

Larry and Jane Janssen

Larry Dean Janssen, son of Warren and Winnifred Janssen was born October 4, 1963 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He was the seventh child of eight brothers and sisters. His siblings are: Lynette, LeRoy, Kevin (deceased in 2005), Gary, Darlene, Joni and Boyd.



Back: Larry, Jane, Heather Front: Hannah, Evan

Larry attended the Belden School for two years and finished the rest of his schooling in Randolph. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1981. After graduation he went to work for Midwest Bridge Construction Company and farmed.

On October 20, 1984, Larry married Jane Ann Gubbels, daughter of Richard and Rita (Reineke) Gubbels. Jane was born in Osmond on September 17, 1965 and is the oldest of five children. Her siblings are: Jill, John, Regina and Rebecca. Jane attended school in Sholes until the eighth grade and completed the rest of her schooling at Randolph, graduating 1983.

After graduation, Jane moved to Norfolk and worked there until she was married. Jane and Larry have three children: Heather, Evan and Hannah.

On September 3, 1986 their first child, Heather Sue, was born in Osmond. She attended school at Randolph and graduated in 2005. Heather continued her education at Wayne State College and graduated in May 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Office Administration/Marketing. She moved to Lincoln and is currently working at Fiserv as a client service analyst.

Evan James was born on January 8, 1989 in Osmond. He graduated from Randolph High School in 2007. Evan continued with his education at Wayne State College and plans to graduate in May 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Applied Human and sports Physiology. He is planning on continuing his education and becoming a physical therapist.

Hannah Michelle was born on May 17, 1992 in Norfolk. She graduated from Randolph Public Schools in 2010. She has been involved in track, volleyball and dance team throughout high school. Hannah is planning on attending Wayne State College in the fall of 2010.

The Janssens made their first home on Larry's family home place, a farm east of Randolph. The first two years were spent farming and raising hogs. After the death of Larry's grandmother in 1986, the farm was sold. The Janssens then moved to a farm place one mile north of Randolph, where they continued to farm and work other jobs. In 1989, they made their permanent home on a farm southwest of Sholes. There they raised cattle and hogs and farmed the land. In 1992, they bought into a partnership with Roger Frahm in a construction business called Frahm Construction. In 2000, the Janssens formed their own company called Janssen Construction, Inc.

The Janssens no longer farm or raise hogs, but they do continue their cow/calf operation and rent the farm ground out. They have 80 acres in the CRP program where they have a pond where the family enjoys spending time fishing and hunting. They have also hosted several pheasant hunts for youth, through Pheasant Hills Youth Hunt, which is a local organization. Also many family friends and relatives enjoy swimming, fishing and paddle boating and the adults enjoy parties near the pond.

Submitted by Jane and Larry Janssen

Marvin and Shirley Jensen

Marvin I. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Jensen, was born October 13, 1937 at Dorsey, Nebraska. Marvin moved to Randolph with his parents and four sisters in 1942. He attended grades K-8 at Rural District 93, graduated from Randolph High School in 1955, served in the army for two years and attended Montevallo State College in Montevallo, Alabama.

On October 20, 1957, Marvin I. Jensen and Shirley L. Guy were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church of Vincent, Alabama. Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Guy, was born at Vincent, Alabama on November 11, 1936. Shirley attended a rural school for grades one and two at Vincent, Alabama, grades three through seven at Wilmington, Delaware; and in 1954 Shirley graduated from Vincent High School Vincent, Alabama. Shirley graduated in 1957 from Jacksonville State University Jacksonville, Alabama, with a teaching degree in business.

After Marvin completed his tour in the army, Marvin and Shirley moved to a farm north of Randolph in 1959 and in 2001 they moved to town. Marvin has been engaged in farming for 51 years and Shirley retired from teaching in 1997 after teaching at Randolph High School for 34 years.

Marvin was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph which Marvin and Shirley are members.

In October 2007 Marvin and Shirley celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Marvin and Shirley have two children, Randal Lynn Jensen (married to Eleanor Hendren) and Lynell Kay Jensen Hajek (deceased October 8, 2010) and four grandchildren, Vanessa Mae Hajek, Timothy Ryan Jensen, Michael Joseph Jensen, and Alisha Marie Jensen.
Submitted by Marvin I. and Shirley L. Jensen

Russell and Dorothy Jensen

Dorothy Marie Kroll (born January 2, 1946) and Russell Wayne Jensen (born June 18, 1946) were married July 2, 1967 at Kearney, Nebraska. Russ Jensen is the son of Lily and Glenville Wayne "Dynie" Jensen of Minden, Nebraska. Russell graduated from the Minden High School in 1964. Dorothy is the daughter of Pauline (Wicht) and Earl Ralph Kroll of Wood River, Nebraska. Dorothy graduated from the Gibbon Public Schools in 1964.

In 1968, Russ and Dorothy graduated from Kearney State College. Their first teaching positions were at Mullen Public Schools in Mullen, Nebraska. They moved to the community of Randolph in 1970 and taught at Randolph Public Schools from 1970 until retiring in 2002. Russ taught math and science and coached wrestling. Russ and Dean Miller developed the R.H.S. wrestling program in 1970. Dorothy taught Family and Consumer Science and sponsored FCCLA. During the summers of 1971-73, Russ received his Masters Degree in Mathematics from the University of Arizona.

Their first child, Lynn Annette, was born September 16, 1973 at Yankton, South Dakota. Lynn attended school at Randolph Public Schools graduating in 1991. Lynn married James Lynn Munter (born Nov. 7, 1969) on June 29, 1993 in Lincoln, Nebraska. James is the son of Jack Munter and Cheryl (Backer) Gansebom. James is the grandson of Jim and Loraine Backer and John, Jr. and Vernell Munter all of Randolph. To this marriage three children have been born: John Russell born September 6, 2000 in Lincoln, Nebraska; Natalie Pauline born April 22, 2003 in Norfolk, Nebraska and Emma Loraine born July 16, 2004 in Norfolk, Nebraska. James and Lynn live in Omaha. James is a Senior Operations Support Specialist for FedEx Express in Omaha and Lynn is a Registered Nurse at Rose Blumkin Jewish Home in Omaha.

Michael Wayne Jensen was born on April 12, 1978 in Yankton, South Dakota. Mike graduated in 1996 attending all thirteen years at Randolph Public Schools. Mike received his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and his law degree from Creighton University in Omaha. Mike married Elizabeth Lynn Galm (born January 9, 1982) on October 12, 2007 in Omaha, Nebraska. Liz is the daughter of Tim Galm and Molly Mulqueen Galm of Everly, Iowa. Mike is a Douglas County Deputy Attorney and Liz is a corporate attorney for Farm Credit Services of America in Omaha.

Gregory Earl Jensen was born on September 5, 1980 in Yankton, South Dakota. Greg graduated from Randolph Public Schools in 1998. Greg earned a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering at University of Nebraska in Lincoln and completed his Masters Degree at Penn State University. On May 3, 2008 Greg married Amanda Rhea Parker (born April 5, 1974) in Charleston, South Carolina. Amanda is the daughter of Ray and Mary Parker of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Greg and Amanda live in Greenville, South Carolina. Greg is an engineer for General Electric – Energy Division and Amanda is a Registered Nurse at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital. Their son, Parker Anders, was born August 31, 2009.

Russ and Dorothy escape the cold Nebraska winters at Winter Haven Park in Pharr, Texas. The family enjoys spending time together, laughing, playing cards and games and watching the grandchildren grow and change.
Submitted by Russ and Dorothy Jensen

Richard and Beverly Johnson



Bev and Richard Johnson

Richard (Bud) Johnson, son of Eddy and Alma (Closter) Johnson, was born June 11, 1931 in Osmond, Nebraska. He has three sisters: Georgine Whalen, Roseanne Sauser, and Marianne Weiss. He also has one brother Ricky Johnson.

Richard attended country school by Wausa, Nebraska. He then went to school in McLean, Nebraska. In 1945 his family moved to a

farm they bought three and one-half miles south of Highway 81 and Highway 20 Junction. Richard finished school at St. Frances High School in 1949. He then farmed with his dad until he was drafted into the Army in 1953 and served until 1955.

Beverly was born on February 9, 1939 to August Jr. and Ella (Rohlf) Kruger. She attended school at District 68 for eight years and then attended Randolph Public High School and graduated in 1956. Bev has three brothers: Eddy, Jim, and Gary. She also has one sister, Janice.

Richard married Beverly Kruger on September 5, 1956 in the St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph.

Richard and Bev moved to a farm off of Highway 81, five miles south of the Highway 20 Junction. They farm there yet today. Richard has followed in his father footsteps and has farmed his entire life.

Beverly graduated from Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska in 1986 as a Licensed practical

Nurse. She worked at the Colonial Manor in Randolph and the Osmond General Hospital for 20 years before retiring in 2008.

Richard and Bev have been blessed with four daughters: Linda was born on September 28, 1965. She married Junior Brunckhorst on June 5, 1981. They own a trucking business. Linda and Junior have two sons: Brandon and Dusty. Brandon married Abby Johnson on December 29, 2007 and they have three daughters: Jessa, Peyton and Avery. They all reside in Osmond, Nebraska.

Susan Johnson was born on April 28, 1977. She resides in Osmond and is currently a certified nursing assistant at the Osmond General Hospital.

Laura was born on July 19, 1979. She married Matt Karl on June 28, 2004. Matt and Laura reside in Lincoln and own MK Builders and Laura also works as a real estate agent.

Kristie was born on December 17, 1982. She married Kyle Gubbels on June 30, 2007. Kristie works as a Registered Nurse at Bryan LGH Medical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska where they reside.

The Johnson's are members of St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. *Submitted by Richard and Bev Johnson*



Brock and Kate Jones

Brock David Jones was born in Omaha, Nebraska on July 3, 1976 to Marvern and Cinda (Caster) Jones of Randolph. He grew up in Randolph with his brother, Tige and sister, Jennifer. Brock enjoyed growing up in a small town. While in school he played football, baseball and participated on the golf team. In his off time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his family and friends. He graduated from Randolph High in 1995 and then attended college at Northeast Community College where he graduated with an Associate's degree in Building Construction. After graduation, he moved to Omaha to work with Veylupek Construction. In the fall of 1997 he met Kate Swift. They were engaged in October 1998 and married June 18, 1999 in Omaha.

Katrine (Kate) Swift was born in Denison, Iowa on January 7, 1974 to Kenard and Debra Swift of Woodbine, Iowa. After graduating from Woodbine High in 1992, she

enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After being discharged from the military, she moved to Omaha to attend North America Travel School. She began working at Carlson Hotels Worldwide in Omaha as an inbound reservation agent and continues working there today as a Revenue Optimization Analyst.

Brock and Kate currently reside in Omaha where Brock is a Lead Installer for Pella Doors and Windows. Brock still enjoys playing golf and softball as well as hunting, fishing and camping. *Submitted by Katrine Swift Jones*

Lavern and LeoNina Jones

Lavern Evan Jones (better known as Barney) was born September 27, 1922 at Carroll, Nebraska to Evan and Ruth (Davis) Jones. He attended several rural schools in Wayne County, graduating from Carroll High School in 1940.



Lavern and Nina Jones

Lavern worked at various jobs and in December of 1942 entered the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theater until his discharge in October of 1945. He was a dispatcher driver in the 814 Tank Destroyer Battalion and was decorated with four battle stars. After landing on Omaha Beach, his battles and campaigns took him through northern France,

Rhineland, Ardenes, and Central Europe. Christmas of 1943 was spent fighting the Battle of the Bulge.

While stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, he married LeoNina Buss of Pierce, Nebraska, the daughter of Ernest and Inez (Kettler) Buss. She was a rural school teacher. They were married May 30, 1943 at Temple, Texas. A double wedding was solemnized, they and a buddy, Leonard Fischer and his bride-to-be, Betty Dittrick of Stickney, South Dakota, were married at the same time.

Three children, Rodney (who was 13 months old before his father saw him), Marvern and LaRuthe were born to Barney and Nina.

After returning from the service, Lavern and his family resided in Pierce where he worked at different occupations and in 1952, decided to farm in the Carroll and Randolph communities. In 1962, the family moved into Randolph. Lavern operated the portable grinder-mixer for Randolph Feed and Milling. Later he became parts man for Rokahr Implement until illness forced him into early retirement. Nina worked for Herb Sauser in the grocery business as a checker for twelve years. They also

leased the Roxy Theatre from Eileen Leise and provided movies for the community for several years.

Their two sons and daughter graduated from Randolph High School. Rodney and Marvern both graduated from Norfolk Junior College and continued their education at Wayne State College. Rodney married Linda Christensen and they have one son, Garret. Rodney is retired from the teaching profession and currently lives in Omaha. Marvern enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Viet Nam. He married Cinda Caster and they have three children: Tige, Jennifer and Brock. Following several strokes which began in October of 2001, Marvern passed away November 25, 2006. LaRuthe graduated from Norfolk Beauty College and owned and operated Ruthie's Prim Shoppe until she married Gordon Kumm. They have three children: Jeff Jones, Kellie (Kumm) Buchanan and Ashley Kumm. LaRuthe presently is employed at Jim's Food Center. LaRuthe and Gordon reside in Randolph.

Nina enjoyed family and playing cards, especially with her Canasta group. She was a member of VFW Post #5545 Auxiliary for 39 years. Barney (Lavern) passed away May 6, 1992. Nina became a resident of Colonial Manor in 1997. She was crowned Valentine's Day Queen in February, 1999. Nina passed away May 30, 2004 at the Manor. They are both buried at the Randolph City Cemetery. *Submitted by Rod Jones*

Mavern and Cinda Jones

Mavern Lee Jones was born November 27, 1946 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Lavern and LeoNina (Buss) Jones of Pierce, Nebraska. Besides his parents, he was welcomed by a brother Rodney. A sister LaRuthe, joined the family in 1952.

Marvern attended schools in Pierce and Sholes, completing the eighth grade at Sholes. He attained his high school education at the Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 1964. He was very active in athletics, his favorite being football. He set two records his senior year, one for the most touchdowns in one game, six, and most yards in one game, 312. He graduated from Norfolk Junior College in 1966. During the summer of 1966 he met Cinda Renee Caster, who was a rural resident of the area.

Cinda Renee Caster was the daughter of Vic and Geraldine Caster, and was born April 29, 1950 at Mrs. Goodman's, which was a nursing home in Randolph. She was welcomed by an older brother, Barry who was born in 1948. When Cinda joined the family they lived north of Randolph and later moved east of Randolph where Vickie born in 1953 and Denise born in 1956 joined the family. The Casters moved into Randolph in September of 1965.

Marvern enrolled at Wayne State College in the fall of 1966 to begin his junior year; however, with his draft number getting nearer, he left college and enlisted in the U. S. Army in February 1967. Cinda was attending St.



Cinda and Mavern Jones

Frances high School and other than three-day passes and leaves, kept in touch mostly through correspondence by mail. Marvern spent from February of 1968 to February of 1969 stationed at CamRahn Bay, Viet Nam.

Cinda graduated from St. Frances High School in 1968 and Blair College of Medical Assistants in 1969. Marvern and Cinda were married August 23, 1969, at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Randolph. They first resided at Fort Knox, Kentucky where Marvern completed his Army tour of duty. On June 2, 1970, a son, Tige Lee was born at Ireland Army Hospital at Fort Knox.

Upon Marvern's discharge from the service in November of 1970, Marvern, Cinda and little Tige moved to Omaha. Marvern was employed by Firestone, Uniroyal and later K-Mart. Cinda was employed as a medical assistant. A daughter, Jennifer Lyne, was born June 27, 1973 at Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha.

In 1975, Marvern and Cinda enjoyed a trip to South America after Marvern won a sales contest through Uniroyal. They enjoyed the sights and customs of Caracas, Venezuela and the Isle of Curacao.

On July 3, 1976, a son, Brock David was born at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha. With Marvern's employment at K-Mart, the family was transferred to Norfolk in August of 1976, followed by another transfer to Aberdeen, South Dakota in November of 1977. The family enjoyed Aberdeen during the spring, summer and fall but the winters were horrid!! In 1979, the family was transferred back to Norfolk.

Wanting to be his own boss, Marvern purchased Hal's Place at Randolph in May of 1982. The new name, Monk's, wasn't new at all as it was the nickname he received in high school and was known by ever since. Cinda began employment at the Colonial Manor as a nurse aid. In 1984, she began work as part time Deputy Clerk for the city of Randolph which became full time in April of 1985 following her appointment as City Clerk/Treasurer a position she still holds.

Marvern left the bar business in 1991. He began work at the new community golf course in 1992 and later was part-time cashier at Jerry's Hilltop.

In 1992, the Jones began building their home on Lorge Street, with much help from their sons, Tige and Brock and Cinda's brother Barry and brother-in-law Gary.

The children all graduated from Randolph High School and furthered their education. Tige graduated from the

University of Nebraska at Kearney. He married Angela Bloomquist and they reside in Adel, Iowa. Tige and Angela have three children: Amanda, Shannan and Eli. Jennifer graduated from Wayne State College and lives in Omaha with her son, Drew. Brock graduated from Northeast Community College in Norfolk and is married to Kate Swift. They also live in Omaha.

The empty nest syndrome found Marvern and Cinda filling their spare time with golfing, bowling, and playing cards with friends. Following several strokes which began in October of 2001, Marvern passed away November 25, 2006. He is so missed by family and friends.

Cinda still resides in the house they built on Lorge Street and she is still serving as city administrator, clerk/treasurer for Randolph. She was chosen to receive Clerk of the Year Award for second class cities in 2008 through the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association and she is currently serving as President of the Northeast Nebraska Area Clerks Association.

Cinda is senior vice for VFW Post #5545 auxiliary and co-chairman of committee two of the PCCW of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church. She still enjoys her music, bowling and golfing, and her flower and vegetable gardens.

Cinda's grandkids love her dill pickles and of course, they all have their favorite of cookie! In Cinda's spare time, you can usually find her and her mother, Geraldine, in a hot card game of Skip-bo!

As many people do, Cinda also feels it is impossible that another twenty-five years have passed since the Randolph Centennial Celebration in 1986. But time marches on and Randolph and the local community are continually changing with the times. *Submitted by Cinda Jones*

Ray and Minnie Jones



Minnie Jones 1920

Minnie Margaret (Graf) Jones was the daughter of Christian and Anna (Zingrich) Graf. She was born December 17, 1893 in Manchester, Iowa. Minnie was one of eight children, Gottlieb, Chris Jr., Minnie, Emma, Herman, Louise, Walt and Rose. When she was six years old the family moved from Iowa to a farm southeast of Randolph. She recalled that she rode the immigrant train to their

new home "out west". She attended a rural school District #37 near Randolph and the Belden area. She graduated from Belden High.

Her family was early day members of the German Reformed Church in Belden and attended church regularly, traveling by team and wagon. Minnie remembered that it was a big event when they acquired a new carriage to ride to church.



Minnie Jones

Ray D. Jones son of William Walter Jones and Elizabeth Ann (Owens) Jones was born February 4, 1900 in Laurel, Nebraska. Minnie and Ray were married December 4, 1929 in Yankton, South Dakota. They farmed for four years in rural Randolph. This was in the terrible 30's and

making a living was a struggle. Minnie recalls the investment they made on brood sows one spring -- and when the time came to sell the pigs, they were only worth \$1 apiece! After this financial lost they moved to Michigan for eleven years. Ray worked as a custodian of a school and Minnie worked in a popcorn factory. In 1952 they moved to Pasadena, California. Ray passed away May 9, 1954 and is buried in the Belden cemetery.

Minnie moved back to Randolph in 1963. She moved into the Colonial Manor in June 1985 at the age of 92. Minnie died August 12, 1996 at Colonial Manor in Randolph at the age of 102. She was the last surviving member of the Christian and Anna Graf family. At the time of her death, Minnie was still able to recall many memories of her past. *Submitted by Paula (Young) Sauser*

Rod and Linda Jones



Rod and Linda Jones Family

Upon graduating from Norfolk Junior College in 1964, with an Associates of Arts Degree in education, Rod was hired as a sixth grade teacher in Papillion, Nebraska. In 1967, he took off a year from teaching and earned a Bachelor of Art degree from Wayne State. Rod married

Linda Christensen in 1969. She was also a teacher in the Papillion district.

In 1970, they moved into Omaha and were hired by the Westside Community Schools. Both Linda and Rod went to summer school at Wayne and received their Masters degrees.

They adopted a son, Garrett, in 1976. He passed away in 2005.

In 1994, Rod became principal of Loveland Elementary in the Westside District. He retired in 2000 and has been working part time as an elementary gifted and talented teacher in Westside.

Rod enjoys golf, traveling with Linda, and participating in the projects at the Kiwanis Club. Rod and Linda live in the Pepperwood Addition in Omaha where they have lived since 1986. Rod is still contemplating what he will do in retirement. *Submitted by Rod Jones*

Tige and Angela Jones

Tige Lee Jones, the oldest of three children born to Marvern and Cinda (Caster) Jones, was born June 2, 1970 in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He received most of his education at Randolph Public graduating in 1988. In 1992 he graduated from University of Nebraska at Kearney. Tige is employed at MetLife in West Des Moines Iowa.

Tige married Angela Kay Bloomquist on June 28, 1991. Angela, the youngest of seven children of Neil and Sally (Reineke) Bloomquist, was born on November 22, 1971 in Osmond Nebraska. She received all of her education at Randolph Public School, graduating in 1990. Angela graduated from Spencer School of Business in Grand Island in 1991. She is employed by CCMSI in West Des Moines.

Tige and Angela reside in Adel, Iowa with their three children: Amanda Lynn, born August 31, 1991; Shannan Elizabeth, born July 25, 1998 and Elijah DeVon, born December 6, 2001. Amanda is attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Shannan and Elijah attend Adel-DeSoto-Minburn Schools. The family keeps busy participating in several athletic activities and 4-H groups. *Submitted by Tige and Angela Jones*

Mark and Crystal Junck

Mark and Crystal Junck have an immediate family history dating back to July 25, 1998. They have two sons, Tyson Mark, born January 26, 2003 and Jaylen Robert, born November 8, 2009.

Mark was born August 25, 1976 to Richard and Peggy Junck of Randolph. He has two brothers, Brian of Randolph and Chad of Blair. Until he was eight years old, they lived south of Randolph where his dad farmed and he attended school in Sholes. His family then moved east of Randolph and he continued school at Randolph Elementary. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1994 and graduated from Northeast Community College in 1996 with an associate's degree in diesel technology.

He began working at Greenline Equipment in Norfolk during college and continues to work there today.



Mark, Crystal, Tyson, Jaylen Junck

Crystal was born July 1, 1977 to Robert and Linda Wuebben of Fordyce. She has three siblings, Becky Sullivan of Fremont, Craig Wuebben of Fordyce and Nicole Zavadil of Nebraska City. Living a mile from Fordyce, she attended school in Fordyce until fifth grade and then traveled to Menominee for junior high school. Both schools made up West Catholic School. After graduating from West Catholic in 8th grade, she attended Crofton Community School for high school. She graduated in 1995 and then graduated from Northeast Community College in 1997 with an associate of arts degree with an emphasis in journalism.

Crystal worked for the Cedar County News in Hartington following graduation until October where she was promoted to Editor of the Randolph Times. She left the Times in August of 1999 to pursue her dream of becoming a professional photographer. She began her studio in Yankton, South Dakota as Generations Photography, and left in January 2003 after the birth of her son. She then began her studio in Randolph, where she continues to work today.

Tyson is a first grader at Randolph Elementary and enjoys drawing, playing tractors and trains, especially his Thomas the Train collection.

Jaylen attends work with his mom, and will continue to do so before entering preschool. During the busy seasons, he has various babysitters.

Mark and Crystal enjoy taking trips on their motorcycle and visiting with friends and family. *Submitted by Crystal Junck*

Roger and Sheila Kaczmarek

Sheila Marie Kuhl was born to Donald and Vayle Kuhl on July 14, 1950 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska. She lived in Sholes, Nebraska and attended Sholes Public School until the middle of her fourth grade year. In 1959 her parents built a home in Randolph and it was then she became a student at St.

Frances De Chantel. In May of 1968 she graduated from St. Frances High School. On the Memorial Day after graduation she was stung by a bee and became very ill, because of a severe allergy to bees.

The fall of 1968 found Sheila enrolled at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska, where she majored in mathematics with a supporting field in elementary education. She received her Bachelor Degree in May of 1972 from the College of St. Mary.

Sheila's teaching career began in the Ralston Public Schools in a third grade classroom, where she taught for four consecutive years.

On August 4, 1973, Sheila married Roger Kaczmarek, a native of Omaha. Roger attended Holy Name High School and graduated from there in May of 1966. He then attended Creighton University where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy in May of 1971.

Sheila is completing her 25th year of teaching kindergarten at Montclair Elementary School in the Millard School District in Omaha. Her husband, Roger, is working for Miller Pharmacy in Fremont. Their three daughters: Karissa, Kelsey and Kortney are all married and living in Omaha. Sheila and Roger have three grandchildren: Addison, Ashton and Jack with their fourth grandchild due March 2010. *Submitted by Sheila (Kuhl) Kaczmarek*

Merele and Rose Kavanaugh

Merele Kavanaugh, son of Maurice and Ella (McCloud) Kavanaugh of Dixon had five brothers and two sisters. James of Belden, (deceased), Maurice of Fort Worth, Texas, (deceased), Gerele of Laurel, (Merele's twin) (deceased), LaVern of Lincoln, Jack of Laurel, (deceased), Vincent of Dixon, (deceased). Rosella (Kavanaugh) Kessler (deceased) and Agnes (Kavanaugh) Serven of Laurel.

Rose Korth, daughter of Peter and Ottilia Korth had four brothers and three sisters: Mary (Sister Fortunate) of Valley, Nebraska (deceased), Desmond of Wilmont, Minnesota, (deceased), Harold of Randolph, (deceased), Delores of Randolph, (deceased), Leonard of Randolph, Cleo Ann of Randolph, (deceased) and Paul of Randolph.

Rose and Merele were married November 19, 1946 at the St. Frances Catholic Church of Randolph. Their first home for one year was one mile east of Randolph, (the present day home of Doug and Joyce Tunink.) Their second home was southeast of Belden, where they farmed for 44 years. Merele also worked for the Cedar County Road Maintenance Department for 18 years. In 1987, Merele and Rose moved to Randolph where they became members of the St. Frances Catholic Church.

They had two sons, Gary, January 6, 1951 and Pat, December 30, 1955. Gary married Janet Carlson of Laurel in 1972. They have two daughters, Debbie Kavanaugh Obermeyer of Wakefield and Colleen Kavanaugh of Orlando, Florida.

Merle passed away on January 31, 2010 and is buried in the St. Frances Cemetery. *Submitted by Rose Kavanaugh*

Rita Kessler

Arthur Joseph Biernbaum, son of Wendling and Emma (Kube) Biernbaum was born on October 20, 1917 at Fordyce. He has two sisters Loretta and Delores and three brothers, John, Raymond and Lawrence. He and his family lived on a farm near Fordyce.

Rita Caroline Luft daughter of Conrad and Marie (Jansen) Luft was born August 19, 1922 at Fordyce. She has two sisters Madeline and Odelia and a brother Leon. They lived on a farm near Constance. She graduated from Liberty High School in 1940

Arthur and Rita were married on April 25, 1944. They lived on a farm near Fordyce. In March of 1958 they purchased a farm and moved south of Belden. They have 9 children. Arlen born in 1945, married Kathleen Lenhoff in 1968. They have six children, Thomas, Scott, Brenda, Robbie, Sherri and Kimberly. LaDonna, born in 1949, married Earl Leiting in 1969. They have three children, Tina, Troy and Travis. Sharon, born in 1950, married Dave Peterson in 1973. They have three children, Lindsey, Valerie and Kurt. Arlis, born in 1952, married Michael Wattier in 1972. They have three children, Jeremy (deceased 2004), Brian and Erin. Carla Jean, born in 1953, married John Schmitt in 1977. She drowned in 1978. Galen, born in 1954, married Janelle Cunningham in 1974. They have two daughters, Laurie and Melissa. Galen died of cancer in 2006. Mark, born in 1958, has a dear friend, Rebecca Norman. Keith, born in 1961, married Jean Koll in 1984. They have two daughters, Kayla and Krista. Jana Lea, born in 1964, married David Wrick in 1995. She has three children Courtney, Ryan and Stephanie. Arthur passed away on February 3, 1965 following a heart attack. Rita and the family moved into Randolph in 1969. Rita worked at the Colonial Manor.

Rita married Leonard Gubbels in 1970. They lived on a farm north of Randolph. They built a house and retired in Randolph in 1980. Leonard passed away in 1981. He had two sons, Larry and Gail.

Rita married Edwin Kessler in 1983. They lived in Randolph. Ed has a son Larry and two daughters, Marie Abbato and Doris Samuelson.

Rita and Ed currently reside at the Colonial Manor in Randolph.

Joseph and Mary Kessler

Joseph Kessler was born October 3, 1895 at Portsmouth, Iowa, the son of Leo and Josephine Kessler. The family moved to Platte County in 1894. In 1902 they moved to Randolph, probably due to the availability of land in this area. Joseph married Mary Thelen on January 20, 1915.



Mary and Joseph Kessler

Mary was born December 30, 1894 in Panama, Iowa the daughter of Anton and Katherine Thelen. Her family moved to Randolph in 1898. Joseph and Mary grew up in the same neighborhood and were well acquainted since her brother Peter had married his sister Anna. Joseph began farming the family farm four miles northeast of Randolph in 1913. The couple

settled there after their marriage and both worked hard to make their farm a success.

Joseph was a hard and seemingly tireless worker. During harvest work his pace never slowed except for his afternoon pipe break. Mary was proud of the fact that she helped with the harvesting of the crops as well. She was also a skillful worker – able to pick corn as fast though not as clean as her husband. When their children were small, Mary hired a baby sitter during harvest so that she was able to help in the fields.

One of the Kessler's favorite entertainments was attending the house parties popular in their neighborhood. Rooms were cleared of furniture so that everyone could dance. Joseph enjoyed serving as the caller for the old time square dancing that was part of the evening entertainment. Joseph was also a devoted baseball fan and loved to play the game himself. For many years he played for the Wareham Ball Club.

Joseph and Mary had seven children: Dorothy (Mrs. John Schlichting), Alvin, Ileen (Mrs. Alfred Schutt), Edwin, Margery (Mrs. LaVern Kavanaugh), Lexie (Mrs. Leonard Heger), and Marilyn (Mrs. Arnold Eickhoff). The depression years were difficult ones for the family. There was no money for luxuries and barely enough for necessities. The Kesslers were both strongly opposed to borrowing money and being in debt. In some ways that made these years somewhat easier. Still, money was in short supply and they were grateful that Dorothy and Alvin were working. Often they waited for their week's pay in order to buy grain for the horses.

A large garden and orchard helped supply the family's needs. Most of the fruit trees died during the drought years. After that cornbread and mulberry sauce were a major part of their depression years diet.

In April 1942, the Kessler's oldest son Alvin enlisted in the military. Alvin hoped for an assignment with the Coast Guard. Instead, he was sent to North Africa in November 1942, where he served with a coastal artillery

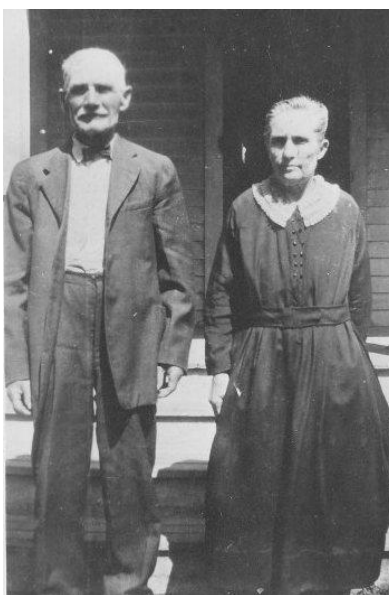
unit. On February 9, 1944, Alvin was killed in action on the Italian front.

In 1953, Joseph and Mary retired and moved to town. Their son Edwin took over the farming operation. Mary died December 20, 1958. Joseph died September 8, 1961.

Leo and Josephine Kessler

Leo Kessler was born November 25, 1856 in Baden, Germany. In 1876 he came to Shelby County, Iowa to join a brother and sister who had immigrated earlier. On April 26, 1881, he married Josephine Korth in Westphalia, Iowa.

Josephine was born October 12, 1861 in a log cabin at Cross Plains, Wisconsin. Her parents were Jacob and Anna (Sontgen) Korth. Her father was born in Cologne, Germany and came to the United States in 1852. In 1867 the family moved to Keokuk County, Iowa. Later they moved to Shelby County, Iowa.



Leo and Josephine Kessler

Leo and Josephine farmed near Portsmouth, Iowa until 1894. At that time they moved to Wisner, Nebraska and finally in 1902 to Randolph. They first lived on a farm west of town and later bought the farm four miles northeast of Randolph. They lived there until their retirement in 1913.

The couple had eight children who lived to adulthood: Fred, John, Joseph, Mary (Mrs. John Meyer), Anna (Mrs. Peter Thelen), Rose (Sister M. Suso), Emma (Mrs. Harrison Hardin) and Katherine (Farell). Wilhemina and Katharina died in infancy.

Josephine suffered from tuberculosis for many years. On three separate occasions she went to Colorado Springs for her health. The first time she did this she left five small children in the care of her husband. The couple lived in Colorado for a time – again due to her health problems.

Josephine enjoyed quilting – piecing and quilting many quilts for her family. In her later years, she refused to give up this activity in spite of the cataracts on her eyes and her resulting poor eyesight. Her daughter Emma cut the pieces and sorted them by color. Josephine was then able to complete her intricate quilt patterns. Her activities were often limited by her delicate health. She was a devout and faithful Catholic. She often sat in a kitchen chair with one hand in her pocket. In the pocket was a rosary which she prayed as she sat and rested.

Leo was an independent man, a trait he probably developed as a teen in Germany after his father's remarriage. He was satisfied with simple things and always feared being a burden to his children and their families. After he retired, their home was heated by a wood stove. In good weather he often made the four mile walk to the family farm with his ax over his shoulder. He would spend most of the afternoon cutting wood before walking back to town. Later the wood was hauled to town by his son.

The Kesslers were always willing to help their children when they needed it. In 1921 they invited their son, John to live with them after the death of his wife. Leo and Josephine helped John with the care of his son, Eugene until John's remarriage in 1928.

Josephine died October 13, 1934. Leo developed heart problems soon after her death and was in poor health until his death in September 15, 1938.

James and Jo Kilburn

James Nelson Kilburn was born January 14, 1947 in Bixby, Oklahoma, to Earnest Nelson and Jennie Mae (Gatewood) Kilburn. Earnest worked for the Corps of Engineers and that job finally brought his family to Gavins Point Dam at Yankton, South Dakota.

Jim graduated from Yankton High School in 1965 and met Jo Heffele that fall.

(Mary) Jo Heffele, the oldest of three children, was born July 20, 1947 in Adrian, Minnesota to Alban George and Alice Julia (Johannes) Heffele. Jo spent her entire childhood in Adrian and in 1965 graduated from St. Adrian High School.

Jo enrolled at Mount Marty College during the fall of 1965 and at a college dance met Jim Kilburn.

Jim and Jo were married August 10, 1968 at St. Adrian Church at Adrian, Minnesota. They made their first home in Yankton while Jo finished college. Jo graduated in December of 1968 with a major in Elementary Education.

During January of 1969, Jim and Jo were asked by Mount Marty College to become their first dorm parents. Until that time, only dorm mothers were used, but now couples as dorm parents are a common occurrence.

In June of 1969, Jo accepted a position as children's librarian at Yankton Carnegie Library.

On January 1, 1970, Jeremy Nelson was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. That same year, Jim returned to college at the University of South Dakota at Springfield. He graduated from there in May of 1972 with a degree in Industrial Arts and Psychology.

Jim's first teaching position was at Stanton High School in Stanton, Nebraska, where the Kilburns lived for two years.

The Kilburns moved to Belden in August of 1974 because Jim had accepted a teaching position at Randolph High School.

On October 23, 1974, Julie Jo was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

During the summer of 1975, the Kilburns moved to Randolph and bought the house in which they now live. Jo began working for the Randolph Times that fall and continued there for the next two years.

In August of 1978, Jim received his Masters of Industrial Education degree from Wayne State College.

On August 11, 1982, Jennifer Jean was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Five days later, Jim accepted a position as Northeast Nebraska Field Supervisor for Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa.

Jo operated an in-home daycare for many years and then worked at Sam's Hardware Hank before returning to the Randolph Times, retiring in 2008.

Jeremy graduated from Randolph High School in 1988, receiving his college degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in 1992. He resides in Noblesville, Indiana and is a Franchise Operation Specialist for the Buffalo Wild Wings Corporation.

After graduating in 1993 from Randolph High School, Julie attended Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. She received her Accounting/Business/Computer Science degree in 1997. On April 1, 2000, she married Joshua Andrew Schreiber at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph. They live in Hartington and have three daughters: Joelie Mae, Jessie Lynn and Jentrey Johannes. Their son, Jay Andrew died on May 2, 2003 the day of his birth. Julie is business manager for the Hartington Public School.

Jennifer graduated from Randolph High School in 2000, receiving her college degree in Biology from Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, in 2004. She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2008 from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan, Kansas.

On February 1, 2009, Jim retired from Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa, beginning a new chapter of their life together. *Submitted by Jo Kilburn*

Robert and Sandra Kint

Robert John Kint was born March 25, 1944 to Jonathan and Marjorie (Klocke) Kint. He graduated from St. Frances Catholic High School in 1963. He attended Milford Trade School and graduated in 1965 where he then moved to Omaha, Nebraska and worked for Huber Construction.

Sandra Kaye Eddie was born July 5, 1944 to Wendell and Marvene (Borst) Eddie. She graduated from St. Frances Catholic High School in 1962. She graduated from CE School of Commerce in Omaha, Nebraska in 1963 and worked for Mutual of Omaha.

They were married on June 26, 1965 at the St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. They resided in Omaha until 1966 when they moved back to Randolph to start their family. They lived on the Bill Coenen farm until 1968 when they moved to town.

Bob's first job in Randolph was to remodel an old liquor store which was made into Rhode's Bar. Bob then

went into partnership with Paul Borst, forming Borst & Kint Construction. Bob and Sandra purchased the Smith Steward Lumber Yard at Belden in May of 1974, ending his partnership and starting Belden Lumber & Supply. In 1992 Belden Lumber branched out into the area of selling and installing vinyl fencing with Country Estate Fence which they run to this day.



Bob and Sandra Kint Family

They have five children: Christal (Kint) McDonald who graduated in 1985 from Randolph Public High and married Brian McDonald on October 8, 1994. They have two boys: Blake and Alex.

Brian Kint graduated in 1986 from Randolph Public High and married Kim Rinke on June 3, 1995. They have five girls: Abbigail, Erika, Allison, Emma and Olivia.

Lisa (Kint) Gubbels graduated in 1988 from Randolph Public High and has two children: Samantha and Jonathan.

Robert Paul born November 2, 1971 died November 3, 1971.

Teresa (Kint) Larson graduated from Randolph Public High in 1991 and married Cory Larson October 18, 2008.

Submitted by Bob and Sandra Kint

Shirley Kint

Shirley was born in 1928 to Henry W. and Margaret B. (Meisinger) Weyhrich on a farm south of McLean, Nebraska. She was the youngest of three children: Evelyn, who passed away at six weeks from measles and Marvin.

She began her schooling at District 54 south of McLean. The family later moved to a farm west of Randolph and she attended District 28 NE. It was from that school that she graduated from the eighth grade. Shirley began high school in Randolph and graduated in 1945. She also began taking courses at Wayne State College, and began teaching in country schools, the first being District 28 NW, then a school near Osmond to which her Dad and uncle had attended many years before. The last school she taught was near Carroll, Nebraska.

Shirley later went on to become a Certified Nurse's Assistant, later a "specialist", a field she thoroughly enjoyed. She worked at Colonial Manor 12 years. Shirley later was employed by Nebraska Veterans Home in

Norfolk for 14 years. While at the Veterans Home, she was honored to the "Most Valuable Employee Award". Shirley retired from there in 1999.



Shirley Kint with her Family

In 1946, Shirley married Warren Kint of Laurel. They both worked for many years at Robert's Hardware Store and later bought the Skelly Service Station from her dad, Henry, which they operated for many years. Breezie later operated his repair service until his death. Shirley and Breezie were both with the Ambulance Crew as EMT's for nearly 15 years.

In 1947, our daughter Carolyn was born. She graduated from Randolph High School and business school in Sioux City. She married Dennis Meier and they had a son, Mark A. Meier, who was born in Germany where Dennis was stationed in the Army. They later lived in Georgia where he was stationed. Carolyn and Dennis were later divorced. She then met and married Thomas Tierney of Wayne. They lived in Randolph for a while and then moved to South Sioux City. Mark graduated from South Sioux City and went on to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha. After graduating from College he began teaching at Benson High School in Omaha where he currently teaches and coaches. Mark has four children, his oldest Maggie, graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City and is currently teaching and living in Omaha. His son, Sean and his daughters Caitlin and Mary Beth also attend school in Omaha. Mark's wife Becky teaches in St. Columbille in Omaha.

Timothy was born in 1956. He also graduated from Randolph High School. He married Barbara Bierschenk of Belden. After working at Rokahr Implement for several years, he began his own insurance business, opening his office in Norfolk, where he currently works. They have two children: Julie, who also graduated from Randolph High and LeMars Beauty School in LeMars, Iowa. She also currently works with her dad at his insurance office. Michael is a senior at Randolph High School and is very active in sports. Tim, Barb and their children are very active in their community doing scouting and children's sports.

Shirley is currently employed part time at the Lied Randolph Library. *Submitted by Shirley Kint*

Tim and Barb Kint



Michael, Julie, Barb and Tim Kint

Timothy “Tim” Warren Kint, son of Warren “Breezie” and Shirley (Weyhrich) Kint was born July 28, 1956 at Norfolk, Nebraska. He received all of his education at Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 1974. Tim has been a representative for AXA Equitable Insurance Company for 25 years.

He married Barbara “Barb” Lynn Bierschenk, daughter of Charles and Ellen (Behrens) Bierschenk on October 2, 1976. Barb was born March 21, 1958 in Osmond, Nebraska. She attended Belden Schools through fourth grade, and then attended Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 1976.

The couple has two children: Julie Anne, born July 20, 1988 in Norfolk, Nebraska. Julie received all of her education at Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 2006. She then attended LeMars Beauty College in LeMars, Iowa, graduating in 2007. Julie currently works for Tim as his office manager for his insurance business. Michael James was born August 16, 1991 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He has also received all of his education at Randolph Public Schools. Michael graduated from high school in May of 2010.

Some hobbies Tim has are: hunting, fishing, camping, and coaching baseball. Hobbies for Barb have been bowling, camping, and going to her kid’s activities. *Submitted by Tim and Barb Kint*

Jane Klemens

Jan Billerbeck, the oldest child of the late Henry Billerbeck and Margaret Billerbeck, was born July 22, 1951 in Sioux City, Iowa. They lived in Denison, Iowa for one year before moving to Randolph.

Jane graduated from St. Frances high School in 1969 and attended one year at Creighton University. Jane completed her nursing degree at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska. She worked at the Nebraska Medical Center for one year. Jan then moved to Portland, Oregon where she worked at Emanuel Hospital in Pediatrics for thirteen years.

During that time Jane married Peter Klemens. They adopted three children: Michael who was born January 6, 1981; Anne who was born May 9, 1982 and Scott who was born January 10, 1983.

In 1986 the family moved to Mesa, Arizona. Jane worked at Phoenix Children’s Hospital in the ICU for three years. Since then she has been employed at Banner Good Samaritan Poison Center.

Her children graduated from Seton Catholic High School and went on to higher education. Michael did his undergraduate studies at the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. He obtained his PhD in Psychology at Pacific Lutheran University in Seattle, Washington. Mike is presently working in Larned, Kansas.

Anne did one year of undergraduate studies at Northern Arizona University and finished her undergraduate at California Lutheran in Thousand Oaks, California. Anne attended Medical School at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She is presently in her second year of a surgery residency at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

Scott did his undergraduate studies at California Lutheran at Thousand Oaks, California. He went on to optometry school at Southern California School of Optometry in Fullerton, California. Scott is presently doing a post-graduate residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

Jane is presently living in Gilbert, Arizona outside of Phoenix.

Dennis and Susan Kollars



Dennis and Sue Kollars Family

Dennis Henry Kollars was born March 21, 1944 at Portsmouth, Virginia where his father, Dennis L. Kollars was stationed at the Naval Base. His mother is the former

Ida Hilaria Rupiper from Fordyce, Nebraska. Dennis, the oldest of 10 children, grew up in the Fordyce and Hartington areas, moving to a farm north of Randolph in 1956. He graduated from St. Frances High School in 1962 and enlisted in the US Navy immediately following graduation. He served his country as a Second Class Electronics Technician and was discharged in August 1966.

Susan Ann Viergutz Kollars, the oldest child of Vernon and Frances (Stegge) Viergutz, was born August 9, 1944 at Norfolk, Nebraska. The telegram announcing her arrival to her father, who was stationed with the Army-Air Corps in Florida, was somehow delayed and he was not aware of her arrival until ten days later. Susan grew up in Randolph and graduated from St. Frances High School in 1962. She then attended Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota, graduating in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

During their high school years, Dennis and Sue spent a lot of time together much of it dancing. Those were the years of the first "Teen" dances; and the Skylon Ballroom at Hartington and the West Randolph Ballroom were the places to be.

Sue moved to Denver, Colorado in August of 1966 and was employed at General Rose Memorial Hospital. Dennis moved to Denver in December of 1966 and was employed as an electronics technician at Ferroxcube Electronics. They became engaged and were married April 29, 1967 at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph. In December 1967, they returned to Randolph, having purchased the August Wipperling farm southwest of town. Dennis farmed and worked at Dale Electronics in Norfolk and Sue worked at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Randolph. In 1973, they purchased the land adjoining theirs to the north from Jacob Backer. In 1998, they purchased a half section of land from the Vernon Viergutz Estate, which they had been renting and in the 90s also purchased the Herbert Carsten's farm south of Randolph. Dennis operated a farrow to finish hog operation and owned a cow-calf herd and fed cattle, in addition to grain farming. Sue continued to work in the nursing field and over the years was also employed at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Bel Air Nursing Home and Midwest Dermatology.

Dennis has been actively involved in the community as a member of the Pierce County Pork Producers, St. Frances Parish Council member and President and member of the Knights of Columbus, Randolph Rural Fire Board, Randolph Public School Board member and President, Randolph Ventures and Community Club. He was also an Allen Eastern 4-H Club leader and is a member of the American Legion. Dennis retired from farming in 2000 and his hobbies now are restoring old cars and tractors, woodworking, fishing and dancing.

Susan has been involved at St. Frances Church in the music ministry, as a teen and adult choir director and member, where she continues as an organist. She was a

Board Member of Colonial Manor Nursing Home, and an Allen Eastern 4-H Club Leader. She was elected to the First State Bank Board of Directors in the 1980's and continues to serve in that capacity. Sue retired from nursing in 2005 and her hobbies are quilting, needlework, music, dancing, fishing and golf.

Both Dennis and Sue are charter members of the Randolph Arts Council and both love to travel and currently spend their winters in the southern states.

Dennis and Sue are the parents of two daughters. Sandra Jo was born January 5, 1970 at Norfolk, Nebraska. She graduated from Randolph High in 1988 and from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. She married Richard J. Michel of Springbrook, Iowa on August 1, 1992 in Randolph. Rich is a real estate agent and partner with Locators Ltd. and Sandi is a computer consultant and analyst for John Deere Company in Dubuque, Iowa. They have two children, Austin Denn, born in 1993 and Kristin Jo, born in 1998.

Laurie Jean was born January 31, 1975 at Osmond, Nebraska. She graduated from Randolph High in 1993 and from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1997. She met Jarrad Walter from Decorah at college and they were married September 26, 1998 in Randolph. They live in Austin, Texas. Jarrad is an inside sales representative and Laurie is an instructor and office manager at Tarrytown Dance. They have two children, Kera Noelle, born in 2006 and Davis Henry, born in 2009.

Douglas and Barbara Korth



Doug and Barb Korth

Douglas Paul Korth, the eldest of five children, was born to Paul C. and Rogene Luree (Buchanan) Korth on November 5, 1953, at Osmond. He received his formal education at St. Frances School until its closing in 1971. He then completed his education at Randolph Public High School, graduating in 1972.

Doug spent the next six months working for a contractor in Lincoln. He returned in the fall to start farming and feeding cattle with his father.

On December 2, 1972 he married Barbara Schurman, the third oldest daughter of Paul & Maryann (Eskens) Schurman. Barb was born on December 2, 1953 at Yankton, South Dakota. She grew up where her parents farmed southeast of Randolph. Her formal education was received at St. Frances School, until its closing in 1971. Barb graduated from Randolph Public School in 1972.

Prior to her marriage Barb worked as receptionist in Lincoln.

Doug and Barb moved six times during their early married life, all within the Randolph area. They finally settled on the Korth family farm, northeast of Randolph, where Doug and his father were both raised. In May 1981 Doug and Barb began operating a custom cattle feeding operation. In 1996 the farm and feedlot operation was sold. The Korth household moved into the city limits of Randolph in January 1996. Doug began working at Dixon County Feedlot and USA Tire Company. Barb was employed at the Randolph Pharmacy and co-managed the Randolph Swimming Pool. In January of 2006 Doug purchased Northeast Nebraska Feeders, a custom cattle finishing operation. This feedlot is located on the original Korth eighty acres. Doug custom finishes approximately 7,000 head of cattle annually. Barb began her employment at Colonial Manor of Randolph in August of 1989, where she continues to hold the position of Office Manager there.

Doug and Barb are the parents of four children: Christopher Douglas, born April 12, 1976, who is foreman of Owens Farms at Carroll, Nebraska; Cassandra Jean, born May 12, 1979, married Kyle Huff, August 20, 2005, is a pharmacist at Wayne Nebraska; Catrina Rose, born April 20, 1982, married Chris Winkelbauer, July 26, 2008, is a teacher at Jefferson Elementary at Norfolk, Nebraska; Cameron Douglas, born July 2, 1986, owns and operates Korth Feedlot Trucking of Randolph.

The Korths are proud grandparents of two grandsons: Haydyn Scott Deck, born January 18, 2003, son of Chris Korth, and Waylon James Huff, born April 18, 2009, son of Kyle and Casi (Korth) Huff.

Over the years Doug and Barb have come to enjoy dancing, county fairs, rodeos, and country music concerts. Today they are kept busy with their grandsons' accomplishments and activities.

The Korths are members of St. Frances Catholic Church. *Submitted by Barb Korth*

Gene and Theresa Korth



Gene, Theresa, Stacy and Tyler Afrank, Michele and Kyle Korth

Gene was born August 29, 1957 at Osmond, Nebraska to Harold Sr. and Loraine Korth. Harold is the son of Peter and Otilia Korth of Randolph and Loraine is the daughter of Nicholas and Anna Gubbels of Westphalia, Iowa. Gene grew up on the family farm one mile north of Randolph and attended St. Frances Catholic School until it closed and graduated from Randolph High in 1975. He helped his father with farm duties at home while holding a full time job at Great Plains Construction in Randolph.

Gene married Theresa Greeno, daughter of Delmer and Doris Greeno of Magnet on July 22, 1978 at St. Frances Catholic Church. She is also the granddaughter of Lester and Gailen Greeno of Magnet and Fred and Emma Meyer of Randolph. Gene continued to work at Great Plains and also farm while Theresa started working at First State Bank in Randolph after their marriage.

The couple moved to a farm northwest of Mclean within the first year and stayed there for seven years. At that time they were able to purchase the farmland that once was owned by Theresa's great grandfather William Greeno, one half mile east of Magnet. While the couple lived by Mclean, they were blessed with a son Kyle Eugene, born January 29, 1981 in Osmond, Nebraska and a daughter Stacy Ann, born June 5, 1984 in Norfolk, Nebraska. The move meant that the kids could be right across the road from Grandma and Grandpa Greeno and the farm where Theresa grew up on.

Kyle and Stacy went to school in Wausa and so Theresa changed her banking career to Commercial State Bank in Wausa and Gene became a full time farmer adding more land to the homestead whenever possible. Gene and Theresa became very active on committees in Magnet, Wausa and Randolph, since they were involved with each community.

After the kids graduated, Theresa changed her career direction and stayed home to help Gene with the farm work, which was a blessing for both of them. Their son Kyle got married on August 2, 2008 to Michele Burkey in Lincoln, Nebraska and they now live on the farm which Theresa grew up on. Stacy was married to Tyler Afrank on June 6, 2009 in Norfolk, Nebraska and that is where they continue to live and work.

Through the ups and downs of farming, they still feel blessed to work the ground and see what God has in store for them each season. We would be lost if we called anywhere else but Northeast Nebraska home. *Submitted by Gene and Theresa Korth*

Harold and Loraine Korth Sr.

Harold Korth Sr. was born on April 7, 1917 to Peter and Ottilia Korth on a farm north of Randolph. His grandparents were Joseph and Johanna Korth of Randolph and Jacob and Anna Kunz of Madelia, Minnesota. Harold had a great respect of the land and thoroughly enjoyed farming with his father.

Harold met Loraine Gubbels from Westphalia, Iowa while she was in Randolph visiting her cousin Evelyn Gubbels Arduser. Loraine is the daughter of Nicholas and Anna (Weis) Gubbels. Harold and Loraine were married November 25, 1941 and it was while they were on their honeymoon that Pearl Harbor was attacked and their trip was cut short.



Rick, Gene, Larry, Loraine, Harold Sr., Ron, Junior Korth

For the first winter they lived with Harold's brother Desmond and his wife Teresa. The following March, Des and Tess moved north to a farm by Coleridge. In 1945, Harold and Loraine purchased a farm one mile north of Randolph and spent the next 60 years there. Harold was known throughout the state for his hand corn picking abilities. He entered state and national contests for over 60 years, bringing home numerous championship trophies. In the fall of 1995, he had the honor of competing in the Nationals in Kansas along with his son Rick and his grandson Kyle. The first time that had ever happen in any national corn husking competition.

Harold and Loraine had six children, five sons; Ron, Harold Jr., Rick, Gene, Larry and one daughter Jacqueline who died at 8 weeks of age. Ron married Joan Schmitt, Jr. married Marie Aschoff, Rick married Sue Muller, Gene married Theresa Greeno and Larry married Barb Temme. The boys followed in Harold's footsteps and also farmed land in the surrounding area.

When Harold and Loraine retired, they built a house on Jackson Street in Randolph. They enjoyed square dancing and taking trips to the west coast. On August 9, 2002, Harold was killed in a vehicle accident by Randolph. Loraine continued to live in the house until she moved to

the Colonial Manor in Randolph in 2009 because of health reasons. *Submitted by Gene and Theresa Korth*

Harold (Junior) and Marie Korth



Marie and Junior Korth

Harold Korth, Jr. and Marie Aschoff were married June 26, 1971. Harold's folks are Harold Sr. and Loraine (Gubbels). Junior came from a family of five brothers and one sister, Ron, Harold Jr. (or as he is called by many Junior), Jaculyne, Rick, Gene and Larry. Jaculyne died as an infant at five months of age. Ron passed away at the age of 63.

Junior has spent his entire life in the Randolph area farming. Harold, Sr. was killed in a pickup

accident. Junior's Mother, Loraine, currently lives at Colonial Manor in Randolph.

Marie's parents are Joseph and Lucy (Schlicting) Aschoff. Both are deceased. Marie came from a family of two brothers and four sisters – John, Alfreida, Lucille, Gene, Marie and Irene.

Junior and Marie raised three boys – Terry, Wayne, and Randy. They also had a daughter, Becky who was stillborn.

Son Terry currently lives on an acreage south of Hartington and is employed as the parts manager for Northeast Equipment (John Deere) in Hartington. He married Lisa Knutson. Lisa is a "stay at home" Mom. Terry and Lisa have three children, Turner, Keanna and Kale.

Son Wayne lives on an acreage east of Wayne. He is a carpenter and works for Christiansen Construction. He married Regina Reineke. Regina is a Registered Nurse and works at Wayne State College in Wayne. They have two boys – Caden and Reed.

Junior and Marie's third son, Randy, lives south of Randolph on an acreage. Randy farms and works for Progressive Insurance. He married Maggie Van Slyke. Maggie works for Lincoln Poultry as a salesperson. Randy and Maggie have three children – Sam, Thomas and Willie.

Junior and Marie live on a farm north of Randolph. Junior is still farming and Marie currently works at the Coleridge Nursing Home as a Medication Aide and a CNA. Junior and Marie are lifelong members of St. Jane Frances De Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph. *Submitted by Jr. and Marie Korth*

Leonard and Margaret Korth



BACK: Mark, Margaret, Butch, Fr. Dave **FRONT:** Russ, Karen, Susie, Mike

Leonard (Butch) Korth and Margaret Gubbels were married April 20th 1953. They lived one mile east and 4 and ½ miles north of Randolph on a farm for thirty years. They moved into Randolph in November 1983. Butch & Margaret celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in July 2003 by having the Gubbels and Korth families with a pot luck dinner at the West Randolph Ballroom. To help the families get acquainted with each other, a mixed group "Treasure Hunt" was held. This provided much fun for all. Butch and Margaret had also planned a dance for the evening but a terrible storm with a tornado touching part of Randolph, cancelled the event. On Sunday, their son, Rev. David Korth, celebrated mass for all at 10:00 a.m. at St. Frances Catholic Church with dinner and an open house following.

Leonard and Margaret had seven children: Russ married Kathy Sauser in 1974. They have four children and now five grandchildren. He divorced Kathy in 1984 and has not remarried. Russ is now living in Nathrop, Colorado. Russ' children are: Pat lives in Ohio and has four children, which includes a set of twin boys. Russ Jr. married Emma Nott in Australia where they are presently living. Kerry is a Physician Assistant and is living in Arizona. Kevin is serving in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed in England. He married Margaret Hodson and they have one son, Ian.

Karen has five children and lives in Hidden Acres near Gavins Point Dam. She married Doug Bloomquist in 1975 and divorced in 1992. She then married Mike Sondergroth and later divorced and is now living with Russ Martin. Karen and Doug had twin girls: Carisa married Kevin Ames and lives in San Diego, California. Tina married and divorced and currently lives in Omaha. Candace lives in Saskastwan, Canada. Brad lives in North Carolina and Brock graduated in 2009 from the University of Nebraska in Omaha where he currently lives.

Mike lives on our old farm place. He married Nena Villarino from Santiago, Chile in 1980. They have four daughters: Carolina lives in New York; Claudia married Jonathan Balta from Lima, Peru, South America and lives in Omaha; Colleen is in College at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, and Cecilia will graduate from high school May 2010 and plans to attend the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

Kevin, our baby, born in 1961 lived only one month and died after open heart surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Susan lives in Omaha. She first married Scott Hickey in 1989 and divorced him in 1996. She then married Troy Krupicka in 2005. Troy is a lab technician for University of Nebraska Medical Center. Susan works at KPMG, LLP in Omaha. They have no children.

Mark married Karla Burbach in April 1985. They have three sons: Daniel at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln; Jacob at Northeast Community College in Norfolk; and Austin who attends high school in Randolph. Mark and Karla built a new home in 1999 on their farm. Karla owns and operates Karla's Kurls in Randolph.

David graduated from Conception Seminary College; St. Paul's College of Divinity in Minnesota and was ordained a priest for the Omaha Archdiocese in 1992. He has served in St. Leo's in Omaha; St. Pat's in Fremont; Pastor at St. Stanislaus, Duncan, Nebraska and St. Lawrence in Silver Creek, Nebraska. He is now Director of St. Augustine Indian Mission at Winnebago, Nebraska and also the assistant pastor at Winnebago, Macy, Homer and Walthill.

Butch and Margaret have tried to be active in their community and at St. Frances Catholic Church. Butch was a lector, belonged to Catholic Order of Foresters, Knights of Columbus and VFW. Margaret has been active in Parish Council of Catholic Women, Deanery and Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women, Serra Club of Norfolk, taught CCD for ten years, takes Communion to shut-ins and belongs to a prayer group.

The Korths had two exchange students both from Germany, which brought another joy to their life. Both exchange students have visited the Korths on several occasions. Butch and Margaret have taken several tours of the United States and traveled to Germany for the wedding of their first exchange student. They enjoy bowling, golfing, and playing cards with friends, neighbors and relatives. In 2009, Butch had several light strokes so this has slowed them down, but they still enjoy life and friends. *Submitted by Butch and Margaret Korth*

Mark and Karla Korth

Mark & Karla (Burbach) were married April 13, 1985 at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph. Mark, son of Leonard and Margaret (Gubbels) Korth, was born August 24, 1964. He attended school in Randolph, and graduated in 1982. He has been engaged in farming since. Mark has three brothers and two sisters: Russ, Karen, Mike, Susan and Father David.



BACK: Daniel, Karla, Mark, FRONT: Austin, Jacob Korth

Karla, daughter of Cliff and Marlee (Delozier) Burbach was born February 20, 1965. Karla has three sisters and one brother: Lori, Dean, Conni, and Sandy. She attended school at Carroll and Wayne, and graduated in 1983. Karla attended Bahner College of Hair Design in Fremont and graduated in 1984. Following graduation she worked at Ellis Barber's in Wayne and also at Hair Design with Deb Casey. August of 1986, she opened up her own salon, "Karla's Kurls" at West Randolph Ballroom and was there for a couple of years. October of 1988, she moved to her current location at 113 N. Main Street.

Mark & Karla have three sons; Daniel, born February 19, 1989; Jacob, born July 28, 1990 and Austin, born November 12, 1994. Mark and Karla currently live on the east edge of Randolph.

Paul and Shirley Korth

Paul Korth was born on April 20, 1931 on a farm that his parents Peter and Otilia (Kunz) Korth built northeast of Randolph. Paul was the youngest of eight children. He attended St. Frances School in Randolph. Paul married Rogene Buchanan in June of 1952 and to this union five children were born: Doug, Tim, Tamera, Craig and Brian.

Paul and Rogene lived on the Korth homestead until 1980, when they purchased the Lou Dwyer farm. Rogene died on May 4, 1982 and she is buried in the St. Frances cemetery. On April 23, 1983, Paul married Shirley



Shirley and Paul Korth

(Bohlken) Krei of Coleridge. She had married Waldin Krei in February of 1955 and he passed away from cancer in August of 1970. They had three children: Kevin, Terry and Debra.

In 2003, Paul and Shirley built a new home across from the Dwyer homestead, where they still live today. Paul is active in farming, raising cattle and does cattle

order buying for other farmers. Paul and Shirley enjoy spending time with their 19 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Paul and Shirley Korth*

Peter H. and Otilia Korth

Peter Korth's father, Joseph was born in Cross Plains, Wisconsin. He moved to Portsmouth, Iowa, where he met and married Johanna Frederick. They made moves to Wisner and Humphrey, Nebraska and finally settled on a farm northwest of Randolph. To this union four boys and a girl were born. Peter the second oldest, was born April 30, 1887 at Wisner. Johanna died when Peter was a young lad and later, Joseph married Mrs. Mary Peschel.

Joseph bought a farm at Madelia, Minnesota by some sound advice from a relative in 1909 and he sent Peter up to farm this land. It is here that Peter met Otilia Kunz, who was born December 13, 1888 at Mankato, Minnesota. Her parents, Jacob and Anna (Joerg) Kunz had come from Germany. Peter and Otilia were married May 7, 1912, at Madelia and stayed there for three more years. Mary Catherine, (Sister Fortunate), was born April 19, 1913 and Desmond (now deceased) was born February 4, 1915 at Madelia. Joseph sold the farm in Madelia and bought a farm west and south of Coleridge for Peter, Otilia, Mary and Desmond to live on. It was here that Harold was born on April 7, 1917.

When Mary started school, she came to Randolph to board with the Sisters to get a Catholic education. She did not like boarding with the Sisters because she was not able to live at home, so Peter bought 240 acres of land one mile east and three miles north of Randolph. It was an oats field where they began to build a homestead. They built all the buildings and planted a nice grove and orchard. They moved to this new home in March 1920.

Here, Dolores, Rose, Leonard (Butch). Cleo Ann and Paul were all born. Dolores and Cleo Ann died as infants.

Peter farmed from 1920 until 1951, when he passed away on November 4 from pneumonia and a stroke. Paul then continued the farming on the home place. Otilia

moved into Randolph in 1952, a block west of the Catholic Church. She enjoyed her years in town, baking cookies and rolls. She was noted for her Sunday dinners. Otilia passed away February 15, 1984 at the age of 95. She had 26 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Mary (Sister Fortunate), the oldest child left home to join the convent, School Sisters of St. Francis, August 19, 1933. She did mission work in Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Montana and Nebraska. Mary died on November 12, 1999 and is buried in the St. Francis cemetery.

Desmond married Tessie Anderson and farmed in the Randolph community. To this union, six children were born; Judy (Dennis) Kaiser, Marge (Tom) Ryan, Joan (Jim) Walker, James (Penny) Korth, Kathy (Greg) Viergutz and William (Kari) Korth. Des and Tessie moved to Wilmont, Minnesota to farm. It was here that Des was killed in a car accident in July of 1973.



Otilia, Sr. Fortunate, Peter, Paul, Rose, Harold, Des FRONT:Butch

Harold married Loraine Gubbels and they lived their entire married life farming north of Randolph. They had six children; Ron married Joan Schmitt, Harold Jr. married Marie Aschoff, Rick married Sue Muller, Gene married Theresa Greeno and Larry married Barb Temme. A daughter Jacqueline died in infancy. Harold died in an auto accident on August 9, 2002.

Rose married Merle Kavanaugh and they farmed in the Belden area before moving into Otilia's house when they retired. They have two sons; Gary who married Janet Carlson and Patrick. Merle passed away on January 31, 2010.

Leonard (Butch) married Margaret Gubbels and they farmed in the Randolph Community all of their married life. They had seven children; Russell who was married to Kathy Sauser, Karen who was married to Doug Bloomquist, Mike married Nena Villarino, Kevin died in infancy, Susan married Troy Krupicka, Mark married Karla Burbach and David became an Ordained Priest on June 6, 1992.

Paul married Rogene Buchanan and lived on the original homestead. They had five children; Doug married Barb Schurman, Tim married Linda Bloomquist, Tamera married Jim Loftis, Craig married Amanda Fitch and Brian married Nancy Pojar. Rogene died on May 4, 1982. Paul then moved to the Dwyer place and later married Shirley Krei.

Farming is still the main occupation of the Korth descendants of Joseph and Johanna Korth.

Randy and Maggie Korth



Maggie holding Will, Sam, Randy holding Tommy

Well, seems odd enough that I'm old enough to have a history, but here it goes.

Randy and Maggie (Van Slyke) Korth were married in April 2002 at St. Frances de Chantal church in Randolph. They moved from Lincoln, Nebraska back to Randolph in August of that year to have their first son, Samuel in January 2003. They bought an acreage five miles south of town which they currently are in the process of renovating, and will be doing forever!

Their second son, Thomas was born in June of 2004. Randy and Maggie continue to try to expand their farming operation in addition to their "day jobs". Their third son William was born in August of 2009. They were happy to welcome a fourth son Henry, into the fold in November of 2010. The Korths are happy to be able to raise their children among family and to be involved in the joys and sorrows of agriculture.

Maggie remembers growing up she thought farmers worked three days a year, planting, harvest, and farm sales."I stand corrected. I always have had to learn things the hard way!" Randy continues to work as a claim adjuster during the day for Progressive and Maggie is in her ninth year with Lincoln Poultry in sales. They continue to keep busy and have their hands in lots of different ventures, as one person told Maggie, that's okay as long as you remember to wash! *Submitted by Randy and Maggie Korth*

Rick and Susan Korth

Rick and Susan (Muller) were married August 29, 1981, at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Rick and Sue have lived one and a half miles north of Randolph for the past 16 years.

Rick was born March 18, 1956, to Harold and Loraine Korth of Randolph. He attended St. Frances Catholic School and graduated from Randolph High in 1974. Following graduation, he attended Grand Island School of Business. He was the bookkeeper for Great Plains Supply

in Randolph until the business closed in July of 1983. Rick and Susan currently own and operate their family business as sales representatives for Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed sales. The seed business has grown from a part time job over the past 21 years, to our family business now. Susan, along with children: Sheila, Britni, and Justin helped the operation grow for the first 15 years. Kyle Korth and Steve Thies joined the business and helped expand it to cover the Randolph, Wausa, and Belden areas. Rick has four brothers: the late Ron Korth, Harold, Jr., Gene, and Larry who all reside in the Randolph area.



Sheila, Rick, Sue, Britni, Justin Korth

Susan was born December 28, 1956, to Paul and Delores Muller of Wausa. She graduated from Wausa High School in 1975. She also attended Grand Island School of Business following graduation. Susan was employed by Terra Chemicals as an administrative assistant for 23 years. Susan has two older sisters, Kathy Wiegert of Norfolk and Paula Nelson of Cumberland, Wisconsin, and two younger brothers, the late Marty Muller of Yankton, South Dakota and Roger Muller of Ashburn, Virginia.

Rick and Susan have three children: Sheila (Korth) Karpf, Britni Korth, and Justin Korth.

Sheila was born October 27, 1985 in Norfolk, Nebraska. She graduated from Randolph Public Schools in 2004, and later attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Sheila received her Bachelor's Degree from University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2008 in Management Information Systems and Economics. She then attended London School of Economics in London, England to obtain a Master's degree. She graduated from London School of Economics in 2010. On October 9, 2010, Sheila (Korth) and Henry Karpf were united in marriage. Henry and Sheila (Korth) Karpf currently reside in the Washington, D.C. area.

Britni was born on December 15, 1988 in Norfolk, Nebraska. She graduated from Randolph Public Schools in 2007. Britni is currently attending Wayne State College, pursuing a degree in the medical field.

Sheila and Britni were very dedicated in the Randolph High School track program while attending high school.

Sheila, as a senior, and Britni, as a freshman, won the girls 4x800m relay in Omaha at the Nebraska State Track Meet.

Justin was born on November 25, 1994 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He is currently attending Randolph Public Schools and will graduate in 2013.

Rick and Susan Korth and Family belong to the St. Frances Catholic Church of Randolph. They also belong to many organizations in the church and community. The Korth Family enjoys traveling and outdoor activities.
Submitted by Rick and Susan Korth

Tim and Linda Korth

Timothy Gene, the second son of Paul C. and Rogene (Buchanan) Korth, was born on November 24, 1954 at Osmond. He grew up on the family farm north of Randolph. He attended St. Frances Catholic School and Randolph High School.

Linda Louise, daughter of Dale and Delores (Thelen) Bloomquist was born on October 6, 1955 at Osmond, the fifth child of six brothers and one sister. She grew up on the farm north of Magnet, attending the Magnet Elementary School to the eighth grade and then attending high school at Randolph, graduating in 1973.



Tim and Linda Korth Family

On April 20, 1974, Tim and Linda were married at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. They began their life together northeast of town, working for Paul on the farm, with the cattle and crops. In 1978, they began farming on their own, raising a few hogs and crops.

To this marriage, two children were born. Their daughter, Sarah Lynn, was born on April 29, 1975. Sarah attended school in Randolph and graduated in 1993. She is now married to Shelby Steffen and lives at Platte Center. They have three daughters: Alexandria, 14 years; Sabrina, 10 years; and Caitlyn, 6 years. Shelby is an industrial electrician and Sarah has an in home daycare.

Their son, Travis J. was born on March 8, 1979. Travis also went to school in Randolph, graduating in 1997. He is married to Teri Haselhorst and they have three sons: Twins – Connor and Carter, 3 years old and Dayton Paul, 3 months old. They live southwest of Belden, where

Travis is farming and working with Tim. Teri works at a bank in Laurel.

Tim and Linda are members of St. Frances Catholic church. Tim enjoys guns and hunting when he can take time off from farming. Linda is an active farm wife, who enjoys gardening, flowers, cross-stitching, sewing and crafts. They also enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. *Submitted by Linda Korth*

August and Rose Kruger



August and Rose Kruger 60th Anniversary

August H. Kruger born in Hanover, Germany, December 23, 1881 and Rose Brozek born in West Point, Nebraska, July 28, 1883, were married at Pierce, Nebraska on September 17, 1903. They started their married life with humble beginnings on a farm south of Randolph. Here they began their family with twin girls which was truly a hardship with none of the conveniences we know today.

Later they moved to a farm north of Randolph and a year afterwards bought the Strathman place in 1919. Here they raised their family of four sons and five daughters.

Ida, twin daughter, married Louis Stueckrath. They lived in the Randolph area and finally settled north of Brunswick, raising a family of eight sons and one daughter.

Ella, a twin daughter, married Herman Meyer. They settled on a farm west of Randolph. They raised a family of seven daughters and four sons.

August Jr., a son, married Ella Rohlf. They farmed his dad's farm south of Randolph. In 1943, August Jr. bought his own farm, the former Viergutz homestead. They raised a family of three sons and two daughters. They later moved to Randolph to live their retirement years.

Herman, a son, never married. He made his home with his parents in Randolph, where his parents moved to in 1945 when they retired from the farm. Alfred, a son, married Wilma Niday. They had one son. During World War II, Alfred served in the United States Army and after

his discharge farmed the homeplace for a couple of years. Later he bought a farm of his own north of Randolph. In 2010, Wilma is residing in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Edna, a daughter, married William Clyde Been. They made their home in Sioux City, Iowa. They had one daughter.

Clarence, a son, married Violette Gerkins. They went to California during World War II to do defense work. They had one daughter and one son. Clarence and Violette came back to the Randolph vicinity and eventually bought a farm southwest of Randolph. They later purchased the Belden Elevator and moved to Belden in 1966, where they lived their retirement years.

Phyllis, a daughter, after working at many different places, settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and married Nicklaus Jarsko. After he died, she decided to move from cold country to the sunny south and now resides in Tucson, Arizona.

The youngest daughter, Doris, came as a firecracker, born on the 4th of July. She married Don Eddie. Their first home was on his parents' farm by Belden, later buying the Kruger farm, where Doris was raised. Here they raised their family of three sons and one daughter. Don and Doris built a new house on this farm and she is currently residing there.

August and Rose Kruger were known for their livestock operations. At one time there was a loading chute and pens one-half mile east of their farm on the Northwestern Railroad line so they could drive fat cattle and hogs to be sent to market by rail.

They celebrated their 50th and 60th Wedding Anniversaries while living in Randolph. Both passed on in 1970.

At this time (February 2010) only two daughters and one daughter-in-law are living, but there are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren in the Kruger family tree. *Submitted by Kruger Family*

Clarence and Violette Kruger

Clarence Kruger and Violette Gerkins, were married in 1939 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph where they remained members all of their lives.

Clarence was born on a farm northwest of Randolph in 1917. His parents are August and Rosa Kruger. He went to a rural school near his home, known as the Hickey School, and then was a farmer. Violette was born south of Randolph in 1917. Her parents were Ferd and Viola Gerkins. Violette went to District 28 southeast, a rural school in Pierce County, and Randolph High School. She graduated in 1934 and attended Wayne State College and Chadron State College, after which she taught school for five years.

Clarence and Violette remembered when gypsies would travel through the country. Each year groups would camp near their homes. A group of Native Americans also camped near the Kruger home each summer.

They farmed for one year, and then moved to Los Angeles, California. Clarence worked in the Los Angeles Ship Yard. Violette worked for the Telephone Company of California. Blackouts and earthquakes are remembered by both of them.



Clarence and Violette Kruger

Their daughter, Clarette, was born in Los Angeles. She married Robert Berner and have one daughter and two sons.

The Kruger's returned to the farm in 1943 and lived on farms near Randolph. Their son, Calvin, was born at this time. He is married to Carla Nelson and they have one son. Calvin lives in Wichita, Kansas.

Clarence and Violette moved their family to the farm south of McLean in 1946. Clarence fed cattle, raised hogs and sheep, and farmed. They also had a large flock of chickens. The summer of 1947, they had threshers for seven days, serving dinner and mid-afternoon lunch to fifteen to eighteen men daily.

Their children went to the rural school near their farm, which was known as the Volk or Weyhrich School. They walked to school each day, regardless of the weather. The children from our rural school came to the Kruger's home to watch the first flight of the space ship on television.

Clarence served on the school board and also on the church council. Violette was a Sunday School teacher and both Clarence and Violette were 4-H Leaders in Pierce County.

Clarence bought the elevator in Belden in 1966 from Bliss Mosely. He was in the grain and feed business until 1976, when his daughter and son-in-law took over the business.

The Kruger's saw lots of progress in the 20th century: the first radios, T.V.'s, electric lights, electric stoves, from horse power to tractor power and from driving livestock to towns that had small stockyards, to semi-trailers that haul direct to the market.

In 1999, Clarence and Violette celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They always enjoyed traveling. Clarence liked to hunt, fish and care for his Belgian horses. Violette enjoyed her ceramic shop and being with her grandchildren.

Clarence and Violette moved to Belden in 1966 where they continued to live until both Clarence and Violette

passed away in 1999. They are buried in the Randolph Cemetery. *Submitted by Clarette (Kruger) Berner*

Marlyn and Marjorie Kruse

Marlyn H. Kruse was born October 11, 1926, southwest of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith, May 8, 1927 and confirmed April 6, 1941. His parents, Louis and Hilda (Herrmann) Kruse were married October 5, 1921 at McLean, Nebraska. Louis passed away February 16, 1965 in McLean and Hilda passed away June 13, 1985 in Randolph. They are buried in the Randolph Cemetery. Marley has four brothers: Wayne, Gene, Dale and Larry; and two sisters: Kathryn Dommer and Ila Meacham. Marley went to school at McLean. He graduated with a class of six in 1944.

Marley worked on a farm east of McLean, for Raymond Riessen doing household chores and later Marley did the farm work. In February 1945, Marley entered the Army. After his discharge, he went back to the farm and on October 4, 1953, he married Marjorie Herold at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

Marjorie Herold was born June 25, 1934 to Mabel (Tlustos) and Henry Herold on a farm north of Coleridge, Nebraska. She has two sisters: D'Orsay Miller and Donna Jean Schmucker. Marjorie attended country school for eight years and then attended her freshman year at Hartington, Nebraska. She then moved to Laurel, Nebraska and graduated in 1951.

Marjorie worked for the Laurel Telephone Office for two years, until her marriage to Marlyn in 1953.

After their marriage they lived in McLean for six months, where Marley drove truck for Walt Bruckner and Marjorie worked at the Randolph Telephone office. They then moved to a farm south of Randolph where their four children were born. Steven was born June 14, 1954 and currently lives at Batesville, Arkansas. He and his wife, Desha, have two girls, Heather and Ashley. Steve and Desha also have a granddaughter, Ashton. Cary was born February 6, 1957 and lives in Randolph. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, Chad, Derek and Tiffany. They have one grandson, Alex. Linda was born April 14, 1958 and is married to Willie Crist. They live at Bassett, Nebraska. Linda has a daughter, Deborah. Julie was born August 29, 1961 and married Dale Loberg, who passed away October 4, 2004 in a work related accident. They have two children Josh and Lyndsee. Julie continues to live in Randolph.

In 1965, Marley took employment at K-W Grain, in Randolph, operating a mobile feed grinder. On October 1, 1971, he accepted the assistant manager job at Terra Western Fertilizer plant in Randolph. Marley and Marge bought a home in northwest Randolph and moved to town in 1974. Marley was appointed manager of Terra on July 1, 1975 and took an early retirement in 1983. Marge worked in the school kitchen at Randolph High School and retired after 25 years.

Marley passed away, November 5, 2007 of heart failure. Marge still lives in the same house and feels so blessed to have two of her children living in town to help her. She keeps busy doing volunteer work and enjoying the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Marjorie A Kruse*

Donald Francis and Vayle Vonne Kuhl



Vayle Kuhl

Donald Francis Kuhl, oldest child of Isidor Anthony and Genevieve Margurite (Hopkins) Kuhl, was born on a farm east of Randolph on August 16, 1926. He spent his early childhood there and started at a rural school known as the "Kuhl School". The family moved to Laurel in 1933 where his father was still engaged in farming. They were there until 1935 when Isidor

bought the grain elevator at Sholes, Nebraska, where Don graduated from high school in 1943. While in school he worked for different farmers as well as helping his dad at the elevator.

Don also helped his Uncle Albert Kuhl with his bee business. He was interested in bees and spent the winter after he graduated in Colton, California, working for Miller Honey Company. He bought one hundred colonies of bees, but had to sell them because he was drafted into the army in January, 1945. He was a staff sergeant of the 18th Ordnance Battalion. While stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, he also purchased a few colonies of bees. He was discharged August 27, 1946.

Don bought bees again after he was discharged and purchased the Tietgen Garage Building in Sholes and converted it into a honey house. From there he extracted, stored, and operated his bee business. He ran his own bees and also ran bees for Miller Honey Company on a share basis. For several years Don owned and operated a bee set-up at O'Neil, Nebraska, and also one at Hot Springs, South Dakota. Each had their own honey house, but his headquarters for his bee operation was always Sholes, Nebraska. In the winter he would migrate with his bees to the Rio Grande Valley in southern Texas and come back to Nebraska in the spring.

In 1982 Don's poor health forced him into retirement. Don passed away in an Omaha hospital on March 15, 1985.

Don was married to Vayle Vonne Gerkins on October 14, 1948, at Saint Frances Church in Randolph.

Vayle Vonne (Gerkins) Kuhl, daughter of Viola Minnie (Meisner) and Ferdinand August Gerkins was born on the Gerkin's family farm south of Randolph on October 25,

1925. She attended the rural school District 28 Southeast for eight years. She then graduated from Randolph Public High School in 1943 and attended Wayne State Teachers College. Vayle taught in rural schools south of Randolph for five years before she was married to Don.

After Don and Vayle were married, they made the rooms above the grocery store in Sholes into an apartment and lived there until they bought his folks' home in Sholes in 1952. They lived there until they built their home in Randolph in 1959.

Don and Vayle had six children. Sheila Marie was born July 14, 1950, and married Roger Kaczmarek on August 4, 1973. Sheila and Roger have three daughters.

Salinda (Sindy) Susan was born November 26, 1952, and married Dr. Richard Thompson on May 21, 1982. Sindy and Rich have four daughters.

Kevin Don was born December 20, 1954 and married Cathy Walz on January 14, 1978. Kevin and Cathy have two daughters and one son.

Kim Douglas was born December 22, 1955, and married Cindy Blank on October 6, 1979. Kim and Cindy have two sons and one daughter.

Kendall Dean was born July 18, 1958, and married Karla Borst October 30, 1982. Kendall and Karla have four sons.

Shauna Lue was born April 10, 1961, and married Dan Simpson July 30, 1983. Shauna and Dan have two daughters and two sons.

Vayle started working as a Para Professional for the Randolph Public School in 1971 and was employed there twenty-nine years. After that, she became a care taker. She is now retired and living in her home in Randolph.

Arthur D. Kuhl

Arthur D. Kuhl, the middle child of Arthur J. and Margaret Derieg Kuhl, was born on a farm east of Randolph. He attended a one-room country school for eight years before entering St. Frances High School. He is a graduate of St. Frances High School, the University of Nebraska and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He married Jean Werst of Louisville, Kentucky in 1968. They have four children: John, Elizabeth, Joseph and David.

Arthur spent three years as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and 35 years as a Soil Scientist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Nebraska, New York, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Iowa. Following retirement from the Soil Conservation Service Arthur became a real estate appraiser primarily dealing with small businesses and rural sales.

In 1998 Arthur and Jean returned to Randolph to a farm northwest of town. He loved reading history and gardening. He spent many hours developing a beautiful, large garden. He served on the board of the local RC&D where he worked on the development of the Wau-Col rural water system, serving several communities and farms in the area. He also promoted the development of

the Windharvesters Association enabling local farmers to band together to bargain for contracts for wind turbines in the area.

Art died July 16, 2009 after a brief illness. *Submitted by Jean Kuhl*

Isidor and Genevieve Kuhl

Isidor Kuhl was born to Anna and Mathias Kuhl on January 8, 1898. The Kuhls lived on a farm east of Randolph. Isidor attended St. Frances Catholic School at Randolph and also St. Mary's Academy at O'Neill.

On April 29, 1925, Isidor married Genevieve Hopkins at St. Anne's Catholic Church at Dixon. Genevieve, born to Frank and Jesse Hopkins on March 23, 1907, lived in Dixon. She attended school at Jackson and graduated from St. Frances High School at Randolph in 1924.

Isidor and Genevieve lived on a farm east of Randolph and later moved to a farm near Laurel. After farming for ten years they moved to Sholes, where they purchased the grain elevator in 1935. In 1950, they also purchased a grain elevator at Wareham, from C. J. Ronan. It burned down in 1951.

To this marriage was born six children, 35 grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Donald, the first son, was born in 1926. He married Vayle Vonne Gerkins in 1948. Donald passed away in 1985. Vayle lives in Randolph in the home she and Donald built in 1959. Jacqueline, born in 1928, married Layne Volk in 1949. Layne passed away in 2005 and Jacqueline is presently living in Belvidere, Illinois. Marg, born in 1929, married Al Bonta in 1948. Al passed away in 1996. Marg resides in her home in Exeter, Nebraska. John, born in 1931, married Imelda Lange in 1956. Imelda passed away in 2006 and John passed away in 2009. Joanne, born in 1937, married Jack Ver Bockel in 1957. They are both living in Appleton, Wisconsin. Ruth, born in 1941, married Dean Carstens in 1958. They live on a farm south of Randolph.

After managing the grain elevator at Sholes, Nebraska for seventeen years, Isidor and Genevieve built a new home in Randolph and retired in 1952.

In January 1956, Isidor passed away and Genevieve passed away in 2003. *Submitted by Ruth Carstens*

Kendall and Karla Kuhl

Kendall Dean Kuhl was the fifth of six children, born to Don and Vayle Vonne (Gerkins) Kuhl on July 18, 1958 in Osmond, Nebraska. He lived in Sholes until November 1959, when his family moved to their new home in Randolph.

Kendall attended kindergarten at Randolph Public School and grades one through five at St. Frances Catholic School. He transferred to Randolph Public and graduated there in 1976. Kendall attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln for two years following graduation. After attending college, he came home to help his father work bees.

In March of 1981, Kendall bought his first home in Randolph. One year later in the spring of 1982, he bought the bee business from his father. He operated bees for several years in Texas, North Dakota and Nebraska. Kendall worked for a plumbing and heating company part-time during the winter months while operating bees. He is now self-employed in the plumbing business.



Kendall and Karla Kuhl Family at Derek's wedding

On October 30, 1982, Kendall married Karla Marie Borst at St. Frances Catholic church in Randolph. Karla Marie was the second of four children born to Roger and Sharon (Lienemann) Borst on November 30, 1963 in Osmond, Nebraska. She attended kindergarten through grade twelve at Randolph Public School and graduated in 1982.

Kendall and Karla have four sons: Derek John was born November 13, 1983. He graduated from Randolph Public School in 2002 and attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln where he graduated with a degree in business in 2006.

Derek married Kalynda Hokamp on June 14, 2008. He is currently working at Norfolk Beverage and is also working on his Master's in Business. Kalynda is a dental hygienist. They live in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Jordan Anthony was born July 20, 1986. He graduated from Randolph Public School in 2005 and attended Wayne State College for two years. He then transferred to the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Jordan is currently working on a degree in business.

Jerad Dean was born January 29, 1989. He graduated from Randolph Public School in 2007 and is currently attending the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He is

working on a degree in Construction Management Engineering.

Denton Kendall was born July 11, 1997. He is currently in the sixth grade at Randolph Public School. *Submitted by Karla Kuhl*

Kevin and Catherine Kuhl



Cathy and Kevin Kuhl

Kevin Don Kuhl was born December 20, 1954 in Osmond, Nebraska, the third child of Don and Vayle Kuhl. Kevin has five siblings: Sheila, Salinda, Kim, Kendall and Shauna. Kevin attended St. Frances School until eighth grade and graduated from Randolph High School in 1973. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December 1977.

Catherine Ann Walz was born June 2, 1956 in Osmond, Nebraska, the fourth child of Henry and Dorothy Walz. Catherine has six siblings; Michael, Barbara, Jean, David, Timothy and John. Catherine attended St. Frances Catholic School until it closed after her eighth grade and graduated from Randolph Public School in 1974. She worked at A.C. Nielsen in Lincoln until January 1978.

Kevin and Cathy were married January 14, 1978 at St. Frances Church in Randolph. They moved to Morgan City, Louisiana where Kevin worked for Texaco as a civil engineer and Cathy worked at Lee-Vac in the computer operations department. In 1979, they moved to Morrison, Colorado, where Kevin was employed by KKBNA Consulting Engineers and Contra, Ltd. Cathy was a computer programmer at Great Western Sugar in Denver. In 1986, the Kuhls moved to Alliance, Nebraska where Kevin was the city engineer. In 1990, they moved to Yankton, South Dakota where Kevin accepted the position of city engineer. He is currently the Public Works Director in Yankton. Cathy taught training classes at Gurney Seed and Nursery and received her business degree from Mount Marty College. She is currently a computer assistant for the Yankton Public School District.

The Kuhls have three children. Sarah Rose Kuhl was born April 6, 1983 in Denver, Colorado. Sarah graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2008 and is a pharmacist in Omaha. Sarah is engaged to Sky Padgett who is on his second tour of duty in the Iraq war. Nicole Katrina Bylander was born November 29, 1985 in Colorado and resides in Yankton with her husband Justin Bylander. Nicole is in her final year of the Occupational Therapy Program at the University of South Dakota and

Justin graduated with his law degree from the University of South Dakota. Christopher Kevin Kuhl was born August 2, 1989 and is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota and is majoring in civil engineering. *Submitted by Kevin and Catherine Kuhl*

Kim and Cindy Kuhl

Kim Douglas Kuhl was born on December 22, 1955 in Osmond, Nebraska. His parents are Don and Vayle Kuhl who lived in Sholes, Nebraska at the time of his birth. The family moved to Randolph in 1960.

After graduating from Randolph High School in 1974 Kim entered college at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He graduated in 1978.

On October 6, 1979 Kim married Cindy Lu Blank from Wilcox, Nebraska. They were married in St. Peters Lutheran Church in Hildreth, Nebraska.

Kim started working for a natural gas pipeline company in 1980 and moved several times working for this company. He and his wife lived in Dodge City, Kansas in 1980, Bridgeport, Texas in 1980-82, North Platte, Nebraska in 1982-85, Wheaton, Illinois in 1985-86, Geneseo, Illinois in 1986-87, Sayre, Oklahoma in 1987-1997 and from 1997 until the present they live in Kearney, Nebraska.

Children born to Kim and Cindy are:

Michael Douglas was born in North Platte, Nebraska on June 18, 1984. He graduated from Kearney High School in 2003, graduated from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in 2007 and currently living in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Jessica Elaine was born in Geneseo, Illinois on July 11, 1986, graduated from Kearney High School in 2005, and currently is a student at the University of Nebraska in Kearney.

Marcus Lee was born in Sayre, Oklahoma on December 20, 1988, graduated from Kearney High School in 2007, and is currently a student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Leon and Sandra Kuhlman

Sandra Burley was born July 17, 1944 to Everett and Violet Burley. She had two older sisters, Dixie Mueting of Randolph and Betty Roeder of Fremont, Nebraska and a younger sister Pattie Eckdahl of Wichita, Kansas. Everett (Bud) Burley came originally from Spencer, Nebraska, but went to Bloomfield to work in the creamery and met Violet. Dixie was born in Bloomfield but they moved Randolph in 1939, where Bud was the manager of the Creamery and later became a partner with Harold Sherwood. Violet worked at the creamery as the secretary and also candled eggs and lined butter boxes. Betty and Sandra were born in Randolph and Patti was born in the Osmond General Hospital in Osmond.

Sandra was her Dad's baby for fifteen years before Patti came along, and he gave the nickname "Doodle Bugs" to

her. In school the name got shortened to "Dude" which some people still call her.



Sandra and Leon Kuhlman

Sandra attended Randolph Public School all 13 years, graduating in 1962. In school she was active on the Volleyball team along with holding a part-time job at Hartz Pharmacy. After graduation, she attended NBT College in Sioux City, Iowa, but decided secretarial skills were not for her, so in January of 1963, she went to work for Northwestern Bell in Randolph as an operator.

In August of 1964 Sandra married Rodney Breeding at St. John's Lutheran church. They lived on a farm west of Randolph and Sandra worked at Jerry's Hilltop as a cook and waitress.

Sindee was born October 30, 1965 and Steve was born July 6, 1968. Sandra and Rod were divorced in 1982 and Sandra moved into Randolph.

Sandra began working at Randolph Public School as a head cook in 1976 and later became School Lunch Coordinator and Assistant Librarian. She retired from the school in May of 2009. After working for 33 years and cooking meals for children and their children, Sandra thought it was time to enjoy being able to do what she wanted when she wanted.

May 14, 1988, Leon Kuhlman and Sandra (Burley) Breeding were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

Leon was born on June 28, 1942 at Bloomfield, Nebraska to Arthur and Adeline Rose Kuhlman. He has a twin brother, Lyle who lives in Osmond, Nebraska; an older sister, Karna Koepke who lives in Minnesota; brothers Neil of David City, Nebraska; Donel of Bennet, Nebraska and Dale of Creighton, Nebraska. They lived on a farm east of Creighton and Leon graduated from Creighton High School in May of 1961. After graduation he worked on a farm west of Wausa and in February 1962, Leon and Lyle joined the army and served at Fort Bliss, Texas. They were honorably discharged in February 1964. Leon and Lyle worked for Harold Strom of Norfolk putting up grain bins for two years. Leon graduated from universal Trade School in Omaha, majoring in auto body in September 1967 and came to Randolph to work for Gordon Taylor in his body shop.

In the spring of 1968, he started his own body shop at the present location. Leon has been very active in sports all his life, played foot ball in High School and played fast pitch and also slow pitch in Randolph. Now he spends most of his time on the Randolph Golf Course whenever he can. Leon also loves horses and has raised and sold colts. Leon continues to work at his shop and says unlike Sandra, he has no desire to retire.

Sindee graduated in 1984 from Randolph High School. She attended Mt. Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota and played for the Lady Lancers until December when she quit and went to Norfolk Beauty School. On July 6, 1985, she married William Schmit at St. Frances Church. They have a son Justin. They live east of Randolph and farm.

Steve graduated in May 1986. After graduation he went to North Dakota to work with bees for Dan and Karla Rudebusch. Steve was such a little farm boy the farming kept pulling him away from the bees and in the spring of 1987, he moved to Lower Brule, South Dakota to work for a farm corporation on the Indian Reservation. Steve met Lori Isburg and on September 1, 1990 they were married at Chamberlain, South Dakota. They live on their farm north of Chamberlain and Lori works for the State of South Dakota and Steve still has his farming operation.
Submitted by Sandra Kuhlman

Gordon and LaRuthe Kumm

Gordon, son of Ervin and Lorena Kumm was born on October 4, 1953 at Osmond, Nebraska. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School through the eighth grade and graduated from Osmond Public High School in 1971. Following graduation, Gordon engaged in farming near McLean.

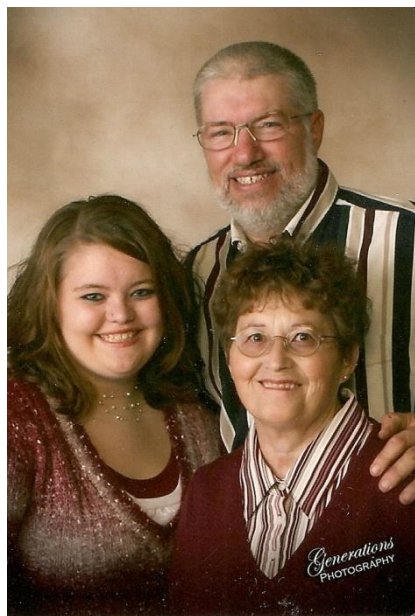
LaRuthe (Ruthie) Jones, daughter of Lavern and LeoNina Jones, was born October 1, 1952 at Norfolk, Nebraska. She attended Sholes grade school through second grade. She started school at Randolph in the third grade and graduated from Randolph High School in 1970. She went to Norfolk Beauty College and started her own beauty shop (Ruthie's Primp Shoppe) in 1972.

In October of 1980, Gordon met LaRuthe and were married August 15, 1981 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. Gordon and LaRuthe made their first home on a farm north of McLean.

Gordon started working at Bomgaars in Norfolk in 1985. In the spring of 1995, he started working at Thoene Farms. In 2003, he began working at Christensen Farms and is currently still working there. Gordon and Ruthie moved into Randolph in July of 1998, where they presently reside.

Ruthie closed her beauty shop in 1982 and became a farmer's wife and helped out on the farm. Ruthie joined the workforce at Pronto in 1996 where she worked till June of 2009. She is presently employed at Jim's Foods Center.

Gordon and Ruthie have three children. Jeff was born June 22, 1972. He is a graduate of Osmond High School. Jeff married Heather Reineke, daughter of Pat and Barb Reineke in September 9, 1995. They have three children: Bailey who is thirteen years old; Mackenzie who is eleven years old; and Carson who is six years old. Jeff is a State of Nebraska Game Warden and currently lives in Clay



Ashley, Ruthie and Gordon Kumm

Center, Nebraska.

Kelli was born on September 9, 1976 and a graduate of Osmond high School. She married Ryan Buchanan of Osmond. They have four children: Danielle who is fourteen years old; Adriana who is nine years old; Leia who is six years old and Hunter who is five years old. They live in Osmond.

Ashley born January 16, 1989 is the youngest. She is a 2007 graduate of

Randolph high School. She is currently working as a Med-aide at St. Joseph Nursing Home in Norfolk. She is planning to further her education and get into the medical field.

Edwin M. and Erma Lackas

Edwin Miles Lackas was born February 11, 1912 on a farm near Randolph. His parents, Jake and Sadie (Darnell) Lackas, were born in Iowa.

Edwin grew up on a farm northwest of Randolph. He attended country school and then was a graduate of Randolph High. He had two brothers, Melvin (deceased) and Keith (deceased) of Magnet, Nebraska. His sister Violet (Lackas) Miller also lives in Magnet.

After graduation, Edwin farmed with his father. On November 14, 1935, he married Erma Hoeppner (born March 15, 1916). Her parents, Louis and Mary (Reimer) Hoeppner, were born in Iowa.

Edwin and Erma moved to a farm northwest of Randolph. The first year of farming, their crop was very scarce. They had one load of oats and two of corn. The second year the grasshoppers were bad. Edwin was spreading grasshopper poison one morning with an endgate spreader, when it became plugged and as he was unplugging it his index finger was severed at the tip. He went to Dr. Cook and the doctor sewed it on again with good results.

They had four children: James, Patricia, Larry and Neil. James was born September 18, 1936. After graduation

from Randolph High, he served two years in the Navy. He married Donna Gubbels on November 16, 1995. They now live on a farm near McLean, Nebraska.

James and Donna have five children: Sally, Karla, Thomas, John and Jeannie. Sally is married to Ron Gubbels and has four children; Karla is married to Dan Rudebush and also has four children; Thomas is married to Milissa Whalen and has two children; John is married to Peggy Stueckrath and has four children; and Jeannie is married to Kevin Starkel and has two children.

Patricia was born on June 6, 1938 and after graduation she was employed in Omaha. On November 15, 1956 she was married to Gerald Bargstadt. They lived on a farm south of Randolph. Patricia passed away August 11, 1998 and Jerry on July 27, 2009.

Patricia and Gerald had five children: Julie, Bradley, Brian, Jackie and Jeri. Julie married Paul Loberg and has two children; Bradley married Sherri Bloomquist and has two children; Brian married Vicki Schurman and has three children; Jackie married Tim Wolfe and has two children; Jeri married Michael Schmit and has four children.

Larry was born on November 18, 1939. After serving two years in the Navy, he married Kay Backer on February 20, 1962. They live in Randolph where Larry is retired and Kay currently works for Jim's Food Center.

Larry and Kay have three children: Kelly married Kevin Culbertson and has one daughter. They currently live in Omaha; Scott is a Sargent with the Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement Division and is stationed at Troop B in Norfolk, Nebraska. He has one daughter; Daniel married Missi and has one son. Daniel is a computer program and they live in Manassas, Virginia.

Neil was born on October 22, 1943. After graduation he served in the Navy. On August 14, 1965, he married Carolyn Lenhoff. Neil retired July 2009 as Executive Vice President from the First State Bank. Carolyn retired after thirty five years of employment as a registered nurse at Osmond General Hospital.

Neil and Carolyn are the parents of three children: Becky is a nurse practitioner for Sanford Pediatric Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She is married to Erik Mork and they have two children; Jeff is now an Air Guard Recruiter for the South Dakota Air Guard. He is married to Jacqueline Becker and they have three children; Tony currently lives in Lincoln, Nebraska where he is a computer programmer for an investment and insurance firm.

In 1956 Edwin's parents retired and moved to Randolph and Edwin and Erma moved to their farm. On May 12, 1963 a tornado destroyed all the buildings but the house and a wash house on the farm. The farm buildings were all rebuilt again after much hard work.

On April 2, 1965 Edwin died with a heart attack. Erma continued farming that year with the kind help of children, relatives and neighbors and friends. In January 1966, Erma held a sale and moved into Randolph.

In March 1966, Erma started employment as a bookkeeper at the First State Bank. After almost sixteen years, she retired in September 1981. Since retirement in 1981, Erma has enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She continues to be a member of the Randolph VFW Auxiliary and served as president two years. She entered Colonial Manor in December of 2007. Erma's family has increased to thirty eight great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. *Submitted by Erma Lackas*

Greg and Michelle Lackas



Greg and Michelle Lackas Family

Gregory Mark Lackas was born November 23, 1964 at Osmond, Nebraska to Kearney and Carol (Kalin) Lackas. He is the youngest of four with three sisters: Gwen, Lori and Shelley. Greg graduated from Randolph Public School in 1983 and from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with degrees in Agriculture; Bachelors in 1987 and Masters in 1990. In 1990, he returned to the family farm near Carroll, Nebraska and joined the farming operation with his father that continues today.

Michelle Lynn Tunink was born August 16, 1966 at Osmond, Nebraska to Robert and Mary Ann (Thelen) Tunink. She is the sixth of eight children including brothers; Kevin, Bruce, Mark and Corey and sisters; Kristi, Lori and Traci. Michelle graduated from Randolph Public School in 1984 and Northeast Community College in 1986. She began working for the United States Department of Agriculture in 1986 in Lincoln, Nebraska, transferred to their Norfolk office in 1990 and currently works in their Wayne office as an Information Technology Specialist.

On August 8, 1987, Greg and Michelle were married at St. Frances Catholic church in Randolph. They lived in Lincoln for the first three years of their marriage while Greg completed his education. They lived in Randolph and Belden areas from 1990 through 2002 when they moved to the Lackas home place that has been in the family since 1884, where they reside today.

On September 4, 1989, their first son Kearney Mathew was born in Lincoln. Kearney graduated from Randolph Public School in 2008 and is currently a sophomore at the University of Nebraska at Omaha majoring in Architectural Engineering. On August 28, 1992, their

second son, Clinton Robert was born at Wayne. He is a junior at Randolph Public School. Their third son Seth Gregory was born on November 19, 1996 at Wayne and is in the seventh grade at Randolph Public School.

They enjoy spending time with family and friends. The boys are active in baseball, football and basketball, which keep them very busy. They also enjoy snow skiing, camping, golfing and jet skiing. *Submitted by Michelle Lackas*

James and Donna Lackas



Donna and Jim Lackas

James was born on a farm northwest of Randolph, the son of Edwin and Erma Lackas. He is the oldest of one sister and two brothers. Jim graduated from Randolph Public High School in 1954. In the fall of 1954 he joined the Navy.

Donna Gubbels

the daughter of Walter and Irene

Gubbels, lived on a farm southeast of Randolph with one sister and three brothers. Donna graduated from St. Frances High School in 1954 and then went to work at the telephone office in Wayne, Nebraska.

Jim and Donna were married, November 16, 1955 at St. Frances Church in Randolph. Sally was born September 1956.

At the end of Jim's enlistment, in the fall of 1957, the family returned to Randolph and started farming east of town. There, Karla was born May 1958 and Thomas in 1959. In December of 1959, they moved to a farm northwest of Randolph. There, John was born in November 1961 and Jeannie was born in June 1965.

In 1968, Jim and Donna purchased the farm three miles north and one mile west of McLean where they still reside. They are members of St. Frances Church.

Sally is married to Ron Gubbels and has four children; Karla is married to Dan Rudebush and also has four children; Thomas is married to Milissa Whalen and has two children; John is married to Peggy Stueckrath and has four children; and Jeannie is married to Kevin Starkel and has two children. Jim and Donna have seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

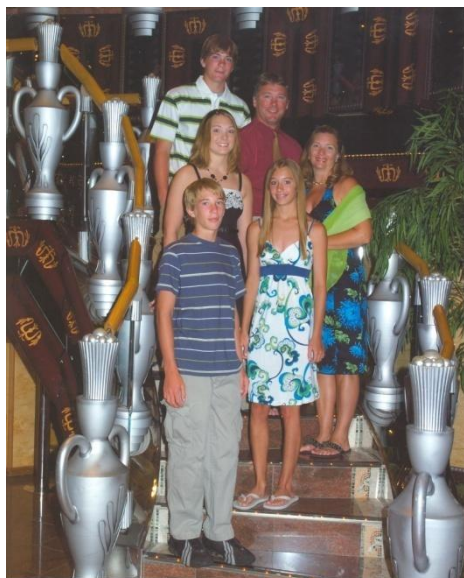
John and Peggy Lackas

John Lackas, son of James and Donna Lackas, returned from naval duty in 1986 and moved to a farm located

northwest of Highway Junction 81 and 20. He farmed with his parents and started milking cows in 1987.

On February 4, 1989, he married Peggy Stueckrath, daughter of Willis and Norma Stueckrath. Wind chill was 40 degrees below zero. It was definitely a wedding to remember. Both are graduates of Randolph Public School, John in 1980 and Peggy in 1985.

As the years went by, John and Peggy had four children. Keshia was born in 1989, Tyler (TJ) in 1991, Kati Jo in



Starting from Back: TJ, John, Keshia, Peggy, Kati and Levi Lackas

1993, and Levi was born in 1994. They farmed over the years and owned the Sugar Shack, teen center and café, from 1991 to 1996. Once the Sugar Shack was profiting, the milk cows were sold.

Peggy attended Wayne State College to obtain a Language Arts degree and began teaching at the Randolph High

School in 2004. John still farms and Peggy teaches high school English. In the year of 2010, Keshia is a junior and TJ is a freshman, both at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Keshia is majoring in veterinary and TJ is studying agriculture. Kati is a junior and Levi is a freshman, both at the Randolph Public School. The Lackas' still reside on the farm.

Larry and Kay Lackas

On November 18, 1939, Larry was born in Pierce County, Nebraska to Edwin and Erma (Hoepfner) Lackas. He had an older brother James, a sister Patricia Jean and a younger brother Neil. At that time, the family lived on a farm now occupied by the Rodney Patent family.

Larry graduated from the eighth grade from a country school in Wayne County at which time he started high school in Randolph. At this time, the family moved to a farm north of Randolph that was owned by Larry's Grandparents, Jake and Sadie Lackas. This farm was hit by a tornado on Mother's Day, May 1963. Most of the buildings were destroyed except for the house. The farmstead was rebuilt but at this writing it no longer exists.

Larry graduated in 1957 and in November enlisted in the Navy for three years. He attended aviation school in Norman Oklahoma after boot camp. From there, Larry was sent to Memphis, Tennessee to a class "A" aircraft hydraulics school. He was then sent to Point Magu,

California to a missile test center. He was discharged in November 1960, just in time to get home for his parents 25th Wedding Anniversary.

In the spring, Larry went to work at the Randolph Hatchery where he met his future wife, who was working across the street at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Kay was born June 7, 1942 to Clarence and DeLores (Brandt) Backer. She has four brothers and two sisters. She attended all twelve years of school at St. Frances in Randolph, graduating in 1960.

They were married February 20, 1962, in one of the worst blizzards of the year. It was also the day John Glen made the first suborbital flight.

Kelly was born on October 4, 1962. Scott was born on May 26, 1964 and Daniel was born on Friday June 13, 1969.

Larry continued to work at the hatchery until the spring of 1966 when he started farming. Kay continued working for Northwestern Bell until October 1966. They farmed in the Magnet/Wausa area for eleven years. In November 1977, they had a farm sale and purchased a bar in Randolph. Larry and Kay operated the bar for three years and then sold it.

Larry worked at the Randolph fertilizer plant for four years. Upon retiring, Larry worked as a motor grader operator for Cedar County, for seventeen years. Kay currently works at Jim's Food Center as bakery operator and manager.



BACK: Larry, Kay, Kelly FRONT: Dan and Scott

Kelly graduated in 1980 and attended Springfield South Dakota College before entering Northeast Community College in Norfolk, graduating in February 1982 as an LPN. She now lives in Omaha with her husband, Kevin Culbertson and daughter Megan who is a junior at Burke High School. Kelly is now an RN and clinical coordinator at Lakeside OB-GYN in Omaha.

Scott graduated in 1982 and is now a Sargent with the Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement Division and is stationed at Troop B in Norfolk, Nebraska. He has a daughter Melissa, who is a senior in college at Southwestern Minnesota State.

Daniel graduated in 1987 and spent four years in the army stationed at the Pentagon in Washington D. C. He

and his wife Missi have a son, Adam, who is in the third grade. They live in Manassas, Virginia. Daniel is a Computer Programmer for Blackbird Technologies in Herndon, Virginia.

Kay and Larry still live in the house in Randolph that they built in 1977.

Neil and Carolyn Lackas

Neil's great-grandfather Nicholas A. Lackas was born in Rheine, Germany. He came to the U.S.A. during the 1870's, worked on farms around Keokuk, Iowa and married Anna Olinger in 1879. They were parents to 10 children.

Their son, Jacob, born in 1885 worked on the farm, went to college for a farm short course, played the fiddle and loved country barn dances, especially the schottische. He married Sadie Darnell, daughter of Ezra Wilson and Sara (Cobb) Darnell on March 15, 1911. They were parents of three sons and one daughter.

Son, Edwin, Neil's father, was born February 11, 1912. He played football for Randolph Public School. After graduation he helped his father farm. On November 14, 1935 Edwin married Erma Hoeppner. Erma's parents were Louis and Mary (Reimer) Hoeppner of Osmond, Nebraska. Edwin and Erma farmed northwest of Randolph. Four children joined this union; James, Patricia, Larry and Neil.

Neil attended country schools for his early education graduating from Randolph Public School in 1961. Football and track were enjoyed during his school years. As a senior he went to the State Track Meet in the hurdles. He began employment at the First State Bank the summer of 1961. In 1964 Neil joined the Navy serving aboard the USS Hancock, an aircraft carrier. His father, Edwin passed away in April 1965 and he returned to help his mother with the farming.

Carolyn's great-grandfather, Nicholas Lenhoff, was born in Ausen, Germany. His wife, Margaret Harrmann, was born in Gresgubach, Prussia. They were parents of eleven children. In 1870 they came to this country and settled in Cascade Township, Iowa. Their son Nick married Annie Ronan. With their six children they arrived in Nebraska in 1892. Their home and farm buildings where their son Charles eventually lived is still being lived in by family. Charles married Mary Meyer, September 9, 1914. They were parents to twelve children.

Their oldest son, Harold, born September 22, 1915 attended St. Frances and married Ferne Caroline Rosenbach July 12, 1943. Ferne's dad, William H. Rosenbach, born October 1893 at Bancroft, Nebraska to William and Anna (Wegner) Rosenbach moved to a farm by Wausa in 1910. Bill had one sister and five brothers. Bill married Esther Dierks, daughter of John and Martha (Reimers) Dierks, September 20, 1916. Bill and Esther farmed near Wausa moving to Randolph in 1923. They operated a dray service and a dairy operation delivering milk to homes twice a day. Two sons and one daughter

Ferne helped in the family business. Ferne graduated from Randolph Public and attended Wayne State College, teaching several years before marrying Harold Lenhoff.

Carolyn, daughter of Harold and Ferne (Rosenbach) Lenhoff was born in Columbia, South Carolina where her parents lived while Harold was in the Army. Ferne returned to Randolph with Carolyn while Harold went to Egypt serving during World War II. Upon his return, he began his vocation of honey production. The family lived on "The Honey Farm" by Highway 81-20 Junction. Carolyn's brother, Bradley, was born December 24, 1948 at the Osmond Hospital during the famous winter of 1948-49.

Carolyn enjoyed music. She played the clarinet in the band, sang in the choir and accompanied different musical groups on the piano. She has been an organist for the Methodist Church since the age of fourteen. After graduating from Randolph Public School and Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Sioux City, Iowa, Carolyn was employed as a Registered Nurse at Osmond General Hospital.

Neil and Carolyn were married August 14, 1965. July 1969 they purchased the Rosenbach acreage. After raising Holstein heifers for several years, the land was put into building lots called the Lackas Addition. A new home built in the Lackas Addition became the family residence October 1978.

Three children were born to the marriage of Neil and Carolyn (Lenhoff) Lackas; Rebecca Sue, born March 24, 1969 is a nurse practitioner for Sanford Pediatric Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She is married to Erik Mork and they have two children, Tatum nine years old and Dawson five years old.

Jeffrey Michael, born June 8, 1970 served nine years in the Navy Submarine Corp. His is now an Air Guard Recruiter for the South Dakota Air Guard. He is married to Jacqueline (Becker) Lackas. They have three children: April age fifteen, Jacob age twelve and Abigail age five.

Anthony Neil, born November 8, 1974 currently lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a computer programmer for an investment and insurance firm.

Neil has been an active fireman for thirty eight years, served on the Randolph School Board sixteen years, financial secretary of United Methodist Church forty years and served on the golf board. After forty eight years of employment, Neil retired July 2009 as Executive Vice President from the First State Bank.

Carolyn is a member of P.E.O., active in the United Methodist Women and worship committee. In December 2007, she retired after thirty five years of employment at Osmond General Hospital.

They both enjoy bowling, golfing, camping and travel together with our family and friends. *Submitted by Neil and Carolyn Lackas*

Delwyn and Jean Lange

Delwyn Lange, the youngest of five children, was born to Anthony and Helen (McNally) Lange on January 31, 1935 at Hartington, Nebraska. In 1943 he moved with his parents to a farm by Belden. He graduated from the Belden High School.

He helped his dad farm and worked at several different part-time jobs until he joined the army in 1954. After his discharge from the army in 1956 he farmed on his own. In February of 1958, Delwyn and his brother Ronald moved to Minnesota. On May 20, 1958, Delwyn married Velma Jean Rameil at Bow Valley, Nebraska.

Jean was born in Bow Valley, the third of four children, to Alphonse and Josephine (Burbach) Rameil. She graduated from Mount Marty High School at Yankton, South Dakota, in 1954 and worked four years at the Cedar County Clerks' office.

They lived in Minnesota until March of 1959 when they moved two miles west of Randolph. Four children were born to us there, Jolene, John, Don (Chip), and Sandy. In 1965 the family moved to a farm seven miles northwest of Randolph. The family was completed here as Rich, LuAnn, and Susie joined us.

After living there twelve years, Delwyn decided it was time to own their own home, so, after some tree removal and dirt work, their house was started in the fall of 1977, on the east end of the section they were living in.

A building site had once been here, but only a barn remained. They moved to the new place in April of 1978. They later added the other buildings some of which have been blown away since then. In 1998, they were completely hauled out, that was their last year of farming. Delwyn worked at several different jobs: part time at the fertilizer plant, trucking, and for farmers.

Delwyn and Jean still enjoy the country and from their home they have a beautiful view and can see for many miles around.

They belong to the St. Frances Catholic Church. Their children have all graduated from the Randolph Public Schools.

Jolene married Charles Haselhorst. They farm, Jolene works part time at the Laurel Veterinary Office, and Chuck also trucks and works part time for Larry Jansen. They have four children, Scott, married Val Miller. He has his own electrical and plumbing business in Coleridge, they live in Laurel. Scott was killed in an electrical accident on August 8, 2010 and is buried at the St. Frances cemetery; Barb, married Evan Smith and she works for a dentist in Hastings. They have a daughter Brynn, and the family lives in Hastings. Jill works at

Flooring Solutions and lives in Norfolk, Nick is attending Wayne State College.

John married Theresa Coover. They farm and Theresa works at the First State Bank in Randolph. They have three children, Sharon, works for State Farm Ins. at Bloomington, Illinois. Linda is going to Kearney State College, and Mellissa is a student at Randolph Public Schools.

Don (Chip) lives on an acreage north of Wausa, he works for Wilson Trailers in Yankton, South Dakota. He has four children: Cody goes to the University at Lincoln, Jesse, Toni, and Sammy are students at the Wausa Public Schools.



Delwyn and Jean Lange Family

Sandy married Tim Becker, they live in Norfolk. Sandy is employed at Northeast Community College in Norfolk and Tim works for Affiliated Foods. They have four sons. Michael is a student at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa. Erik, Brandon, and Austin are students at Norfolk Catholic School in Norfolk.

Rich married Kim Burrell; they live in Shawnee, Kansas. Rich works with finances and Kim works for a dentist. They have two children: Rachell and Jordan, both students in the school at Shawnee.

LuAnn lives in Hartington, she teaches Social Studies at the Hartington Public School.

Susie lives with a host family at Norfolk, Nebraska.
Submitted by Mrs. Delwyn (Jean) Lange

John and Theresa Lange

John A. Lange was born on January 19, 1961 the second child to Delwyn and Velma Jean (Rameil) Lange. His siblings are Jolene, Donald, Sandra, Richard, LuAnn, and Susan. He grew up in Randolph and graduated in 1979 from Randolph Public Schools. He then farmed and worked a short time for Frank Leiting Construction.

Theresa L. Coover was born June 4, 1961 the second child to Vernard and Patricia (Maughan) Coover. Her brothers are Vernard Jr. and Tony. She grew up in Norfolk and in 1979 graduated from Norfolk Public High School. She attended Northeast Community College and

then transferred to Wayne State College where she received her accounting degree.

On May 21, 1983, John and Theresa were united in marriage. They made their home in Randolph on a farm one mile east of the highways 81-59 junction where they still reside. John farms full time. Theresa worked for Velda Groninger CPA in Norfolk until October of 1983 and then became employed with First State Bank of Randolph and is currently employed there.

On December 18, 1984, they had their first child, Sharon Marie. On November 16, 1987, Linda Jean was born followed by Melissa Jean on February 28, 1994.

John and Theresa have made many improvements to the farm. In the fall of 2003, they started building a new house which they moved into in April of 2004.

Sharon is an actuary for State Farm and lives in Bloomington, Illinois. Linda currently is a senior at University of Nebraska at Kearney. Melissa is a student at Randolph Public High School.

Cecil and Margie Leiting



Margie Leiting in center with her Family

Cecil, son of Frank and (Anna) Susan (Meyer) Leiting was born at home December 9, 1928 on the farm. He attended St. Frances school in Randolph. As he was growing up he worked for other farmers, worked in Omaha, in a garage for Fritz Nelson and farmed with his Dad. Cecil went into the service from 1951 to 1953. When he came home, he went back into farming.

Margie, daughter of Raymond and (Anna) Louise (Willers) Anderson, was born January 16, 1933 at home on the farm near Pilger, Nebraska. Margie moved with her family to a farm by Belden in 1936. She attended country school for 8 years and high school in Belden. Margie worked in Omaha for one and a half years, the court house in Hartington and the grocery store in Randolph.

As they were growing up Cecil went to "free shows" in McLean and Margie went to "free shows" in Belden. On Saturday evenings most people would go to town to get groceries, go to the movies or just walk the streets with friends. Margie spent many hours in the Belden swimming pool and riding horses.

Cecil and Margie met through friends at the West Randolph Ballroom which held dances every Friday night. Cecil and Margie were married May 6, 1954.

In the fall of 1954, Frank and Susan Leiting moved to Randolph. Cecil and Margie moved onto the farm. Cecil's Grandfather, Edward Meyer had bought the land in 1908 so the farm has been in the family 100 years.

During the summer of 1955, Highway 81 was put through to Yankton, South Dakota. This really put Randolph on the crossroads of the United States. Highway 81 goes border to border north and south and Highway 20 goes coast to coast east and west. In 1969, Kanab put the first pipeline through the farm. They have since added a second line.

Cecil and Margie raised six children: Gregory, who passed away in 1998; Jolene married David Wagner and they have three children. They live in Columbus; Valerie married Brian Lewon and they have three children. Valerie and Brian live in Randolph; Donald married Michaelen Berger and they have four children. They live in Sioux City, Iowa; Paul married Peggy Rethwisch and they have three children. Paul and Peggy live in Randolph; and Angela passed away in 1998. Cecil passed away in 2002. Margie moved into Randolph in the fall of 2005. She has thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Earl and LaDonna Leiting



Earl and LaDonna Leiting

Earl Bernard Leiting was born in Osmond on May 13, 1948 to Vernice and Velna (Gubbels) Leiting. A sister Sharon joined the family in 1950. They lived on the Leiting home place northwest of Randolph. Earl attended St. Frances High School and graduated in 1966. Following graduation he volunteered for the U S Army. Earl left for Ft. Bliss, Texas in October of 1966. Following two years of service he returned to work in Yankton, South Dakota.

LaDonna Biernbaum, is the daughter of Arthur and Rita (Luft) Biernbaum of Belden. She was born October 2, 1949 in Yankton, South Dakota. LaDonna has four brothers, Arlen of Belden, Galen deceased in 2006, Mark of Kansas City and Keith of Sioux City. Four sisters, Sharon of Colorado Springs, Arlis of Omaha, Carla Jean

deceased in 1978 and Jana Lea of Lincoln. LaDonna lived near Fordyce until the 3rd grade. The family moved to a farm south of Belden in 1957. LaDonna graduated from St. Frances High School in 1967. LaDonna and Earl were married on October 11, 1969 at St. Frances Catholic Church.

Earl and LaDonna moved to Norfolk in 1970. Earl was employed by Clark Brothers Transfer and later by Land O Lakes. LaDonna worked at Dale Electronics and later owned an upholstery business. On December 31, 1970, a daughter Tina Marie was born in Norfolk. She graduated from Randolph High School in 1989. She married Darrin Nordhues in September of 1992. They live in Randolph and have three children, Nolan, Logan and Carlie.

On September 5, 1973 a son, Troy Joseph was born in Norfolk. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1992. He married Teresa Sleddens in July of 1999. They live in Grand Island and have two sons, Blake and Carson.

A son, Travis Jon was born on October 16, 1979 in Norfolk. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1998. He married Leslie Zorn in 2009. They live in Lincoln and have two children, Savannah and Dakota.

Earl and LaDonna have resided on the Leiting family farm in Randolph since 1983. Earl owns and manages Isowean nurseries. LaDonna is the Postmaster of the Randolph Post Office. *Submitted by Earl and LaDonna Leiting*

Frank and Susan Leiting



BACK: Francis, Cecil, Verla, Arleen **MIDDLE:** Ivo, Wallace, Ruth, Merle, Gordon **FRONT:** Susan, Ronald, Frank, Joan, Thelma Leiting

Frank's great-grandfather was born in Germany in 1797. He passed away at Arcadia, Iowa in 1882. His grandfather, Anton Leiting, was born in Ramsdorf, Germany, December 1, 1825. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Prussia on March 25, 1825. They also moved to Arcadia, Iowa, where she died April 4, 1897 and he died April 4, 1903.

Their son B. Anton, Frank's dad, was born October 18, 1856 at Ramsdorf, Germany. He married Bernadine Fernerding, who was born at Templeton, Iowa on December 25, 1856. To this marriage four children were

born: Henry, Anton, Emma (Leiting) Schrad, and Frank. Bernadine died January 10, 1890. B. Anton then married Christina Weinholdt born August 15, 1886 at Ramsdorf, Germany. To this marriage eight children were born: Mary who died at age 23; Elizabeth (Leiting) Sanders; Ben; Joe; Ed; Bill; Christina (Leiting) Berg; and August who died at three months. German was the language that was spoken in their home. B. Anton died January 24, 1927 and his second wife, Christina, died January 26, 1927, so a double funeral was held. Both are buried at Arcadia, Iowa.

Five of the children came to Nebraska. Three of them returned to Arcadia, Iowa with only Anton and Frank remaining at Randolph.

Frank came to Nebraska in 1910 to help his brothers and worked as a hired man for many different people. He served his country in World War I in France. He returned to Randolph after being discharged.

Frank married Susan (Anna) Meyer who was born in Arcadia, Iowa, June 26, 1898. She came to Nebraska with her whole family. Her father was Edward Meyer who married Mary Gerber. Her brothers were John and Herman. Her sisters were: Martha (Meyer) Backer; Othelia (Meyer) Winkelbauer and Mary (Meyer) Lenhoff.

Frank and Susan were married January 13, 1920. In the spring of 1921, they moved onto the land owned by her father, three miles west of Randolph. In later years, they bought the farm from Edward Meyer.

Frank and Susan had 13 children, all born on the farm. They are: Mrs. Carl (Verla) Godfrey Wilson, with one child and two adopted children from South Carolina; Mrs. Frank (Arleen) Clausen, with four children, of Omaha; Ivo, in Minnesota with three children; Gordon, in California with three children (one set of twins); Wally, in Wisconsin with one step-child and three children; and Ron, who lives in Wyoming with five step-children.

Those who lived in the Randolph area are: Mrs. Leonard (Thelma) Sauser, with one deceased child and nine living children; Frank; Cecil, with five living children and two deceased children; Mrs. Norbert (Ruth) Thelen with eight children and three step-children and one deceased child; Mrs. Russell (Joan) Dibbert, with seven children.

Frank and Susan lost Merle at the age of seven to a tractor accident and Melvin at three months to pneumonia. They nearly lost Joan when the younger children were playing rodeo. She was tied to a calf and accidentally drug.

In 1936, they raised the roof on their house. It had been a one and one-half story house and they made it into a two and one-half story house. That was the summer their family slept upstairs under the stars and it never rained on them.

In the fall of 1954, Frank and Susan retired from farming. They moved into the eastern part of Randolph. Frank passed away in 1959 and Susan passed away in 1978. Frank and Susan had 156 descendents in 1986.

Marvin and Nadine Leiting

Marvin "Swede" Leiting was born at Randolph on December 13, 1923 to Anton and Bernadine (Schrad) Leiting. Marvin had five brothers: Louis deceased July 1945; Paul of Sacramento, California deceased 2003; Leonard deceased November 1982; Elmer deceased May 1962; and Vernice deceased October 1994; and three sisters: Eleanor (George) Bierschenk deceased September 1969; Mildred deceased June 1997 and Annaleen (Fern) Schutt deceased June 1995.

Marvin was baptized and confirmed at the St. Frances church in Randolph and attended the St. Frances parochial school

After he was out of school, he worked for farmers around the Randolph area until May of 1944 when he joined the Navy. He took his training at the Great Lakes training center and was assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk. He spent his entire term in the Pacific Ocean. In 1946, Marvin received his discharge at the Great Lakes Naval Center.

On July 12, 1945, he married Nadine Baird of Winside. After his discharge they lived in Randolph and he worked at the Randolph Hatchery for Frank Walz. In March of 1948, he decided to be a farmer and they moved to a farm northwest of Randolph until 1956, when he had a farm sale. They spent a few months in California, then returned to Randolph, purchased trucks and a cornsheller from Lawrence "Knuckles" Kalvelage and he did custom work.

He started driving a gas transport truck in 1964, first for Dawson Oil of Osmond and later for Central Transport of Norfolk. Marvin passed away November 1982.

Nadine Baird, daughter of Harry and Pearl (Wylie) Baird was born August 30, 1924. She was born and raised at Winside where she attended rural grade school and Winside High School, went to Wayne State Teachers College and taught rural schools for three years until her marriage. In 1958, she went to work as a cashier at Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company, later known as KN Energy. She retired in 1986 following 28 years of service. She passed away on June 27, 2007.

Marvin's parents, Anton and Bernadine came to Randolph from Arcadia, Iowa in the spring of 1910, a few months after they were married. They farmed north of town for a few years and then moved to the farm northwest of town. They lived there until Anton "Tony" died in November 1944. Bernadine moved into Randolph in April of 1946 and son Vernice farmed the home place. In February 1983, Vernice retired into Randolph. The place is now farmed by his son, Earl. *Submitted by Earl and LaDonna Leiting*

Paul and Peggy Leiting

Paul Edward Leiting, the son of Cecil and Margie Leiting, was born on January 19, 1965 in Osmond Nebraska. Paul was raised on the farm with three sisters

and two brothers. He attended Randolph Public Schools and graduated in 1983.

Paul married Peggy Ann Rethwisch, the daughter of Gene and Virginia Rethwisch of Carroll, on August 6, 1983. Peggy was born on August 27, 1967 in Wayne Nebraska. Peggy's childhood was spent on a farm by Carroll with two brothers. She attended a rural school, known as The Sunshine School, until the sixth grade. After the school closed she attended Randolph Public Schools until 1983 and then received her diploma in 1985.



BACK: Paul, Kris, Kurtis FRONT Peggy, Nick

Paul and Peggy's first home was a farm west of Wayne. Paul worked as a farm hand. He later worked for Pilger Sand and Gravel and they moved to Pilger. Peggy also worked part time at the same business and did day care in their home. Paul was hired as one of first 21 employees at Timpfe Trailers in Wayne in 1985.

In 1986 Paul and Peggy purchased Kessler Auto Supply and moved back to Randolph. They became active in the community and at St. Frances Catholic Church. While Paul ran the store full time, Peggy was there part-time while working at local flower shops and doing craft shows.

In 1993 their first home was purchased at 105 N. Bridge St. from Gene and Louise Eich.

Paul joined the Randolph Fire Department and later became chief. While serving as chief the Fire Station added an addition.

Peggy worked for the Randolph Area Ventures and continues to work for the Randolph Area Foundation.

In 2001 Peggy began working for the Randolph Public Library and in 2006 she was named the director. Peggy served as co-chair on the committee that was formed in 2002 to raise funds and build a new library. After many years of fundraisers the doors of the new Lied Randolph Public Library were opened in April of 2007.

Paul began farming with his Dad in 1992 and purchased the home place in 2009. In 2008 this parcel of land had been in the family for 100 years. The farm is located three miles west of Randolph.

They have three boys that were all raised in Randolph and attended Randolph Public Schools. Nick, born on

December 15, 1983, graduated in 2002 and joined the Air Force. He spent a year in South Korea and then was stationed in Colorado Springs where he now lives. He served in the military for four years and now works for General Dynamics. Kurtis, born on June 11, 1988, graduated in 2006. He currently lives in Colorado Springs and works for American Eagle. Kristopher, born on January 24, 1991, graduated in 2009 and worked for the City of Randolph in the summer. He is attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. *Submitted by Peggy Leiting*

Vernice and Velna Leiting



Vernice and Velna Leiting

Vernice "Vernie" Bernard Leiting was born February 11, 1921 at Randolph to Anton and Bernadine (Schrad) Leiting.

Vernice has five brothers: Louie deceased July 1945; Paul of Sacramento, Calif., deceased 2003; Leonard--deceased November 1982; Elmer--deceased May 1972; Marvin --deceased

November 1982; three sisters Eleanor (George) Bierschenk---deceased September 1969; Mildred---deceased June 1997 and Anna Lee (Fern) Schutt deceased---June 1995.

Vernice was baptized and confirmed at St. Frances Catholic Church. He attended the St. Frances parochial school through the eighth grade.

Vernice married Velna Margaret Marie Gubbels on April 30, 1946 at Randolph. Velna was born December 16, 1925 in Randolph. She was the daughter of John W. and Catherine (Reding) Gubbels. She had four brothers: Aloie---deceased June 1989; Delbert ---deceased April 1988; Leonard---deceased April 1981 and Rapheal (Ray) --deceased October 2007.

Velna was baptized and confirmed at St. Frances Catholic Church. She graduated from St. Frances High School in 1943. She then worked in Hartington until her marriage to Vernice in 1946.

Together they lived on the home place, purchased by Anton Leiting in 1918. Vernice purchased the family farm in 1952.

They had two children: a son, Earl Bernard born May 13, 1948 and a daughter, Sharon Catherine born June 24, 1950. Both children graduated from St. Frances High School. Earl married LaDonna Biernbaum on October 1969. They have three children, daughter Tina, son Troy

and a son Travis. Sharon married Anthony Almarez in November of 1982. She has two sons, Greg Burbach and Kurt Burbach.

Vernice and Velna left the farm and retired in Randolph in March of 1983. Their son, Earl returned to the farm at that time.

Velna passed away on February 15, 1991 following breast cancer. Vernice passed away on October 26, 1994 following a heart attack. *Submitted by Earl and LaDonna Leiting*

Charles Francis and Frances Rose Lenhoff

Charles Francis Lenhoff was born March 18, 1928 at the farm home of his parents, Charles Sr. and Mary (Meyer) Lenhoff. He had six brothers and five sisters. Charles grew up on his father's farm where he helped with chores and farm work. He also helped the neighbors when they needed him. He liked to ride horses and go to McLean to the free shows on Tuesday nights in the summer. The film was shown on the outside wall of the grocery store.

He attended St. Frances school in Randolph all twelve years and graduated from there in 1945. It was at school where he met Frances Gubbels, daughter of Walter and Irene (Gerber) Gubbels. She was born on her folk's farm home by Sholes. Being the oldest of the family she helped her parents take care of her three younger brothers and one sister as well as help her dad with farm work. She attended school at Sholes and graduated from the eighth grade. She attended high school and graduated from St. France School in Randolph in 1946.

Charles and Frances were married April 5, 1948 at the St. Frances Church in Randolph.



Charles and Frances Lenhoff Family

They farmed for ten years and quit farming in 1958. Charley helped Steve Jones of Randolph with the well work in the winter and Dwight Dominisse with the bees in the summer. They bought 200 colonies of bees and operated them along with Dominisse bees. In 1960, they moved to Randolph. Charley started selling Standard Quality Feed and continued working with the bees. They sold the bees to Dwight Dominisse, and Charley sold feed

for twenty years while Frances worked in the school lunch program for 28 years.

They are the parents of seven children, two girls and five boys. They were all born at the Osmond hospital.

Kathy was born October 20, 1949. She married Arlen Biernbaum and they live on a farm by Belden. They have six children: Tom, Scott, Robert, Brenda, Sherri and Kimberly.

Joan was born October 12, 1954 and married Rod Doyle. They have two daughters, Deena and Abbie and live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lynn was born April 1, 1956 and married Debby Wiersma. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska and have two sons, Gary and Greg.

Wayne was born July 21, 1958 and married Amy Siecke. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska and have five children: Paul, Adam, Tracy, Tiffany and Charity.

Russell was born May 2, 1960 and married Nancy Neese. They live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Michael was born August 15, 1961 and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mike has one son, Chad.

Kevin was born September 28, 1965 and married Cheri Stevens. They have three children: Amber, Austin, and Kayla. They reside in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Charley and Frances celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, April 4, 1998 with a dinner and open house at the St. Frances Church. They also had a mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Father Ron Battiato and Deacon Vince Schmit. The party was hosted by their lovely children, spouses and grandchildren.

Kevin died March 25, 2006 of kidney failure. Charles died December 2, 2006 of an aneurysm and lung cancer.
Submitted by Frances Lenhoff

Charles and Mary Lenhoff



Mary and Charles Lenhoff

Charles Lenhoff the son of Nick and Annie (Roan) Lenhoff, was born August 25, 1893 married Mary Meyer on September 9, 1914. Mary was born June 12, 1890, at Carroll, Iowa. She was the daughter of Edward and Mary (Gerber) Meyer. Charles and his new wife moved on to the Lenhoff farm west of

Randolph in the spring of 1915. They eventually spent some 42 years there.

To this union 12 children were born: Harold, Marina Gubbels, Burness, Donald, Virgil, Charles Jr., Richard,

Evelyn Kunz, Charlotte Perron, Rosemary Pfan, Ellen Gubbels and Edward, (who died in infancy).

When they retired and moved into Randolph in 1957, their son Donald and his wife Marie (Dendinger) moved to this same farm. Don and Marie had eight children: Donald Jr., Mary, William, Randall, Timothy, Nicholas, Donna and Victoria (who died in infancy). They lived on the Lenhoff farm for 21 years. In 1978 they built a new home and moved into Randolph.

Donald Charles and Marie Angeline Lenhoff

Donald was born at the farm two and one-half miles northwest of Randolph to Charles and Mary (Meyer) Lenhoff. He was the fifth of twelve children (Edward died in infancy). He was baptized and confirmed at St. Frances Catholic Church where he remained a member his whole life. Don and his siblings either walked the railroad tracks or drove a team of horses to arrive at school. School often took second place to getting farm work done. He graduated from High School in 1941. After graduation he had several different jobs that included working at Blair Van Slyke's service station and the harvest fields in Minnesota until enlisting in the Army Air Corp in late 1941. In the Army Air Corp, due to WWII, basic training was waived and he and his buddies were sent to Tacoma, Washington where he left for the Aleutian Islands, where he spent two and one-half years on the Island Attu and Kodiak. On the return, he spent a short time in Texas before being transferred to three different bases in Kansas. From his Army time he had a lifetime friend Johnny Boyles of Kansas.



Don and Marie Lenhoff Family

Marie Angeline Dendinger was born July 18, 1924 to James and Mayme (Abts) Dendinger, on the family farm Northeast of Randolph. Marie was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Church in Belden, Nebraska, where later she and Don were married on August 22, 1945. Marie was the youngest of four girls that included Loretta Wattier, Genevieve Durante, and Helen Dwyer. She grew up on the family farm and attended Cedar County Country School District #68, Prairie Hill for eight years. She took part in Christmas programs, box socials and spelling bees at Prairie Hill. She transferred to St. Frances high school in 1937. She boarded with the Jack Dwyer family and was still walking to school for the first

year. When she was a sophomore she boarded in town with the Herman Kaiser family. After graduating in 1941, Marie attended Wayne State College and national Business College in Sioux City, Iowa for one year. She then began working for A.J. Lammers Insurance and Real Estate Office in Hartington, Nebraska. She worked there until her marriage in 1945.

Having met in high school, Don and Marie developed their lasting friendship writing each other weekly during his absence with the Army Air Corps. When Don returned from the Aleutians in the fall of "44" he proposed to Marie and they were married August 22, 1945 at St. Mary's Church in Belden by Father Edward Gill. Charles Jr. was best man and Helen Dwyer was Matron of Honor. The newlyweds returned to Independence, Kansas, where Don was stationed until he was discharged at Lincoln, Nebraska in the fall of "45".

The first year of marriage they were unable to find a farm so they moved into farm buildings near Marie's parents where Don farmed with his father-in-law. On June 29, 1946, Donald Charles Jr. was born. The following year Don rented the Greteman Farm two miles west of Randolph where they resided for ten years. While living on this farm their family grew. Their second child, Mary Lou was born on July 10, 1948; William Joseph was born on December 19, 1950; Randy Richard was born on September 22, 1952 and Timothy John was born in January 23, 1955.

In 1957, the family moved to the Charles Lenhoff Sr. Farm which they purchased a few years later. They lived there until 1978, where on September 19 twins, Nicholas Gerard and Victoria Marie were born in 1957. (Vicky died at birth) and Donna Marie was then born on September 15, 1961. In addition to farming, Don worked measuring ground for Triple A in Pierce, Nebraska.

Tragedy struck in 1977 when Nicholas, his bride Cindy (Thieman) and their 9 day old son, Scott, were killed in an automobile accident near Lincoln where they resided. This was a terrible blow to the family.

In 1978, Don and Marie built a home in Randolph on Cedar Street, where they resided until 2008. In 1978, Don traded farms with his son, Tim who took over the home farm and later purchased it. Don continued farming until 1981 at which time he sold the remainder of his farm land. He continued to help with the farming until his stroke in 2001.

During retirement, Don and Marie took numerous trips, including all 50 states, mostly by car and some by plane. In 1985, they took a tour of Europe to include Rome, Paris, and London. During that year, Marie also took over the affairs of her aging aunt from Chicago, Kate Dendinger, who was moved to the Randolph Nursing Home until her death in 1985. Their cruises included Alaska, Panama Canal and the Bahamas. Other favorite activities included golf, bowling, cards and visiting with numerous friends in the community. They were active in their family, their church and the Senior Center.

In 2008, they sold their home and moved into an apartment due to Don's failing health. In 2009, Don moved into the Colonial Manor in Randolph, where he passed away October 6, 2010. Marie continues to maintain the apartment.

Nicholas and Cynthia Lenhoff



Nick and Cindy Lenhoff with Scott in insert

Cynthia Marie Thieman was born April 15, 1958 and the daughter of Theodore and Arlene Thieman. Nicholas Gerard Lenhoff was born September 19, 1957 and the son of Donald and Marie Lenhof.

Nicholas Lenhoff and Cynthia Thieman were married on September 4, 1976. They lived in Lincoln, Nebraska. On December 25, 1976 their son Scott Bradley was born. On January 13, 1977, Nick, Cindy, and three-week-old son, Scott were killed in a car crash by Sprague/Martell, Nebraska. They are buried in the St. Frances Cemetery in Randolph.

Nicholas and Margaret Lenhoff

Nicholas Lenhoff was born May 14, 1834 at Ausen Germany. His wife, Margaret Harrmann Lenhoff, was born November 1, 1837 at Gresqubach, Prussia. To this union eleven children were born; Pete, Nick, Suzy, Mary, Margaret, Jake, Emma, Katie, Barb, Ann and John.

In 1870 Nicholas and Margaret and their children came to this country and settled at Cascade Township, Dubuque County, Iowa. Nick was a real pioneer, one who came to Iowa before virgin prairies were touched with a plow or before railroads were built.

In 1897 they retired from farming and came to Cascade, Iowa to live. Nicholas died on April 10, 1923, and Margaret died on April 6, 1913.

Nicholas and Annie Lenhoff

Nicholas and Margaret's son, Nick, born March 4, 1866, married Annie Roan on April 19, 1892. Annie Ronan was born June 22, 1865 at Farley, Iowa. She attended Mount St. Joseph College in Dubuque, Iowa before her marriage.

Nick and Annie Lenhoff were early day residents of the Randolph community. They came to Nebraska in May of 1892, a month after their marriage. They located on a site six miles east of Bloomfield where they built a home. They were pioneers of northeast Nebraska.



Nicholas and Annie Lenhoff 1892

At that time there was only one farm house between Randolph and their home. School was held for a time in the two upstairs rooms of their small home. The land was mostly unbroken prairie, with no trees except along the creek beds, no roads or fences, and an Indian trail ran in the back of their farm, experiencing all

the hardships of pioneer life. It was a two-day journey to Randolph and to the river to obtain wood.

In 1903 they came to the Randolph community, which eventually became their home. They bought a farm one mile north of Randolph and resided there until retiring in 1911. To this union six children were born: Charles, Elizabeth Blizzard, Margaret Van Slyke, John, Nicholas and Albert. Tragedy struck their home in 1907 when their two sons John (seventeen months old) and Nicholas (four years old), died within 48 hours of each other of the black measles.

In 1905 Nick bought a farm two and one-half miles northwest of Randolph. He built the house and other buildings.

They lived first in south Randolph and in 1919 bought the residence which then became the family home. Nick died on October 14, 1953 and Annie died on January 27, 1945.

Timothy and Susan Lenhoff

Timothy and Susan Lenhoff were married on April 1, 1978 in Osmond, Nebraska and started their married life on the home Lenhoff farm, northwest of Randolph.

Tim was born on January 23, 1955 in Osmond, Nebraska to Don and Marie Lenhoff. He was their fifth child. He has 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Another sister died

in infancy and his brother Nick and his wife Cindy and infant son Scotty died in a traffic accident in January of 1977. Tim graduated from Randolph High school in 1973 and started farming at that time.

Susan was born on July 14, 1952 in Plainview, Nebraska to Jim and Margaret Broekemeier. She has two younger brothers and two younger sisters. Sue graduated from Osmond High school in 1970 and then attended Norfolk Junior College graduating from there in 1972. She worked in Norfolk until her marriage to Tim. She went back to school in 1996 and graduated from Wayne State College in December of 1998.



BACK: Derek, Bonnie, Nick FRONT: Luke, Lizzie, Kali, Sue, Tim

Tim is farming the family farm and he also works for the Nebraska Northeastern Railway as Track Foreman. The Nebraska Northeastern Railway office is located in Osmond, Nebraska. Sue is working at the Randolph Public Schools as Business Manager.

They are the parents of three children, Bonnie, Nicholas and Kali. They were also the parents of twin daughters (Mindy and Regina) who died shortly after birth in December of 1980. Their children were raised on the same farm in the same house as their father and grandfather. In July of 2004 the Lenhoff Family farm was recognized as being in the same family for 100 years at the Pierce County fair. At the time of this writing Tim has lived continuously on this farm for over 50 years – this is the longest of any Lenhoff family member.

Bonnie graduated from Randolph High School in May of 2000 and went to school and worked for a few years and then joined the Army. She was in the Army for 3 years. She is married to Derek Clark and they are the parents of 3 children, with a baby due in the fall of 2010: Victoria Elizabeth (Lizzie) age four, Charles Lucas (Luke) age two, and newborn Maranda Alexis (Lexi). Derek is in the Army and stationed at Bahrain at this time. Bonnie and the kids are living in Randolph until he returns home and is assigned to another base.

Nick graduated from Randolph High School in May of 2002 and from Wayne State College in May of 2006 and

is employed by Dan Steiner and Pioneer Seed in Hartington, Nebraska as a seed salesman and agronomist. He is living on an acreage by Hartington.

Kali is a freshman at Randolph High School and is involved in many school activities. *Submitted by Tim and Sue Lenhoff*

Gomer and Erma Lenton

Both the Lenton and Copple families were early pioneers in Cedar and Pierce County near Randolph. Robert Lenton homesteaded land in Nebraska and earned a tract of land in western Nebraska. He wanted to live in the Randolph area and traded land to other pioneers and ended up with the farm north of Randolph in Cedar County. Robert Lenton was mainly a horse trader and horse trainer in order to sell horses to other farm families. He also ran cattle on the prairie land in his early days at Randolph. Robert married Katie Leach from Wisconsin and they made their home in Randolph, the house still stands. Their children were Guy and Gomer Lenton. Their son, Gomer Lenton, helped his dad break horses for riding and also herded cattle from Randolph to the Devil's Nest Area near Yankton, South Dakota. At that time there were no fences between Randolph and the Missouri River. Guy went to Oregon to live and Gomer then farmed the land that his father had acquired.

Gomer married Irma Copple (daughter of Elmer and Sophronia Copple) also a pioneer family in Akron, Iowa. Gomer and Irma had two children: Keith and Wanda. Gomer Lenton died September 8, 1987 and Irma died on July 5, 2006 at the Colonial Manor in Randolph. Keith died a month later, in August of 2006, his wife, the former Kathleen Thelen, had died several years before. Keith and Kathleen had three children: Terry, Karen and Delwin. Delwin was killed in a car wreck and Terry died in 2007 at Norfolk, Nebraska. Terry was the owner of a trucking firm which his wife, Tammy, still operates. Karen is a nurse and lives in Hadar, Nebraska with her husband, Mike Sovereign.

Wanda, daughter of Gomer and Irma, survives them and lives with her husband, Richard Philips in Akron, Iowa and winters in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Wanda and Richard have four children: Vance, Valerie, Greta and Matthew and nine grandchildren. Wanda retired from 35 years in teaching at Akron, Iowa in 1993. She began her teaching career in Laurel, Nebraska. Vance and Vickie live in Edina, Minnesota, where they own a meat business. Valerie and Randy live in Wichita, Kansas where she is a teacher and he is an attorney. Matthew and Laura live in Decatur, Illinois where he is an engineer for Archer Daniel Midlands Company and she is a teacher. Greta and Tom Ford live in Key West, Florida where she works as a cruise line officer and Tom works as a scuba diver searching for lost treasure. Ashley Philips, daughter of Vance Philips and great-granddaughter of Gomer and Irma Lenton, was killed in an accident in 2006 in Florida.

Wanda does volunteer work and writes a humorous column for the Akron newspaper and was recently a guest on the "Bonnie Hunt Show" in Culver City, California being recognized for her writing. Wanda still owns and manages the farm that Robert Lenton pioneered in the late 1800's. *Submitted by Wanda (Lenton) Phillips*

Brian and Val Lewon

Brian was born June 16, 1957. His parents are Merlin and Nancy Lewon. Brian has lived in Randolph since 1967.

Val was born Nov. 11, 1958. Her parents are Marge and the late Cecil Leiting. She grew up on a farm west of Randolph.

Val and Brian were married May 20, 1978. They first rented a farm house by Belden, Nebraska. The following year, they moved to Randolph to the house where they currently reside..



Brian and Val Lewon Family

When they got married, Brian was working for Great Plains in Laurel, Nebraska. He then worked for the local Tri County Coop. Later, he worked as a maintenance man at the Randolph High School. During this time, he was pursuing taxidermy as a hobby. In 1986, he started a full time taxidermy business which is what he is presently doing.

Val worked for Scranton Publishing by Belden, Nebraska when Brian and her were married. Once they moved to Randolph, she worked at Jims Food Center. Later she worked at Colonial Manor as a nursing assistant. In 1991, she began full time with Brian in the taxidermy studio as a secretary where she presently works.

Brian and Val are very active members of Harvest Church in Norfolk, Nebraska.

They were the parents of three children: Marsha, Brad and Kevin. Marsha married Michael Frohberg and they live in Norfolk, Nebraska. They have two children, Rylee and Dylan. Marsha works for an insurance company and Michael is manager of the rebar division of Norfolk Iron & Metal. Brad married Kourtne Morgan and they live in Hadar, Nebraska. Brad is manager at the Reclamation Center of Affiliated Foods and Kourtne works for Feidler

Eye Clinic. Kevin lives in Randolph and works for the family taxidermy business.

Ben and Nora Lienemann

Ben Lienemann, son of John and Marie Lienemann was born September 20, 1910 in Wayne County. He grew up on a farm south of Randolph and attended school in District 39. He was one of ten children, four brothers and five sisters. Nine are deceased.



Nora and Ben Lienemann

He married Nora Carstens, daughter of Fred and Mary Carstens on April 12, 1936 in Pierce, Nebraska. Nora had eight sisters and three brothers. Five sisters and three brothers are deceased. Nora died May 25, 2002 at Colonial Manor in Randolph at the age of 88.

Ben and Nora farmed southwest of Randolph until their retirement in 1972. They moved into their new home in Randolph and Ben worked part-time for Don Hrdlicka for ten years.

They had five children, sons: Duane and Karmon of Hoskins, Nebraska; Jerry and Jo of Battle Lake, Minnesota; Daughters Delma Ronspies of Pierce; Sharon and Roger Borst and Connie and Lavern Scot of Randolph.

As of 1-29-2010, Ben has fourteen grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren! Two grandchildren are deceased. Ben is living in the Colonial Manor in Randolph where he enjoys playing bingo, cards, and visits from family and friends. Ben is 99 years old. *Submitted by Sharon Borst*

Donald and Janice Lienemann

Janice was born September 7, 1936 at Osmond, Nebraska at my grandparent's farm, to Henry and Evelyn (Koppelman) Lee. Her brother, Jim Lee, was also born there. He passed away, September 4, 2001. Her brother Claris passed away February 6, 2007. Janice spent her entire life in Randolph and graduated from Randolph public School.

Janice married Donald Lienemann on January 17, 1954 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Coleridge, Nebraska. Don's parents were Jack and Helen (Petersen) Lienemann.

Don and Janice were both baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph, where Janice is still a member.

Don and Janice moved to a farm south of Randolph where they raised their family and lived for twenty-eight years. They moved into Randolph in 1983. Don worked with fertilizer at Osmond, Nebraska and Janice was a cook at the Randolph School. She retired after twenty-five years of service to the school.



Janice and Don Lienemann

They are the parents of four children: Debbie graduated from Randolph High School and Northeast Community College. She is married to Duane Bargholz and they live in Wayne, Nebraska. Debbie and Duane have two daughters Dawn and Darci and two sons, Darin and Dustin. Darci is married to Josh Davis and has a son Braxton.

Doug graduated from Randolph high School and is married to Kelley Petersen. They live in Grand Island, Nebraska and have three sons: Chance, Keenan and Ty.

Diane graduated from Randolph High School and Northeast Community College. She is married to Keith Loberg and they live in Randolph. They have two daughters Jessica and Hannah. Jessica is married to Kyle Schmale.

Dan graduated from Randolph High School and is married to Heather Walz. They have a son Logan and live west of Randolph.

Janice currently has ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Don passed away on June 2, 2008 at home. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery west of Randolph and is missed by all of the family. *Submitted by Janice Lienemann*

Mark and Lisa Linville

Mark Linville was born July 7, 1967 in Broken Bow, Nebraska, where his father was a truck driver and his mother a homemaker. Mark grew up in Broken Bow, graduating from Broken Bow High School in 1985. He attended Kearney State College (now known as the University of Nebraska-Kearney) from 1985 to 1989 and received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance.

Lisa Dunham was born November 1, 1962 in Dodge City, Kansas. She was the daughter of a water well driller and a homemaker in Copeland, Kansas where she attended all of her years of school, graduating from Copeland High School in 1981. She attended college at Kansas State University and received a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences Education in 1985.



Cade, Lisa, Mark and Sadie Linville

After college, Mark worked for Pamida for a short time before taking his first position at Bank Central in Beloit, Kansas. Lisa taught high school science in Jewell, Kansas for four years, and then took a teaching position at Beloit High School. She and Mark met through mutual friends and dated for three years. Mark took a new position with First State Bank in Randolph in the fall of 1992, just after the two had become engaged. Lisa remained in Beloit on a teaching contract until June of 1993, when they were married.

In the summer of 1993, Lisa was hired to teach at Randolph Jr. Sr. High School where she remained until 2002, when she resigned to spend more time with her children. In that time, the couple had two children. Their daughter, Sadie was born on February 6, 1995. Sadie will be a sophomore in the fall at Randolph High School. She loves softball, volleyball, playing piano and being with her friends. A son, Cade followed on December 10, 1998. Cade will be in sixth grade at Randolph Elementary. He loves football, baseball, basketball and video games.

Mark continues to work at First State Bank and is now president there. He has also since earned his Series 7, enabling him to sell a variety of investments through First State Agency in the bank. Mark and Lisa have a number of community activities. Mark is an EMT with the Randolph Rescue Squad and has been active in the Community Club, serving as president several years. Lisa devotes time to the Teammates of Randolph mentoring program, serving on the board and as a mentor. Both Mark and Lisa served on the Q125 Committee.

In their spare time, the family likes boating, fishing, camping and playing golf. They are members of the First Christian Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. *Submitted by Mark and Lisa Linville*

Dale and Julie Loberg

Julie Ann Kruse was born August 29, 1961 at Norfolk, Nebraska. She is the youngest child of Marlyn and Marjorie (Herold) Kruse, having two brothers, Steve of Batesville, Arkansas and Cary of Randolph and a sister, Linda Crist of Bassett.

Julie has lived in the Randolph area her entire life. She did, however, spend a lot of time in McLean at her grandma Hilda's while growing up. Julie graduated from Randolph High School in 1979 and she attended Northeast Community College for one year graduating with a diploma in Accounting.

Julie began working at The Randolph Times in May, 1981 and worked there for approximately fifteen years. In 1996, she began working part time at Colonial Manor in Randolph, in the dietary department. A couple of years later she moved into a full-time position as activities director and in 2008 she began her current duties as social service designee at the Manor.

Dale Richard Loberg was born March 10, 1959 at Laurel, Nebraska. He was the fourth oldest of 13 children of Vernon and Beverly (Gubbels) Loberg. His siblings are: Paul of Randolph, Lester (deceased 1984), Loren of Norfolk, Verlene Synovec of Randolph, Keith of Randolph, Daryl of North Bend, Merlin of Omaha, Arlyn of Randolph, Darin of Randolph, Steve of Omaha, Vanessa Loberg of Norfolk and Jason of Emmet.



Julie, Lyndsee, Andrew, Josh, Heather

Dale began school at Magnet, then Wausa. For his second through fourth grade schooling he attended St. Frances in Randolph, and then returned to Magnet for the next three years. Dale then finished his schooling at the Randolph Public Schools. Unfortunately, Dale was involved in an automobile accident a week before his graduation and was unable to attend the ceremonies as he was in a Sioux City, Iowa hospital at the time.

Dale drove truck for Randolph Grain and later for Huwaldt Trucking. He spent a few years working at the Town & Country Service Station in Randolph and then went to work for Theisen Brothers, Inc., of Norfolk,

working on a bridge crew. Dale returned to trucking for a couple years, driving for Gillette Dairy, and then was back to bridge construction, working for Theisen Construction again for several years. In 2002, Dale went to work driving truck for Wurtele Equipment Hauling of Norfolk.

Julie Ann and Dale Richard were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph on July 19, 1980. After their marriage they rented a farm house east of Randolph and in 1981, purchased a home on Jackson Street in Randolph.

On February 25, 1982, Joshua Paul was born at the Osmond General Hospital. In 1985, Lyndsee Ann joined the family. She was born June 4, also at the Osmond General Hospital. The family enjoyed many fishing and camping trips and enjoyed going on drives on the weekends. Both children are graduates of the Randolph Public Schools.

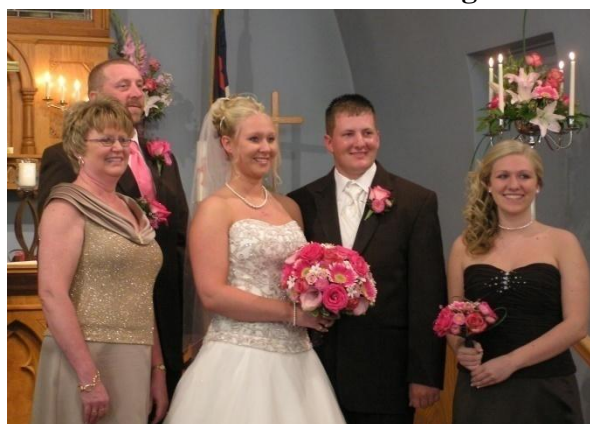
Joshua worked for Billerbeck Construction for several years before becoming employed by Hansen Hog of Coleridge. He married Heather Jansen of Coleridge on August 26, 2006 and they live on an acreage by Coleridge.

Lyndsee attended Briar Cliff and St. Luke's Colleges in Sioux City, Iowa graduating with a degree in Radiology Technology. She married Andrew English of Omaha on May 24, 2008. They live in Lincoln where Lyndsee is employed at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Tragedy struck on October 4, 2004, when Dale was killed in a work related accident at Rock Valley, Iowa. Funeral services were held at St. Frances Catholic church in Randolph and he is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Submitted by Julie Loberg

Kieth and Diane Loberg



Kieth, Diane, Jessica, Kyle, Hannah

Keith William Loberg, son of Vernon and Beverly (Gubbels) Loberg, was born September 9, 1961 in Laurel, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Keith grew up in the Magnet and Randolph areas and attended school there. He graduated from Randolph Public School in May of 1979.

Keith has ten brothers and two sisters. His brother Lester passed away February 23, 1984 and his brother

Dale passed away October 4, 2004. His mother Beverly passed away October 4, 2006. His grandparents were Cyril and Mary Gubbels and Reynold and Odelia Loberg whom are all deceased.

Diane Kay Lienemann, daughter of Donald and Janice (Lee) Lienemann, was born August 16, 1961 at Osmond, Nebraska. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. Diane grew up on a farm south of Randolph. She attended all thirteen years of her education at Randolph Public School. Diane graduated in May of 1979. She then attended college at Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska and graduated there in May of 1980 with a one-year diploma.

Diane has one sister and two brothers. Her father Don passed away June 2, 2008. Her grandparents were Jack and Helen Lienemann and Henry and Evelyn Lee, they are all deceased.

Keith and Diane were married April 12, 1980 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. Keith was confirmed in St. John's on February 17, 1980. Keith is currently employed at Morton Buildings in Norfolk, Nebraska as an Area Crew Supervisor. He has been employed with Morton Buildings for 26 years. Diane is currently employed at State Farm Insurance in Laurel, Nebraska as an agency associate. She has been employed with State Farm for 25 years.

On August 7, 1987, daughter Jessica Marie was born in Norfolk, Nebraska. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. She attended all thirteen years of her education at Randolph Public School and she graduated May 14, 2005. On June 27, 2009, she married Kyle Joseph Schmale at St. John's. Kyle is the son of Ed Schmale and Sherri Schmale. They live on a farm west of Carroll. Kyle is employed by F & S Farms. Jessica attended Wayne State College and graduated from there on December 19, 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business/Public Accounting and Finance. She is currently employed at First National Bank in Wayne as a personal banker.

On April 23, 1991, daughter Hannah Kay was born in Norfolk, Nebraska. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. She attended all thirteen years of her education at Randolph Public and graduated on May 16, 2009 as salutatorian of her class. She is currently attending Wayne State College.

Keith and Diane currently live in Randolph and are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Paul and Julie Loberg

Paul E. Loberg, the first born of Vernon and Beverly (Gubbels) Loberg, was born on February 18, 1956, near Randolph. He was raised on various farms in the Randolph area and attended schools in those areas. His days were spent helping at home and playing with other family members, ten brothers and two sisters. He graduated from Randolph high School in 1974. He was employed on construction, worked at the co-op in

Randolph, and held two welding positions in Norfolk, before he purchased the blacksmith shop in September 1979 from Louie Broer. It is now known as “Paul’s Welding”. Paul’s new building on Hughson Street was built in 1992.

On September 20, 1980, he married Julie L. Bargstadt, daughter of Gerald and Patricia (Lackas) Bargstadt. Julie was born December 6, 1957 in Osmond. She has two brothers and two sisters. She was raised on farms south of Randolph. In 1976, she graduated from Randolph High School and attended St. Luke’s School of Nursing in Sioux City, Iowa and graduated in 1979. She is a Registered Nurse at Osmond General Hospital, where she has worked since 1980 and also Randolph School nurse since 1992.



Rebecca, Ben, Paul, Julie, Nate, Emily

On December 19, 1983, their daughter, Emily Jean, was born at Osmond. She graduated from Randolph High School in 2002 and Wayne State College with a degree in Elementary Education. She teaches at Wayne Elementary in Special Education. She married Nate Sims in June 2008. Nate is a teacher in Laurel.

On June 29, 1987, Benjamin Paul was born at Osmond. He graduated from Randolph High School in 2005 and Morningside College in 2009 with his degree in Business. He works at the Central Bank in Sioux City, Iowa as a loan analyst. He is engaged to Rebecca Wichelt. They will be married August 7, 2010. She works at Wells Blue Bunny in Lemars, Iowa.

Paul and Julie enjoy riding the motorcycle together. Paul loves to hunt, fish, and shoot his bow and arrow. Julie likes to cook and help others. *Submitted by Paul and Julie Loberg*

Frank and Sadie Lorenz

Frank Lorenz was born in Germany on November 30, 1878, to Fredrick “Fritz” and Dora Lorenz. On May 20, 1881, he, along with his parents and brothers, Frederick, Robert and Edward, came to New York City on the steamship, Stella.

Making their way west, they farmed for ten mostly dry years, near Tobias, Nebraska. They then went to Kansas and Edmond, Oklahoma, during the land rush. Frank and

brother, Fred, returned to farming in the Wayne County area.



BACK: Phyllis, Nannie, Mable, Margaret, Bessie FRONT Sadie, Frederick, Twila, Gurney and Frank Lorenz

Sadie Cora Bowles, born at Silver City, Iowa, on September 5, 1884, was the daughter of William and Dinah Bowles who farmed south of Randolph before retiring to Randolph.

For a time after their marriage, Frank and Sadie farmed east of Carroll, Nebraska, where their first daughter, Nannie (Mrs. Earl Shopleg) was born. Frederick and Bessie (Mrs. Forrest Nettleton) were born south of Randolph.

In 1913, Frank and Sadie were able to buy a farm southeast of Carroll, where seven additional children were born to them: Anna (died in infancy), Phyllis (Mrs. John Hamm), Dora (died in infancy), Margret (Mrs. Ervin Wittler), Mable (Mrs. Ray Peterson), Twila (Mrs. Ernest Sands), and Gurney (wife, Mary Ann Olson).

The Lorenz family experienced hard times during World War I and the depression that followed. Two children died of illnesses and the family lost their farm. They moved to the Bowles place until they again bought a farm at Hartington, Nebraska. Prior to Frank’s death on September 22, 1954, Frank and Sadie had moved back to a farm west of Carroll.

After Frank’s death, Sadie moved to a small home in Carroll, where she was surrounded by eight children and twenty-eight grandchildren. Sadie enjoyed quilting, puzzling, gardening and visiting with frequent callers. She passed away, April 27, 1972, and is buried beside her husband at Carroll. *Submitted by Gurney Lorenz Family*

Gurney and Mary Ann Lorenz

Gurney Lorenz, the youngest of eight children, was born to Frank and Sadie (Bowles) Lorenz on July 12, 1928, on a farm southwest of Carroll, Nebraska. He lived there until 1934, when the family moved to his Grandma Bowles farm southeast of Randolph. He attended country school in Wayne County and even corresponds with his teacher, Olga (Broer) Lovely of California.

Mary Ann Olson, daughter of Lars and Esther Olson, was born June 4, 1931. After graduating from the eighth grade, Mary Ann cared for children of farm families and helped farm wives with house work, particularly after a new birth; and lived with Uncle Ivar Lefden and wife,

Helen, in Norfolk, while working at a Laundromat and Pete's Café.

Mary Ann met Gurney when he stopped and offered her a tractor ride while she was walking to school. On May 15, 1949, Gurney and Mary Ann Olson were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, Nebraska. Following, Gurney and Mary Ann began their farming lives southeast of Randolph with a team of horses and an old tractor bought in the late 1940's. The Lorenz's purchased a battery-operated radio and a new Farmall H in 1950.

Two daughters were born to them, Sandra in 1950 and Sally in 1952, before moving southwest of Randolph, where their son, Leslie, was born in 1956. In 1963, the family moved north of Randolph living there only about one year before renting and eventually purchasing the Lorenz farm two and one-half miles west of Randolph. All three children attended rural schools and graduated from Randolph Public School: Sandra in 1968, Sally in 1970, and Leslie in 1974.



Gurney and Mary Ann Lorenz Family

Sandra (Lorenz) Schlechte attended Lincoln School of Commerce, worked for First National Bank and NETV in Lincoln, prior to marrying Gene Schlechte in 1980. Gene and Sandra farm near Waco, Nebraska and are the parents of two sons, Jeff and Mark.

Sally (Lorenz) Mainquist attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and worked for the Department of Education Administration at UNL before marrying Randall Mainquist, formerly of Wausa, Nebraska in 1974. In 1976, Randy began a 21-year Air Force career during which time Sally graduated from Wright State University and also worked for the Air Force for a few years. Following retirement, Randy and Sally moved to Hesston, Kansas, where they reside. Randy is employed with Cessna Aircraft. They have two sons, Ryan and Darin, living in the Kansas City area.

Leslie farmed with his parents and owned and operated Randolph Equipment and Repair before moving to an acreage west of Randolph. He married Susan Sievers of Wayne and their son, Craig, lives in Central City with his wife, Jennifer. Sons from his marriage to Lisa Harmeier of Magnet: are Wade of Clarksville, Tennessee and

Christopher of Magnet, Nebraska. Gurney and Mary Ann have three great-granddaughters.

Now living in Randolph, Gurney and Mary Ann are active members of St. John's Lutheran church. They enjoy sharing garden produce with friends, fostering a feeling of neighborliness among the young and old, and are frequent visitors at the Colonial Manor. *Submitted by Sandra (Lorenz) Schlechte*

Robert and Mary Macklin

Robert Macklin was born in county Down, Ireland, May 23, 1821. He came to America and settled in Clinton, New Jersey, with his parents, at the age of twelve. Robert married Miss Mary Jane Johnson of New York City, December 26, 1860. Mary J. Johnson was born in County Down, Ireland, December 8, 1837. At the age of twenty-two, Mary came to America. Robert and his bride made their way west, stopping at Prairie City, Illinois, living there until 1876 when they moved to Carroll County, Iowa and again making the last move to Randolph, Nebraska, in 1887.

Robert and Mary Macklin raised six sons: Andrew J., Alex J., Robert D., James G., William H., and John T. Macklin

Farming was a way of life for the Macklin boys and their father. Each one of them made his living farming at home and after he was married.

Mr. Macklin was a charter member of the Randolph Presbyterian Church in 1892, and was one of the first trustees. Robert was a sturdy God fearing man, known for his honesty in the community. He lived a long life, of nearly eighty five years, in a way that any man would be proud of. Robert died April 16, 1906. His wife Mary died in 1915.

Robert and Mary's sons all moved off the farm, except for William H. Macklin, who married Anna C. Horstman, March 22, 1905. They had one son, Roy E., and two daughters, Alice (Macklin) Gates and Juna (Macklin) Wimmer. William H. Died April 30, 1955. Anna C. Lived with her daughter Juna, in Lincoln, until death at the age of ninety-seven.

Roy E. Macklin worked the family farm after his father's death and remained there until 1959, when the farm was sold. Roy and his family moved to Oregon in 1959, making their home in Lebanon. Roy worked in the plywood mills and farmed before and after retirement. He married Delores Irene Berner, September 21, 1944. They raised three children: two sons, Robert, born in 1945, and Terry, born in 1952 and one daughter, Sharon, born in 1948.

Sharon married Leroy Pederson and has one son, Brent. Terry married Lisa Zook and has two adopted sons, Trevor and Sam, and one daughter Chelsea. They have two sons from a previous marriage, Dustin and Dillion and a granddaughter Autumn.

Robert married Colene Chisholm in 1963, they have three daughters, whom all three married fine young men,

Charlotte married Curtis Christie and they have two daughters, Lauren, age 10 and Nichole, age 9. Marilyn married Jeff Elliott and has two daughters, McKensie age 18 and Madeline age 15. Rochelle married Thomas Walker Jr. and has three daughters, Alexandria, age 15, Victoria, age 10 and Savannah, age 5.

Alice (Macklin) Gates married Chuck Gates, June 1, 1946. She worked as a registered nurse for many years. Chuck was employed in excavation and construction work and later owned a marina in California. Alice worked with him at the marina. Chuck loved boats and was quite a fisherman.

Juna (Macklin) Wimmer married Jinx Wimmer, June 12, 1943. Juna worked for the Department of Roads for the State of Nebraska in Lincoln. Jinx's nieces and nephews remember him as being a lot of fun and a real teaser. Both Chuck and Jinx served their country during World War II.

Alice (Macklin) Gates and Juna (Macklin) Wimmer have passed on to be with family in heaven. Alice, in 1999, Juna, in 2001. Chuck was living in Vista, California at the time he passed away many years prior to Alice. Jinx passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska many years before Juna.

Roy was making his home in Lebanon, Oregon at the time of his death. Delores, his wife, passed away in 1993, making her home in Lebanon, Oregon at the time of her passing. Roy and Delores' children all live in Oregon.
Submitted by Robert L. and Colene Macklin

Chris and Louise Mahrt



George and Louise Huwaldt Home

Louise Heckman married Chris Mahrt in 1900. Three children were born to this union: Fern who was born November 16, 1903, married John Munter, Sr. on September 16, 1922. John and Fern lived their married lives in the Randolph area. Harvey was the second child who was born on May 10, 1905 and who later in life was a pilot in the service. Irene was born October 13, 1908.

She married Adolph Bruggeman and moved to the Hoskins area.

Chris and Louise moved their family to Gregory, South Dakota. They lived in a one room house and Louise carried water from the river close by. She scrubbed her floor with ashes to keep it clean.

Louise was widowed with three young children and moved back to rural Randolph, where she kept house for George Huwaldt, who she later married. Two children were born to this couple. Ralph Huwaldt born June 26, 1914, married Blanche Mattel. Harold Huwaldt was born October 6, 1918. George and Louise lived south of McLean.

The Hope Church was two miles from their home and the family walked there each Sunday. Martha Galvin was the teacher at District 54, the school where the children hauled water and also carried wood to keep the old wood stove going all day.

Louise sold many eggs to the Havorka Bakery to buy the family necessities, as she always had a flock of chickens. George had thoroughbred Hereford cattle. On April 3, 1938, George met an untimely death and Louise was again a widow.

In 1940, Louise married John Volk and they farmed in the same vicinity south of McLean. In 1955, they moved to Randolph. They celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary in 1962. Louise passed away in 1962, John in 1973.

Fern Mahrt Munter passed away September 18, 1999. Her husband John Munter Sr. passed away February 5, 1994. Harvey Mahrt passed away November 1969. Irene Mahrt Bruggeman passed away September 1981 and her husband Adolph Bruggeman passed away September 1984. Ralph Huwaldt passed away October 21, 1987 and his wife Blanche passed away November 17, 1996. Harold passed away July 14, 2006.

August "Gus" and Vena Marreel

August "Gus" Marreel was born to Victor and Emily (Lapeere) Marreel, January 15, 1915 at North Bend, Nebraska. He attended rural schools and worked on farms in the Hooper, Nebraska area.

At the time of the drought in 1936, Gus along with three friends, headed for California. The fall and winter were spent threshing beans, picking oranges and driving a taxi. Spring found them headed back to Nebraska farms. Gus moved to a farm north of Randolph and met his future wife.

Vena Collier was born March 20, 1920, to James and Hazel (Muhm) Collier. She attended District 94 for eight years, Pearl Creek High School for two years and graduated from Randolph High School where she had successfully completed the Normal Training Course. She began her teaching career at District 50.

Gus Marrell and Vena Collier were married November 20, 1937 at Fremont, Nebraska. They moved to the farm north of Randolph and lived in the house where Vena's

grandmother, Hattie (Kober) Muhm, had lived from 1884 to 1888.

In 1941, the Mareels, with their two sons, Donald, three years and Larry, nine months, moved to California. Gus worked in defense construction and Vena worked at Coca-Cola Bottling Company. They returned to a farm near Hooper in 1944, the year of the big flood, and lost all their crops. In 1945, it was back to the farm north of Randolph where Robert was born in 1946.

The boys were active in the Eagle Valley 4-H Club, showing their market steers and heifers at the Randolph community and Cedar County Fairs and Norfolk and Laurel Livestock Shows.

Donald and Larry finished eighth grade at Districts 37 and 38 from 1955 to 1957, when the family returned to California. Gus worked as a gas appliance serviceman for the San Diego Gas and Electric Company for twenty years, retiring in 1977. He then kept busy with his hobbies of fishing and woodworking and keeping the gas appliances in working order at a prominent local restaurant.

Vena worked in a bank for six years. She then returned to teaching for nineteen years, seventeen of which were in the Cajon Valley Schools, from which she retired in 1983.

In 1982, Gus and Vena returned to Randolph to assist with building their retirement home. They lived in their motor home during this time and also when they returned to California for Vena to complete her teaching career. They were happy to move into a house again in February 1983.

Since retiring, Gus and Vena have been actively involved in the organization and operation of the Senior Center and with church and community projects.

Both Gus and Vena were very active in preparing for the celebration of the Randolph Centennial in 1986. Gus later suffered from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and then as the disease was in remission he contacted Hodgkin's lymphoma and died in April 1991. Vena continued working as the Senior Center coordinator; was coordinator and teacher of Adult Basic Education; was a member of the Hospice Group; taught a CCD class at St. Frances Catholic Church and was a member of the Women's Extension Club. She currently resides in Omaha, Nebraska where she celebrated her 90th Birthday with her twin sister Vera in March of 2010.

Additional survivors of the immediate family are sons; Larry and Robert. *Submitted by Vena (Collier) Marreel*

Donald Marreel

Donald Ray Marreel, eldest son of Gus and Vena (Collier) Marreel, was born October 4, 1938 at the home of his grandparents, who lived north of Randolph. Don, with his parents and younger brother, Larry, moved to California in January of 1941. He attended kindergarten in San Diego, California. The family returned to Nebraska in the fall of 1943. Don completed his eighth grade education at Eagle Valley School. He attended

Randolph High School for his freshman year, Grossmont High School, Grossmont, California for his sophomore year and returned to Randolph High School, graduating in 1956.

During his school days, Don was active in the Eagle Valley 4-H Club and FFA. He showed several prize winning fat cattle and hogs at the Randolph Community Fair, the Cedar County Fair and the Norfolk and Laurel Livestock Shows.

Donald launched on his banking career at the First State Bank in Randolph in the fall of 1956. In November 1957, he moved to California. He worked for Security First National Bank (Now Security Pacific National Bank) for ten years. During that time he worked as a teller, operation's supervisor and auditor.

Uncle Sam called Don and he spent 1962 to 1964 with the Medics in the Army. After ten years with the bank, he decided it was time to change careers. He worked at Scripps Hospital and Research Clinic in La Jolla, California. It was time for changing occupations again, so he operated his own business; La Jolla Lighting Company. The store was located in La Jolla, California. He lived in the San Diego area until his death from cancer and a severe stroke, September 2001. *Submitted by Vena Marreel*

Larry and Waltraut Marreel

Larry Gene Marreel, the second son of Gus and Vena (Collier) Marreel was born May 22, 1940, north of Randolph. He was born in the house where his Great Grandmother, Hattie (Kober) Muhm, lived during the 1880's. Larry, with his parents and older brother, Don, moved to California in January of 1941.

The Marreels returned to Nebraska in the fall of 1943. Larry attended Eagle Valley School for eight years. He spent his freshman year at Grossmont High School, Grossmont, California. He returned to Randolph High School for his next three years and graduated in 1957. The day after graduation, Larry and his mother and younger brother, Robert, left for California, to join his dad who was working there.

Larry was active in the Eagle Valley 4-H Club and FFA. He showed prize winning fat cattle and hogs at the Randolph Community Fair, the Cedar County Fair, and at the Norfolk and Laurel Livestock Shows.

Larry broke his arm during football practice at the beginning of his sophomore year. This did not discourage him and he became active in basketball, wrestling and track that year. He continued on the football squad as well as the other sports during his junior and senior years.

When Larry went to California, he worked in an aircraft factory for a year, and then decided to further his education and attended college for one semester. In January 1959, Larry and four of his buddies enlisted in the army. His time in the army was spent with the Medics near Heidelberg, Germany, where he met his future bride.

Larry returned to California in 1962 and started working for Security Pacific National Bank. He married Waltraut "Trudy" Kaltschmitt in April of 1962.

Larry held several positions in the bank and retired in 2002. Larry and Trudy had two children; Karl now living in California and Ed now living in Florida. Ed married Pamela and they have one son, Nicholas. After a five year battle with cancer, Trudy died in 2007. Larry currently resides in Florida. *Submitted by Vena (Collier) Marreel*

Robert and Glynnna Marreel



Lisa, Glynnna, Kristin, Vena, Robert, Robbie Marreel 1980

Robert Dean Marreel, youngest son of Gus and Vena (Collier) Marreel, was born June 18, 1946 at Osmond, Nebraska. He attended first grade at Eagle Valley School, second grade in La Mesa, California, third through fifth grades at St. Frances in Randolph, sixth through eighth grades in El Cajon, California and graduated from Grossmont High School at Grossmont, California.

Uncle Sam beckoned and Robert spent some time in training in Louisiana and Georgia before serving in Viet Nam. When he returned to civilian life, he worked for Cunningham Motors in El Cajon as a mechanic.

Robert and Glynnna Brodeur were married in April of 1968. Robert went to work for the San Diego Gas and Electric Company as a mapper.

In December, 1975, Robert, Glynnna, and their two daughters, Lisa and Vena, moved to Oregon. Robert worked for Portland General Electric as a designer where he later advanced to the position of Estimator.

Robert and Glynnna had two more children born in Oregon: Robert Paul and Kristin.

Lisa now lives in California. Lisa's four children: Joseph, Erin, Megan and Devon live in Oregon. Vena now lives in Oregon with her husband David Williamson. They have two daughters: Ali Page is now married to Kawika Lasco and lives in Vancouver, Washington. Ashli Anne is still living with her mother (Vena) and attending high school in Beaverton, Oregon. Robert Paul was born in 1978 and now lives in Hillsboro, Oregon with his wife Katie. They have two children: Ethan and Anna. Kristin Sarah was born in March of 1980 and lives in

Aloha, Oregon with her husband William Ungard.
Submitted by Vena (Collier) Marreel

Dan and Ellen McCarthy

Born in Ireland in 1868, Dan McCarthy left his homeland at the age of 19 from West County, Meath, Ireland and came to the United States aboard a ship that docked in the New York Harbor.

Young McCarthy made his way west as far as Illinois, where he found work in the coal mines.

His friend, Jimmy Lynch, encouraged Mr. McCarthy to come to Nebraska and set up a homestead at Pender, Nebraska. A young woman whom he had met in Illinois, Ellen Daly, and Mr. McCarthy exchanged letters and in time she came to Nebraska. She and Dan were wed at a ceremony after Mass on a Sunday morning, at the Catholic Church in Emerson, Nebraska, in 1895.

Their closest neighbors were Native Americans, and because of Mrs. McCarthy's background as a practical nurse, many of the Native Americans came to her for help in the time of sickness.

While at Pender, the McCarthy's first two sons were born, William and Daniel. They then lived on farms near Osmond, O'Neill and McLean Nebraska coming to a home in Randolph in 1904. Their children were: William, Daniel, Nell, Ann, James and Jane.

After living in Randolph a short time, Mrs. McCarthy died, following the birth of her seventh child. Dan and his family stayed in Randolph where he worked for the city of Randolph, planting many of the trees which are still standing in the city park, and laying cement sidewalks, replacing the boardwalks.

In time, he married a woman named Eleanor Donahue and they were parents of: Mary, Irene, Edward, Bernard and John. In 1919, Dan McCarthy bought a farm at Jackson, Nebraska. In 1940, he retired from farming and bought 80 acres west of South Sioux City, Nebraska. He bequeathed land for the St. Michaels cemetery in South Sioux City. Dan McCarthy died in 1954 and is buried in the St. Frances cemetery at Randolph. *Submitted by Jack and Madonna McCarthy*

Daniel J. and Helen McCarthy

August 17, 1925, Daniel J. McCarthy, son of Dan and Ellen (Daly) McCarthy and Helen R. Lamb, daughter of Nicholas and Grace (Maun) Lamb, were married at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph.

Their first child, Ruth, was born on a farm near McLean where the McCarthy's spent the first two years of their married life.

The McCarthy's purchased land east of Randolph, which was part of the Zachariah Boughn homestead land. They farmed, raising hay, corn and oats. At this home eight of their children were born: Marjorie, Daniel, Mary Rose, Thomas, Jack, twins Alice and Ellen, and Caroline.



Daniel and Helen McCarthy

In 1940 the family moved to Jackson, Nebraska, where their youngest daughter, Judy, was born.

The family was active in 4-H work, extension work, school board, and church work. Nine of their children graduated from Jackson High School. In 1958, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and their daughter, Judy, returned to their farm near Randolph.

The McCarthy's retired to Laurel in 1963. In 1968, Mr. McCarthy was elected Cedar County Commissioner. He served the district which included the Randolph area.

Mrs. McCarthy passed away on May 12, 1984 and Mr. McCarthy died June 5, 1987. They are buried at St. Michael's Cemetery in South Sioux City, Nebraska.
Submitted by Jack and Madonna McCarthy

Jack and Madonna McCarthy



Jack and Madonna McCarthy

Jack McCarthy, son of Daniel J. and Helen (Lamb) McCarthy and Madonna Hoelsing, daughter of Robert and Mary (Coughlin) Hoelsing were married January 12, 1963 at St. Jane Frances de Chantel Catholic Church.

Since getting married, they have lived and farmed on the McCarthy home place three and one-fourth miles east of Randolph. Here the family raised hay,

corn, soybeans, had a dairy operation besides all around general farming. On this farm Jack and Madonna raised their five children: Corene (James) Baum of New Mexico, Monica (Alan) Edler and Patti (Eric) Edler of Iowa, Jackie (Victor) Mora of Omaha and Jim (Amy) McCarthy of Texas. Jack and Madonna have six granddaughters and four grandsons.

Madonna graduated from Wayne State College with a degree in Elementary Education and has taught school for nineteen years, twelve of which were in Catholic schools. She currently teaches at St. Mary's School in Osmond, Nebraska.

Jack is employed by the Norfolk Shopper as a route driver. He has also worked for the Nebraska Department of Roads, Hartland Concrete, Menards and Don Huwaldt Trucking.

They are members of St. Jane Frances Church where they are both EMHE's and Sacristans and Madonna is a lector.

They enjoy traveling and have been to Rome, Italy, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Alaska.
Submitted by Madonna McCarthy

Karen (Olberding) McDonald

Karen, the daughter of Edwin and Elsie (Strathman) Olberding, was born December 25, 1950 at Goodman's Nursery in Randolph. Karen was raised on a farm southeast of Randolph, where her dad farmed for many years. The farm was an excellent place to raise eight kids. There was a lot of hard work, but also a lot of fun times with the neighbors and cousins, playing ball games in the pasture, riding horses and trying to make do with two bikes for eight kids.

Mom also helped with many of the chores, also raising chickens, a garden and kids. She worked as a cook for the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Randolph, retiring after 29 years.

In 1972, my parents sold the farm to Gerald Stevens and moved into town. They lived in the house now owned by Marge Kruse, later selling that house and moving to the place now owned by Jeff and Suz Gubbels.

Karen has six brothers: Clarence, Bernie, Terry, Rick, Rob and Dave and one sister, Judy (Stueckrath). She attended St. Frances School from the first through the ninth grade and then transferred to the Randolph Public School in her Sophomore year. Karen graduated in 1969. She then worked at Dale Electronics in Norfolk for one year.

On December 6, 1969, Karen married Ronald Eugene McDonald, son of Joseph and Dorothy (Hayward) McDonald at the Methodist Church in Randolph. Ronald was born January 13, 1946 and was raised in Randolph. He attended Randolph Public School and entered the U.S. Navy in 1964, where he earned his G.E.D. and served aboard the USS Princeton in the Pacific. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1967, he returned to Randolph where he worked as a heavy equipment operator for Van Buskirk Construction in Sioux City, Iowa and Thiesen Construction in Osmond, Nebraska.

Karen and Ronnie moved to Chappell, Nebraska where Ronnie worked on the construction of Interstate 80, returning to Randolph shortly thereafter.

In 1973, they purchased a house built by Dr. Arthur Cook, where Karen still lives. In 1974, Ronnie was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and battled its effects with an excellent sense of humor and a positive attitude. He worked hard at doing what he could until he had to use a wheelchair. Ronnie enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, talking about his many car accidents with friends, and watching Husker Football. He passed away on September 25, 1999, at the age of 53. Ronnie was a member of the VFW Post 5545 and the Methodist Church.

After Ronnie was diagnosed with MS, Karen cared for him for over 20 years. A lot of people thought Karen had a hard job taking care of him, but his sense of humor, his thoughtfulness and the love he had for her and their kids made her job easy.

After he died, Karen started a house cleaning business in September 2000. Karen's sister, Judy, works with her. They clean homes in Randolph, Norfolk and Wayne. Many of their customers are like their extended families.

Karen and Ronnie had two children, Brian, married Christal Kint. They live in Norfolk and have two boys, Blake age 10 and Alex age 8. Brenda married Matt Dudik and they live in Valencea, California. Both kids graduated from Randolph Public School. Brian attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Brenda attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha, both have degrees in engineering. *Submitted by Karen (Olberding) McDonald*

Willis C. and Mildred L. McDonald

Willis Charles McDonald was born August 1, 1913 near Osmond, Nebraska in Plum Grove Township, Pierce County to Charles and Esther McDonald. From there he moved with his parents in 1915, to Holt County northeast of O'Neill, Nebraska. They resided there two years and then moved to Belden, Nebraska residing there for three years. Once again the family moved this time farther from Belden and closer to Randolph being on a Randolph mail route but a Belden telephone line. He attended rural school District 68 from 1920 to 1924. His folks moved again, this time closer to both Belden and Randolph where he attended District 70 N graduating from the eighth grade in 1928.

He graduated from Belden High School in 1932. Upon graduation he farmed with his father and worked part time in a grocery store.

In the summer of 1941, he was offered a position with Tolerton and Warfield in their chain of Council Oak stores. He worked with them until he received his call to the service of his country in December of 1941. He took his exams and was sent home to await his call to duty which came in February 1942. He was sworn into the Air Corps, February 16, 1942 and attended Radio School in Scott Field, Illinois. Upon graduating he was sent to an overseas training center at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He landed in Brisbane, Australia and was assigned to the 419 Signal Co. which was doing General George Kenny's

communications. He was the commander of the 5th Air Force, later becoming commander of the Far Eastern Air Force. Willis remained in Australia for two years. In September of 1944 he left Brisbane for the "Islands", seeing action at Hollandia, New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. He returned home in 1945 after serving 37 ½ months overseas. He received his discharge at Fort Logan, Colorado, October 24, 1945. He remained in the Air Force reserve, receiving the permanent rank of Sgt. In 1948.

Willis worked in the Randolph Times office from May 1946 until August 1949 when he accepted a position with Great Plains Supply Company. A position he held for a little over twenty-nine years until he retired.

On August 30, 1950, Willis was united in marriage to Mildred L. Graham, daughter of Fred and Ellen (Strom) Graham. They were married in the Methodist church in Randolph by Rev. Ross Louthan.

Just a few days before their marriage, Willis was recalled to active duty with the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was sworn into active duty at Fort Warren, Wyoming, on September 7, 1950. He was sent to Shreveport, Louisiana and from there to Lockbourn Air Base at Columbus, Ohio. He received his discharge from this base July 13, 1951. He then returned to Randolph and continued to work for Great Plains Supply Company.

Mildred L. Graham was born near Randolph, Cedar County, Nebraska on January 7, 1915 to Fred and Ellen (Strom) Graham. She later moved with her parents to a farm near Wausa where she received her elementary education. She moved with her parents back to the Randolph community and graduated from Randolph High in 1933. The family moved to what was known as the Strom place. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Strom were her grandparents.

Mildred remained home, keeping house and making a home for her father and two brothers. She and her father moved into Randolph in the spring of 1949.

Shortly after coming to town, Mildred went to work in the Bowles Drug Store. This store was purchased a short time later by Vincent Hartz. Mildred continued to work for Hartz Pharmacy until her retirement in 1977 after undergoing major surgery.

Willis and Mildred continued to reside in Randolph the remainder of their lives. They were active in church work and activities of the Methodist Church. Willis was treasurer for twenty-seven years and Mildred held several offices in the women's groups of the church. They both belonged to the church and community choirs.

They were active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Auxiliaries. Willis was the first life member of the V.F.W. Post 5545. He also was a life member of D.A.V. Chapter #8 and was a member of the American Legion post 113. They both held offices in these organizations at the local level.

They were also members of the Elkhorn Valley Fiddlers, a dance and musical group, for fourteen years and were also members of the Randolph Senior Citizens.

Mildred's hobbies were knitting, sewing, crocheting, crafts, dancing and traveling. Willis enjoyed gardening, wood working, old cars, dancing, playing cards and traveling. They were both interested in community affairs and progress.

Willis passed away November 14, 2001 and Mildred passed away March 6, 2002. *Submitted and updated by Arlene Graham*

Darrell and Judy McFadden



Darrell and Judy McFadden

Darrell is the son of Lloyd and Neva Louise (Rohde) McFadden. He was born March 14, 1944 at Norfolk, Nebraska. Darrell had two sisters: Linda and Kathy and one brother: Calvin. Darrell's family lived on a farm in the McLean area and moved to south of Sholes when he was in the eighth grade. Darrell graduated from Randolph Public in 1962. After graduation, Darrell attended Universal Trade School in Omaha, studying auto body repair.

On April 4, 1964, Darrell married Judy Kay Hilkemann at the United Methodist Church in Randolph. Judy was the daughter of Erwin and Elsie Mae (Walmsley) Hilkemann. Judy grew up with her two brothers on a farm southwest of Randolph. Judy attended country school at District 28 NE in Pierce County and then finished her grade school education at District 28 NW Pierce County. Judy graduated from Randolph Public in 1963. After graduation Judy attended Steward's Beauty College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Darrell and Judy lived for one and one-half years at Hot Springs, South Dakota where Darrell worked for a bee keeper and in a body shop and Judy worked as a beauty operator at Jack's Beauty Shop. They then moved to the Herb Hilkemann farm near Sholes, Nebraska.

Darrell and Judy have five children: Daniel, Douglas, Patrick and Trish (twins), and Darrin. All of the children graduated from Randolph Public Schools.

Daniel joined the U S Army after graduation in 1982. Doug graduated from high school in 1985. After Dan came back from his tour of duty Doug and Dan went to Wyoming to study Diesel Mechanics. Dan graduated second in the class. Dan passed away February 1991 in a motor vehicle accident.

Pat and Trish graduated in 1987. Trish attended the Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln. Pat joined the National Guard.

Darrin graduated in 1990 and he attended the Lineman program at Northeast Community College.

Trish is married to Roger Blank and they live west of Pierce. Pat is the father of a daughter, Morgan. Pat currently lives in Randolph and operates a flooring company. Doug currently lives in Madison, Nebraska where he is a lineman for the city of Madison. Darrin married Missy Backer and they have three children: Riley, Tyler and Cameron. Darrin currently lives in Norfolk, Nebraska and works for Nebraska Public Power District as a lineman.

Darrell currently works for Tri-County Feed and Grain in Randolph and Judy is a homemaker. They are members of the United Methodist Church in Randolph. They like to travel and have visited Hawaii and most of the Continental United States. *Submitted by Darrell and Judy McFadden*

Lloyd and Neva McFadden



Lloyd and Neva McFadden Wedding 1940

Lloyd was the son of Glade and Ella (Grankau) McFadden and was born on June 30, 1916.

Lloyd had two sisters and grew up in the Sholes area.

Lloyd married Neva Louise Rohde the daughter of Louis and Hazel (Bowles) Rohde at the Wayne County

Courthouse on October 10, 1940. Neva was born May 9, 1921 and grew up in the Sholes area.

Lloyd and Neva lived in the McLean area where they farmed. They later moved to a farm south of Sholes where they lived until after Lloyd passed away. They had five children: Darrell, Linda (Norm) Lulow, Kathy Hendrickson and Calvin and one child who died in infancy.

Lloyd passed away August 29, 1977. Neva later moved into Randolph where she resided until she passed away May 3, 2010. Both are buried at the Wayne Cemetery at Wayne, Nebraska. *Submitted by Darrell and Judy McFadden*

Joachim and Kathrine Meisner

The United States was but a youthful teenager in 1790, when Jno (John) Reiland was born in Paris, France. It was inconceivable that in 2011, over two hundred years later, he would be a figure in an American heritage story, written for a small town of Randolph, Nebraska, celebrating its Q125 Anniversary. Jno's wife, Marie Backhaus, was born at Luxenburg, Germany, July 8, 1826. They immigrated to the United States and settled at Port Washington, Wisconsin. Ten children were born to this union. The youngest, Kathrine Marie, was born June 28, 1868, at Port Washington, Wisconsin. She was only seven years old when her father, Jno, died March 31, 1875. Her mother, Marie lived in the area until she died October 16, 1900. Kathrine had four sisters and five brothers. One brother, Phillip, lived on a farm south of Randolph until he retired and moved into Randolph.

Kathrine Marie Reiland married Joachim (Joe) Louis Meisner at Birnamwood, Wisconsin on November 17, 1889.

Joe's parents were both born in Germany. His father, Joachim, was born at Mecklenburg Schwerin, Germany, April 6, 1827. His mother, Whelmine Edel (Odley) Meisner, was born at Saxton, Germany May, 1836. Prior to 1864, Joe's parents had emigrated from Germany to the area of Town Rapids, Wisconsin where their six children were born. Joe was the third. He was born September 18, 1867 at Town Rapids. Joachim died June 26, 1877 and Whelmine died the following year on December 19, 1878, leaving six orphans, all under fourteen years of age. Joe was eleven. Being shuttled from place to place, Joe soon found work in a lumber camp in the area and learned the trade. After he and Kathrine were married, he built their home in Birnamwood. In this home, three children were born and reared: Edna Servina, October 31, 1891; Viola Minnie, November 21, 1894; and Clarence C., February, 1897.

In the early 1900's the distance between Wisconsin and Nebraska seemed greater than it does in the 2000's. However, ties were strong in the Reiland family. The trains made traveling an efficient means of keeping in contact. Although Phillip Reiland was living in Nebraska and his sister, Katherine (Reiland) Meisner, remained in

Wisconsin, visits between their families and other relatives were numerous. Through these contacts, Edna Meisner would meet and later marry William F. Lowry. He was a rancher, who had homesteaded south of Gordon, Nebraska in 1910.

By mere coincidence, Viola Meisner of Wisconsin and Ferd Gerkins of Nebraska would first meet. The occasion was another visit around 1912, between the families of Kathrine and Phillip. Phillip was married to Anna Westphalen, a sister of Mathilda (Westphalen) Gerkins, who was Ferd's mother.

Ferd did his persistent courting of Viola in a buggy drawn by a beautiful white horse named Queen. Queen was an appropriate name for this intelligent horse, who could find her way home through any blizzard, when Ferd released the reins and gave her her head. He could ride her to town, tie the reins to the saddle, and tell her to go home. Queen always arrived at the farm. She lived to be twenty-two years of age, and was a favorite animal to all in the family.

On August 26, 1914, Viola Meisner and Ferdinand Gerkins were married by Reverend D. H. Franzen, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. They settled on the Gerkins' farm.

With both of their two daughters married and living in Nebraska, and their son, Clarence, still with them, Joe and Kathrine Meisner decided, in 1914, to move from Birnamwood, Wisconsin, to a farm southwest of Randolph.

In May, 1918, Clarence Meisner married a local girl, Olive Whitney. He bought his bride to his parents' home.

Joe and Kathrine Meisner, with Clarence and Olive Meisner, and their son Wilferd, lived together on a neighborhood farm until 1934, when they moved to a farm near McLean. Kathrine died September 24, 1941. Several years later, Joe, Clarence, Olive and Wilferd moved to South Sioux City, Nebraska where Joe died April 29, 1957. Both Joe and Kathrine are buried at Randolph. *Originally submitted by Virginia Gosch*
Updated by Clarette Berner

Edward and Minnie Messman

Edward Leonard Messman was born September 24, 1884, near Grant, Perkins County, Nebraska. He was the youngest child born to Herman John and Mary (Thelen) Messman.

He married Minnie Edith Hansen on September 1, 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa. Minnie Edith Hansen was born April 6, 1898, at Pender, Nebraska. After their marriage they lived in the town of Sioux City, Iowa for a short time before moving in with Ed's mother, Mary Messman, in Randolph, so Ed could help his brothers farm the place where their parents lived prior to their father's death. The farm was later sold and Ed and Minnie rented their own farm nine miles out of Randolph. They raised oats, wheat, cattle and hogs. Their first child, Hilda Marie, was born there April 8, 1915.

Later they moved to Fordyce, Cedar County, Nebraska and lived there two or three years. They experienced many hardships there as they lost two small children, Katherine born February 8, 1917 and Leona born April 26, 1919, during a flu epidemic which spread through the area. Then a cyclone struck, which destroyed their home and most everything they owned.

They then moved to Crofton, Knox County, Nebraska and purchased a place that had a small sawmill and lots of timber on the property. Ed and Minnie cut timber and sold the lumber for building houses, etc., for about six years. While in Crofton, they had three more children, John Nick Messman born May 15, 1920, Andrew Herman Messman born September 2, 1922 and Harold Peter Messman born November 10, 1925.

They moved back to Randolph where they farmed for another five years. Their youngest daughter Betty Jean Messman was born in Randolph, February 3, 1928.

They moved to Oregon in the spring of 1935 and stayed with friends and relatives in the Portland area. In the fall of that year they moved to Sandpoint, Idaho. The following fall they returned to Oregon, settling on a small dairy farm in the Quinaby area near Salem where they lived until 1942, when fire destroyed their house and most of their belongings. It was then that they moved to Albany and owned a large farm in the Dever District. They raised rye grass, peppermint, alfalfa and oat hay and had a Grade A Dairy.

Several years later, Ed was gored by a bull which later forced him to sell the farm and retire. They moved to Salem for a few years and then moved back to Albany. Edward died August 12, 1976. Minnie passed away December 5, 1995. *Submitted by Susie Wattier*

Herman and Mary Messman

Herman John Messman (spelled Meessman in German) was born July 16, 1844, in Badbergen, Hanover, German, to Gerhard Henry and Anna Marie (Hackman) Messman. He was the oldest of eight children. He came to the United States in 1867 and lived for a time in Illinois, probably near Topeka, in Mason County. He married Mary Thelen in about 1871 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

After their marriage, they farmed for a short time near Harlan, Shelby County, Iowa, and then moved to Perkins County, Nebraska, near Grant, and farmed a half section of land for three years. They experienced the hardships of early day settlers in having their crops dry out every year during their stay in Grant.

In 1893, they came to Randolph and settled on a farm a mile east and six miles north of town. Herman and his sons farmed the place for twenty six years and it was here that Herman died on January 5, 1905, his death being from heart failure when he dropped dead in the barn while doing chores. Mary Messman remained on the farm for two years and then bought a house in Randolph and moved to town.

Mary (Thelen) Messman was born in October, 1851, in Prussia. The 1900 Census Record of Cedar County, Nebraska, indicates that she was the mother of ten children; six living at the time the census was taken. Two sons died as children.

Information on the birthdates of the first two children, each obtained from a different source, indicates that Anna was born in March of 1880 and that a son, Antone, was born March 5, 1880. These two as well as the next two children, were born near Harlan, Iowa. Anna married Joseph Sohler about 1899 and left two small children at the time of her death in 1905. The first, Frank was born January 28, 1900, and died November 19, 1957. He first married Esther Stedry. There were six children by this marriage; Eugene, Peggy, Beverly, Donna, Mila and Charles who lost his life in the Korean Conflict. John Sohler, the second child of Joseph and Anna, was born August 14, 1902. He died August 21, 1971. He married Caroline Bermel who died March 5, 1979. They had three children; John Jr., LaVerne, and Leon. John Jr., along with his wife, Rosemary, still live in Randolph community. *Submitted by Susie Wattier*

Fred and Emma Meyer

Fredrick William Meyer was born near LaPorte, Nebraska on June 2, 1889. His parents were K. Henry and Wilhelmina Hogen Meyer, who came from Germany.



Fred and Emma- 1913

Fred went to school through the fourth grade. He and his twin brother William exchanged going to school one week and working at home the next week. At the age of 18, Fred and William bought a cornsheller and did custom work in Wayne County.

On March 25, 1913, he married Emma Doose at the St. Paul Church near Wayne. They had nine children: Frances, Albert, Bernice, Irene, Marvin, Wilfred, Doris, JoAnn and Lawrence, who died at three weeks of age.

In the spring of 1915, a friend of theirs, John Lienemann, told them about a quarter of land for sale seven miles south of Randolph. Fred purchased the land and loaded up his wagons and herded the cattle 28 miles to their new homestead. Fred and Emma's grandson, Dan Meyer now lives and farms on this original homestead in 2010. Fred did all his farm work with horses the first few years and was known by his neighbors to be a good mechanic and carpenter. A familiar face on the Meyer farm was Hans Broer. He was one of Fred's hired hands.



BACK: Frances, Wilfred, Albert, Marvin, Bernice
FRONT: Irene, Fred, JoAnn, Emma, Doris

Emma always had a big garden and orchard and also lots of chickens, so the pantry was always filled with canned goods throughout the winter months. All of their children attended District #39 in Pierce County through the eighth grade. Fred was on the school board for many years. The children attended high school in Randolph; they would stay with different families during the week and would go home for the weekend since it was too far to travel to school every day.

In the spring of 1951, Fred had become quite sick with heart trouble and decided it was time to quit farming and move to town. They purchased a house in the south end of Randolph and he did carpenter work with Paul Delozier. Fred put a lot of his skills to work in the St. John's Lutheran church, doing any kind of repair work that they needed. Fred died in 1961 at the age of 72.

Emma stayed in their home doing handy work and still raising a garden until 1978, when she moved into the Colonial Manor. She died in 1983 at the age of 94.

John Meyer Jr.



John Meyer Jr.

John Meyer Jr., son of John and Viola Meyer was born on July 1, 1927. He grew up on a farm near Randolph and graduated from St. Frances Catholic School. On July 20, 1948 he married the former Dorothy Gubbels, daughter of Louis and Bessie Gubbels. They made their first home west of Randolph. On May 14, 1951, their first child was born, a son Ronald. A daughter,

Karen was born October 20, 1953.

In the spring of 1956, they moved to a farm which was Mrs. Meyer's grandparent's place, John and Elizabeth Gubbels, which is south of Randolph near Sholes,

Nebraska. Ronald and Karen both attended St. Frances School. Ronald entered the service in 1971 and served in Viet Nam.

Karen married Irvin Wattier on November 13, 1971. He is the son of Vincent and Jean Wattier of Randolph. They have four children: Brenda, Rhonda, Neil and Vanessa.

Ronald married Kathlene Delozier, daughter of Paul and Helen Delozier of Randolph on April 28, 1973. They have four children: Melinda, Gregory, David and Paul and live on a farm south of Randolph.

Dorothy Meyer passed away on October 6, 1994. John continued to live on the family farm until his death March 1, 2010. *Submitted by Kathi Meyer*

Ron and Kathi Meyer

Ronald John Meyer was born on May 14, 1951 to John Jr. and Dorothy (Gubbels) Meyer. He grew up on a farm west of Sholes, Nebraska which was previously owned by John Gubbels Sr., Ronald's Great Grandfather. Ron has a sister Karen who married Irvin Wattier and lives in Omaha, Nebraska. Ronald attended St. Frances Catholic School, graduating in 1969. He farmed two years with his dad before being drafted into the army in the spring of 1971. During his tour of Viet Nam, he served in Saigon as a military policeman. Ron received an honorable discharge from the army in 1972. Dorothy Meyer passed away on October 6, 1994 and his father, John, continued to live on the family farm until his death March 1, 2010.



Ron and Kathi Meyer Family and John Meyer Jr at top right

Kathlene Jean Delozier was born to Paul and Helen (Jacobson) Delozier on December 3, 1952. The youngest of five children, her siblings and spouses are: Beverly and Dale Ballentine of Fullerton, Nebraska; Duane and Alyce Delozier of Beatrice, Nebraska; Joyce and Cleo Karnes of Hartington, Nebraska and Marlee and Cliff Burbach of Carroll, Nebraska. Kathi grew up in Randolph and graduated from Randolph Public School in 1971. After graduation she moved to Norfolk and attended Norfolk Junior College. Her father passed away on April 20, 1983 and her mother, Helen, on June 8, 1995.

Ronald and Kathlene were married on April 28, 1973 at St. Frances Catholic Church. They have four children: Melinda Marie was born on April 7, 1975; Gregory Alan was born on January 22, 1978; David John was born on January 27, 1980; and Paul Michael was born on May 2, 1983. Melinda and her husband, Eric Fossum, were married June 29, 2002. They have two daughters: Hope Kathlene born June 22, 2003 and Harper Marie born on December 12, 2008.

Ron and Kathi are members of St. Frances Church and enjoy golfing, traveling and being with their family. They still reside on the same farm where they raised their family. *Submitted by Ron and Kathi Meyer*

Vincent and LaVonne Meyer

Vincent Francis, son of John and Viola (Colling) Meyer was born February 8, 1943, at his parent's farm west of Randolph. He was the last of eight children. His brothers and sisters are: Shirley (Vincent) Schmit; John Jr., Earl, who died of a heart problem at age of 41; Norma (Willis) Stueckrath; Delores (Frank) Sattler; Edward and Elmer.

When Vincent was three years old his mother died of cancer and a few years later his dad married Frances Ann Leiting, who cared for him, Elmer and Edward the rest of their years at home.

Vincent attended twelve years of school at St. Frances in Randolph. He enjoyed playing basketball, hunting, tractor driving and horseback riding. After graduation, he spent two years in the U.S. Army, ten months of which were in Germany. His time in the service was spent being an artillery surveyor.

LaVonne (Vonnice) Jean Eddie was born to Kenneth and Geneva (Stephens) Eddie at the Wayne City Hospital on October 23, 1946. She has an older sister, Marlene Dahlkoetter and an older brother, Delmar Eddie.

Many of Vonnice's childhood hours were spent with her Great Uncle Dan Jorgensen, who made his home with her family. Growing up on her parent's farm near Carroll, Nebraska, Vonnice enjoyed helping with farm chores, field work, and cooking. Babysitting with her nieces, nephews, and other neighbor children took up a lot of her time.

Vonnice attended District 75 Wayne County country school near her parent's farm for the first eight years of her education and graduated from Belden High School in 1964. While in high school she enjoyed playing volleyball and cheerleading for the Belden Braves.

On May 31, 1965, Vince and Vonnice were married at St. Frances Church in Randolph. They moved to a farm two miles west of Randolph on Highway 20, where they reside today. They farmed with Vince's brother, Elmer, until 2000, when arthritis in Vince's hands and feet, plus two bad knees, caused him to find a sit down job. He started driving chartered buses for Arrow Stage Lines out of Norfolk, part time. He is still driving some and enjoys going to morning coffee at Pronto, and playing cards in the afternoons with the "guys" at the Card Room in Randolph. In 1997, Vonnice started working part time for

the U.S. Census Bureau as a field representative, a position she still continues today.

On December 16, 1966, they welcomed their first child, Kevin Vincent, and fourteen months later on February 17, 1968 Kirby Francis joined the family. Jamie Lee was born on November 28, 1973 and Ryan John completed the family on March 25, 1981. Kevin died of acute lymphatic leukemia on May 11, 1977 after fighting the disease for five years. Kirby is married to Jennifer Outzs of Bellevue, Washington and they have one son Kevin born on May 21, 2009. Kirby is a physician's assistant at a children's hospital in Bellevue, Washington, where they reside. He spent ten years in the U.S. Navy as a medical technician and graduated from Physician Assistant College in Billings, Montana. Jamie lives in Gilbert, Arizona, where he has his own video game vending business and is a real estate agent. Jamie spent six months in Saudi Arabia on an agriculture project while attending Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Nebraska. Ryan lives in Omaha, Nebraska, where he has worked as an accountant since getting his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Vince and Vonnice attend St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. The boys attended and graduated from Randolph Public School. *Submitted by Vonnice Meyer*

Zach and Nichole Meyer



Nichole, Talyn and Zach Meyer

Zachary Allan Meyer was born November 8, 1982, to Dan and Nita Meyer of Randolph. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church of Hoskins. He is a 2001 graduate of Randolph Public High School. He attended Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Nebraska for one year before transferring to Northeast Community College in Norfolk. He graduated from NECC in 2004 with a

degree in Agri-business and in 2005 with a degree in Agronomy. In 2006 he started farming.

Nichole Lee was born December 26, 1982 to Cindy McDonald, currently of Randolph. She was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Neligh. She is a 2001 graduate of Norfolk Senior High School and attended Southeast Community College in Lincoln. She was a Direct Support Manager at Mosaic for six years.

Zach and Nichole met in the spring of 2006 and were married September 1, 2007 at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. On May 21, 2010 they had their first child, a

son, Talyn Layne. He was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

They live on and operate the family farm south of Randolph and in 2009 purchased what is now Mrs. Bubba's bar and bowling alley. *Submitted by Zach and Nichole Meyer*

Thomas and Elizabeth Moser

Thomas Moser was born August 9, 1853, in Munich, Germany. On July 18, 1888, he married Mary Elizabeth Book at Westphalia, Iowa and moved to Randolph in 1893. His wife was also from Germany.

They had nine children: Ann, Kathie, Peter, Lizzie, Joe, Rose, Carl, Bertha and Casper. Two of the daughters joined the Franciscan Order of Sisters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They were Kathie (Sister Elia) and Bertha (Sister Cathleen). Sr. Elia lived to be 99 years of age and was in the Franciscan Order for 83 years. Sr. Cathleen was in the Order for 71 years. Of the rest of the family only two lived in the Randolph area. They were: Rose (Mrs. Herman Haselhorst) and Casper.

The Mosers also raised a foster child, Eleanor, who came when orphan children were brought from New York. They lived on a farm north of Highways 81 – 20 Junction, which is currently farmed by Gene Pfanstiel.

Thomas died there on April 27, 1906 of hog cholera. His wife moved to the house just north of the Catholic Church in Randolph. She died October 31, 1924.

Dixie Mueeting

Dixie was the eldest of four daughters, born to Everett H. (Bud) and Violet M. (Colvin) Burley. Her sisters are: Betty (Richard) Roeder of Fremont, Nebraska, Sandra (Leon) Kuhlman of Randolph, and Patricia Eckdahl of Wichita, Kansas.

Everett (Bud) was a partner with Harold Sherwood in the Randolph Creamery. Violet was the bookkeeper. While in high school Dixie also worked in the Creamery office, where her love of payroll and accounting was realized. She graduated from Randolph High School in 1957.

Dixie was married to Richard McDonald, son of Avery (Mike) and Geraldine McDonald. They had four children: Rhonda Stoneburner, who with her husband Bill, own and operate Billy Shears Salon in Denton, Texas. They have one son, Cory. Rick owns and operates Quail Hill Ranch in Whitesboro, Texas, Randy is an over-the-road truck driver for Crete Carriers and lives with wife, Lauri in Neola, Iowa. Roxanne Olson and husband, Bruce, live on a farm between Genoa and Fullerton, Nebraska. Roxanne is the Media Specialist at Twin River Schools. They have 2 children, Nicholas and Casey.

Richard worked for Bud in the creamery until we moved to Valley in 1965. He worked as a horse trainer/shoer for Sycamore Farms at Waterloo. We divorced in 1969. Dixie worked as a payroll clerk for D-M Service Co. of Elkhorn and later N. P. Dodge Real

Estate in Omaha. She became the accountant for FirstTier Mortgage Co (associated with Omaha National Bank), later transferring to Escrow Servicing. When that company was sold, she began employment at Farm Credit Services of America, establishing a new department for residential lending and secondary marketing. After sixteen years at FCSA, Dixie retired in September, 2005.

Dixie was married to Robert L. (Bob) Mueeting, originally from Bloomfield, on June 2, 1977 in Las Vegas, Nevada. After annulment of our first marriages, I was confirmed and our marriage was recognized by the Catholic Church in April, 1988. We were very active members of St John's Catholic Church in Valley. I was in the choir, was a cantor, lector, and EMHC. Bob passed away in June, 2001 at the Veteran's Home in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Dixie remained in Valley until September of 2008, when she returned to her "roots" in Randolph. It has been a drastic change, but one that is much appreciated. She is HOME AGAIN! *Submitted by Dixie Mueeting*

Frederick E. Muhm

Frederick E. Muhm, one of twelve children, was born to Frederick and Susan (Knapp) Muhm, March 4, 1861, at Rockford, Iowa. In 1870, the family moved by covered wagon to a homestead near Yellowbanks, west of Norfolk.

The Muhm family lived in a log cabin for ten years. Grasshoppers ate their first three crops so they, like other settlers, lived on barrels of beans shipped by their relatives from the East.

In the early 1870's, Frederick left home to work, herding cattle and sheep and cutting hay, on the Chapin Ranch near Carroll. In 1884, Frederick heard a man who had filed on land for a homestead and wanted to sell his rights. Frederick's boss allowed him time to look over the land if he would leave after chores Saturday night and return by chore time Sunday night. Frederick walked to the place seven and one half miles north of Randolph and returned in time for chores. He purchased the right and had the land preempted to a tree claim. The government furnished him 1,000 saplings to plant ten acres. This was done with his saddle horse, her offspring and one bottom walking plow.

He started working on the Boughn Ranch east of Randolph, going to his claim each spring to break sod, plant trees and sow wheat. He built a dugout in the side of the hill to live in.

In 1887, Frederick sold a load of wheat and purchased enough lumber to build a 10 foot by 16 foot one room house that the neighbors erected in one day. That year he also filed his final papers and the land was his for \$1.00 per acre.

Frederick almost lost his life in the blizzard of 1888. The morning was beautiful and he was working on his land. The temperature dropped suddenly and the air was

filled with snow. He finally found the trail that led to his house and safety.

Hattie Kober, the oldest of twelve children, was born to George and Elizabeth (Granger) Kober, March 27, 1861, at Traer, Iowa. In 1884, Hattie accompanied her brother, Elias, to a farm north of Randolph. She had to walk a mile to a neighboring farm for drinking water. This was a mile west of the Muhm land and somehow, romance blossomed.

Frederick Muhm and Hattie Kober were married March 18, 1888, and moved to the one room house. In 1890, two 8 foot by 8 foot rooms were added to the house. School was held in one end of the house until the District 50 School was built. The teacher stayed with the Muhms for many years. Hazel, John, Opal and Ruby were born there.

In 1896, a two story house was built on a hill one half mile from the original home site. The old house was moved, fastened to the new house and used for a kitchen. May, Onar and Jay were born in the new house.

The seven Muhm children graduated from District 50 and the six youngest children graduated from Randolph High School. All seven children attended Wayne Normal School and/or the University of Nebraska. Six of the children taught school, several of them in local rural schools.

There are no survivors of the immediate family.
Submitted by Vena (Collier) Marreel

Douglas and Kay Munter

Kay Hartz was the firstborn in the family of Vince and Claudia Hartz. She graduated from St. Frances de Chantal School in May of 1963. With great excitement and some anxiousness, she looked forward to going to Omaha to attend college at the College of St. Mary. She majored in Elementary Education and spent four years gaining lots of new insights and interests.

One of her favorite interests that grew was in the person of Doug Munter. Doug was also from Randolph and a high school friend, but their courtship didn't begin until they both started school in Omaha. Doug attended school in Omaha for a year and then he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to begin his studies in the engineering field at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Their courtship was one of many long distance calls and of time together during school breaks.

The summer of 1967 was one filled with great excitement and new challenges. Kay graduated from college in May of 1967 and Doug and Kay were married in June. They set out to conquer the world and said goodbye to Nebraska and moved to Milwaukee.

Doug continued his studies and Kay taught some very active fifth graders for a year. Then they embarked on a new challenge – their first child was born.

Christina Marie was born on June 20, 1968. Doug had to make room among his books and desk for a crib. Doug finished his studies and graduated with a Bachelors of

Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in May of 1969.

Then the family of three was off to conquer new challenges as they began a series of moves. Doug started his first job in Omaha, Nebraska and the family lived in a cozy duplex on North 40th Street. It was fun to be within close visiting distance of our families in Randolph and gave the grandparents a chance to spoil their first grandchild.

But their stay in Omaha was short as Doug accepted a promising new job with a Dallas, Texas firm and in September they were off to Rochester, New York. They thoroughly enjoyed their seven month stay there. They found the people very friendly and the countryside was beautiful. Doug's engineering project was completed in March of 1970 and they were off to a new job site in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Another big event occurred while the family was in Oklahoma. Their second child, Kimberly Ann was born December 23, 1970. She was a very special Christmas gift.

By this time, Doug's engineering project was finished in Oklahoma and in April of 1971 the family was off to Phoenix, Arizona. After a short stay and a hot summer in Phoenix, they moved to Dallas, Texas in September of 1971.

In April of 1972, they found themselves headed back to Omaha. Doug accepted a new job with an Omaha firm, so they looked forward to settling down and Nebraska once more became home. While in Omaha, their first son, Brian Douglas was born on October 29, 1976. He was welcomed by two very excited sisters.

After six years in Omaha, they were on the move once again to Norfolk, Nebraska, in March of 1979. While in Norfolk, our fourth child, Scott Michael, was born on March 7, 1980.

After three years in Norfolk, they were again on their way back to Omaha. Doug decided to start his own engineering firm, Midlands Mechanical, and they were back to familiar surroundings and became reacquainted with many old friends.

There have been many changes over the last 25 years. Their oldest daughter, Christina (Chris) is married to Tim Worthy and they live in Omaha, Nebraska. They have six children: Hailey, Cole, Madison, Carly, Nicholas and Katelyn. Tim is an Arborist and Landscaper and he owns his own business.

Doug and Kay's second daughter Kimberly (Kim) is married to Christopher Haynes and they live in Louisville, Nebraska. They have three daughters: Marissa, Kelsey and Whitney. Kim is the comptroller at Midlands Mechanical and Chris is self-employed.

The oldest Munter son, Brian is married to Patti (Flynn) and they live in Chicago, Illinois. They have two children: Brayden and Grace. Brian is a website designer and manager at a computer firm.

The youngest son, Scott is married to Elizabeth (Matsko) and they live in Phoenix, Arizona. Scott and Liz are expecting a new baby in September 2010. Scott is a professional baseball player and Liz is a teacher.

Doug and Kay feel they are blessed with such a beautiful family and their grandchildren keep them young.
Submitted by Doug and Kay Munter

John and Fern Munter, Sr.

John Munter married Fern Mahrt on September 16, 1922. They farmed for 53 years, 27 of those years on John's parent's farm. In 1950, they built a new home a mile from their farm. John Sr. and Fern farmed four miles north of Wareham for 30 years before moving to Randolph where they lived down by the golf course. They celebrated over 70 years of marriage.

Three children were born to the Munters: John, Jr. is married to Vernelle Gerber. Their children are: Doug, Sandy, Jack and Gene. John and Vernelle reside in Randolph.

Dick married Bonnie Poyar. Their children are: Terry, Barb, Jerry, Gary and Beverly. Dick passed away June 1998.

Bob married Florene Schager. Their children are David, Dan, Diane, Don, Denise, Dean, Dennis and Doug. Bob and Florene live in Wausa.

John passed away February 5, 1994 and Fern passed away September 18, 1999. *Originally submitted by John and Fern Munter*

John and Vernell Munter Jr.

Gottlieb H. (1867-1947) and Eleisa (Stucki) (1870-1937) Munter came to the United States from Switzerland in the 1800's. They settled and farmed four miles north of Wareham. They had a family of twelve children: Adolph, Fred, John Sr., Paul, Robert, George, William, Elizabeth, Lillian, Emma, Walter and Helen.

John J. Munter, Sr. married Fern Makrt and their children are: John E. Jr., Dick R., and Robert E.

John Sr. and Fern farmed four miles north of Wareham for 30 years before moving to Randolph where they lived down by the golf course.

John E. Munter, Jr. married Vernell Gerber in 1946. John Jr. farmed north of Wareham for 15 years on the old "Munter Farm". They had four children: Doug married Kaye Hartz; Sandy married Mike Maryot; Jack married Pam Baeur and Gene married Marsha Thieman.

In 1960, John Jr. and Vernell moved to Randolph and owned Munter's Hardware for 10 years. In 1970 they went to Yellowstone Park to work the summer for five months. They worked in Yellowstone for 32 years. John Jr. managed stores in Yellowstone Park and Vernell was head cook at the dorms. They then worked at International Falls, Minnesota for two years at a fishing resort. They now live back in Randolph and enjoy all the people who live in the Randolph community. *Submitted by John and Vernell Munter Jr.*



John Jr. and Vernell Munter Family

Randolph Trivia Questions

- Q – What early 1900 citizen, as a member of the State Legislature, was known state wide for his oratory and for introducing the 8:00 o'clock saloon closing law?
A – George Wiltse, an attorney, was known state wide for his oratory and for introducing the 8:00 o'clock saloon closing law.
- Q – When was the city light plant installed?
A – The city light plant was installed in 1906.

- Q – When was the first year Rural Route Postal Service was offered out of Randolph, what was the largest number of routes?
A – The first year was 1903. Routes one, two, three and four were established July 15, 1904. Route three was discontinued October 2, 1959, Route four was discontinued on July 31, 1932 and Route five was discontinued on November 15, 1926.