until 1958, at which time, Dean and Ruth moved onto it. They farmed until 1962, when Dean was drafted into the US Army. They returned to the farm in 1964 and farmed the land until 1996 when Dean decided to retire.

Dean and Ruth belong to St. Frances Church in Randolph. Ruth has played the organ for church for over 40 years. She also gives private piano lessons at their home. *Submitted by Dean and Ruth Carstens*

### **Herbert and Anna Carstens**

Herbert Carstens was born to Charles and Frieda Carstens on September 13, 1902 at their farm home six miles south of Randolph. Herbert attended District #39 country school in Pierce County. He began farming at an early age due to the health of his father.

On December 17, 1924 Herbert and Anna Rudebusch were married at the home of the bride's parents. Anna was born on February 20, 1904 to Henry and Marie Rudebusch at Pender, Nebraska. At the age of seven, she moved with her parents to a farm south of Randolph. She attended District #28 country school in Pierce County.

Herbert and Anna made their first home on a farm near McLean, Nebraska. In 1927 they moved to the Carstens farm near Randolph where Herbert was born. To this marriage was born four children: Arlene was born in

1926 and married Harold Obermeyer in 1943; Lois was born in 1930 and married Arnold Witte in 1949; Norma was born in 1932 and married Jim Flanders in 1952; and Dean who was born in 1938 and married Ruth Kuhl in 1958.

In 1958, Dean and Ruth moved onto the Carstens farm and Herbert and Anna moved to a farm they owned in Wayne County, which was only one-half mile away.

Herbert and Anna were both confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph and were active members until their deaths. Herbert died July 1992 and Anna died November 1994. Both are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery south of McLean, Nebraska.

Daughter Arlene passed away January 2002 and her husband Harold Obermeyer passed away January 2010. Norma's husband, Jim Flanders passed away in November 1993 and she later married Donald King. They are now residing in Sun City, Arizona. Lois' husband, Arnold Witte passed away in February 2004 and she later married Harold Jensen. They also currently reside in Sun City, Arizona. Dean and Ruth Carsens are still living on the Carstens farm which was homesteaded by Dean's great-grandfather. *Submitted by Herbert and Anna Carstens Family*

### **Barry and Carol Caster**

Barry and Carol now live in Omaha, but their roots are still firmly planted in Randolph. Barry was born in November 1948 to Victor L. and Geraldine (Whalen) Caster, the worst winter they'd seen - until maybe 2009-2010? Carol was born in May, 1952 to Paul J. and Dorothy (Kaiser) Schnieders. Barry and Carol both graduated from St. Frances de Chantal Catholic High School - Barry in 1967 and Carol in 1970.

After high school, Barry entered the Navy and served his country for three years. After returning home in 1970, he worked for Gubbels Construction in Norfolk before moving to Omaha to go into residential construction. Carol entered Patricia Stevens Career College after graduation from high school and later joined a firm in downtown Omaha as a legal secretary.

Barry and Carol were married on August 4, 1973. They didn't have too much time to themselves as Angie was born on May 1, 1974. Melanie followed on December 17, 1976 and Megan on September 25, 1981. All three still remember their summer visits to the farm and how much fun they had with their cousins there.

Angie currently works as a school psychologist in the Shawnee Mission School District, and lives in Overland Park, Kansas with her husband, Mark Allen. They will be making Barry and Carol grandparents for the first time around April 1, 2010 which the family is very excited about.

Melanie is a trainer for Paypal and a world-traveler as she has gotten to visit China, Ireland and Vancouver, B.C., along with sites in the U.S. for her job.



Megan works at Signs & Shapes International, the creator of Lil' Red.

Barry still works in construction and Carol works for a tax and business consulting firm.

Congratulations to the City of Randolph on this big celebration! *Submitted by Carol G. Caster*

### Victor and Geraldine Caster



Geraldine Caster

Victor L. Caster, son of Fred and Mabel (Leicy) Caster, was born September 30, 1916 at Belden. He grew up in the Belden, McLean and Randolph area and graduated from the Randolph Public School in 1934.

Geraldine Whalen, born February 16, 1922 at Sholes, was the daughter of Leonard and Leona (Kenny) Whalen. Geraldine was a graduate of the Sholes Public Schools.

Vic and Geraldine were married February 12, 1942 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Vic was farming north of Randolph and living with his parents, so they resided with them as the country was in World War II and they knew Vic would be called to service. He entered the U.S. Army on October 22, 1942 and went to Hawaii for his basic training. He was overseas 38 months, serving in three major battles, Marianas, Saipan and Okinawa. He was discharged on December 7, 1945.

During his absence, Geraldine lived the first year with her sister and her husband, Virginia and Harold Blotz, in Portland, Oregon and was employed at Safeway. When the Blotz' returned to Randolph a year later, Geraldine accompanied them and lived with her parents. She worked at the City Grocery, owned by Carl Wattier, until Vic's return.

They were very fortunate to get a farm north of Randolph. Barry was born November 24, 1948, a winter they will never forget. They came to town with a team and wagon and Geraldine stayed with Mrs. Goodman, a nursing home where Barry was born. Vic walked to town each night and stayed overnight with them. There was so much snow that winter that they never really used cars.

Cinda was born April 29, 1950, also at Mrs. Goodman's. They later moved east of Randolph and

Vickie joined the happy family, February 2, 1953 and Denise on August 26, 1956. Both were born at the Osmond Hospital.

After enduring two years of drought, Vic and Geraldine had a farm sale in November of 1964. They moved into Randolph in September of 1965, when they purchased their present home on Douglas Street or as the grandkids now say "The house under the water tower!" At that time, the Legion Hall, the former Sons of Herman Hall, was on the lot next door, which was where Vic and Geraldine met at a dance, eighteen months prior to their marriage. The hall has since been removed.

Vic was employed by the City of Randolph a short time before going to work for Al Sauser at Home Oil Company.

Barry and Cinda graduated from St. Frances High School and Vickie and Denise graduated from Randolph Public School. The children married and now have children and grandchildren of their own.

Vic and Geraldine enjoyed living in Randolph. Vic was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving as commander and also a member of the American Legion. He was an avid football fan and loved bowling, participating in league bowling and tournaments. Geraldine is a member of the VFW Post 5545 Auxiliary where she has served as secretary since June of 1995, and of the St. Frances PCCW. Both were members of St. Frances Church since their marriage.



Barry, Denise, Geraldine, Cinda and Vickie

Vic retired in December of 1981. He became ill in September of 1983 and died of cancer on March 3, 1984.

Geraldine worked at the Randolph Times newspaper until she retired in May of 2001 after 35 years of employment.

Geraldine enjoys traveling with her daughters and granddaughters. They visited Virginia and Washington D. C. in 2004. In addition to dipping their toes in the ocean at Virginia Beach, they enjoyed most everything in D. C.; the Capitol Building, Arlington National Cemetery, Holocaust Museum, Lincoln Memorial, Viet Nam and Korean Memorials. They were unable to see the World War II memorial as it was still under construction and it was covered up so no one would see it before it was completed.

In 2005, Geraldine was able to see New York City. Besides standing in the rain to see or be seen on the Today Show, she attended her first play on Broadway, "Beauty and The Beast". Her trips since have been closer to home, visiting her children and grandchildren in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

Geraldine now has 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren (plus one on the way) and two step-great grandchildren. She still enjoys working in her yard and taking care of her flower beds and rose garden. *Submitted by Geraldine Caster*

### **Clint and Amie Clausen**



**Amie, Jolee, Jordan, Clint Clausen**

The family of Clint and Amie Clausen moved to Randolph in August 2007 for Amie to serve as Administrator at Colonial Manor of Randolph.

Clint Ray Clausen was born August 24, 1969 in Blair, Nebraska to Sydney and Janice (Christiansen) Clausen. He was the first of two sons born to this union. He grew up in the Arlington, Nebraska area and graduated in 1987 from Arlington High School. As a child he worked on the family farm and participated in 4-H and served as student trainer for the Arlington High School sports. He attended and graduated from the Southeast Community College in Milford, getting a degree in Diesel Technology. After college he was employed at Contractors Repair in Waterloo, Nebraska for three years, Rhea Cattle Company in Arlington, Nebraska for three years and Sid Dillon Chevrolet for thirteen years before moving to Randolph. He now is employed at West Randolph Farm Supply as a mechanic.

Amie Jo Hansen was born August 6, 1970 in Blair, Nebraska to Richard "Dick" and Lorraine (Lorsch) Hansen. She was the first of two daughters born to this union. She grew up in the Blair area and graduated in 1988 from Blair High School. She was active in Band, Choir and 4-H while growing up. She attended Southeast Community College in Lincoln, getting a degree in Human Services with a Mental Health major. After college she worked at Crowell Memorial Home in Blair, as the Activity Director for three years; Good Shepherd Lutheran Community in Blair serving as the Assistant

Director of the Adult Day Center, Director of the Adult Day Center and Social Services Director for a total of fourteen years before moving to Randolph. She now serves as Administrator at Colonial Manor of Randolph.

Clint and Amie meet at a Junior Leaders meeting that was part of 4-H in Washington County. They dated through high school and college. On September 15, 1990, they were married at First Lutheran Church in Blair. For the first six years after they were married, they lived in Arlington, and then moved to Blair to the home that Amie grew up in. In 2007, the Clausen family moved to Randolph and bought a place just northwest of Randolph in Pierce County.

Jolee Kay Clausen was born January 4, 1995 in Blair. She has a love for quilting and music. She participates in softball, volleyball, track, 4-H and Luther League at St. John's Lutheran Church. She has enjoyed years of singing with the Nebraska Children's Chorus in Omaha, Nebraska and having her quilts displayed at quilt shows.

Jordan James Clausen was born July 24, 1998 in Blair. He loves to run anything with a motor. He participates in 4-H and youth sports of football and baseball.

The Clausen family was very involved in Washington County by being active members at First Lutheran Church in Blair. Clint and Amie served as 4-H Leaders and Clint served on the Washington County Fair Board for thirteen years. Amie served on the Extension Board in Washington County. They also helped coach their children's sports teams. After moving to Randolph, the Clausen's became involved at St. John's Lutheran Church. Clint and Amie took the needed classes and National Registry tests to be able to volunteer as members of the Randolph Rescue Squad. Amie serves on the Pierce County Extension Board. Clint and Amie are co-chairs of the committee in charge of events for the Randolph Q125 celebration.

Clint's brother, Troy Lee (born June 5, 1971) and Amie's sister, Cynthia Marie (born February 6, 1975) were married August 30, 1997 in Blair. Two sons have blessed this union: Chase Christian Clausen (born July 3, 2001) and Triston Lee Clausen (born May 27, 2005). *Submitted by Clint and Amie Clausen*

### **James and Hazel Collier**

James "Jim" Collier was born to William and Janet (Mackey) Collier on October 12, 1893, in Dumfermline, Scotland. He worked in the coal mines until 1911, when with his family he migrated to Nebraska.

The Colliers sailed on the Baltic from Liverpool, England to New York and traveled by train from New York to Randolph. They were to make their new home on a farm five miles north of town.

Hazel Muhm was born to Frederick and Hattie (Kober) Muhm on June 27, 1890. Hazel graduated from the eighth grade at District 50. She did not attend high school but stayed at home to help her mother with her younger



brothers and sisters. After several years she attended Wayne Normal School and the University of Nebraska.

Jim Collier and Hazel Muhm were married February 14, 1917, at the Muhm home north of Randolph. They moved to a farm near the Pearl Creek School and later to a farm nine miles north of Randolph where they resided for many years.

The children born to this couple were: Dorothy, twins Vera and Vena, Dean, Ruth and Hugh who died in infancy. The four oldest children graduated from Robbins School, District 94, where Jim served on the school board for many years. Ruth completed her eighth grade education at District 93.

Times were hard during the thirties. There was no rain, the hot winds blew and the grasshoppers came. Often the dust was so bad that at mid-day it was so dark that the lamps had to be lit. It was the job of the children to herd the cattle along the roads when the pastures were gone. The groceries and other necessities were purchased with money received from selling cream.

While the children were growing up, entertainment consisted of games played around the dining room table by the light of the kerosene lamp, neighborhood card parties attended by the entire family and house dances. In the winter it was time for sleigh riding followed by steaming cups of hot chocolate and cookies enjoyed around the coal stove. There wasn't a lot of money but everyone had a good time.

Dorothy, Vera and Vena graduated from Randolph High School. Dorothy and Vena taught in rural schools in Cedar County and later in California schools from which they retired. Vera worked in Sioux City and Fremont and later in a bank in Omaha.

Dean served with the United States Army on the European front during World War II. After his discharge he worked for telephone companies in Walthill, Norfolk and Omaha until his retirement. Ruth worked in Fremont and Sioux City and retired from the Postal Service in California.

Jim, Hazel and Ruth left the farm and moved to San Diego in 1942. Jim worked in a defense plant. Ruth graduated from Hoover High School, San Diego, California.

The Colliers returned to Nebraska in 1944 and Jim died in 1945. Hazel remained in Randolph until 1957 when she returned to California. She resided in California until her death in 1975.

Surviving members of the immediate family are: Dorothy Jerland of California; Vera Marreel of Nebraska; Vena Marreel of Nebraska; Dean Collier of Nebraska and Arizona; Ruth Kuhlman of California. *Submitted by Vena (Collier) Marreel*

### **Nick and Anna Colling**

Nick and Anna Colling both had deep roots in Randolph. They lived their entire married life in the immediate area.

Nick Stephen Colling was born to Nicholas and Margaret (Steiner) Colling, November 7, 1902. They came to Randolph in 1897 from LeMars, Iowa.

Nick Jr. had nine sisters and five brothers. He attended St. Frances School. As a boy he liked to trap and play baseball. At an early age he knew he wanted to be a farmer.

Anna Dorothy Reding was the oldest child of Peter Jr. and Theresa (Klocke) Reding. She was born January 9, 1905.

Anna's parents were married in St. Frances Catholic Church at Randolph, January 20, 1903. They lived on a farm east of Randolph at the time of her birth.



**Nick and Anna Colling**

Anna's paternal grandparents were Peter Sr. and Anna (Majers) Reding. They came to Randolph in 1892, from White Lake, South Dakota. Her maternal grandparents, Frank and Dorothy Klocke came to Randolph in 1895, from St. Bernard in Platte County in Nebraska.

In 1914, Anna's father moved his family to a farm south of Osmond, which he bought. Whenever Anna and her sisters, Dorothy and LaVine, and brothers, Frank and Gene, came to Randolph to visit grandparents, they could easily visit both sets since the Redings and Klockes lived only one house apart in the block just west of the Catholic Church, now Mosher Street.

Anna graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Osmond. As a young lady, she worked in homes and also in Erinburg's store.

Nick and Anna were married January 27, 1925, at St. Mary's Church in Osmond. Their first home was a farm north of Randolph. In 1929, they moved to the Colling farm one-quarter of a mile southwest of Randolph which they bought from Nick's mother. For several years Nick rented extra land nearby. He enjoyed raising cattle and working the fields with a fast team of horses. In 1954, they moved into Randolph where he worked part-time at the Home Oil Company. After four years, Nick decided to go back to full time farming. They moved to a farm he

owned two miles south of Randolph where he built a dam he was very proud of.

In 1961, they moved to a smaller farm three-quarters of a mile north of Randolph, living there until 1968, when they retired and moved into a home close to the Catholic Church which made it easy for them to attend daily Mass.

The Collings had two daughters, Armella and Janelle. Armella was born February 15, 1930. Janelle was born May 9, 1934. Both girls graduated from St. Frances High School. Armella was employed at the local Northwestern Bell office two years and was married to Eldred Bloomquist June 28, 1950. Janelle was employed at Parlette Electric in Randolph and later as office assistant to Dr. A. E. Mailliard in Osmond until her marriage to Glen Gubbels December 28, 1955.

The Collings celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1975. They have twelve grandchildren.

Anna Colling passed away March 14, 1978 and Nick died August 13, 1982. *Submitted for 1986 History by Armella Bloomquist – Updated by Bloomquist family*

### **The Copple Family**

As a young man, James Alexander Copple and two brothers came to the United States from Germany. He first moved westward to the Illinois area and then on to Nebraska. He married Mary E. Porter in 1864, and to that union thirteen children were born. One of those children was Elmer E. (Nick) Copple, who married Sophronia V. Willcox. They spent the major part of their lives around Randolph as farmers raising their two children: Irma (Copple) Lenton and Vurney E. Copple.

Vurney E. Copple, was born, reared and lived his life of eighty-three years in the Randolph area. He married Hannah M. Lewis of McLean in 1919, and their family included: Florence “Marjorie” (Copple) Arp and Lewis J. Copple. Vurney was a farmer and later worked many years in the Roger Johnson Funeral Home and Randolph Gamble Store. He did custom corn shelling and threshing. Lewis remembers well the threshing run activities, as his Dad had the threshing machine and threshed the “run” of those southwest of Randolph. This would bring to mind such names as: Backer, Huwaldt, Huff, Macklin, Bermel, Colling, Rudebusch, Van Slyke, Haskins, and Hosch.

Marjorie and Lewis attended rural schools southwest of Randolph and Randolph High School. Marjorie and her family are farmers. Lewis taught in a rural school, District 28 S.W., which he had also attended. Following military service in the Air Force, he continued his career in education.

Lewis has fond memories of roller skating, dancing and bowling at the Randolph Ballroom; attending the Methodist Church and being part of their MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) in the 1940’s; milking many cows and selling milk to Mr. Ellis Barker; his Mom selling cream and eggs; the George Thelen and the Vic and Mary Landberg families as farm neighbors; his folk’s big home

on the hill in south Randolph; the growing up in the Randolph Community, which provided a rural background with parents that were the best.

As many Randolphans know, Vurney Copple passed away in 1982 and Hannah passed away in 1988.

F. Marjorie, was married to August Arp and she passed away in 2007 and is buried in the Laurel Cemetery at Laurel, Nebraska. She has a daughter, Kay Paulson, who currently lives in Laurel, Nebraska; a daughter, Lori Garth, currently lives in Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter, Sharon Arp, currently lives in Wayne, Nebraska and a son, Darwyn, currently lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and a son, Kelly, in Nebraska.

Lewis, and his wife, Barbara have lived in Norfolk, Nebraska for over fifty years. Lewis has been retired sixteen years from Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. He was Registrar for thirty years at the college. Their family consists of three children. Their daughter, Mary Lew (Copple) Nancarrow, was born in 1953. Mary has a bachelor’s degree in theater from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a master’s degree from the University of Texas. Mary Lew has been a school teacher in Austin, Texas. She has one daughter, Ariel (Nancarrow) Leon, who has a small son named Noah.

Their son, David, and his wife Shirley, live in Norfolk, Nebraska. He was born in 1957 and graduated from the University of Nebraska and also from the University of Nebraska College of Law. He has a law firm “Copple, Rockey and McKeavor” in Norfolk and Omaha, Nebraska. David and his wife have a daughter, Jordan Ann, who is a freshman at Norfolk Senior High School. She participates in music and athletic activities.

Their son, Curt, and his wife, Deb, live in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He was born in 1960 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State College with a major in Business. He is the CEO of a large retirement center in Scottsbluff and Gering, Nebraska. He has one son, Collin, who lives in North Richland Hills, Texas. *Submitted by Lewis J. Copple*

### **Ray and Angela Craven**

Ray and Angela (Borgmann) Craven moved to Randolph in the early 1940’s. Ray Craven was employed by the Sherwood Meat Market for many years. Ray drove a meat truck that delivered meat from the Sherwood Market to small grocery stores throughout the area from Royal, Nebraska to Winside, Nebraska and many other surrounding towns.

In the late forties Ray purchased the local harness, shoe and canvas repair shop. He also tore down the adjoining building and built Randolph’s first pool hall. The harness shop was located in a building where the current Patent Electric shop is located.

In the mid-fifties Ray purchased the Randolph Locker and Creamery Plant where the current Fire Hall is located. He

continued to buy cream, deliver milk and do meat processing.

In the late fifties there was a fire in the Roxy Theater that was owned by Leonard Liese and the grocery store that belonged to Joe Miller. Ray purchased the destroyed Miller Grocery and built a new building where Paul Tunink operated Tunink's IGA Grocery Store which was later purchased by Judy Braden and then Jim Riedel. This building is currently Leiting Auto Supply.



**Bernie, Judy, Angela, Ray and Rex Craven**

Angela Craven was active for many years as a member of St. Frances De Chantal Catholic Church. She was very active in church organizations and a choir member for over fifty years.

Ray and Angela had three children: Judy A. Huwaldt (Mrs. James E Huwaldt), Bernie Craven and Rex P. Craven.

Judy and Jim Huwaldt had three children, Diane, Brenda and Deborah. They have five grandchildren. They currently live in the Atlanta, Georgia area. Bernie married Carol Andersen. Bernie and Carol Craven had three children, Kristi, Jeff and Ryan. They have seven grandchildren and live in Norfolk, Nebraska. Rex Craven is currently living and working in Pierre, South Dakota.  
*Submitted by Judy (Craven) Huwaldt*

### **Dale and Betty Cunningham**

Dale Samuel Cunningham, son of William and Nina (Caster) Cunningham was born on a farm northeast of Randolph, November 5, 1920. The family later moved to a farm north of Randolph on the "Church Road". Dale has one brother Boyd and twelve sisters. He received his education at District 93 Cedar County, where he farmed and worked as a hired hand. Dale entered the Navy during World War II and spent much of his tour of duty in the South Pacific. After his discharge from the Navy in

1946, Dale returned to Randolph and started farming. He is a member of VFW Post 5545 at Randolph.

January 14, 1951, Dale married Jane E. (Betty) Dowling at Randolph. They lived on a farm Northeast of Randolph. Betty is the daughter of Orval and Mildred (Jones) Dowling. She has two brothers and one sister. Betty received her education at District 38 of rural Randolph and graduated from Randolph High School in 1945. She attended Wayne State College and taught in rural schools for several years.

Dale and Betty had three children: Sheila, Nancy and Jim. All of the children attended and graduated from Randolph Public Schools.

Sheila attended Platte College and after graduation moved to Omaha and worked many years as a nurse at Clarkson Hospital. She now works for the American Red Cross. Sheila married Craig Swanson of Omaha and they have a daughter, Cheryl. Cheryl attended Wayne State College in Wayne and now is a teacher in the Omaha Schools.

Nancy worked for years at the Coleridge and Randolph Nursing Homes. She is married to Eugene Jensen of Winside. Eugene works in Norfolk and they have just opened the Jensen's H & K Café in Winside. Nancy has three boys: Larry, Robert and Donald. Eugene has one daughter who lives at Minot, North Dakota.

Larry is married to Kelly Apple and they live in Randolph. Larry and Kelly have two children: Gavin and Hadleigh. Larry works in Norfolk and drives truck.



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Robert and Donald also live in Randolph and drive truck for BoBo's Express to California each week.

Dale and Betty's son, Jim married Kathy (Korth) and they live in Norfolk. Jim has worked at Affiliated Foods Midwest in Norfolk for over 20 years. Kathy works at Marathon Press Inc. in Norfolk. Jim and Kathy have three children: Shauna, Jenna and Jared.



Shauna married Ted Randall and they live in Lincoln. They have three children: Britanie, Braydon and Brileigh. Shauna graduated from Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Jenna attended college in Lincoln and is a dental assistant in Lincoln where she lives.

Jared attended college in Lincoln, where he still lives and works for Purina of Lincoln.

Dale and Betty held a farm sale November 1977 and moved into Randolph. Dale did carpentry work and continued doing that after moving to town. Later he started working at Jerry's Hilltop until he had complications of a heart attack which slowed him down. Dale still has a large garden and enjoys sharing most of it with friends and neighbors.

Betty worked at the Colonial Manor in Randolph as a cook for 29 years, but after having multiple surgeries had to retire.

Dale and Betty are members of the Methodist Church in Randolph. Dale has served on the church board and District 115 school board for many years. They also belonged to the Town Twirlers and Over The Hill Square Dance Clubs for many years.

Dale and Betty spend their time enjoying their home, friends and family. Dale helps around the kitchen and loves to cook. Betty thinks his Mother was a good teacher. But if you see Dale getting worms – you know fishing is on his mind! *Submitted by Dale and Betty Cunningham*

### **William and Nina Cunningham**



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William J. Cunningham was born June 1, 1896, at Earling, Iowa; and Nina F. Caster was born February 13, 1896, at Randolph. William and Nina were married January 18, 1916.

To this couple, 14 children were born: Boyd, Vera, Dale, Velma, Eva, Aulda, Leila, Irma, Flo, Doris, Helen, Audrey, Wilma and Alice. One daughter, Aulda, passed away on June 6, 1942 at the age of 15.

Bill and Nina started farming with horses. They drove a horse with a buggy or bobsled through good and bad years. They purchased their first tractor in 1936 after the barn was struck by lightning and all the horses were killed in the fire.

Their first car purchased was a Model T Ford.

Good living was usually made milking cows, raising chickens and growing large gardens. They took cream and eggs to town once or twice a week to sell. Several hundred quarts of vegetables from the garden were canned. Five or six hogs and one or two beefs were butchered and processed so that it would feed the family through the winter.

Bill was director of country school District No. 93 from which all the children attended and graduated through the eighth grade.

Several of the school teachers spent bad winters with Bill and Nina. On cold winter days, parents of the children attending school took turns bringing kettles of soup for all the children at the school house. The school building no longer stands.

Through these years, many bushels of corn were picked by hand and oats were shocked and thrashed from the 400 acres William and the family farmed.

Nina made many stitches sewing all the clothes for her family. She also baked 12 loaves of bread every other day. She used 50 pounds of "Mother's Best" flour, qualifying here to get her picture in an advertisement for "Mother's Best Flour" in an issue of the *Nebraska Farmer*. The McLean's Store in Randolph was always happy to see Bill and Nina come to buy new shoes for their children at the beginning of the school year.

After all the years of hard work, Bill and Nina retired in Randolph and enjoyed their 43 grandchildren. All of their children married and most of them lived in the Randolph area.

Nina passed away on June 6, 1973 and William passed away on January 31, 1984. *Originally submitted by Robbie Burgel--Updated by Betty (Dale) Cunningham*

### **Ralph and Laura DeLong**

James Manford Denman was born December 27, 1873 in Indiana. Myrtle Violet McCuen was born July 9, 1882 in Iowa. They were married in Randolph. James and Myrtle had six daughters: Lois, Ethel, Irene, Ferne and Veigh. They lived on a farm south of Randolph before moving into Randolph. They lived in the house next to the Methodist parsonage. Ethel graduated from Randolph High School in 1921.

Ethel taught in rural schools until she met Tawney Holmes, of Foster, Nebraska. They were married July 28, 1926 and lived on a farm three miles west of Foster. Tawney and Ethel had four daughters: Eileen, Barbara, Twyla and Laura. They were all born in the same house that their father was. The Holmes family lived on the same farm until Ethel and Tawney moved into Plainview in 1969.



Daughter Barbara died of a blood clot in August 1955. Ethel died April 22, 1979 and Tawney died January 29, 1983, both died of cancer.

Laura graduated from Plainview High School in 1952 and taught in rural schools and went to Wayne State College in the summer for four years. She met Ralph DeLong in March 1955. He had just gotten out of the Air Force, where he had served for four years after graduating from Hartington High School.



**Ralph and Laura DeLong Family**

Ralph was the son of Roland and Susanna DeLong. He has twin sisters, Lucille and Lois and a brother Paul.

Laura and Ralph were married August 21, 1956 and lived on a farm by Belden. Ralph farmed with his dad and Laura taught school the first year. Patricia Ann was born June 16, 1957; and Roland Joseph was born February 23, 1960. The DeLong family moved to a farm one and one-half miles west of Belden in 1962 where they lived when Dennis Ralph was born, April 17, 1964. In 1968 the family moved to a farm three and one-half miles east of Randolph and in 1983 they built a new home and moved back to their farm one and one-half miles west of Belden.

Patricia married Keith Diediker and they had two children: Ryan Jerod and Sara Nicole. Keith drowned on May 24, 1985. Patricia married Terry Reuter on August 28, 1987. They currently live in Lenexa, Kansas. She is an outreach educator for intensive care nursery at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. They have two boys: Nathan born December 31, 1990. He is attending college in Highland, Kansas. Lucas was born October 14, 1996 and he is in the seventh grade. Ryan married Amy Matlack on July 27, 2002. He graduated from Kansas State in 2004 with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Ryan and Amy live in Olathe, Kansas and have two boys: Owen born March 29, 2006 and Maxwell born September 4, 2008. Sara graduated from the University of Kansas in 2005 with a degree in Sociology. She married Eric Gonsler on June 25, 2006. Sara and Eric are expecting a baby in June 2010. They currently live in Overland park, Kansas.

Rolly and his wife, Cindy, live in Laurel, Nebraska. He continues to farm. Rolly and Cindy have four children:

Candice Lynn born August 8, 1984; A. J. born August 1, 1987; Colten born April 11, 1989; and Bethany born April 23, 1991. Candice graduated from College of Hair Design in Lincoln in 2003; she worked in Lincoln until moving to Osmond and currently has her own beauty shop there. She is also attending classes in Norfolk. A.J. is attending the University of Nebraska and will graduate with a degree in History in May 2010. He plans to go to graduate school in the fall. Colten is a junior at the University of Nebraska studying mechanical engineering. Bethany is a senior at Laurel-Concord High School and plans to go to college in the fall of 2010 at Colorado State with a full ride scholarship in track.

Dennis married Wendy Lines April 10, 1993. They live in Elkhorn, Nebraska where Dennis teaches at Elkhorn High School and operates a driving school. They have a daughter Teigan who was born July 22, 1997. She is in the seventh grade. Wendy had three daughters: Desiree graduated from Marquette University in 2004 with a degree in International Business & Finance. She married Justin O'Shea on June 4, 2005. Desiree and Justin now live in Omaha and she is working on her Master's Degree at the University of Omaha, while working for an insurance company. Lacey attended the University of Omaha and is planning to go to nursing school. Chelsea attended the University of Omaha and is living in Omaha.

Ralph and Laura continue to live on their farm west of Belden. Their son Rolly has farmed the land since 1994.  
*Submitted by Ralph and Laura DeLong*

### **Don and Jane Dendinger**



**Don,Carla, Jane, Maysen, Jerad Dendinger**

Don Dendinger was born in Hartington, Nebraska to Leo and Theresa (Becker) Dendinger. Frances Arens was a half brother and Bob and Tom Dendinger are his brothers. He moved from Hartington to north of Randolph when he was in the seventh grade. Feeding cattle and grain farming has been his livelihood.

Don married Jane Smith in 1974. She is the daughter of Henry and Mildred (Pattee) Smith and was from De Smet, South Dakota. She had two brothers named Jack and Jim. Her sisters are Judy Kirby, Janice Schlotman, Jean Larsen, and Jill Zaperach. She graduated from Saint John's School of Nursing in Huron, South Dakota and is

currently working part time as a Registered Nurse in a clinic in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Don and Jane have two children: Jerad Dendinger, who was born August 14, 1977 and he works in Omaha; Carla Dendinger was born August 8, 1988. Carla works in Omaha and has a daughter Maysn Renee who was born April 30, 2004.

The Dendingers are members of Saint Frances Catholic church in Randolph. Don served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Iwo Jima and is a lifetime member of the VFW and the NRA. *Submitted by Don and Jane Dendinger*

### **Kenny and Frances Denison**

Kenny Denison grew up close to Tuthill, South Dakota and graduated from Bennette County High School, (Martin, South Dakota) in 1987. In October of 1989 he joined the US Navy and was stationed at San Diego, California and worked on helicopters as a jet mechanic.

Frances Shields grew up on a cattle ranch south of Nenzel, Nebraska. She graduated from high school in 1989 from Cody, Nebraska. She went on to college at Chadron State in Chadron, Nebraska and received her bachelor degree in May of 1993 in Agribusiness. One week after graduating from college, Kenny and Frances got married at her parent's ranch. She moved to San Diego with Kenny.

In 1999 Kenny was transferred to the Omaha Recruiting District and was stationed at Norfolk, Nebraska. Since they both grew up in the rural area, they looked for and bought a nice acreage close to Randolph, Nebraska.

Kenny recruited for the Navy from 1999-2002. Frances worked at the Norfolk Junior High in the library dept during this time. In 2002, Kenny was transferred to Point Mugu, California (Ventura county, north of L.A.) He worked on E-2 aircraft and was the safety Petty Officer. Frances worked at Central Purchasing Inc. in the parts department ordering domestic parts.

As Kenny's last tour in the Navy, he was transferred to Omaha, Nebraska in 2005 and worked on a base at Offutt Airforce Base with the security dept. During this time Frances lived on their Randolph acreage and worked part time at Colonial Manor and then for Sara Hank north of Carroll, Nebraska. She currently works part time at the Randolph Post Office and part time at Diversified Insurance.

Kenny retired from the Navy in 2008. This was an exciting time for both Kenny and Frances. Kenny worked for a couple local farmers and then at Northeast Equipment in Wayne, Nebraska. Kenny and Frances are enjoying Kenny being retired from the Navy. *Submitted by Kenny and Frances Denison*

### **Mark A Dickes**

Mark A Dickes was born April 6, 1959 to Gerald and Myria Dickes. Gerald and Myra are both deceased and were farmers in the Crofton area. Mark graduated in 1977 from Crofton High School. He married Penny Olsen of

Irene, South Dakota on April 17 1982. They had three children: Heath J. born December 4, 1982, John R born February 10, 1984 and Holly Rae born August 9, 1988. All three children graduated from Randolph High School.

Heath joined the Air Force in 2000 and did two tours overseas during Iraqi Freedom. He has served in the Air Force for ten years and is still in the military.

John joined the Army National Guard in 2001. John has belonged to the Yankton/Salem South Dakota Guard for 8 years. He also did two tours overseas during Iraqi Freedom. John married Jenny Gubbels on June 30, 2008. Jenny is the daughter of Steve and Marci Gubbels of Randolph. They have a daughter Jaden Jennifer born March 2010 and they currently live in Randolph.

Holly Rae married Cody Wells of Randolph October 3, 2009. Cody is the son of Roger and Pam Wells. Holly and Cody currently live in Yankton, South Dakota.

Penny also did two tours overseas. When she returned in April 2006, she decided to move on with her career and life in the military and moved to Vermillion, South Dakota.

Mark has been employed with Schwan's since 1989. *Submitted by Mark Dickes*

### **Dwight and Elvera Dominisse**

Dwight Bernard Dominisse was born August 7, 1922 on a farm east of Randolph. He was the son of Nick and Josephine (Leiting) Dominisse. Dwight had one brother, Merlin (born August 2, 1920 died May 25, 1972). Dwight was three years old and Merlin five years old when their father passed away, July 25, 1925.



**Dwight and Elvera Dominisse**

Dwight attended a country school east of Randolph and also attended St. Frances School. On February 10, 1942 his mother married Norbert Lanser (born September 24, 1906 died October 29, 1973) of Martinsburg. Norbert had one daughter, Jean. Jean is now Mrs. Merle Gerkins.



After their marriage they moved to a farm west of Randolph. Dwight's mother died December 18, 1966.

In the early 1940's Dwight worked for Albert Kuhl of Randolph and Woodrow Miller of Colton, California. Both were beekeepers from whom he learned the beekeeping business.

On November 20, 1945 Dwight married Elvera Bertha Kaiser at St. Frances Catholic Church. Elvera, daughter of Fred and Hilda Kaiser, was born February 24, 1922 on a farm east of Crofton, Nebraska. In September of that year her father died at the age of 24 and she and her mother then moved to the Randolph area. She attended Sholes school for a few years and graduated from St. Frances Catholic High School in May, 1940. Her mother died two weeks before her graduation from high school. After graduation Elvera attended NBT in Sioux City, Iowa. She was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company until her marriage.

The first four months of their married life they lived in Colton, California, working for Woodrow Miller Honey Company. They then returned to Randolph and lived in the Kelsch Apartments for eight years. After that they rented a house, and in 1955 bought the acreage east of the St. Frances CCD Center. At that time Dwight was still associated with Miller Honey Company, leasing bees from them and working out of a warehouse in Belden. In 1963 they built their warehouse on the acreage they owned. Later they purchased the bees and established their own beekeeping business.

The Dominisses were members of St. Frances Catholic church.

Dwight and Elvera had three children: Gary Dwight; Sandra Kary (Sandy) and Richard Dean (Rick).

Gary was born February 14, 1949 at the Goodman Nursing Home in Randolph. He attended St. Frances Schools and graduated in 1968. He graduated from Sioux City School of Barbering in Sioux City, Iowa in 1969. He married Patricia Marie (Pat) Eddie February 7, 1970 at St. Frances Church. Pat is the daughter of Wendell and Marvene Eddie of Randolph. Pat graduated from St. Frances High School in 1968 and from Stewart's School of Hair Styling in Sioux City, Iowa in 1969. She was an instructor at Stewart's until her marriage to Gary who was barbering in Carroll, Iowa. They lived in Carroll, Iowa for one and one-half years. In 1971 they moved to Randolph and Gary was an apiarist (bee keeper) for many years with his father and brother Rick. He now hauls grain. Pat owns and operates Pat's Klip & Kurl Beauty Shop in her home. They have five children: Michael Todd; Jeffrey Daniel; Douglas Lee; Kristy Ann and Julie Marie. Michael married Lisa Biven and they have three children: Carolyn Yank, William Yank and Isabelle Marie. Jeffrey married Jill Hanna, daughter of Rich and Rita Gubbels and they have three children: Robbyn Hanna, Thomas Hanna and Emma Lynn. Douglas married Brenda Biernbaum, daughter of Arlen and Kathy Biernbaum. They have two sons: Carson Daniel and

Aden Douglas. Kristy married Curtis Lancaster and they have five sons: Tyler, Levi; Reid; Tucker; and Tanner. Julie married Nicholas Synovec, son of Jerry and Verlene Synovec and they have one son, Ethan James.

Dwight and Elvera's second child, a daughter Sandy was born September 25, 1951 at the Goodman Nursing Home in Randolph. She attended St. Frances Schools graduating in 1969, attended Stewart's School of Hair Styling in Sioux City, Iowa, graduating in 1970. She married Loren Ray Skatter of Lake Mills, Iowa, June 30, 1979 at the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa. Loren is the son of Obert and Hazel Skatter of Lake Mills. Sandy is self employed as a beautician at "A Cut Above" in Lake Mills. Loren is an operator at the Lake Mills light plant. They have three children: Traci Lynn, John Henry and Pamela Kay. Traci Lynn married Michael Strathman, the son of Myron and Logene Strathman. Mike and Traci have two children: Anthony Michael was born January 8, 1995 and died January 8, 1995 and Michaela Lynn. John Henry married Amanda Fidler and Pamela Kay married Jason Westman. Pamela and Jason have a daughter, Hanna Kay.

The third child born to Dwight and Elvera was a son, Rick. Rick was born February 21, 1953 at the Goodman Nursing Home in Randolph. He attended St. Frances Catholic School through 1970 and graduated from Randolph Public School in 1971. Rick married Karen Elizabeth Weber August 21, 1976 at First United Methodist Church in Randolph. Karen is the daughter of Marvin and Virginia Weber. Karen graduated from Randolph Public School in 1975 and received her Bachelor of Arts in Education (elementary, mathematics) from Wayne State College in 1979. They have two children: Kyle Richard and Karissa Elizabeth.

Dwight died August 10, 1975 at the age of 53 and is buried in the St. Frances Cemetery. Since his death his sons, Gary and Rick, have continued the operation of the bee business under the name of Dominisse Honey Company. Elvera died July 16, 1998.

### **Gary and Pat Dominisse**

Gary Dominisse is the oldest son of Dwight and Elvera Dominisse. He was born February 14, 1949 at the Goodman Nursing Home in Randolph. He attended St. Frances Schools and graduated in 1968. He also graduated from the Sioux City School of Barbering in Sioux City, Iowa in 1969.

Gary married Patricia Marie (Pat) Eddie on February 7, 1970 at St. Frances Church. Pat is the daughter of Wendell and Marvene Eddie. Pat graduated from St. Frances High School in 1968 and from Stewart's School of Hair Styling in Sioux City, Iowa in 1969. She was an instructor at Stewart's until her marriage to Gary who was barbering in Carroll, Iowa.

They lived in Carroll, Iowa for one and one-half years after their marriage. In 1971 they moved to Randolph and Gary was an apiarist (bee keeper) for many years. He

now hauls grain. Pat owns and operates Pat's Klip & Kurl Beauty Shop in her home. They have five children: Michael Todd; Jeffrey Daniel; Douglas Lee; Kristy Ann and Julie Marie.

Michael married Lisa Biven and they have three children: Carolyn Yank, William Yank and Isabelle Marie. Jeffrey married Jill Hanna, daughter of Rich and Rita Gubbels and they have three children: Robbyn Hanna, Thomas Hanna and Emma Lynn. Douglas married Brenda Biernbaum, daughter of Arlen and Kathy Biernbaum. They have two sons: Carson Daniel and Aden Douglas. Kristy married Curtis Lancaster and they have five sons: Tyler, Levi; Reid; Tucker; and Tanner. Julie married Nicholas Synovec, son of Jerry and Verlene Synovec and they have one son, Ethan James. *Submitted by Pat Dominisse*

### Nickolas and Josephine Dominisse



Nick Dominisse



Josephine Dominisse

Nickolas W. Dominisse was born December 11, 1895, in Westphalia, Shelby County, Iowa. He came to Randolph with his parents, William and Mary Dominisse, when he was three years old. He had one brother, William and one sister, Mrs. Dan (Lena) Carroll.

On February 25, 1919 at St. France Church, Randolph, he was married to Josephine Leiting, daughter of Bernard Sr. and Mary Leiting. Josephine was born November 8, 1896 at Arcadia, Iowa.

To this union were born two sons: Merlin (born August 2, 1920 – died May 25, 1972) and Dwight (born August 7, 1922- died August 10, 1975). They lived on the homestead three miles east of Randolph. Nick was stricken with a long illness and died July 26, 1925. They were members of St. Frances Catholic Church.

Josephine and her sons continued living on this farm for seventeen years. Frank Schrad from Arcadia, Iowa, an uncle of Josephine, lived with them and helped with the farm work. He was born January 15, 1886 and died February 18, 1960.

In 1942, Josephine married Norbert Lanser of Martinsburg, Nebraska. Norbert had one daughter, Mrs Merle (Jean) Gerkins. After their marriage, they moved to a farm three miles west of Randolph.

Josephine died on December 18, 1966 at the age of 70 and Norbert died on October 29, 1973 at the age of 67. Frank, Merlin, Nick, Dwight and Josephine are buried in the St. Frances Cemetery. Norbert is buried in the Martinsburg Catholic Cemetery. *Submitted for the 1986 History By Elvera Dominisse – Updated by Dominisse family*

### Kim and Linda Dorschner



Kim and Linda Dorschner

Kim L. Dorschner was born August 3, 1950. He is the son of Orville and Darleen Dorschner of Orange City, Iowa. Kim received his education at MOC Floyd Valley Schools, Orange City, graduating in 1969. Kim served in the US Army from 1976-1985 as a tank commander. He has held several truck driving positions since then.

On September 30, 1995, Kim married Linda Rae Bierschenk, daughter of Charles and Ellen (Behrens) Bierschenk. She was born December 29, 1961. Linda received her education at Belden Schools for K-2, graduating from Randolph Public Schools in 1980. After graduation she attended Northeast Community College, graduating in 1983 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Linda was employed by Norfolk Regional Center for 20 years.

Kim & Linda are now both employed by Schuster's Transportation out of LeMars, Iowa as cross country truck drivers. The couple both enjoys fishing, spending time with family, and their dog Beethoven. Kim & Linda currently reside in the former Louie and Frieda Broer home on Douglas Street in Randolph.

### Orval and Mildred Dowling

Charles Orval Dowling, son of Charles and Cora (Noll) Dowling, was born on a farm northeast of Randolph. He had a twin sister, Cora Olive (Moser) and an older sister Frankie Belle. He attended school at District 38 and later Randolph High.

In May of 1925, he married Mildred Anetta Jones, daughter of Wm. and Elizabeth Jones of White River, South Dakota at Yankton, South Dakota. She has four brothers and six sisters.





**Orval and Mildred Dowling**

They lived on a farm northeast of Randolph until 1962. They built a new home and moved into Randolph. He was with the Farmers Mutual Insurance for many years and he was also a hail adjuster for them. He was a member of Golden Sheaf Masonic Lodge of Randolph and the Consistory of Sioux City, Iowa. He was on the school board of District 38 for many years.

Mildred and Orval traveled to most of the 48 states and spent several winters at Yuma, Arizona and other southern states. They have four living children: Jane (Betty) who married Dale Cunningham and they reside in Randolph; William C. who married Doris Cunningham and reside in Hastings, Nebraska; Angeline A. who married Lyle Neuharth and reside in Wisner, Nebraska; and Robert L. who married Ruth Starkel and reside in Yankton, South Dakota. A son and a daughter passed away as infants.

Orval underwent open heart surgery at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. He passed away June 4, 1980. Orval and Mildred celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary while he was in the hospital.

Mildred built a new home at Plainview where she lived for a short time. Later she returned to Randolph as a resident of the Colonial Manor. She always spent a lot of her time working in her yard and garden. Her favorite pastime was textile painting but with failing eye sight it was hard for her. She passed away June 17, 1997 at Plainview, Nebraska.

Orval and Mildred were members of the Methodist Church in Randolph. *Submitted by Betty (Dale) Cunningham*

### **Lloyd and Lois Dunklau**

Lloyd William Dunklau, born January 10, 1916 at Wayne, Nebraska and Lois Bernice Beckman, born July

24, 1919 at Wayne, Nebraska were married in Wayne, Nebraska on May 24, 1939.

They farmed northwest of Wayne for eight years before purchasing and moving to the farm six miles south and one and one-fourth miles east of Randolph in 1948. Lois and Lloyd were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wayne and later joined St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.



**Lois and Lloyd Dunklau**

The REA was not in the area yet, so Lloyd purchased a 32 volt Delco plant and wired the house for electricity. That same summer they purchased a gas refrigerator. Upon returning from town one day, they saw stakes were being set by the REA. It was an exciting day for them when it finally reached their house and the Delco plant could be removed.

When they moved to Randolph, they had three children: Loren Lloyd, Logene Lois and Linda Lavonne.

On January 31, 1949 Lynette Laurine was born. Lois always remembered the blizzard of 1948-49 for she had to be away from home three weeks before and three weeks after Lynette's birth. Lois and new baby were flown, by an airplane with snow runners, to her parents' farm northwest of Wayne and remained there for three weeks before returning home to the rest of the family.

A heavy snow storm November 11 blocked all roads and tore down our telephone line. Snow continued to plague them until they had 72 inches. A bobsled and two teams of horses belonging to Lloyd was the family's, and many of their neighbors', means of transporting eggs and cream to town. While in town they all purchased large supplies of groceries, fuel and medicine as needed.

One sunny morning Lloyd and several neighbor men took off for town. About noon, the wind came up and snow began to fall again. A wedding party from Sholes

got stuck on the closing roads, so the men pulled all the cars to safety. It was about 10:00 that evening, before they got to the last neighbor's, the snow was so blinding that Lloyd had to remain there until the next day before returning home. He was thankful that Loren had stayed with a neighbor, so he was not at home alone for such a stormy night.

In 1958, because of the teacher shortage, Lois decided to go back to college and renew her teaching certificate. She taught in Pierce County rural school district #60 for three years and the Sholes Public School for eight years. While teaching, Lois continued her education and graduated from Wayne State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968. She took additional courses and later received a Special Learning Disability Endorsement. After graduation from Wayne State College, Lois began teaching in the Pierce Public School and taught there 13 years.

Lloyd suffered a heart attack in the fall of 1971. With the help of their grandson, John Dunklau, Lloyd was able to continue farming until his death March 3, 1974. During the winter months they rented a home in Pierce and after his death, Lois bought a home in Pierce and rented the farm to Rick Gubbels.

On December 21, 1975, Lois married Clarence Schlines of Wakefield, Nebraska. They remained in Pierce five years and then built a new home in Wakefield and moved there in 1980. She taught in District #51 in Wayne County and the Wakefield Public School until she retired in 1985 after 27 years of teaching.

Clarence passed away January 13, 1999 and is buried next to his first wife, Margaret at Wakefield, Nebraska.

Loren was born December 1939 at Wayne, Nebraska and graduated from Randolph High School in 1957. He has one step-daughter Christine Colwell, a son John Lewis Dunklau and a daughter, Jewell Rae Dunklau. A son, Lamonte Jay died in infancy in 1962. Loren is presently living in Carroll, Nebraska.

Logene Lois was born March 23, 1943 at Wayne and graduated from Randolph High School in 1961. She married Myron Strathman and they live on a farm northwest of Randolph. They have five children: Machele, Melanie, Mark, Michael and Mitchell.

Linda Lavonne was born January 22, 1946 at Wayne and graduated as valedictorian from Randolph High School in 1964. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and graduated in 1968, the same year her mother graduated from Wayne State College. Linda is owner of a landscaping business in Chincoteague, Virginia.

Lynette Laurine, the youngest of the four children, was born January 31, 1949 at Randolph. She graduated from Randolph High School in 1967 and from Wayne State College in 1985. She received her Master degree from Hastings College in 1990. Lynette is presently living in North Platte, Nebraska working as a computer analyst. Lynette's daughter, Raberta is married to Scott Starr and

is living in Stapleton, Nebraska with their eight children. Her sons, Richert and Ryan and their families live in Olathe, Kansas.

Lois passed away March 23, 2003 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery at Wayne, Nebraska. *Submitted by Logene Strathman*

### **Arthur "Bud" and Oliva Dunn**

Arthur "Bud" Dunn, began trucking livestock and grain in 1923. His first truck was a 1921 Maxwell. He also leased a gas station from Martin Buol, later the Home Oil station.

Oliva Mathilda Backer, was born November 22, 1911, to John and Ida (Kube) Backer. Their farm located three miles south of Randolph was also home to Oliva's siblings: Agnes Kurtzhals and Anthony (Tony J.); Francis having died in infancy.

Oliva and Bud were married May 8, 1935 at Randolph. In October 1938, Bud lost his left leg resulting from a fall from a ladder. Fitted with an artificial leg, he continued in the trucking business while also running a Standard Station at that time located northwest of the Randolph auditorium.



**Bud and Oliva Dunn Family**

He sold his truck in 1951 and worked as a mechanic for Looker Brothers of Norfolk, until 1956, then accepted a position with Sidles Company in Omaha as an automotive, air conditioner and auto glass technician while maintaining a residence, yet, in Randolph. He retired from Sidles in 1968 and worked as a part-time driver for local trucking firms, primarily Melvin Rosenbach.

Due to his failing health, he and Oliva sold their home in 1971 and moved to Columbus, Nebraska, near their children. Following a 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration on May 8, 1975, Bud died on August 3, 1975. Oliva resided at Columbus until illness necessitated living with her daughter, Judy, and later at a Stanton care home. Oliva passed away December 22, 1998 and was buried with her husband at the Randolph Catholic Cemetery.



Bud and Oliva's children, all of whom attended St. Frances de Chantal school, include:

Eugene was born October 18, 1936, and married to Joann Bose of Martinsburg, Nebraska. They have daughters, Alice, Tammy, Wanda and Jeannie, from Gene's first marriage. They are retired former owners of Ace Sanitation Service and reside in rural Bellwood, Nebraska.

Judy, born February 24, 1939, retired from Dale Electronics in Columbus after 20 years in 1981. She married John Tate. They have one son, Frank, from John's first marriage, and two grandsons.

Dorothy, born April 5, 1940, served six years as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Navy. Following her discharge, she became a lab technician. Dorothy passed away November 22, 1988.

Dwaine, born November 30, 1942, served in the Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964. He married Beatrice Esquibel, of LaJoya, New Mexico. He has worked as a production worker and truck driver and resides in rural Bellwood. Dwaine's children are Thomas and Anita.

Rita, born May 18, 1948, was a production worker and clerk at Columbus following graduation. She married Thomas Soulliere of Platte Center, Nebraska, where they and children, Sonja, Ricky, and Michelle, reside.

John, born April 25, 1950, served as a maintenance supervisor for Lindsey Manufacturing of Lindsey, Nebraska. He married Debra Novotny of Columbus. They are the parents of John and Lisa; and Eric from John's previous marriage. Following a serious auto accident, John and Debra are at home in Monroe, Nebraska. *Judy Tate of Columbus, NE, and Dwaine Dunn of Bellwood, NE.*

### Thomas and Mary Dunn



Thomas and Mary Dunn Family

Thomas Dunn was born October 5, 1865, in Ottery, St. Mary, England. At a young age he began an apprenticeship in the mason trade and worked in a brickyard. His father, also Thomas Dunn, was born at Rockbeare, Devon, England, on October 8, 1839, and mother, Eliza Jane Hayman, was born December 8, 1837 (family information) or December 3, 1839 (other sources) at Whimple, England. The parents were married in 1858.

When Tom was 18 years of age he traveled to the United States on the ship S.S. Devon, arriving in New York on March 14, 1883. Later, he was able to help another brother, John, immigrate to America and, together, they helped a sister named Eliza Jane (by family tradition information) or Lucy Ann (from recorded sources).

Thomas first settled in Silver City, Iowa, and at age 21 moved to Winside, Nebraska, working for a Wayne County stock rancher and his immigration sponsor, A.T. Chapin. He became a naturalized citizen on December 26, 1907.

Tom's wife, Mary Bowles, was born April 1, 1883, as the first child of an immigrant family from England. In 1897 they had moved their family to Winside.

Thomas and Mary were married at Winside in 1900. Following the death of his sister, they opened their home to four of her children, nephews, Elmer, Jim, and Ray Radford, and niece, Florence "May" (Mrs. Frank Gray). Additionally, they had two sons, both born at Winside -- Thomas William, born April 14, 1901, and Arthur "Bud" Chapin (wife, Oliva Backer), born September 2, 1904.

In 1909 the Dunn family moved to Denhoff, North Dakota, returning in July of 1918 to farm east of Randolph. Tom passed away on Easter Sunday, 1932, and Mary died Nov. 8, 1952. *Submitted by Judy Tate of Columbus, Dwaine Dunn of Bellwood, NE, and Sally Mainquist of Hesston, KS.*

### Larry and Theresa Eddie



Larry and Theresa Eddie

Larry Eddie was the first child born to Don and Doris (Kruger) Eddie in Wayne, Nebraska on April 25, 1944. Larry's first home was on a farm southwest of Belden where Don was farming with his parents, Harvey and

Elsie (Rethwisch) Eddie. Larry received his elementary education at rural District 111 near Belden. A sister Regina joined the family on May 21, 1949 and Ricky Lane came along March 26, 1952. After country school, Larry went to Randolph Public High School since Belden and Randolph schools had combined by this time. He graduated with the class of 1962 and began farming with his Dad.

Don and Doris decided to buy the Kruger home place northwest of Randolph from her parents, August and Rose (Brozek) Kruger Sr., in 1961. The Kruger's had retired to Randolph and lived just two houses east of the Lutheran Church (this house is no longer there), where the family were members.

The Eddie family welcomed another son, Michael Scott on February 19, 1962. Larry joined the U. S. Army in 1965 and did his Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri before being sent to South Korea for his last year of service. After his discharge in 1967 he again joined his Dad in the family farming operation.

Larry and Theresa were introduced by mutual friends in 1968 and they spent many weekends dancing at Kings Ballroom or going to movies at the Granada Theater in Norfolk. Sometimes they also went to wedding dances of Larry's friends at the Randolph Ballroom. They were married on April 11, 1970 at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk and honeymooned in the Ozarks where they visited some of Larry's favorite places from his Army days.

Theresa Taylor was born January 21, 1948 to Clifford and Florene (Marotz) Taylor of Stanton. She spent her first years on a farm southeast of Stanton owned by her Grandmother and farmed by her Dad. Theresa attended District 48 School in Stanton County. When the school closed in 2001, they held an "All school" reunion. Theresa was surprised to see so many people she knew who had also attended the school throughout the years, including the Jerry Albers family from Randolph. Small world! In 1957, her father quit farming and the family of two daughters and two sons moved to Norfolk. The children started school at Christ Lutheran Parochial School, which was a huge change from the little one-room country school with eight students in eight grades. A new baby brother was born in the summer of 1960 to complete the family. Theresa graduated from Norfolk Senior High in 1966 and worked for Northwestern Bell as a telephone operator for the next five years.

Larry and Theresa lived in Magnet the first six months of their marriage and then they purchased the farm from Ray Fleury in the fall of 1970. They moved on New Year's Eve. They still live on the farm north of McLean in the original 1917 house. They have done much needed remodeling of the kitchen and porch along with new siding and windows starting in 2003.

Tragedy touched the family in the fall of 1987, when Larry's dad, Don, lost his life in a farm accident. Don and Doris had enjoyed many years together in the new home

they built on the farm in 1974 and they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a surprise party given by the children. Doris, with the help of her children, is still able to live in her own home on the farm.

Larry and Theresa have been blessed with two children: James Byron was born June 5, 1971 and Sara Ann was born April 8, 1974. Jim began his education at McLean's two-room school and then continued at Randolph Elementary School when McLean closed in 1977. He graduated from Randolph Public High School in 1989 and Midland Lutheran College in 1993. Jim then started as a staff accountant at Erickson & Brooks and continued to study for the CPA exam which he took and passed in 1997.

Sara attended all thirteen years of school in Randolph and graduated in 1992. She then attended Midland Lutheran College in Fremont. Sara and Mark Ohlrich were married April 26, 2003 and live in Fremont. Both work at Valmont Industries in Valley. They have two Labradors; Jordon and Dee and love the great outdoors, including hunting, fishing, boating and camping.

Jim married Sherri Biernbaum on August 13, 2005 and they have a son Nicholas Greyson born September 26, 2008. Sherri's career is in the accounting field and she currently works at Fremont Hospital. Jim works in Blair with Con-E-Co, a division of Oshkosh. They live in Arlington, Nebraska. In their free time they really enjoy golfing and all things "Big Red", football, basketball, baseball, or volleyball – They love it all.

Larry and Theresa continue to live and work on the farm but Larry has also worked at the Great Dane Trailer Plant in Wayne since 1999. Theresa worked at the grocery store in Wausa for 14 years after the kids were out of school. The last two years she has been doing office work. We have been members at St. John's Lutheran Church and active in many positions thru the years including Sunday school and Church Council. We also enjoy dancing and you might find us traveling down Highway 20 to Waterbury where they have an old-fashioned Rock N Roll Auditorium. Larry has a fondness for John Deere and has a large collection of memorabilia including some tractors. Theresa has always enjoyed sewing and hopes to get back to finishing several quilt projects soon.

After all these years, Larry and his two brothers still live within two and half miles of each other and their Mom. They all live on the same road. The apples didn't fall too far from the tree. Family is very important to all of the Eddie family. *Submitted by Larry and Theresa Eddie*

### **Wendell and Marvene Eddie**

Wendell Bruce Eddie, son of Alex and Mae Eddie, married Marvene Frances Borst, daughter of Nick and Anna Borst, on February 14, 1944. They first farmed between Randolph and Carroll, Nebraska. Their children Sandra, Paul and Patricia were born while living on the farm.



In about 1954, they moved to Randolph where Doug, Lu, and Dan were born. The three oldest children graduated from St. Frances Catholic School, while the three younger ones graduated from Randolph Public Schools.



**Marvene and Wendell Eddie**

Wendell and Marvene owned Eddie's Package Liquor store for a number of years. Pat remembers one winter when her dad was working at the liquor store and she was at Chapman's Café when an old fashioned blizzard moved in. A bunch of people were stranded uptown, with a group at the café. Terry Chapman and Pat played pinball most of the night while the adults played cards. In the morning, all the people stranded in the area that could get to the café were fed breakfast.

Wendell was Mayor of Randolph at the time of the Centennial in 1986. Marvene passed away on December 28, 1988 and Wendell passed away on January 21, 1990.

Sandra married Robert John Kint, son of Marge and John Kint, on June 26, 1964. They have owned and operated Belden Lumber for many years. They have five children:

Christal married Brian Edward McDonald, son of Karen and Ronald McDonald. They have two sons: Blake Edward and Alex Parker.

Brian married Kim Rinke. They have five girls: Abigail Marie; Erika Brianne, Emma Kay, Allison Starr and Olivia Paule.

Lisa Marie married Tony Gubbels. She has two children: Samantha Marie, Jonathan David.

Robert Paul Jr. was born November 2, 1971 and died November 3, 1971.

Teresa Kaye married Corey Larson.

Wendell and Marvene's oldest son, Paul Leon married Marsha Van Slyke, daughter of Russ and Rita Van Slyke. Paul is a retired teacher and Marsha is a hairdresser like her mother. They have three sons: Ryan Paul married Tami Burghes; Brett Michael married Mandy Swan and they have three children: Karissa, Kael Nicholas, and Karryn Marie; and Eric Russell married Dreia Placek and they have two children: Jaxon and Layna.

The second daughter, Patricia Marie married Gary Dwight Dominisse, son of Dwight and Elvera Dominisse. Gary was an apiarist (bee keeper) for many years. He now hauls grain. Pat is a hairdresser. They have five children: Michael Todd married Lisa Biven and they have three children: Carolyn Yank, William Yank and Isabelle Marie; Jeffrey Daniel married Jill Hanna, daughter of Rich and Rita Gubbels. They have three children: Robbyn Hanna, Thomas Hanna and Emma Lynn; Douglas Lee married Brenda Biernbaum, daughter of Arlen and Kathy Biernbaum. They have two sons: Carson Daniel and Aden Douglas; Kristy Ann married Curtis Lancaster. They have five sons: Tyler, Levi, Reid, Tucker and Tanner; Julie Marie married Nicholas Synovec, son of Jerry and Verlene Synovec. They have one son, Ethan James.

The Eddie's second son, Douglas Wendell married Debra Kay Cook. They have two children: Scott Alex married Jaelee Jones and Jill Ann married Keith O'Neil.

Cynthia Louise (Lu) is the fifth of the Eddie family. She married David Allen Engelhaupt. They have three children: Andrea Marvene, Shelby Marie and David Leo.

The youngest Eddie is Daniel Mark who married Karla Jean Nussbaum and they have two children: Craig Daniel and Jeanette Marie who married Christopher Norman. Jeanette and Christopher have one son, Benjamin Christopher. *Submitted by Patricia Marie (Eddie) Dominisse*

### **John and Katherina Ehrhardt**

John Ehrhardt was born July 17, 1884 near Weinheim, Germany to Peter and Margaret (Eberhardt) Ehrhardt. When he was about fifteen years of age, he came to the United States aboard a ship with an older brother, Peter, and a sister, Elizabeth. He made his home in the United States and never returned to his birthplace. He first worked as a farm laborer in Pierce County, Nebraska and on February 8, 1911, married Katherina Meisinger at Sand Prairie Township, Tazewell County, Illinois.

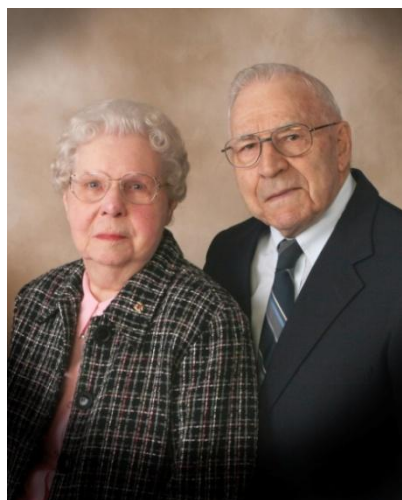
They started farming southwest of Randolph and continued farming all their married lives. John and Katherina were the parents of six children: Alfred, now deceased, farmed and was a police officer at Lynch Nebraska; Louise (Lewis) Wendt, now deceased, lived in Irvine, California. Louise had two sons, Duane who lives in Los Angeles, California and La Vern who lives in Hawaii; Walter, now deceased, was an equipment operator in Perry, Kansas. Walter had one son, Wally who lives in Topeka, Kansas; Ervin, now deceased, was a

steel worker in Portland, Oregon; Dorothy (Harold) Lewis currently lives in Randolph. Dorothy has four sons: Verlon who is deceased, Eugene who is deceased, Roger who lives in Lincoln, Nebraska and Gary who lives in Yankton, South Dakota; and Melvin who married Irene Tietgen and they currently live in Randolph. Melvin and Irene have two sons: Lonnie of Wayne, Nebraska and James of San Antonio, Texas.

John and his son, Melvin, farmed the same farm seven miles southwest of Randolph for fifty continuous years. Katherina died January 16, 1957 and John died on January 13, 1968. Their final resting place is Hillcrest Memorial Park at Norfolk. *Submitted by Melvin Ehrhardt*

### **Melvin and Irene Ehrhardt**

Melvin Ehrhardt was born to John and Katherina (Meisinger) Ehrhardt May 7, 1922 at Randolph in Pierce County, Nebraska. He married Irene Tietgen on November 28, 1943 at Randolph. Irene was born July 25, 1921 and is the daughter of Hans and Cecelia (Kruse) Tietgen of Sholes. Melvin and Irene had their first home in Omaha, in a one room apartment. Melvin rode the street car to work at the Swift Packing Plant. They then returned to Pierce County and farmed.



**Melvin and Irene Ehrhardt**

In 1950, they went to Sholes where they trucked for seven years. After Melvin's mother passed away in 1957, Melvin and Irene moved to his parent's farm seven miles southwest of Randolph. Melvin and his father farmed the same farm for fifty continuous years. Melvin's father lived with them until he passed away in 1968. Melvin and Irene left the farm on October 21, 1984 and moved to Randolph where Melvin drove the school bus for Randolph Public



**Melvin and Irene Ehrhardt Family**

Schools twenty years.

Melvin and Irene have two sons: Lonnie and James. Both graduated from Randolph High School, Lonnie in 1962 and Jim in 1965. Lonnie was in the Navy for years. He taught Midshipman Electronics at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated from Wayne State College. Lonnie taught in the Wayne High School and was head football coach of the Wayne Blue Devils. He retired as the Athletic Director of the Wayne High School. He married Diane Zobel of South Sioux City, Nebraska. Diane also taught at Wayne. They have four children: Jason, Amy, Melissa and Jonathan.

James married Vandee McGrew of Randolph and attended four years at the University of Nebraska. After graduation, he and Vandee went to Warren, Ohio where he worked for General Motors. They then moved to El Paso, Texas where he worked for General Motors in Juarez, Mexico. He has transferred to San Antonio where they currently live. Jim and Vandee have three children: Michael, Michelle and Debra.

Melvin and Irene are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Randolph.

### **Henry and Emma Engelbart**



**Henry and Emma Engelbart 1913**

Henry George Engelbart was born April 20, 1883, at Oldenburg, Germany, to George H. and Helena Engelbart. Henry arrived in the United States with his parents, in September of 1891, at the age of eight years.

The Engelbart family first settled near Pender, Nebraska. Henry's father, George, was killed in the spring of 1892, when a wagon ran over him in a runaway. At a young age, Henry worked out for his room and board and soon learned to support himself at many jobs. As a young man, Henry attended college at Fremont, Nebraska. He studied building design and construction.

On February 27, 1913, Henry married Emma Albrecht. Emma was the daughter of George and Mary (Hansen) Albrecht and was born March 8, 1894, on a farm near Pender.

Henry and Emma began farming near Pender and later moved to the farm south of Randolph, owned by Emma's father, George Albrecht. In March of 1918, Henry purchased the northwest quarter of this property. Henry and Emma lived on this farm until 1938, except for two



years that they lived in Randolph due to Emma's poor health. In 1938 they moved back into Randolph and their daughter, Alvena and her husband, Walt Wattier, moved on the farm.

In the winter of 1936 and 1937, the snow was so deep that they took the bob sled to go to town and often had to go through the fields because the roads were so drifted with snow. Often the family walked to the neighbors to play cards, since they couldn't get around by sled because of the drifted snow.

Henry often took his violin along with him on these trips so that there would be some music for entertainment at the parties. At these parties there were often house dances. The older folks would play cards while the younger folks danced.

In the year of 1936 there was no corn harvested, and for several years in the 30's there was no crops raised because of drought, hail and/or grasshoppers.

Henry died in March 1, 1948, while on a winter vacation in Salem, Oregon. Emma later married Gerd Johnson. Emma died July 31, 1966. Both Henry and Emma are buried at the Randolph City Cemetery.

The Engelbart farm is now owned by Henry and Emma's granddaughter, Ellen and her husband Richard Bermel. Henry and Emma's great-grandson Jeff and Vicky Bermel live on the farm. *Submitted by Susie Wattier*

### **Derrick and Pam Fallon**



**Colin, Ian, Pam, Derrick Fallon**

Pastor Derrick Fallon and his family arrived in Randolph during the summer of 2006. Pastor Derrick, a second career Pastor after nearly 20 years in business, graduated from The Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and accepted a call to the Nebraska Synod. He was called to St.

John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. Leaving behind their home, friends and family in New England, they set out for "deep water" in northeast Nebraska to love and serve.

Pastor Derrick's wife, Pam and their two sons, Colin Thomas and Ian Padraic joined Pastor and got to work. Pam, a school teacher secured a teaching and a coaching position in Hartington, while Colin and Ian jumped right in to the school activities such as sports, academics and extracurricular activities. Pastor Derrick and Pam, committed to ecumenism, worked to support the

Randolph Ministerium's vision of a united faith community in Randolph through such activities as healing services, a pre-prom church service, baccalaureate and youth movie nights.

The Fallons, also a family dedicated to Scouting and can often be found camping in a local pasture, huddled in a comfy snow cave or gathered around the campfire. *Submitted by Pastor Derrick and Pam Fallon*

### **Dave and Joyce Fink**

Joyce Fink was born to Lowell and Twilla (Sellon) Friedrich of Wausa, Nebraska on November 17, 1969. She graduated from Wausa High School in 1988 and graduated from Wayne State College in 1992 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She taught fifth grade for five years in Pierce, Nebraska, then resigned to stay home with her children. She is now the teacher and director of Learn and Play Pre-School.

Dave Fink was born to Eldon and Betty (Erickson) Fink of Wausa, Nebraska on June 24, 1966. He graduated from Wausa High School in 1984 and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Curtis with an Associate's Degree in Agriculture in 1986. He is now farming at Randolph.

Dave and Joyce were married on May 26, 1990 at Golgotha Lutheran Church at Wausa. They moved to Randolph in March of 1991 and have two daughters: Kirsten and Megan.

Kirsten Marie was born September 26, 1994 and is currently a ninth grader at Randolph Public Schools.

Megan Christine was born March 16, 1998 and is currently a sixth grader at Randolph Public Schools. *Submitted by Joyce Fink*

### **Dennis and Dayna Folkers**



**Dennis and Dayna with their Grandchildren**

We are Dennis and Dayna Folkers. Dennis is the son of LaVerna Folkers and the late Carl Folkers. I was raised by Dale and Darlene Boughn. We were married at St. Frances Church in 1974. Our first son, Matthew was born in 1976, followed by Michael in 1979 and Angie in 1982.

Dennis is involved in farming, raising corn and soybeans and finishing hogs. He is an avid Nascar fan and we enjoy our 6 grandchildren. Sam, Michaela, Ben and Macie are the children of Mike and Angela (Ternus)

Folkers. Their home is in Ravenna, Nebraska where they are both employed. Our daughter, Angie, and her husband, Chris Johnson, share their home west of Crofton with Alyson and Gavin. Matt owns his home in Randolph and is employed by Manzer Equipment in Osmond.

At the time of this writing, we still farm and live in our 1905 farm home on our acreage five miles north of Randolph, which has been our home for 36 years.  
*Submitted by Dayna Folkers*



**Larry, Machele, Mackenzie, Nicholas Foxworthy**

### **Larry and Machele Foxworthy**

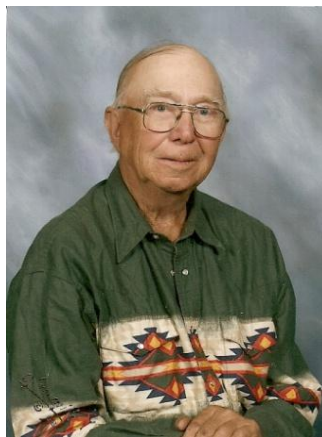
Machele Rae Strathman, daughter of Myron and Logene Strathman was born in Osmond, Nebraska on July 15, 1963. Machele was the oldest of five children who grew up on the Strathman farm eight miles northwest of Randolph. Machele's sister and brothers are: Melanie, Mark, Michael and Mitchell. During high school, Machele participated in volleyball, basketball, track and softball. She also played piano and was also active in church activities. Machele graduated from Randolph Public High School in May, 1981. From there, she attended college at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska. She graduated in May, 1985 with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. After graduation, Machele worked at the Nebraska State Auditor's Office for two years auditing government agencies. Next, she continued her audit career at Mutual of Omaha for 20 years. Then in 2007, she went to work for Wisconsin Physicians Service and is currently employed there.

On June 18, 1994 Machele married Larry Lee Foxworthy. Larry grew up in Omaha, Nebraska attending Millard Public Schools and the University Nebraska in Omaha. Larry is currently employed at TD Ameritrade and has been working there for twelve years. Machele and Larry reside in Omaha. They have two children, Mackenzie Jordan who is nine years old and Nicholas Lee who is seven years old.

### **Robert Franzen**

Robert (Bob) Otto was born in Wayne County to Otto and Bertha (Papstein) Franzen on January 11, 1936 at the

farm located nine miles south and one mile east of Randolph. Bob attended school at District 7 and District 6 in Wayne County. Bob farmed with his father until his dad's death on May 28, 1964 at the age of 77. Robert continued to farm the land and live with his Mother until retiring. Bob and his sister, Arlene Polenske have rented the farm land out to Mark and Kathy Nordhues since 2000. His mother, Bertha passed away at the Pierce Manor on June 12, 2002 at the age of 96. Bob has a cow/calf pair operation. Because he is single, He enjoys the company of his two dogs, Sparky and Tony. Bob takes pleasure in parades, tractor drives and threshing bees which often find him driving a tractor. He also attends dances at the Norfolk Senior Center in Norfolk. Bob belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church in Pierce, Nebraska. *Submitted by Bob Franzen*



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### **Clifford and Martha Frederick**



**Clifford and Martha Frederick Family**

Clifford and Martha Frederick were united in marriage, September 12, 1965 at the First Methodist Church in Norfolk. We lived in town for one year, and then when Cliffs' folks moved to town in 1966, we moved to the farm. Martha was born and raised a city girl, so had a lot to learn about being a farm wife. Cliff farmed the home place which we later bought from his parents. We raised Angus cattle and calves, farrowed to finish a ton of hogs, some chickens, dogs and our pride and joy, three children.

First born was Kelly, now Mrs. John Thelen. She works in the Doctor's office in town and has given us three grandchildren: Theodore, John Mayo and Tacy Kathryn. Second born was Steven, who works in Osmond at the Battle Creek Co-op. Third child, who was a little late comer, was Erin, now Mrs. Joel Kumm and living at Osmond on a farm. They all three helped on the farm and still do when Cliff needs it.



Cliff and Martha are the third generation to farm the home place and have become quite attached to it. This year, both are slowing down and enjoying the leisure time. Martha have retired from nursing, and Cliff has given up the cow-calf herd, and the hogs have been gone a number of years. They continue to farm some of the ground and rent out the rest. They now look back and can't believe all that they use to do every day. It is no wonder that retirement is so welcome.

They are members of the United Methodist Church in Randolph. Martha is a member of the women's group at church, the choir, and a member of PEO, chapter EA of Randolph. Cliff enjoys coffee in town, visiting with everyone and being able to take off and go somewhere with no chores to tie him down. Randolph and farming has been a good life for them and they thank God for planting them here. *Submitted by Martha Frederick*

### **Steve and Becky Frerichs**

Steven "Steve" Dale Frerichs was born May 19, 1972 in O'Neill, Nebraska to Fred and Marlene (Frahm) Frerichs. He received all of his education at O'Neill Public Schools, graduating in 1992. Steve has been employed with Christensen Brothers Bridge Construction, as a Lead Carpenter for 13 years.

Steve married Rebecca "Becky" Rose (Lewis) McMahan on April 21, 2001 in Randolph, Nebraska. Becky was born on September 2, 1966 in Whitesburg, Kentucky to Bruce and Ruby (Maggard) Lewis. She attended Andrews Public Schools, graduating in 1984. She has been employed at the Randolph Golf Course for nine years.

The couple has two children: Justin Bruce McMahan was born November 24, 1987 in Franklin, North Carolina. He graduated in 2006 from Randolph Public Schools. Justin attends the University of North Dakota. Christa Beth McMahan was born October 3, 1989 in Sylva, North Carolina. She graduated in 2007 from Randolph Public Schools. Beth is currently serving in the United States Air Force, stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. She is also currently serving her first tour in Iraq.

The family has resided in Randolph since March of 2000. *Submitted by Steve and Becky Frerichs*

### **William L. Fye II and Jami K. Fye**

William L. Fye II was born December 12, 1962 in Burlington, Iowa to William L. and Shirley A. Fye. Bill graduated from Fairfield High School in Fairfield, Iowa in 1981. Bill moved to Norfolk, Nebraska in 1982, to attend Nebraska Christian College.

Jami K. Riedel was born October 24, 1969 in Norfolk, Nebraska. Jami's parents are Jim and Sharon Riedel. Jami graduated from Randolph High School in 1988, and then attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

On July 21, 1990, William F. Fye and Jami K. Riedel were married at the First United Methodist Church in Randolph. Bill and Jami moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska

for nine months, then moved back to Norfolk, and then bought a home in Randolph. James Patrick Fye was born on February 3, 1993. Jami and Bill bought the grocery store in Battle Creek, Nebraska and moved there to operate the business for five years. Their first daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Fye, was born on January 12, 1997.



**Bill and Jami Fye Family**

Jim and Sharon Riedel sold Jim's Food Center to Bill and Jami Fye in February 1998. The Fye's moved to Randolph and bought a home at 408 N Bridge Street. Alyssa Marie Fye was born January 10, 1999 and was Randolph's New Year Baby. Ariel Renee Fye was born December 19, 2003. Their family of six is proud to call Randolph their home.

Bill and Jami spend many hours running the business and the family. Bill helps with the Methodist Youth Group, belongs to ROAR and the Community Club. Jami leads Girl Scouts, helps with the Methodist Youth Group and belongs to ROAR and the Community Club. *Submitted by Bill and Jami Fye*

### ***Randolph Trivia Questions***

- Q – Where is Randolph's first brick building?
- A – The first brick building built by W. P. Hill is located west of the present Senior Citizen Center.
- Q – Who owned the first Model T Ford in Randolph?
- A – Fred Weber owned the first Model T Ford in Randolph.
- Q – Who was Randolph's first and only Rhodes Scholar?
- A – Alfred Reese, a 1913 graduate of Randolph High School, was the first and only Rhodes Scholar.
- Q – When was the first public dance held in Randolph?
- A – The first public dance was held December 31, 1886, music furnished by W. H. Root.