

Lyle and Angeline Neuharth



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Angeline (Angie) Dowling, daughter of Orval and Mildred (Jones) Dowling, graduated from Randolph High School in 1956 and from Wayne State College in 1961. She taught rural school at Randolph from 1956 to 1959. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in 1961, she was employed by the Columbus City Schools as a physical education instructor for six years.

Angie married Robert Johnson of Wisner, Nebraska and had two sons: Douglas and Steven. Douglas married Jennifer Ladehoff of North Bend, Nebraska and has two sons: Andrew and Blaine. Doug graduated from Wisner Pilger High School in 1985. Doug taught music at O'Neil High after graduating from Wayne State College. In 1993, he joined Web Equality solutions and has been sales manager since 2008. Jennifer, after graduating from Wayne State College, is employed by the Bellevue Public Schools as an elementary music teacher since 1993. Andrew graduated from Bellevue East and is a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Blaine is a seventh grader at Mission Middle School in Bellevue. Doug's family attends Thanksgiving Lutheran Church in Bellevue.

Steven also graduated from Wisner Pilger High School in 1994. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating in 1998 and received his Masters in December of 1999 from Iowa State. He joined the U. S. Marines in January 2000 and served three tours in Iraq. Steven flew the 46E helicopter and is presently flying the 53E helicopter. He is a Captain at this time and will soon be promoted to Major. He married Jennifer Dettmer and they have two sons: Matthew and Owen. Matthew is a third grader at the Poway, California school system and Owen is a four year old. Jenni is involved in crafts and her items can be seen on Etsy.

Angie taught physical education for several years at Wisner Pilger School and is still a substitute teacher. For many years she was an agent selling Farmer's Mutual Hail of Iowa Insurance but has retired.

Angie was Queen of the Diamond Days Celebration in Randolph in 1961. The King was Elmer Munter. She is an active member of the United Methodist Church of

Christ of Wisner, Nebraska. Angie has two brothers: William of Hastings and Robert of Yankton, South Dakota and one sister, Betty Cunningham of Randolph.

Angie married Lyle Neuharth of Wisner, June 21, 1997. They reside in Wisner, Nebraska. Lyle is retired from maintenance of Wisner Farmer's Elevator LLC of Wisner. His hobbies include woodworking projects, gardening, and fishing. Lyle and Angie enjoy spending time at their cabin at the Wisner Yacht Club. All of the family enjoys spending time fishing, games and staying at the cabin. Angie is a member of the Wayne Chapter 194 Order of Eastern Star at Wayne, Nebraska.

Lyle's children are Tom residing in West Point, Nebraska; Deborah residing at Jacksonville, Florida; and his twin daughters, Leleh and Lilah and families residing in Texas. *Submitted by Angie (Dowling) Neuharth*

Darrin and Tina Nordhues



BACK: Tina, Darrin, Nolan FRONT: Logan, Carlie Nordhues

Darrin Edward, son of Herman John Jr. and Judith Ann (Gerber) Nordhues, was born June 6, 1967 at Osmond, Nebraska. He received his education at Randolph Public School and graduated in 1985. He is employed by Land O Lakes Purina Feeds as an Account Manager.

Darrin married Tina Marie Leiting, daughter of Earl B. and LaDonna Marie (Biernbaum) Leiting on September 5, 1992 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Tina was born on December 31, 1970 at Norfolk, Nebraska. She started her education in Norfolk until her family moved to Randolph in 1983 and continued her education at Randolph Public School, graduating in 1989. Tina graduated from Spencer School of Business in Grand Island, Nebraska. She is employed by Randolph Public Schools as AD/Jr./Sr. High Secretary.

On May 13, 1995, Nolan John, the first of three children was born. Followed by Logan Edward on June 3, 1998 and Carlie Marie on April 18, 2001.

Both Darrin and Tina are active in church and community organizations.

Dennis A and Rosemary Nordhues



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Dennis A. Nordhues was born December 19, 1940 to Herman J., Sr. (H.J.) (born July 9, 1895 –died January 28, 1991) and Lauretta Susan (Schmit) Nordhues (born January 31, 1902 - died May 4, 1980) at their farm one-half mile east of the little community of Wareham on Highway 20. Dennis lived there with his family until March, 1944, when they moved to a farm his father purchased in 1927 just

one-half mile north of Wareham. Dennis has lived on this farm for 67 years.

In 1946, Dennis entered the first grade at St. Frances Catholic School in Randolph. In 1958, after his graduation from St. Frances high School, he enrolled in Creighton University College of Business Administration for one year. In 1959, he entered the Army Reserves for six years, receiving his discharge in December, 1965.

On April 16, 1966, Dennis married Rosemary Kuchar at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Battle Creek, Nebraska.

Rosemary was born April 1, 1943 to Lawrence I. (born July 26, 1909 died May 5, 1963) and Elizabeth S. (Fichter) Kuchar (born January 24, 1916 died August 12, 2005). After graduating from Madison high School in 1960, she worked at our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Norfolk for about two and one-half years and then at the Madison County Treasurer's Office for three and one-half years until her marriage.

Together, they made their home on the farm Dennis' father bought in 1927 and then sold to Dennis and Rosemary in November of 1978. Dennis started his farming career in 1960 and Rosemary joined him working side by side in 1966, raising cattle and hogs and general grain farming until they retired in 2006. They still reside on their farm.

On June 2, 1967, their first son, Chris was born followed by their only daughter, Staci, on September 7, 1969 and their youngest, Denton, on February 25, 1971. Chris lives on an acreage near Ashland, Nebraska and owns and operates his own interior carpenter business. Staci is a compliance analyst at First National Bank in Omaha and is married to Kevin Keller who works for Conagra in Omaha. Denton is president and CEO of Leeco Steel in Naperville, Illinois and married Jill Kollars. They have three children: Halee (born May 18, 1997), Hope (born March 17, 1999) and Alena (born July 9, 2004).

Both Dennis and Rosemary have been and are active in church and civic organizations. *Submitted by Dennis and Rosemary Nordhues*

Frank and Wilhemina Nordhues



Frank and Wilhemina Nordhues

Frank Nordhues was born November 1, 1859 near the city of Oelde in Westphalia, Germany, where he grew to manhood. Following eight years of mandatory education and four more years, equivalent to high school, he served three years with the Prussian Guards. Having his discharge, he procured an official permit which severed his citizenship with Germany and he came to America in 1887 at the age of 28. He immediately applied for citizenship.

He spent some time in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked his trade as a brewer. Frank came to Nebraska in March of 1888 settling in Cuming County, north of West Point, where he worked one year as a hired man on farms and then he and a friend (Steven Genthrop) started farming on their own.

The following year Frank married his sweetheart in Germany, Wilhemina Ruhe (born February 11, 1858), who crossed the Atlantic to join him in building a home in the new land. They lived on a farm in Cuming County for thirteen years and this is where their five children were born: Heinrich (March-May 1890); Joseph Henry (March 29, 1891-December 29, 1966) married Bertha Burger (June 25, 1919); Paula Ann (March 5, 1894 – August 20, 1969) was married to Dr. Glen Peters (September 20, 1921) and lived her married life in Randolph, Nebraska; Herman J. (July 9, 1895-January 28, 1991) married Lauretta Susann Schmit (September 10, 1929) lived his married life in the Randolph area.

In 1900 Frank purchased a farm four and one-half miles east of Randolph near Wareham. The following year he and the family made a visit to Germany. Upon returning from Germany the family settled in Randolph in September of 1902 and in the spring of 1904, they moved to the farm. In 1907, the family moved west due to the

health of Wilhemina. First the family moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, and then to Mount Angel, Oregon. In Mount Angel, Frank worked at the carpenter trade. Mrs. Nordhues' health, having improved, the family moved back to Randolph and onto the farm in 1908 where both Frank and Wilhemina lived until their last illness when the couple moved to the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. G.E. Peters in Randolph. Frank died September 15, 1934 and Wilhemina died just eleven days later on September 26, 1934.

Herman J. and Lauretta Nordhues, Sr.



Herman and Lauretta Nordhues Sr.

Herman (H.J.) Nordhues Sr. was born to Frank and Wilhemina Nordhues in Cuming County, Nebraska, eight miles northwest of West Point, July 9, 1895. Living a usual boyhood he started and attended a country school northwest of West Point at the age of five and one-half, being interrupted by a trip to Germany at age seven. Upon the return from Germany,

he attended school for short periods at St. Frances Catholic School in Randolph, the Wareham School and a school in Mount Angel, Oregon between the years of 1902 and 1909, never having the opportunity to complete a single year of formal education.

In 1917, he enrolled in York Business College and attended there only two short months and was interrupted due to health problems.

When Herman, his parents and siblings returned from the Germany trip in 1902, they settled in Randolph. In the spring of 1904, they moved to the farm east of Wareham which was purchased in 1900. Due to health problems of Herman's mother, they moved westward with short trail stays in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mount. Angel, Oregon in 1907. After returning to Randolph in October 1907, they moved to the farm again in 1908 east of Wareham. Helping on the farm and growing to love it more and more as he helped his father and family, he remained there with his father until 1920, at which time he formed a partnership with his brother Joe and continued in this partnership until 1940, at which time Joe moved to eastern Iowa. Herman continued to farm and in 1944 he moved with his wife and family to the farm north of Wareham which he had purchased in 1927. He remained a progressive, yet very successful farmer on this farm until December 30, 1960 at which time he sold his equipment and interests to his two sons, Herman Jr. and Dennis.

Herman received awards for his efforts in Soil Conservation from the district as well as the Sioux City Journal.

Herman, being a member of St. Frances Catholic Church, met members of John and Catherine Schmit family of the Osmond parish, at an early age, through church gatherings and socials. On September 10, 1929, Herman married Lauretta Susan Schmit, who was born January 31, 1902 and died May 4, 1980, and settled on the farm east of Wareham. Lauretta was born at Bellwood, Nebraska, in Butler County. The John Schmit family moved to Osmond in 1902 and farmed three and one-half miles northeast of Osmond. Lauretta attended St. Mary's Catholic School, completing eight years of formal education. She also attended home making courses in Norfolk, Nebraska and was musically inclined with interests in crafts, such as quilt making, embroidery, stitchery, crocheting and tatting. In spite of the hard times of the 30's, Herman and Lauretta persevered in their farming and homemaking endeavors. Born to this hard-working, happy couple were nine children: Three girls; Catherine, Rosan and Mary; and six boys; John, Lawrence (Larry), Paul, Joseph, Herman Jr., and Dennis.

As members of their family married and began their own homes, Herman and Lauretta eagerly rejoiced and shared their love with their 38 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In the fall of 1965-1966, Herman and Lauretta built a new home in Randolph and moved into this home in 1966 spending 14 years of happy retirement together. During this time, Herman did woodworking, producing nearly 100 pieces of fine, intricate furniture and jewelry boxes and Lauretta made nearly 100 quilts, afghans and crocheted items. Lauretta died in May 1980 and Herman passed away on January 28, 1991. *Submitted by Dennis Nordhues*

Joseph and Rosalee Nordhues



BACK: Mark, Rick, Joe, Doug MIDDLE: Marty, Rosalee, Connie, Marvin FRONT: Jolene and Barb

Joseph Nordhues was born to Herman and Laurette Nordhues, March 15, 1936 at Randolph. He was one of nine children. He lived near Randolph on a farm all his childhood days and attended St. Frances Catholic School for twelve years. He started dating Rosalee Gubbels in 1956. The softball games were going on then as they are today. They enjoyed them in the summer as people do today. They were engaged August 15, 1958, on Rosalee's Grandmother, Katherine Sauser's birthday. They were married December 30, 1958. Joe's and Rosalee's first home was a farm near Belden, where they raised hogs, milked cows, and helped Joe's father, Herman Nordhues, farm his ground because all of Joe's brothers were gone from home.

In the winter of '59 and '60, they were snowed in a lot and they would walk over snow banks to Joe's folks. February 15, 1960, Joe and Rosalee's first son, Mark Anthony, was born. The roads were so bad they would haul their milk in milk cans with a tractor and manure spreader to the highway to meet the milk truck.

February 26, 1961, their second child, Barbara Ann, was born. In February 21, 1962, they were having more snow storms, so Rosalee went to town to stay with her Aunt and Uncle, Al and Dorothy Sauser. During the night their second daughter, Jolene Marie, decided to be born. Dr. H.J. Billerbeck and Rosalee's Uncle Al took Rosalee to the Osmond Hospital through the snow drifts.

Douglas Gerad, the fourth child, was born June 17, 1963. The fifth child, Martin Dean, was born November 27, 1964. Two months later, December 31, they moved to the place called the Boughn Ranch owned by the late Al Kuhl. On April 22, 1966, Marvin Cyril was born.

In 1967, Joe had osteomyelitis and was in Rochester, Minnesota, from August until September. He was in a body cast until December. Friends and relatives did the farming and the Nordhues had to sell their milking herd. During these hard times, their daughter, Constance, was born on August 24. The last child, Richard Ray, was born October 3, 1968.

On January 4, 1971, Joe and Rosalee moved to the place where Rosalee was raised, her parent's, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Gubbels, farm. This is one mile east and one mile north of Randolph where they got back into the milking business again.

August 22, 1985, the Nordhues went to Omaha, to meet their exchange student, Veronique Vrydagh. She is from Brussels, Belgium, and was with the family for the 1985-86 schoolyear. They still keep in touch with her.

All of the children attend Randolph Public Schools. Mark married Kathie Backer in April 1981 and have two sons. They live and farm south of Randolph;

Jolene married Paul Wurdinger May, 1980 and they have five children. They farm east of Randolph.

Doug married Becky Gubbels, September 20, 1986. They have four children and live on Becky's parent's farm by Mclean, Nebraska.

Barb married Keith Burbach April 25, 1987. They have three children and live on Keith's parent's farm north of Randolph.

Martin (Marty) graduated from Southeast Community College in Beatrice and currently works at the First State Bank of Randolph. He married Angie Steffen, September 2, 1989 and has a son, Zachary.

Marvin also attended Southeast Community College in Beatrice. He married Kim Junck, August 31, 1996. They have four children and live on his parent's farm. He is still in the dairy business.

Connie attended Creighton University in Omaha. She currently lives in Omaha and works for Rail Power selling locomotives.

Richard (Rick) married Mary Schnitzler, July 16, 1994. Rick teaches math and coach's football and track. They have three children and live in Syracuse, Nebraska.

September 13, 1998, Joe and Rosalee moved into their new home in Randolph.

Mark and Kathie Nordhues



BACK: Andy, Matt FRONT Mark, Kathie

Mark was born February 15, 1960 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He is the oldest child of Joe and Rosalee Nordhues. He has four brothers: Doug, Marty, Marvin and Rick and three sisters: Barb, Jolene and Connie. Mark attended first grade at St. Frances Catholic School and then went to Belden School through the fourth grade. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1978. After graduating he worked for Paul Korth, Midwest Bridge and Heine Farms in St. Helena, Nebraska. He returned to Randolph in 1981 and began farming with his dad.

I was born January 13, 1963 in Osmond. I am the fourth child and only daughter of Paul and Bonnie Backer and have four brothers: Dan, Gary, Rick and Jeff. I graduated from Randolph High School in 1981 and became employed as a dental receptionist for Dr. Jones in

Osmond for four years and then became a bookkeeper at the Osmond Coop until August of 1988.

Mark and I were married on April 24, 1982 at St. Frances Catholic Church where we are still active members.

Our first home was a farm two miles west and seven and one-half miles south of Randolph. This is where we began our career as dairy farmers. Mark and I wanted to get closer to Randolph, so in 1984 we had a chance to rent a building site one and one-half miles west of Belden, right on Highway 20. So we packed up the household and the cows and began another adventure. We faced many challenges that first spring, mostly because of the mud. While we lived here our children were born. On April 3, 1985 our first son Benjamin Paul was born prematurely and was too small to survive so we sadly said our goodbyes. Andrew Scott was born on August 7, 1986 and Matthew Jacob was born August 14, 1988. After Matt was born I quit working outside the home and became a full time homemaker.

In November of 1988 we purchased the farm where we currently live – four miles south of Randolph. On March 7, 1989 we once again packed up and moved. In the last 21 years we have kept busy farming, raising our family and making improvements to our farm. We sold the dairy herd in 2005 and now have a cow-calf herd and feed cattle.

Andy graduated from Randolph High School in 2005 and then attended Northeast Community College, receiving an Associate Degree in Building Construction. He is now employed at H & W Farms and lives north of Randolph.

Matt graduated from Randolph High School in 2007 and is a junior at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, majoring in Agronomy.

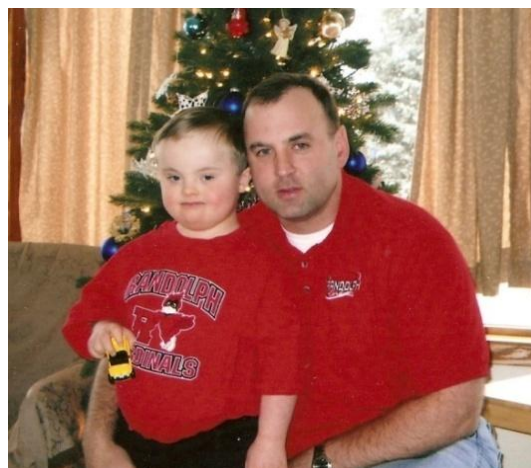
Mark and I have been a part of the Randolph community all of our lives and have seen many changes throughout the years, some good and some not so good. It has been a great place to raise our family and we have enjoyed being members of this great community!! Happy 125th Birthday Randolph!! *Submitted by Kathie (Backer) Nordhues*

Marty and Zachary Nordhues

Marty Nordhues was born November 27, 1964 to Joe and Rosalee (Gubbels) Nordhues. He has four brothers: Mark, Doug, Marvin and Richard and three sisters: Barb, Jolene and Connie. Marty lived his whole life in the Randolph area and attended school in Randolph K-12 from 1970-1983. He attended Southeast Community College in Beatrice and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Agribusiness in May of 1985.

Marty started working at K. W. Grain in 1986 and in 1992 it was purchased by Allen and Barb Burbach and was renamed Tri County Feed & Grain where he continued to work until October of 2006. He then worked for ADM Alliance Nutrition as a territory sales manager

until July 1, 2009. At that point he took the position that was vacated by Neil Lackas after his retirement from First State Bank as a loan officer and insurance agent.



Zachary and Marty Norhues

On September 2, 1989 Marty married Angela Steffen and they lived in Randolph just east of the Randolph Public High School until 1996 which was when the new high school was built. In January of 1996 they moved to their new home that is built on two acres that they purchased from Marty's grandfather, Cy Gubbels. On January 5, 2002 our only child, a son Zachary Martin Nordhues, was born and was Randolph's New Years Baby. Zachary is eight years old and attends Randolph Public School.

Marvin and Kim Nordhues

Marvin Cyril Nordhues (parents Rosalee (Gubbels) Nordhues and Joseph Nordhues) married to Kimberly Sue Junck (parents Rhonda (Karnes) Schutt and Daryl Junck) in August of 1996. Their children are Mitchell Joseph born in 1997, Renae Nicole born in 1998, Kayla Sue born in 2001, and Grace Elizabeth born in 2003. The Nordhues family has lived on the Nordhues home place since 1998. This farm was Marvin's grandparent's and parent's farm. Marvin is a dairy farmer and is in a partnership of Nordhues Farms with his brother. Kimberly is self employed at Shear Image in Randolph. *Submitted by Marvin and Kim Nordhues*

Barney and Kate Olberding

Barney Olberding was born May 3, 1878 at Dyersville Iowa. In the early 1900's, he traveled to Alaska to try his luck with the gold rush. The group he was with was quarantined on an island for three weeks because of small pox. When he came home, he rode a bicycle from Canada back to Iowa.

Barney married Kate Beyerink January 30, 1910. Their wedding rings and a necklace were made with the gold he found in Alaska. Kate was born January 2, 1880 at Mount Carmel, Iowa. They lived at Arcadia Iowa for a year. They then moved to Stuart, Nebraska where they lived for

nine years. They moved to a farm Southeast of Randolph in 1919.



Barney and Kate Olberding Family

Barney and Kate were the parents of eleven children, Loretta, Henrietta, Maxalinda, Bernard, Norbert, Julius, Edwin and Alma. These eight are now deceased. Mary Ann lives in Spokane, Washington, Rose Edna, lives in Randolph, Nebraska, and Vernell lives in Meadow Grove, Nebraska.

Barney died December 23, 1944 after suffering a stroke. Kate died August 26, 1965. They are both buried in the St. Frances cemetery.

Elsie (Strathman) Olberding

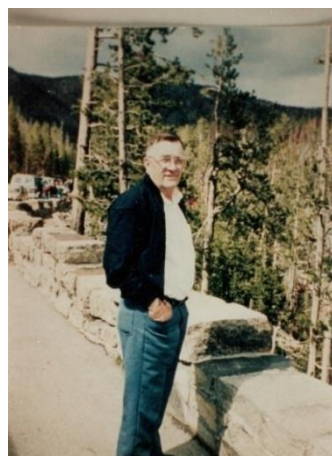
Elsie was born to Carl Edward and Alma (Haglestein) Strathman, on the farm five and half miles northwest of Randolph, on January 16, 1927. She had one brother, Paul and twin sisters, Pauline Karberg who lives at Allen, Nebraska and Kathleen Stewart who lives at Randolph. Paul passed away in 1997.



Elsie Olberding with her Family

Elsie went to school at District 58 West in Pierce County through Eighth grade. Her family only lived a half mile from school so she walked to school regardless of the weather.

Elsie babysat for many different families when they went to dances. She later worked for her Aunt and Uncle, Ernest and Minnie Strathman, doing housekeeping. When



Edwin "Skeeze" Olberding

she quit working for them she began working for a lady in Hartington.

Elsie then came back to Randolph to work for about a year before she married Edwin (Skeeze) Olberding and moved to a farm six miles southeast of Randolph. Edwin was born April 18, 1932 to Bernard and Katherine (Beyerink) Olberding. There were ten children in Edwin's family: Lorretta (Tony) Reineke, Henrietta (Jerry) Dietier, Maxalinda (Joe) Reineke, Bernard, Norbert (Mary Ann Van Slyke), Julius (Joy Hinkle), Mary Ann (Don) Jerling, Rose Edna (Art) Rohde, Vernell (Jack) Horracks.

Elsie and Edwin had eight children, six boys and two girls: Clarence (Charrye Duryea); Bernie (Joanie Stueckrath); Terry (Marcia Gunrethe); Robbie (Susan Studey); Dave (Melissa Harb), all of which live in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Rick; Karen (Ron McDonald); Judy (Steve Stueckrath) all of which live at Randolph. Elsie has 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After the children were grown, Elsie worked as a cook at the Colonial Manor in Randolph for 29 years. Edwin passed away in October of 1990, and Elsie currently lives with her son, Rick in Randolph. *Submitted by Elsie Olberding*

Joe and Katherine Olberding

Joe and Katherine (Kramer) Olberding came to America from Oldenburg, Germany, in a sailboat in the 1840's as a young married couple. The trip took one month. Frank, their only child at that time, was one year old. They sailed from Bremerhaven, Germany, and landed at Baltimore, Maryland. There they boarded a Baltimore and Ohio train. Sometimes when the engine had a hard time going up the Allegheny Mountains, the men passengers got off and pushed. The Olberdings went to Covington, Kentucky, where they farmed.

The Meyers, too, had come from Germany and settled in Cincinnati. The day came when both the Olberding and the Meyer families moved and settled at New Vienna, Iowa. Eventually, Philomena Meyer met and married Frank Olberding and they became the parents of nine children. On their farm in Iowa, they raised corn, oats, clover and timothy. They fed cattle and 400-500 hogs. They brought cane to a neighbor who had a press and made molasses on shares. It wasn't all work, though. The young folks enjoyed barn dances and hall dances.

Frank and Philomena decided to move to Nebraska in 1914 and bought a ranch for raising beef cattle near Stuart, Nebraska. He bought cattle in Omaha, summered

them at Stuart and shipped them to Iowa. Frank died within a year after the family moved to Stuart.

Barney, the second oldest of Frank's children, was born in Dyersville, Iowa, and married Katherine Beyerink in 1910. They lived at Arcadia, Iowa, for one year before moving to a farm thirteen miles north of Stuart where land was selling for \$1.00 to \$1.50 an acre. They resided there for nine years. During those years the price of land rose to about \$40.00 an acre. The family then moved to a farm southeast of Randolph. All their possessions, furniture and livestock were put on a train at Stuart, except for a 1917 Model T truck, which Barney drove to Randolph. The train arrived in Sholes, where the new neighbors met them and helped them get their belongings out to the farmstead.

To Barney and Kate were born eleven children, one dying in infancy. The ten are: Loretta, Henrietta, Maxalinda, Bernard, Norbert, Julius, Edwin, Mary Ann, Rose Edna and Vernell. Barney died in 1944. Kate remained on the farm until early 1948 when she moved into east Randolph. Kate died in 1963. *Submitted by Mrs. Norbert Olberding*

Julius (Jude) and Joy Olberding



Joedy, Jane, Jude, Joy, Jackie, Jule Olberding

Julius Theodore was born on a farm southeast of Randolph on January 10, 1921, to Bernard and Katherine (Beyerink) Olberding. He was the first child born on their farm and was the sixth of ten children born to the couple. His siblings included Loretta, Henrietta, Maxalinda, Barney, Norbert, Edwin, Mary Ann, Rose Edna and Vernell. Jude attended Randolph Public School while also working on the family farm. He joined the U.S. Navy on November 6, 1942. He rose to the Rank of Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd Class. He proudly served his country in the Pacific Theatre during WWII, on board the U.S.S. Bennington and was discharged on January 16, 1946.

On June 14, 1949, he married LaVina Joy Hinkle at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Following military service, he farmed near Randolph until 1955 then joined his brother, Norbert, in Olberding Brothers Elevator in Randolph operating the elevator until 1979 when they

retired. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards with his numerous friends, reading and watching history and nature programs. Jude's memberships included St. Frances Catholic Church, Life Member V.F.W. Alvin Kessler Post 5545 of Randolph, Randolph American Legion Post #113.

LaVina Joy was born at University Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska on July 23, 1930, to Joe and Olwen (Jones) Hinkle. She was their fourth child. Her siblings included Betty Jo, Mary, and Oliver. The Hinkle family moved from Omaha to Randolph on March 1, 1940. Joy attended grades 5 – 12 and graduated from Sholes Consolidated School District 76 with the honor of salutatorian of her class in 1947. She went on to receive a teaching degree from Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne. She taught school in Sholes from September 1947 until May 1949 when she was married approximately a month later. She loved being a homemaker and mother who enjoyed quilting, arts and crafts, and being with her family. She decorated cakes for all occasions for a number of years. Joy volunteered her time at the Randolph Senior Center and served as past Treasurer for that organization. Joy's memberships included: St. Frances Catholic Church, Christian Mothers, Parish Council of Catholic Women, Red Hat Society, Sew & So Club (charter member), past leader of the Cedarettes 4-H Club, V.F.W. Post 5545 Ladies Auxiliary, and she served on the library board. Jude and Joy celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding anniversary in 1999.

The couple had four children: Julius Theodore (Jule), Jane Marie, Joseph Gerard (Joedy), and Jacqueline Joy (Jackie). Jule married Starla Krukow of Spencer, Iowa on June 12, 1976, in Randolph. The couple had two children: Crissia Joy and Kelly James. The couple was later divorced in 1979. Jule currently resides in Randolph and has been involved in trucking for several years. Jane graduated from Stewart's School of Hairstyling in Sioux City, and then married Fred Immens on June 27, 1970, in Randolph. They had three children: Dawn Marie (Schaffer), Pamela Joy, and Gina Mae (Pratt). They were later divorced in 1995. Jane currently resides in Worthington, Minnesota, and works for Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health. Joedy attended Southeast Technical College in Lincoln, Nebraska and received a degree in motorcycle technology. He currently resides in Norfolk and works maintenance for a local hotel. Jackie graduated from Nettleton Junior College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with a degree in Accounting/Business Administration. She married Micheal Verley on August 29, 1999, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They have three children: Kayla Christine, Megan Elise and Devin Michael. Jackie currently resides in Sioux Falls with her family and works for First Midwest Bank - Deerfield. Currently, Jude and Joy would have had eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Jude passed away suddenly on June 20, 2004. Joy passed away suddenly less than five months later on

November 11, 2004. They were loving parents and wonderful friends to many. *Submitted by Jackie (Olberding) Verley*

Norbert B and Marianne Olberding



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Norbert B. Olberding was born to Barney and Kate (Beyerink) Olberding on a farm thirteen miles north of Stuart, Nebraska in 1919. When he was one year old, the family of three girls and two boys moved to a farmstead southeast of Randolph. As he grew up, he attended St. Frances parochial School in Randolph and a year in the country school one mile west of their home. He worked as a farmhand

until Uncle Sam needed his services. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1942 and served in the China-Burma-India Theater until 1946 when he was discharged at the end of World War II. He farmed from 1946 until 1950, when he was again called back to serve Uncle Sam during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge in 1951, he worked as a "parts" man for Burbach's John Deer Implement Company.

In 1952, he made some big decisions. He purchased the Reed Grain Elevator situated along Highway 20. At the same time, he decided to get married and bought an acreage in northwest Randolph. He married Marianne Van Slyke on September 15, 1952. She had taught school in several of the rural districts around Randolph for six years and then worked for Trans-World Airlines in Kansas City, Missouri for several years. To Norbert and Marianne were born three daughters: Jean, Holly and Lisa.

Jean married Norman Buss and they have three children. They reside in Lincoln, Nebraska and she works for a computer Company.

Holly married Pat Meuret, they live in Brunswick, Nebraska and are in the grain business. They have five children.

Lisa is married to Jim Butcher and they live in Commerce City, Colorado and she works for a veterinary supply company. She has two step-children.

In 1955, Norbert's brother, Julius, joined the grain business to form a partnership. They remained in the business for 27 years before selling the business and retiring. Except for his first year and five years of military service, all Norbert's life was spent at Randolph. He served on the City council, was mayor for eight years, served on the fire department and also was fire chief.

Both Norbert and Marianne enjoyed traveling and covered many miles both within the United States and overseas.

Norbert passed away April 12, 2006 and is at rest in St. Frances Cemetery at Randolph. *Submitted by Marianne Olberding*

Arthur and Mary Olson



Art and Mary Olson

Arthur Olson was born May 11, 1929, at the farm home of Lars and Esther Olson. At the age of three, he and his family moved to the farm south of Randolph, now occupied by Les and Mary Krueger -- and, a few years later, to the farm half a mile north of Carroll, Nebraska. His education was received at country school District 22 and the Carroll Public School. Following 8th grade graduation, he moved with his parents, in 1944, to the Olson farm purchased south of Randolph.

Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of John and Letah (Caster) Brummer. This family of six daughters caught the eye of young Arthur and on September 8, 1951, Mary became his wife at a formal ceremony conducted at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Carroll. A reception followed at the home of Damon and Maxine Korth, Mary's sister.

Shortly after making their home east of Randolph on a farm then owned by Veda and Ida Seeger, Art was drafted into the Army necessitating a farm sale prior to departure in November 1954. After serving only three months, Art received a medical discharge. He and Mary, who had been living with family, finished out the year working and living on a farm owned by Erving Anderson. In 1956, the young family was able to return to farming for themselves residing on farms south of Randolph. He and his brother, Robert, shared stewardship of the Lars Olson farm until purchase of the property was made by Art and Mary.

Extended family not only played an important role in the business lives of farm families, but also the social lives during this time. Many potluck Sunday dinners were shared along with evening birthday celebrations and holiday meals. Fourth of July and a smorgasbord with lutefisk at Grandma and Grandpa Olsons' after Christmas Eve service were special holiday events for this family.

Homes were relatively small and children were usually several in number, when all gathered. Outdoor play was left to the children to organize and was largely managed and monitored by the older kids. One of their favorite games was “Moon Light, Star Light”. A child “ghost” would hide and all others, in a group, would try to find the “ghost”. This was an especially fun game to play on farms because there were so many dark and scary places to hide. Whoever was tagged upon the finding of the ghost was “it” for the next round.

Electronic entertainment did not exist and few families had television. Children’s indoor socialization was usually separate from the adults, with the girls in one bedroom and the boys in another, until about high school age. Then, they could be found conversing with men in one room and women in another. Coffee, cake and sandwiches were served before everyone departed for home.

Four children were born to Art and Mary. Pamela married Walter Sell of Lincoln, Nebraska; Vernon married Lori Gubbels of Randolph; Mary Jo is the wife of Chuck Urbanec of Thurston, Nebraska; and Danny married Lori Peters of Randolph. Their stories can be found separately in this book.

Art and Mary joined St. John’s Lutheran Church at Randolph where Mary also served with the Ladies’ Aide and the Ruth Circle. She also was a member of the rural Sew and So Club and the Red Hat Society.

The Olsons retired to Randolph in 2001, and held the farm sale April 11, 2007. Mary suffered from arthritis for many years during their married life. Arthur was a faithful and helpful partner until her death, May 10, 2007. Mary rests at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk, NE. Arthur’s primary residence is currently in the assisted living area of The Colonial Manor at Randolph. *Submitted by Arthur Olson, Pamela Sell and Sally Mainquist*

Danny and Lori Olson

Danny is the youngest of four children born May 23, 1960, to Arthur and Mary Olson of Randolph. Danny attended Kindergarten through eighth grade at Sholes, Nebraska, and High School at Randolph where he was active in the band and graduated in 1978.

Lori Peters was born June 12, 1961, at Osmond, Nebraska, to Larry and Mary Ann Peters of Randolph. Lori is the oldest of two daughters, the younger sister, Lorita Rudder, living in Greenwood, Nebraska.

All of Lori’s education was acquired at Randolph Public Schools where she was active in cheerleading, pep club and chorus. Following graduation in 1979, Lori moved to Norfolk and attended the Northeast Technical Community College of practical nursing becoming an LPN in 1983.

On September 5, 1981, Danny and Lori were married at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Randolph and made their home at Norfolk, Nebraska. Their family includes: Sonya; Lacy and husband, Ryan Kimes; and Brooke – all



Dan and Lori Olson Family

of Norfolk. Lacy and Ryan are expecting the first grandchild in autumn 2010.

Lori is presently employed with Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home and The Meadows. Danny, also working in Norfolk, is a sales representative for the Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group. *Submitted by Pamela Sell*

Jeremy and Sharel Olson

Jeremy Richard Olson was born in Osmond, February 12, 1977 to Richard M. and Deborah D. (Robinson) Olson. He is the oldest of four boys. He attended Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 1995. He attended Northeast Community College and worked at the Norfolk Livestock Market from the time of his graduation until 2005 when he left the Livestock Market to start his own business. He has been working as an independent cattle buyer ever since.

Sharel Joyce (Clark) Olson was born in Burwell, Nebraska June 5, 1978. She and her mother moved to



Jeremy and Sharel Olson Family

Pierce in 1985 where she obtained her education. She met Jeremy her sophomore year of high school at the District Music Contest in Osmond, Nebraska. The couple were married October 26, 1996. Following their marriage they moved to an acreage outside of Enola where they remained for two years. They moved to Norfolk for just one year and settled on an acreage six miles northeast of Randolph in October of 1999.

The couple have five children. Patrick Allen Olson was born in 1997, Blake Christian in 1999, Ethan Carter in 2001, Carter Christian-Allen in 2001, and Emilee Lauren became Randolph's New Year's Baby in 2007. Patrick, Blake, Ethan and Carter attend Randolph Public School.

In 2010 the family moved into a new home that they built on their acreage near Randolph. *Submitted by Jeremy and Sharel Olson*

Lars and Esther Olson



Lars and Esther Olson

Lars Olson was born January 16, 1892, at Vamhus, Sweden, the youngest of Stam Olof Larsson and Karin Persdotter's seven surviving children. Lars's father died November 3, 1902, in Sweden. The family name became Olsson and eventually, the remaining family members immigrated to America.

A brother, Erik, departed in 1902 and, sadly, wife and daughter, who remained

in Sweden, were notified by a Lutheran pastor of his death in a 1906 Wisconsin lumber camp. Sister, Karin (Walinder), departed for Chicago also in 1902 and worked toward sister Anna's (Nordmark) passage in 1906. Karin married another former Vamhus resident and lived in Stanchfield, Minnesota.

Anna married a Chicago skilled carpenter, from Stockholm, who had made skis for the Swedish army with his father. Anna and Gust lived in the Stanchfield, Brainerd, Grand Rapids, MN, and Waukegan, IL, areas where he did carpentry and built spiral staircases, popular at the time.

Brother Andrew departed for Hoskins, Nebraska, (known in Sweden as "little Vamhus") in 1908, and worked for the Fred Chapman family. He later became a Mora, Minnesota, farmer and died when his car overturned in a brook in 1951.

On February 21, 1910, Lars emigrated with his 10-year-old nephew, Emil, joining him to his mother, Karin, at Stanchfield, before beginning work for the Hoskins' Luther Anderson family.

Finally, Ole Olsson and their mother, Karin (Carrie), departed August 12, 1910, settling in the Stanchfield area where Carrie married John Lofstrand in 1915. Ole never married.

Esther Olsson was born July 15, 1897, at Vamhus, Sweden, and was the third of four children born to parents, Lefd Olof Olsson and Hulda Ulrika Harnlund.

Esther's mother died in 1906, and the family took the name of Lefden in 1908 because there were so many people with the last name, Olsson. Following Mr. Lefden's second marriage in 1909, Anna immigrated to America and married Charles Chapman of Hoskins in 1911. The Chapmans aided Esther's immigration in 1919 and brother Ivar's in 1923. Iver married his second wife, Helen Linn of Hoskins. They lived in Norfolk for a time and then moved to White Salmon, Washington. Gottfrid remained in Sweden.

Following Army service in WW I in France, Lars and Esther were married May 4th, 1921, (She, once again, became an Olson!) at Pierce, Nebraska. After a year at Wausa, Nebraska, they returned to Hoskins farming for Iver and Minnie Anderson. Four Olson children, Robert, Thelma, Betty and June were born at Hoskins. In 1928 they farmed for themselves north of Hoskins, then east of Randolph where Arthur and Mary Ann were born, followed by a move north of Carroll. In 1944, Lars and Esther were able to purchase their own farm six miles south and 2 miles east of Randolph.



Lars and Esther Olson Family

Thelma and Betty graduated from Carroll High School, but the other children were needed at home and attended through 8th grade. While school age, Arthur experienced mastoiditis, which could cause deafness, and Mary Ann contracted scarletina causing the whole family to be quarantined and the children to miss several weeks of school.

Lars and Esther were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church at Carroll. Esther joined the rural women's Sew and So Club, members sometimes helping each other with patching and mending. Children accompanied until old enough to remain at home. Spouses participated in Christmas and card parties during the winter months.

Esther died at home September 14, 1972, while outdoors shaking rugs. Lars then lived with daughter, Mary Ann, and died August 10, 1973, during a brief stay with son, Arthur. They rest at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Norfolk, NE.

Of the children: Thelma married Arlow Johnson of Hemmingford, NE. She died August 16, 1948, from eclampsia and complications from diabetes during

pregnancy. Betty married Marvin Hartung from Sioux Rapids, Iowa, moving to Arizona and on to Portland, Oregon, searching for healthcare for Marvin. Marvin died February 28, 1984, and Betty resides in a care facility at Portland. They have one son, Denny. June, born with mild disabilities, lived at home until Esther's death. After a stay with Betty, June resided at Colonial Manor until her death, March 21, 2005. Robert married Delores Magdanz, Arthur married Mary Brummer, and Mary Ann married Gurney Lorenz. Their histories can be found in this book.

Richard and Deborah Olson



Deb and Rich Olson

Richard M. Olson was born December 29, 1957 at Norfolk Lutheran Hospital to Robert I. and Delores E. (Magdanz) Olson. Number three of six children. He grew up six miles south of Randolph attending country school District # 22 in kindergarten and Randolph Public Schools graduating in 1976. He married Deborah D. (Robinson) Olson on November 6, 1976.

Deborah D. (Robinson) was born in Clinton, Iowa, to Eldon L. Robinson and Donna D. (Hinken) Robinson on Feb. 20, 1959. She moved with her family, consisting of five girls and one boy, to a farm located five miles south of Randolph in 1961. The eldest child of Eldon and Donna, Debbie kept busy helping out at home while growing up. She attended Randolph Public Schools and was involved in school, church and 4-H activities.

The couple lived in Randolph one year before moving to an acreage south of Norfolk until 1984 when they relocated to the farm where Deborah grew up.

On the farm they raised four sons. Jeremy was born Feb 12, 1977, Joshua born July 11, 1980, Justin born April 2, 1984, and Jesse born Sept. 5, 1986.

In 2000 the couple moved closer to Randolph, just outside the city limits, on what is known as the old Brenner place.

Their children have all graduated from Randolph Public School. Jeremy married Sharel (Clark) of Pierce, October 26, 1996. They live on an acreage six miles northeast of

Randolph and have five children. Patrick born April 24, 1997, Blake born April 12, 1999, Ethan born October 22, 2001, Carter born February 28, 2005, and Emilee born January 15, 2007. Joshua married Amy (Thelen) of Randolph July 10, 2004. They live in Bennington, Nebraska and have two children. Mikayla born October 22, 2006 and Nolan born April 18, 2009. Justin married Kari (Herbolsheimer) of Pierce May 28, 2005. They live in Pierce, Nebraska and have two children Kaylee born January 28, 2007, and Keaton born March 13, 2010. Jesse is engaged to be married to Elizabeth (Erickson) of Randolph on September 18, 2010. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Robert I. and Delores Olson

Robert I. Olson was born May 23, 1921 to Lars and Esther (Lefden) Olson. Robert attended school at District 22, Randolph. He served with the Air Force and was stationed in England during World War II. Following his time in the service he began farming his own farm south of Randolph.

Delores E. Magdanz was born Jan 18, 1929 to Walter and Millie (Weyhrich) Magdanz two miles west of Wee Town in Pierce County. She attended District #46 school in Pierce County. Following her school years and prior to marrying Robert, Delores worked as a nurse's aid at the Lutheran Hospital in Norfolk and as a dental assistant to Norfolk dentist Dr. McBaney.

Robert and Delores met during a dance held at the Randolph Auditorium. The couple was married on Nov. 30, 1952 at St. Paul's Church, Norfolk Nebraska. Following their marriage, the couple returned to Robert's farm located six miles south of Randolph. While on the farm the couple raised chickens, hogs, milked cows, and raised cattle. Delores always had a big garden and Robert worked in the fields growing corn, beans, alfalfa, and more.

Six children were born to this union. In 1953, the couple welcomed their first child; Patricia A. Olson who was born in Norfolk, Nebraska. In just a year's time the couple paid another visit to the Norfolk hospital to greet their oldest son Robert D. Olson. In 1957 the couple was blessed with a second son, Richard M. Olson, who was also born in Norfolk. In 1960 the couple was introduced to a new decade and son number three when Randall D. Olson made his appearance at Osmond General Hospital. Five years later Robert and Delores were blessed with twin girls when Jayne E. and Joan E. Olson were born.

Following the birth of their children Robert, who continued to farm began a job with Clark Brothers Trucking in Norfolk, and Delores began working at Colonial Manor in Randolph. Robert worked for Clark Bros. for seven years then began worked at the Randolph Light Plant.

The family moved into Randolph in November of 1975. In 1976 the couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Shortly thereafter Robert began getting short

of breath; on September 16, 1982 he passed away following a lengthy battle with emphysema.

In 1980 Delores graduated from LPN school. She moved to Norfolk in 1985 and began working at St. Joseph Nursing Home where she worked until her retirement in 2003.

Patricia "Pat" A. Olson is currently residing in Lincoln, Nebraska. Robert D. Olson lived in Norfolk until his death November 25, 2009. Richard M. Olson lives in Randolph. He and his wife Deborah (Robinson) have four boys, Jeremy, Josh, Justin, and Jesse and nine grandchildren. Randall "Randy" D. Olson resides in Millard, Nebraska. He and his wife Lori (Promes) have three daughters, Cassidy, Haley, and Chloe. Jayne E. Olson passed away October 12, 1984 due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Joan E. (Olson) Kumm lives at Osmond, Nebraska. She and husband Mark have four children daughter Brianna, son Zachary and twins Alexander and Caitlin.

Delores continues to live in her home in Norfolk and remains very busy following her retirement. She is very active in her church, enjoys square dancing, playing cards, Thai Chi, and spending time with friends and family.

Vernon and Lori Olson

Vernon Olson was born July 5, 1956, at Norfolk, Nebraska, to Arthur and Mary Olson then of rural Randolph. Vernon attended kindergarten through grade 8 at Sholes Public School and graduated from Randolph Public High School in 1974.

Lori was born March 11, 1961, at Osmond, Nebraska, and her parents are Vernon and Sharon Gubbels, also of Randolph. Of Lori's kindergarten through senior high school years, all were at Randolph Public Schools except the 2nd and 3rd grades when she attended McLean Public School.

After a trip to Oregon following high school, Vernon took up residence at the Olson family farm in May, 1975. Lori joined him after their marriage on April 5, 1979, at Yankton, South Dakota. Vernon became an employee with Affiliated Foods in Norfolk in 1986. Lori cared for their five children and helped on the farm where they remained through 2001.

After moving to Randolph in April 2002, Vernon was killed in an automobile mishap on May 23rd while returning from work. Vernon was laid to rest at the Randolph Cemetery following services at St. John's Lutheran Church, where he had been a lifetime member. Following Vernon's death, Lori cared for the children and has found employment in the food industry, the past few years helping process and sell farm meat products for Terry Wragge at Pierce Lockers, Pierce, Nebraska.

The Olson children, all born at the Norfolk Lutheran Hospital, are: Amanda, born October 13, 1979, and



Lori Olson with her Family

married Wesley Geneski, a member of the U.S. Army presently stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas. They are parents of Zoe and expecting a new arrival in May, 2010. Antonia (Toni) was born September 1, 1981, now residing at Omaha, Nebraska, and serving as an Omaha caseworker. Angelina was born January 21, 1983, married Jeremy Burns of Kennard, Nebraska; and the couple are the parents of son, Jaxson. Angie works as a dental assistant and Jeremy works in the home crafts as a bricklayer. Andrew, born April 24, 1987, is employed by Central Valley Ag and married Nichol Eisenmann of Madison, Nebraska, a Norfolk Midwest Bank employee. They live at Randolph. Aaron was born November 23, 1988; works with livestock for farmer, Ryan Broderson; and lives on a farmstead west of Randolph. *Submitted by Lori Olson, Amanda Geneski, Pamela Sell & Sally Mainquist*

David R. and Sandra R. Owens

David (Dave) Ray Owens was born February 20, 1959 in Wayne, Nebraska, the son of Donald and Glenda (Nelson) Owens. He is the oldest of three children, which also includes a brother, Doyle Owens, and a sister, Debra Owens. The family moved to Randolph in 1959. Dave graduated from Randolph High School in 1978. After graduation he lived in Dixon and Wayne, Nebraska while working for Roeder Honey Farm. He then received his truck driving certificate from Midwest Coast Trucking Company and began his truck driving career.

Sandra (Sandy) Rae Buell was born May 18, 1964 in Omaha, Nebraska, the daughter of Raymond and Bettie Jean (Hopper) Buell. She has three siblings, older brother Kevin Kelly, younger sister Donna (Buell) Andrew and younger brother Robert Buell. The family moved to Randolph in 1968. Sandy graduated from Randolph High School in 1982. She graduated from Doane College in Crete, Nebraska in 1986 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, Finance emphasis and a minor in Economics.



Shane, Dave, Kristi and Sandy Owens

Dave and Sandy were married June 21, 1986 at the First United Methodist Church in Randolph by the Rev. C.A. Sandy Carpenter. The couple lived in Norfolk, Nebraska from 1986 until 1993, when they purchased the lot that, at one time, had been owned by Dave's grandparents, David and Edith (Brummels) Owens and moved back to Randolph.

Dave and Sandy are the parents of two children. Their son, Shane David Owens was born April 15, 1989 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He graduated from Randolph High School in 2007, earned an A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement and is currently attending Wayne State College. Their daughter, Kristina (Kristi) Rae Owens, was born August 11, 1991 in Norfolk, Nebraska. She will graduate from Randolph High School in 2010 and plans to attend The University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

Dave is currently employed by Korth Trucking Inc in Hadar, Nebraska as a leased truck driver for Affiliated Foods in Norfolk. Sandy is presently a Vice President at First State Bank in Randolph and is a loan officer and also an insurance agent for First State Agency.

The family belongs to St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. Dave and Sandy are active in the community as members of R.O.A.R (Reaching Out Around Randolph). Sandy also belongs to P.E.O., is a member of the Randolph Community Club and Q125 Committee, and serves on the boards of the Randolph TeamMates and the Randolph Area Foundation.

Alfred and Lorene Patent

Alfred Francis Patent was born March 31, 1918, on a farm west of Randolph to Johannes and Marie (Hickey) Patent. He grew up on this farm and attended a rural school

Lorene W. Wittler was born on February 3, 1922, on a farm near Winside, Nebraska. Her parents were William and Mary (Kruse) Wittler. Lorene attended a rural school and in 1935, the Wittler family moved to a farm southeast

of Randolph. Lorene attended Sholes High School and graduated in 1939. She then took classes at Wayne State College for one year. She received a teaching certificate and taught in rural schools several years.

Alfred and Lorene met at a barn dance at a farm southwest of Randolph in the summer of 1941. On February 6, 1943, they were married and began their life together on a farm southwest of Randolph. Lorene taught a rural school near there the first two years after their marriage.

Their first child, a daughter, Jana Marie, was born on July 9, 1945.



Lorene Patent

Alfred and Lorene purchased a farm six miles northwest of Randolph and moved there in March, 1947.

A son, Rodney Alfred, joined this family on May 26, 1949.

Both Jana and Rodney attended a rural school near their home where they received their elementary education.

Jana graduated from Randolph high School in 1963, and received a B.A. degree in education from Wayne State College in 1966.

Rodney graduated from Randolph High School in 1967, and received a B.S. degree in Agriculture Economics from the University of Nebraska in 1971.

Alfred did custom baling for a number of years and also did carpentry. He used this carpentry talent to build a new set of buildings on their farm.

In June, 1962, a cold bolt of lightning struck the house, lifting the roof, bulging the walls, and blowing out nearly all of the windows, so it was necessary to replace the ruined house with a new one.

Lorene returned to teaching in 1958 and continued to teach until 1976. By attending summer sessions and night classes, she received a B.A. degree in elementary education from Wayne State College.

In April of 1977, the Patents moved into a house which they built on West Wayne Street in Randolph.

Alfred had emphysema for a number of years, and passed away on January 24, 1982. He is buried in the Randolph Cemetery.

Jana married David Kuhlman in 1970. They have three children. David was fatally injured in an auger accident on October 1, 1981. Jana and her children remained on the farm west of Wausa, Nebraska until the children were grown. Jana now lives in Norfolk, as do two of her children, Brenda and Kristi. Greg lives and farms on the farm where he grew-up, west of Wausa. Brenda is married to Scott Carhart. They have four children. Brenda is the chief financial officer at Global Products. Kristi is married to Del Johnson and they have two

children. Kristi works at Beckenhauer Construction as their accountant. Greg is married to Karla Eggerling and they have four children.

Rodney married Carmen Brodersen in 1974. They have two children, Megan and Keisha. Rod and Carmen live on the farm northwest of Randolph, where Rod grew up. Their daughter, Megan, is married to George Nygren and they have one daughter. Megan works at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln with 4-H. They live on an acreage near Ashland, Nebraska. Keisha lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association and works for the Court of Appeals.

Lorene enjoys quilting and has hand quilted nearly 300 quilts. She is an organist at St. John's Lutheran Church and entertains on the piano once a month at the Colonial Manor. She is a charter member of the Randolph Senior Citizen's Center and has done volunteer quilting at the Center for over 20 years. Lorene belongs to several card groups as well. She continues to live in her home on West Wayne Street. *Submitted by Lorene Patent*

Rodney and Carmen Patent



Carmen and Rod Patent

Rodney Alfred Patent was born May 26, 1949 to Alfred and Lorene Patent. He joined a sister, Jana. He has lived all of his life on what has been his family farm since 1947, located just northwest of Randolph on Highway 81. Rod remembers the building of Highway 81 in 1953 and enjoyed

watching the dirt work, construction, and paving for about a three year period. It was also during this time that the Chicago-Northwestern railroad served as the southern boundary of the Patent farmstead and trains fascinated Rod. The development and evolution of equipment – construction, transportation, or agricultural – remains one of Rod's interests.

Rod attended rural school at District 58 W from kindergarten until the 8th grade, when he entered Randolph Public High School. He graduated in 1967 and continued his education at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in Agricultural Economics. Following graduation in 1971, he returned to the farm to work with his parents.

Carmen Ann Brodersen was born December 31, 1954 to Donald and Patricia Brodersen. She spent all of her

childhood on the Brodersen family farm south and west of Randolph. Carmen is the oldest of five siblings; Marc, Ruth, Inga, and Martha. Carmen attended Randolph Public Schools from Kindergarten thru graduation in 1973. She started college at Dana College in the fall of 1973 in music and still loves music to this day.

On August 24, 1974, Rodney and Carmen were united in marriage at St. John's Lutheran church in Randolph. They moved to the Patent family farm and Carmen continued her college education at Wayne State College. She graduated in December of 1976 with a B.S. in Speech Communications. It was also the fall of 1976 that Rod built a retirement home in Randolph with his parents. This was not a new experience for the Patent family, as Alfred and Lorene had built their home on the farm following a cold-bolt lightening strike in the mid-60's.

Rod and Carmen have two daughters, Megan Christine, born October 27, 1977 and Keisha Marie, born June 5, 1981. The late 1970's and 1980's were spent farming, raising the children, furthering their educations, and exploring a number of opportunities off the farm.

Their family has strong ties to the University of Nebraska. Rod completed a Masters Degree in 1984 from UNL and spent the next 15 years as a UNL Extension Educator. Carmen had the opportunity to participate in the Nebraska LEAD program during the mid-80's and continued working in agriculture. She served as a state representative for Nebraska in USDA, 1986-1990. She completed a Masters Degree from UNL in 1991 and went on to develop community support programs for families and served as Executive Director for Prevention Pathways until 2007. Both Megan and Keisha have bachelor degrees and advanced degrees from UNL as well.

The Patent family remains busy. Currently, they still actively farm and enjoy out guessing the Nebraska weather! They also own and operate an H&R Block Office in Wayne, Nebraska and Main Street Flowers in Randolph. Rod and Carmen enjoy spending time with their children, both of whom remain in the Lincoln area. Megan develops curriculum at UNL in the 4-H department and her husband, George, builds beautiful cabinets and actively farms. They have a daughter, Anne Signe, born December 21, 2008. Keisha is an attorney and clerks for an appellate judge at the Nebraska State Capitol.

The Patents have always enjoyed living in Randolph. They believe the opportunities are as great here as anywhere else in the nation! They value family, church, friends and neighbors, and their educations, all of which are rooted right here in Randolph.

Ed and Alma Paulson



Ed and Alma Paulson Family

Paul Edwin (Ed) Paulson was born January 23, 1892 to Nels and Betsy Paulson in Oakland, Nebraska. His childhood was spent living around Wausa, Nebraska where he attended a country school. His parents farmed in the area.

Alma Alfrida Carlson was born May 13, 1890 to Nels and Hanna Carlson in Oakland, Nebraska. She spent her early years in the Oakland area where her parents farmed until their retirement.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1910, Ed married Alma Carlson in Hartington, Nebraska. Most of their early married life was spent farming in Nebraska and Minnesota. Their children were Harriet, Harold, Lloyd, Doris, Geraldine, and Wayne.

In the spring of 1934 the family moved into Magnet where Ed owned and operated the town's only bar. Then in the spring of 1941 they moved to Randolph and lived in the house located at 301 E. Mosher. In 1945 Ed bought and moved into the house located next to the creek at 302 S. Main. This house had been moved into town by Dusty Miller. While in Randolph, Ed served as town marshal and owned his own gravel truck.

Harriet married Vince Anderson and had one son, Jim. Harriet and Jim moved to Lincoln after Vince's death in 1956. Harriet worked for various schools in Lincoln in the food services area. Harriet passed away in Lincoln in December of 2008.

Harold married Agnes Gropper and had three children – Marlan, Ray, and Fay. They lived in the Randolph area until moving to California in 1956. Harold worked with tube bending and eventually started and ran his own business called Accubend, which is still in operation today. Harold and Agnes moved back to Randolph upon his retirement. He passed away in June of 1996.

Lloyd married Bette Brandl and had five children – Larry, Suzanne, Sharon, Don, and Mike. After farming for a number of years, Lloyd and his family moved to Norfolk. Lloyd passed away in January of 1984.

Doris married David Winkelbauer and had seven children – Barb, Bob, Roger, Rosanne, Shirley, Jerry, and

Jeff. They farmed in the Randolph area and then owned and operated K-W Grain Elevator in Randolph until David's retirement. Doris passed away in April of 2009.

Geraldine married Richard Elswick and had two children – Jonathan and Julie. Geraldine worked many different jobs as a switchboard or phone operator during her working days. She and Richard have always lived in Rockford, Illinois.

Wayne died in a Norfolk hospital when he was only three years of age.

Alma died April 28, 1959 at the age of 68. At the end of that year Ed married Ann Peterman and moved to Frazee, Minnesota where he lived the rest of his life. He died on February 11, 1972 at the age of 80 years. Ed and Alma were both laid to rest in the Magnet Cemetery.

Leland and Vera Peebles

On June 12, 1924, Leland John, the only child of Leland Thurston Peebles and Amelia Didam, was born in Omaha, Nebraska. At the age of two he moved with his parents to Randolph, Nebraska.

Lee attended Randolph Public School for his first year of education, transferring to St. Frances School from which he graduated in 1942. He was active in school and church organizations. During his school years Lee delivered the Sioux City Journal and also worked at Buchanan Drug Store. After high school he attended Wayne State College, planning to major in engineering.

World War II interrupted his education. He entered the Navy on May 12, 1943. He served on the USS Lovering, a destroyer escort, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. After discharge on February 5, 1946, he returned to Randolph and continued his education at Wayne State College. Deciding to become a dentist, Lee transferred to Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in September, 1946. In June of 1951 he graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Vera Mannlein was the third child born to Alphons John Mannlein and Elizabeth W. Koenig. Her birth took place on March 8, 1926, at the family farm near Petersburg, Nebraska. Vera has two older sisters, Beatrice and Ruth, and two younger sisters, Elizabeth Ann and Eleanor. Vera's paternal grandparents were born in Germany and immigrated to the United States. They met and married in Alton, Iowa where Alphons was born in 1892. Around 1900 they settled on the farm near Petersburg. Her maternal grandparents were born in the United States, John Baptist Koenig at New Vienna, Iowa, and Anna Margaret Koester, at Versailles, Missouri. The Koenig and Koester families moved to farms in the Raeville, Nebraska community where John and Anna were married. They raised their family on a farm near Petersburg where Elizabeth W. Koenig was born.

At St. John's Parochial School in Petersburg, Nebraska, Vera received all twelve years of education graduating in May of 1943. She then attended Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha and

Creighton University and received a degree in Nursing in June of 1950.

Lee and Vera met during their time at Creighton University and were married at St. John the Baptist Church at Petersburg, Nebraska on June 14, 1950. Their



Lee and Vera Peebles

first year was spent in Omaha where their first child, John Mannlein, was born April 4, 1951. In June of that year they moved to Randolph, Nebraska, where Lee joined his father, Leland Thurston, in the practice of dentistry. This was the first father-son dental partnership in Randolph.

The remainder of the Peebles children were born at the Osmond Hospital: Mary Elizabeth June 30, 1953, Richard Leland November 26, 1954, Thomas Gerard May 13, 1956, Patricia Ann March 31, 1960, and Michael Joseph March 28, 1967. All the Peebles children attended kindergarten at the Randolph Public School, and then St. Frances grade and high schools until these were closed in 1970. Then they attended the Randolph Public Schools.

John graduated from Creighton University School of Law in Omaha and practices law with Fredericks, Peebles and Morgan. He and Eileen Nogg were married August 31, 1996 in Omaha, Nebraska. They reside in Sacramento, California with their children Kelsey and Zack.

Mary attended Creighton University, Colorado State University and University of Nebraska College of Dentistry graduating with a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in May of 1978. She and Lynn Edward Turner of Longmont, Colorado, were married in Lincoln, Nebraska September 4, 1976. They now live in Broomfield, Colorado where Mary practices dentistry.

Richard attended Ferris State College in Big Rapids, Michigan, and graduated with an associate degree in Dental Technology in May of 1975. He now lives with his wife Chris in Indian Hills, Colorado. He owns and operates Peebles Prosthetics in Lakewood, Colorado.

Thomas attended the University of Iowa and the University of Nebraska College of Law graduating with a degree of Jurist Doctor December 1984. He is now practicing law with the firm of Kennedy and Coe in Salina, Kansas. Tom and Denise Viola Wesemann were married on October 28, 1978, at St. John's Church in Randolph. Their family resides in Salina, Kansas.

Patricia attended the University of Nebraska graduating with a degree in Mathematics and minors in Actuarial Science and Economics, May, 1982. She is an associate of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Tricia married Grant Cynor on July 5, 1986 and they now reside in Leawood, Kansas.

Michael attended Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, and received a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1990 and MBA in 1998. He married Janel Stansberry on June 13th, 1998 in Pender, Nebraska. Their family resides in Fort Collins, Colorado where Mike works as a product manager in information management.

Leland John Peebles died November 28, 1973, at the Osmond Hospital and is buried in the St. Frances Cemetery at Randolph, Nebraska. *Submitted by Mary Peebles Turner*

Eldred and Ella Pentico



Ella and Eldred Pentico

Eldred Pentico was born to Frank and Hattie (Ahlmann) Pentico, July 21, 1923, in Pierce County. Eldred was the second child in a family of five children.

Ella Schomberg was born, August 12, 1925, to John and Martha (Wichman) Schomberg, in Pierce County. Ella was the youngest of a family of ten children.

Eldred and Ella met in 1942 when Ella, after graduating from Pierce High School, kept house for her father north of Pierce, and a brother who lived southeast of Pierce. Ella's brother did not live far from where Eldred lived with his parents.

Eldred and Ella were married April 23, 1944, at Zion Lutheran Parsonage, Hoskins, Nebraska, by Reverend E.H. Boelling. They were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

Their first home was in Hadar, Nebraska, where Eldred was employed on a farm near Hadar. He also worked for his parents that first year.

They were married one year, when Eldred was called to serve his country in the Army during World War II. After basic training at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, he was transferred to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for military police training. He was then sent to Fort Meyer, Virginia where he was a Military Policeman near the Pentagon Building. He also had the honor of being chosen for flag detail at the Pentagon many times. He was honorably discharged June 11, 1946.

Eldred worked on farms in the Pierce area until the spring of 1947, when they began farming for themselves

southeast of Pierce. After one year on a rented farm that was sold, they moved to another farm east of Pierce for three years. They moved to the Randolph area in the spring of 1951, three and one-half miles south of Randolph in Wayne County. This farm was owned by Bert and Mina Lawrence, then of Norfolk, Nebraska. The Pentico's bought this farm in 1959.

The Pentico name was well known in Randolph as Hiram Pentico lived here for many years. He was well known to Eldred, as Hiram came to visit in the home of Albert Pentico on his farm east of Pierce. Albert was Eldred's grandfather. Eldred and Ella came to Randolph for Hiram's funeral, and little did they realize that Randolph would later play such a large part in their married life.

The Schomberg name was also well known in Randolph. Ella can remember coming to Randolph as a young girl with her father and stepmother to visit in the Louie Schomberg home. She remembers running up and down the east side of the building currently used by BoBo's Express. This building at that time was named Schomberg Lumber Company, owned by her father's uncle, Louie Schomberg.

Eldred and Ella also learned after they moved to Randolph that Ella's grandparents, Christian and Elise Schomberg, and their family had lived south of Randolph many years ago. It is now known as the John Burmester farm, five miles south of Randolph. They moved from there to the farm east of Pierce where Ella kept house for her brother.

Eldred and Ella moved into Randolph, September of 1993, residing at 112 S. Washington. They both enjoyed living in town when their health no longer permitted them living in the country. Ella had told Eldred many years earlier upon their move to the farm south of Randolph, "I'll move up there with you but don't expect me to stay there for the rest of my life." Life in the Randolph area treated them well and the need to move away never did come.

Eldred's death came on March 18, 1999. Ella moved to the Colonial Manor in 2000 and she died on February 19, 2002. They are buried at Rose Hill cemetery south of McLean, Nebraska.

To this union three children were born: Valiere Eldred, Roger Lee and Margaret Ann. Valiere Eldred Pentico, born May 19, 1946, and his wife Joell (Twaddle) currently live at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with plans to relocate to Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of: Julie Marie, Eric Daniel and Jason Jon.

Roger Lee Pentico was born April 18, 1949. He was married to Karen (Hilkemann) and to this union Amy Lynn and Kimberly Ann were born. Roger currently lives in Salina, Kansas with his wife Pam.

Margaret Ann (Pentico) Svitak was born May 26, 1963. Margaret and her husband, Lonnie Svitak, live south of Randolph. They are the parents of James Eldred, Elise

Marie, Emily Ann and Jacob Christian. *Submitted by Margaret (Pentico) Svitak*

Dr. Glen E. and Paula Peters

Dr. Glen E. Peters, son of Edward L. and Mary (Maher) Peters, was born July 8, 1884, in a sod house at Maryville, near Newport, Nebraska. The pioneer life was extremely hard in that area, which scarcely produced enough grain and vegetables to provide for a family. Ed Peters raised turkeys and grew broom corn and made brooms to sell to supplement his income. Mary Peters was a mid-wife in this pioneer territory. It was through this influence that, later in life, young Glen had the desire to become a doctor. Some of Glen's memories went back to the Blizzard of 1888, at which time the snow was so deep his father climbed through the window because the door was blocked. Other memories were of his education at the local country school and then of his hunting for wild game to make money to attend Wayne Normal School, Wayne, Nebraska, where he received his teacher's certificate. He returned to his home area and taught at a country school. He was known as a strict disciplinarian.

In 1907, armed with a second-hand suit, he entered Creighton University Medical School. He delivered papers and worked in a cafeteria to supplement his income. During the summers, he herded sheep in

Wyoming. In spite of his long hours of work, little time for study and even less time for sleep, he managed to graduate second in his Class of 1911.

After his one year internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, he married Mable Bruner of Randolph; they moved to Bloomfield, where Glen set up a medical practice and entered the army in 1918.



Dr. Glen and Paula Peters

While in Bloomfield, their son Darrell was born in 1914. While Dr. Peters was serving in the army, both Darrell and Mable fell ill with the Spanish Influenza. Mable died in 1918; however, Darrell recovered and went to live with his grandparents, Bernard and Eloise Bruner, in Randolph. Following his discharge, Dr. Peters relocated in Randolph, to be near his son. In 1919, Dr. Peters set up his medical practice in Randolph. On September 20, 1921, he married Paula Nordhues (March 5, 1894-August 20, 1969), daughter of

Frank and Wilhelmina Nordhues. Dr. Glen and Paula Peters had a daughter, Patricia.

The depression years brought a new kind of poverty to Randolph. Dr. Peters never refused patients because of their inability to pay. Other than cash for medication, Dr. Peters was often paid with chickens, home-canned vegetables and fruits, a load of cobs for the cook stove and occasionally a quarter of beef or delicious pork sausage. So no matter how poor, his family never went hungry. He was on call day or night; his car driving along the country roads was a familiar and comforting sight.

During his residency in Randolph, Dr. Peters was active in community affairs as well as in activities of his profession. He served Randolph as its mayor for nine years and in addition, served as a city council member for two years. During his years as mayor, working to widen the streets of Randolph was among some of his achievements. He also served as president and secretary of the Highway 20 Association and was largely responsible for the present location and the pavement of Highway 20 running through Laurel, Belden, Randolph, Osmond and Plainview rather than straight from Jackson to Creighton. He also was president of the regional medical society and during his term of office the membership soared to new heights, spurred on by regular letters and encouragement from him. On May 3, 1961, he was honored for fifty years in the medical profession at this organization's annual meeting.

Dr. Peters relieved his heavy work schedule with frequent card playing. Before and after his retirement in 1967, it was a rare afternoon when he was not found playing cards with his friends in the bar. He also regularly played golf at the small nine hole golf course in Randolph and when that was closed, at nearby towns. On his 80th birthday, he shot his age (80) golfing. He also began bowling in his seventies and he bowled with a league until the week before his death.

Dr. Peters had served the Randolph Community for forty-eight years and the medical profession for fifty-six years. He died on December 4, 1970. Dr. Peters and his wives are buried at St. Frances Cemetery at Randolph.

Gene and Julie Pfanstiel

Gene Loray Pfanstiel was born February 26, 1967, the youngest of five children of Delmar and Elda Pfanstiel of McLean. Gene attended kindergarten at Osmond Public School and then received eight years of education at Immanuel Lutheran School in Osmond. He completed his high school years at Osmond, graduating with the Class of 1985. He attended Northeast Technical Community College and received a degree in diesel technology in 1987. He was employed at Rokahr Implement before joining his father and brothers in their Grade A Dairy operation known as Hi Wa Vu Dairy. He now manages the dairy and enjoys scouting adventures with Boy Scout Troop 208 where he is an assistant troop master. He and

his family are active members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Julie is the oldest daughter of Paul and Barbara (Brunckhorst) Reineke of Osmond. She was born on July 26, 1966. She spent her first year of life in Randolph as her father was employed by Rokahr Implement. In 1967, the family returned to Osmond where Julie attended St. Mary's Catholic School and later Osmond High School, graduating from the latter in 1984. She attended Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk and graduated from the practical nursing program in 1985. She specialized in Cardio Pulmonary, and then worked as a charge nurse for several years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. In 2007, after many years of homeschooling and chauffeuring kids to different activities, Julie began working at the Randolph Public Library. She enjoys the challenges and opportunities that the Assistant Director position has offered her and always looks forward to going to work. She enjoys reading, kayaking, camping, outdoor cooking and gardening.

Gene and Julie have resided two and one-half miles north of the Highway 81-20 junction, since their marriage on August 15, 1987. They have been blessed with four children.



Julie, Joe, Junior, Kaylie, Daniel, Gene

Gene Loray (Junior) was born on October 2, 1988. He attended Kiddie Corner preschool in Randolph, kindergarten through fourth grade at Randolph Elementary, and was homeschooled from fifth grade through his freshman year. He returned to Randolph High School as a sophomore and graduated with the class of 2006. He was active in Boy Scouts, receiving his Eagle Award in 2004, was a member of the National Honor Society, played the drums in the band "A Work in Progress", and was active in FFA, receiving both his State Degree and the American Degree. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and trapping and plans to graduate from Northeast Community College in May, 2010 with an Associate's Degree in Agronomy. He currently lives at the old Cecil Leiting residence where he raises cattle, drives truck, and works for Randolph Farm Supply. Junior is currently serves on St. John's Lutheran church council.

Daniel Paul was born on September 7, 1990. Daniel is currently serving in the Air Force. He plans to complete

Avionics training in March, 2010 and will then be stationed at Hill AFB near Salt Lake City, Utah. Daniel attended Immanuel Lutheran Preschool in Osmond, kindergarten through second grade at Randolph Elementary, and was homeschooled from third grade through eighth grade. He returned to Randolph High School as a freshman, and graduated with the class of 2009. He was active in One-Act, Choir, and Track. He has a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and earned his Boy Scout Eagle rank in 2007. He has his private pilot's license and enjoys flying. He plays the trumpet and participated in the Air Force Honor Band while in technical training and is also a member of his squadron's drill team.

Joseph Lynn was born on August 3, 1992. He attended Immanuel Lutheran preschool in Osmond, kindergarten at Randolph Elementary, was homeschooled from first grade through seventh grade, then returned to Randolph Public school as an eighth grader. He plans to graduate in 2011. He is active in the National Honor Society, One-Act, FFA, basketball and track. He is a drummer and marches with the high school band. Joseph is a member of St. John's Luther League. He earned his Boy Scout Eagle rank in 2008 and is currently planning a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He mows Rose Hill Cemetery and works at Jim's Food Center.

Kaylie Ann was born on March 24, 1994. She attended Immanuel Lutheran preschool in Osmond and was homeschooled from kindergarten through sixth grade. She is currently a sophomore at Randolph High School where she is on the flag team and enjoys participating in FFA, One-Act, basketball, and speech. She is a member of Faith Regional Health Service's Medical Explorers group. Kaylie serves as Secretary of St. John's Luther League. She has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards and is currently working towards the Gold Award. She is employed by Hi Wa Vu Dairy and Main Street Flowers.

Darrell and Arlene Polenske

Darrell Frederick was born September 11, 1937 at Verges Clinic in Norfolk, Nebraska, to Fritz and Minnie (Wichmann) Polenske. Darrell grew up on a farm owned by his Grandfather, Adolph Polenske, west of Madison and later moved to a farm south of Norfolk that also belonged to his Grandfather Adolph. Darrell attended two different country schools in Madison County – District 7 near Madison and District 69 south of Norfolk. Darrell has two brothers, Larry who lives at Ericson, Nebraska and Jerry who lives on the home place south of Norfolk. Darrell joined the Army National Guard for five years and was discharged on January 11, 1964. Darrell worked for several farmers in the Norfolk/Pierce area as a young man.

Arlene Bertha was born in Wayne County, nine miles south and one mile east of Randolph, on June 27, 1939 to Otto and Bertha (Papstein) Franzen. Arlene attended

school at District 46 in Wayne County where she graduated from eighth grade. She then attended high school in Wayne, Randolph, Norfolk and graduated in May 1959 from Pierce High School in Pierce, Nebraska. Arlene has one brother, Robert Otto Franzen who lives on the family farm south of Randolph. Arlene worked doing housekeeping and babysitting while in high school.



Darrell and Arlene Polenske Family

Darrell Frederick Polenske and Arlene Bertha Franzen were married on June 28, 1959 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norfolk, which was located on the corner of Second Street. Darrell and Arlene met on a blind date through Darrell's brother's girlfriend, Mary Jane.

After their marriage, Darrell and Arlene first lived in Enola and Darrell worked for the State Bird Farm south of Norfolk. They then moved to the Everett Roberts farm known as "the 80" and farmed there. This was the farm where Arlene was born. From there Darrell and Arlene rented the farm located east of Sholes owned by Alfrieda, Arlene and Clarence Schutt. They farmed there until they moved to their present farm south of Randolph which was owned by the Nelson Brothers. Darrell and Arlene rented at this location until the Nelsons decided to sell the farm which Darrell and Arlene purchased. The Polenskies are currently retired and rent their farm to Dennis Backer.

Darrell and Arlene raise cow/calf pairs buying them in the spring and selling them in the fall. Over the years they have milked cows, raised chickens, and horses, ponies, donkeys and Bassett Hound puppies. The Polenskies use to have saddle horses and Darrell and Arlene and their sons rode horseback cutting cockleburrs in the cornfields and beans. Later they purchased a team of Belgium horses from Alvin Krei and enjoy going to parades, Threshing Bees, etc. They now have a team of Fjord horses.

Darrell and Arlene have four sons: Michael Darrell, Delbert Ray, Stanley Edward and Timothy Mark.

Our first son, Michael was born on April 3, 1960 and now drives truck for Larsen Transfer in Bancroft, Nebraska. Mike and his wife, Marchelle (Ludvigson) live west of Bancroft and have two children: Madison and Matthew.

Delbert was born April 26, 1963. After graduation from high school he worked for Jerry Wolfe, of Norfolk. He married Tami Larsen and was married for 11 years. They have since divorced. Delbert presently drives truck for Randy Owens and Sonlite at Laurel, Nebraska. He has one adopted son, Alexander (Alex) Larsen Polenske. Alex and his girl friend, Ashley Quick have a daughter, Andrea who was born January 19, 2009. Delbert married Carol Fredrickson on July 18, 2009 in Bancroft where they live. Carol has two children: Justin and Ashley from a previous marriage.

Stanley was born January 3, 1970. Stan worked for Jim's Food Center while he was going to high school. He graduated from Universal Trade Institute in Omaha, studying Auto Mechanics. Stan is married to Cheri McDonald. They have three daughters: McKayleigh, BrookLynn and RyAnna. Stan works for Affiliated Foods Midwest in Norfolk and part time at Lutt Farms. His family lives at Wayne, Nebraska.

Timothy was born on February 17, 1971. He worked for John Rudebusch while going to high school. He also attended universal Trade Institute in Omaha. Tim currently works as foreman at Dinklage Feed Lot west of Wisner. Tim married Susie Nichols and have four children: Ryan and Nicholas (twins), Logan and MacKenzie. Tim's family live in Wisner.

Darrell and Arlene have ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. In their retirement they enjoy going to parades, tractor drives and threshing bees with their tractors. Darrell and Arlene along with Nick Gubbels organized the first Randolph Tractor Drive in 2006. They organize the drive every year in August. Darrell is one of the Board of Directors and Arlene is the Vice President of the Pierce County Threshing Bee and they enjoy the threshing bee each year at Pierce. They also are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. *Submitted by Darrell and Arlene Polenske*



Doug and Ruth Preston Family

Douglas and Ruth Preston

Douglas and Ruth Preston have made their home on the farm just north of the Wareham Corner, four miles east of

Randolph, since their marriage, June 15, 1963, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Coleridge, Nebraska. Doug, the son of Earl and Lois (Ward) Preston, and Ruth, the daughter of Louis and Thelma (Hash) Martensen, both graduated from Coleridge High School in 1956 and 1959 respectively. Doug attended Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa before volunteering for the Army in 1958. He was stationed in Germany for sixteen months. Ruth attended Wayne State College and was a teacher for two years at one of the Omaha Public Schools, Minne Lusa.

The Prestons are members of the Union Presbyterian Church in Belden. They have filled many positions there through the years. Doug was a member of the Board of Education for the Randolph Public Schools from 1980 until 1988. He served on the Cedar-Knox Public Power District Board of Directors from 1989 through 2008. Ruth is a member of the neighborhood Wareham Club, a charter member of the Randolph Woman's Club and a member of P.E.O. Chapter EA.

Their three children have graduated from the Randolph Public School and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Anne and her husband, Jeffrey Guynn, live near Oakhurst, California. Anne is an elementary teacher at a local school. Jeff is an engineer at the Fresno City Fire Department. They have two children, Natalie and Nicolas. All four are active in church and involved in their mountain community.

Mark lives in the Fresno, California area and works for a C.P.A. firm.

Caryl Alarcon lives in Homestead, Florida, where she is a geographer for Everglades National Park.

James and Lois Rasmussen

James was born on June 17, 1941, at his home in Allen, Nebraska. He was the tenth child of Sidney and Clara (Halverson) Rasmussen. He attended all of his elementary and high school years of school in Allen and graduated in 1959. Following graduation he took a job at M.J. Waldbaum Company in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Lois was born on May 6, 1942 at the Wayne Hospital. She was the fourth child of Daryl and Dorothy (Fransen) Hubbard.

Lois' Hubbard ancestors immigrated to the colonies from England in the early 1600's. They settled around the area which is now Boston. The land adjacent to the Old North Church was owned by George Hubbard who was also the caretaker for the church. His grandson, Seth, fought in the Revolutionary War under George Washington.

Her mother's family immigrated from Sweden. Lois' grandfather, Carl Fransen, came through Elis Island to the United States in the early 1900's. He and his wife, Emma, farmed in Minnesota and Iowa before moving to Nebraska.

Lois' parents farmed in Cedar and Dixon counties. Their farm near Concord went into foreclosure during the

depression, so they spent the remainder of their farming years on rental properties.

Lois attended rural schools in Cedar County. She remembers one afternoon in March of 1952, a blizzard suddenly developed in Northeast Nebraska. Their rural school had no telephone or radio. A neighbor who lived nearby became aware of the severity of the storm and came to the school with his car to take the students to his house. The visibility was only about 10 feet in front of the car. The older boys walked behind the car and the younger children rode inside. Their teacher and the 16 students spent the night at his house. There was no way to convey to parents that the students were safe, and Lois' parents had made frantic attempts to get to the school. The next day snow drifts reached the telephone lines. Many of us spent the better part of the next day at Mr. Zurcher's home.

Lois graduated from Laurel High School in 1960. That fall, she enrolled in the education program at Wayne State College. In 1961, she received her teaching certificate. On August 6, 1961, Jim and Lois were married and Lois took a teaching job in Cedar County. Jim enrolled in the teaching program at Wayne State College in 1962.

In 1966, Jim began his teaching career at Atkinson Public schools. During his nine years there he completed his Masters degree and spent four years as principal. Lois taught the middle grades at the Emmet Elementary.

Randolph became their home in the summer of 1974 when Jim accepted the position of Jr. High principal. They became members of the United Methodist Church in Randolph after moving here. Jim worked in the summers for Farmers' Mutual Hail as a crop hail adjuster. He continued to work at the Randolph Public Schools until his retirement in 2000.

Following his retirement he helped out at Northeast Community College and at the Winside Schools. In November he suffered a massive heart attack and died on November 15, 2001.

Lois took an assignment with the United States Census Bureau in 1980 working on current population surveys. She completed her Bachelor's degree in education in 1985. In 1987, she returned to teaching at Sholes, and in 1990 she began teaching at St. Mary's Elementary in Osmond until her retirement in 2002.

During these years they were blessed with four daughters. Gina was born in September of 1963 and now resides with her family in Bolingbrook, Illinois. Denise was born in March of 1966 and makes her home in Osmond. Jill was born in October of 1971 and lives with her family in Norfolk. Tamara was born in 1976 and she and her family make their home here in Randolph.

Submitted by Lois (Hubbard) Rasmussen

Jim and Lori Rath

Jimmy Dean Rath, born September 17, 1969, was the sixth child of Kenneth John Rath Sr. and Priscilla Pauline (Francis) Rath. Kenneth Sr. was born May 1, 1922, the son of Fritz Christian Julius and Mollie Margaret Elizabeth (Heitman) Rath. Priscilla was born September 3, 1926 to Guy Arnols and Alta Matilda (Leuninghomer) Francis. Ken and Priscilla were married on August 19, 1945. To this union were born six children: Sharon, Kenneth Jr., William, Chris, Joy and Jimmy.

Ken Sr. was raised in the Laurel/Coleridge area on the family farm and attended country school through the eighth grade. He enlisted in the army during World War II in the infantry division. His jobs were, among others, litter bearer and flame thrower. He was injured twice during active duty in the South Pacific during some of the heaviest fighting on the island of Okinawa and received a medical discharge. Ken received the Bronze Star for bravery in action, two purple hearts for injury during combat, numerous conduct awards and various combat ribbons. He returned home to Laurel and married Priscilla Francis. The couple moved to various addresses in the Laurel/Coleridge area before settling on a farm in the Randolph area in 1967. This farm was located west of the current Rath farm. Ken managed the feed co-op and farmed.

Priscilla graduated from Randolph High School and was a stay at home mother and a waitress. Priscilla worked in the Randolph bank prior to her marriage. They moved to the present Rath farm in 1968 in Northeast Pierce County. The farm has been in the family since the 1880's, first homesteaded by Priscilla's grandparents, the Leunighorner's. Ken Sr., Priscilla and Jimmy received the Ak-Sar-Ben Pioneer Farm Family Award in the late 1980's. Ken Sr. passed from this world on August 23, 1996 and Priscilla on June 11, 2005.

Jimmy married Lori Ann Hochstein of Bloomfield on September 7, 1996. Lori was born February 4, 1972 to Marvin and Mardell (Tramp) Hochstein. Lori's paternal grandparents are Gilbert John and Marie Elizabeth (Schroeder) Hochstein. Their parents were John and Rose (Schulte) Hochstein and Fritz and Mary (Schurmann) Schroeder. Lori's maternal grandparents are Sylvester Anthony and Bernadette Velma (Wiebelhaus) Tramp. Their parents were Joe and Emma (Balser) Tramp and Louis and Susie (Thieman) Wiebelhaus.

Jimmy and Lori acquired the family farm in 1997 and moved to the present farm in 2000, when they placed a new farm house on the property. They currently reside on the farm with their three children: Jacob Dean born April 28, 1997; Dalton Brett born September 8, 1999 and Rachel Ann born September 7, 2002.

Jimmy attended school in Randolph and farmed from the time he started high school until an accident, causing multiple spine fractures and disc herniations, rendered him unable to farm. He now works as a jeweler.

Lori attended school in Bloomfield and received her B.S.N from Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. She works as a Registered Nurse.

The children attend Randolph Public Schools. Jacob is in the seventh grade, Dalton is in the fourth grade and Rachel is in the first grade. *Submitted by Jimmy and Lori Rath*



Josh holding Milo, Joanna and Kaleb Rayford

Joshua and Joanna Rayford

Joanna Rayford is the youngest daughter of Pat and Marlin Van Slyke. Her son, Kaleb Kramer, arrived October 22, 1999 and has kept life eventful ever since. Joanna attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska and graduated 2003 as a Registered Nurse. She moved to Lincoln and worked there at Nebraska Heart Hospital.

She met her husband, Joshua Milo Rayford and was married October 1, 2005. Son, Milo Joseph Rayford, arrived on June 19, 2008. With the family getting larger, in October 2009 they decided to make the big move back to Randolph to be closer to family.

Joanna works at the Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk and Josh works at Verizon also in Norfolk. They are thankful each and every day for being close to family and living in a small community where their children can ride their bikes all over town with no worries.

Obed O. Reed

Obed Reed was born April 23, 1863 in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the Reverend David Reed and Sarah Falck. He married Emma Thorndike January 1, 1886 in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska. Emma was born January 1, 1862 in Canada. She came to Nebraska in 1864.

The Reed's moved their family to Nebraska in 1873 because the Reverend was a circuit minister. Obed remained in Nebraska while the rest of his family returned to Pennsylvania. The 1880 federal census finds him working as a farm hand in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska for the family of Dewitt Vanderson. He and his

family moved to Randolph in 1891. The 1900 census finds him working as a miller.

By 1910 he was in the grain business. He was Mayor of Randolph with his first term beginning in 1904. His last term of office began in 1921 and continued until his death. He served a total of seventeen years. He was proud of the town's power plant that he was instrumental in building. He was also on the Board of Education for a number of years. The town's flags were flown at half mast and business was suspended on the day of Obed's funeral. He was buried in the Randolph Cemetery.

Emma (Thorndike) Reed was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was also a charter member of the Women's Club of Randolph. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was secretary of that group for thirty eight years. She was also a member of the Onward Rebekah Lodge beginning in 1907. Emma is also buried in the Randolph Cemetery.

Obed and Emma had the following children: Roland R. Reed was born in 1887 in Washington County, Nebraska. He died December 3, 1943 in McCook, Nebraska. Roland married Helen Foster Keagy about 1910.

Clyde Reed was born August 1888 in Washington County, Nebraska and he died June 14, 1955 in Everton County, Washington. His wife's name was Emma.

Lyle Reed was born May 5, 1898 in Nebraska. He died June 20, 1971 in San Luis Obispo, California. His first wife's name was Ruth and his second wife's name was Elizabeth Peterson.

Lillian Reed was born April 14, 1900 in Randolph, Nebraska and married George Salter about 1927 in Nebraska. She died May 4, 1954 in Chicago, Illinois.

Roland graduated from the University of Nebraska's Medical School. He then did his internship at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. He was a World War I veteran as well. He practiced medicine in McCook for thirty years and in fact died in his office. He is buried in the McCook Cemetery. Dr and Mrs. Roland Reed had two children, Doris and Roland.

Clyde was a highly respected newspaper publisher in Everson, Washington. He learned the trade in Randolph as a boy working for H.L. Peck. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1905. He edited a paper in Randolph for a time before moving to Everson. He was a former councilman and was the current mayor of Everson when he died. He is buried in The Green Acres Memorial Park in Everson, Washington. He and Emma had two children, Betty and Vivian.

Lyle graduated from the Randolph High School in 1917. Lyle Reed was in the grain business. He retired in 1953 and moved to California. He and Ruth had a son, Jack. Lyle was a veteran of World War I. He is buried in the Randolph Cemetery.

Lillian died after a long illness. Her funeral was in Chicago, where she died. She is buried in the Randolph Cemetery. To date no children have been found from this union. Her husband, George, was employed as a

municipal engineer by the City of Chicago.

By all appearances this family held true to their duty as citizens, both to the town they lived in and their country. They served their church in many capacities. Several of the men joined the armed forces. A few of them were involved in local politics. Randolph, Nebraska was enriched by the presence of this family. *Submitted by Frances M Hauser*

Joseph and Maxalinda Reineke, Jr.



Joseph and Maxalinda Reineke Family

Joseph Reineke was born December 14, 1908, at his farm home southeast of Randolph. On September 3, 1940, he married Maxalinda Olberding, who was born March 20, 1915, at Stuart, Nebraska, and moved to Randolph as a young girl. They were married at Saint Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph.

They lived on the family farm which they bought on January 23, 1945. In 1966, Joseph and Maxalinda bought the house in Randolph which his parents had lived in. They moved into this home in 1968. In 1970 they sold their farm to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Horstman.

Joe and Maxalinda are the parents of six children. Rita was born July 13, 1942. She married Richard Gubbels on August 1, 1964, and they have five children: Jane, Jill, John, Regina and Rebecca. Rita and Rich farm in the Sholes-Randolph area.

Marjorie was born August 3, 1943. She was married in 1964 but the marriage was dissolved. Marjorie has four children: Michael, Marsha, Mychelle and Mary. Marge married Don McIntosh May 1, 1993. He has five children. Don passed away on June 11, 2000. Marge resides in Tilden, Nebraska.

Robert was born February 18, 1945. He died at the age of four from a gun accident.

Paul was born June 28, 1946. He married Barbara Brunkhorst on September 18, 1965. They have three children: Julie, Paula and Jeremy. Paul and Barbara live in Osmond, Nebraska.

Joan was born September 18, 1948. She married Robert Moore on August 14, 1973. They have a daughter, Debbie. Joan and Robert live in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Mary Jo was born July 27, 1950. On February 10, 1973, she married Eli Sam Jones and they had two children: Shannon and Kris. Sam died in a car accident March 2, 1976. On April 6, 1979, Mary was married to Albert (Andy) Anderson. He has three children: John, Joan and Jean. Mary and Andy live in Wayne, Nebraska.

On April 1, 1953, Ronald Joseph was born. He married Julie Steinhoff on May 5, 1979. They have two daughters: Lindsey and Megan. Ron and Julie live in Lincoln.

Joseph passed away on July 1, 1991 and Maxalinda passed away on October 12, 2001. *Submitted by Rita (Reineke) Gubbels*

Kenneth "Sam" and Nancy Reineke

Kenneth (Sam) Reineke, the son of Frank and Violetta (Kalvelage) Reineke, was born June 9, 1944 at McLean, Nebraska. Sam attended country elementary school, District 54 at McLean and graduated from Randolph Public High School in 1962.

After graduation, Sam joined the National Guard and took his six month training at Fort Ord, California. Returning to Randolph in 1963, Sam worked with the construction crew building the newest part of the Randolph Public School. Sam also worked at the National Foods Grocery Store in Bloomfield, Nebraska and Neu Cheese at Hartington, Nebraska.

In January of 1965, Sam moved back to Randolph and started working for Glen Stingley at the Gamble Store. Enjoying this work, Sam brought the store from Glen in December 1970.

Sam and his brothers and sisters were raised on a farm southeast of McLean. The brothers and sisters are: Mrs. Dale (Margaret -Marge) Lewandowski of Loup City, Nebraska; Mrs. Neil (Marcella-Sally) Bloomquist of McLean, Nebraska; Mrs. Don (Marilyn) Von Rentzell of Waverly, Nebraska; Ervin of Randolph, Nebraska; Melvin and Gerald of Hastings, Nebraska; Gary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Pat of Hartington, Nebraska.

Nancy, daughter of Elwood and Adine (Stingley) Pehrson of Laurel, was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on August 20, 1944. Nancy's elementary education was obtained at a country school, 13 miles northeast of Laurel, and in 1961, graduated from Laurel High School.

In September 1961, Nancy attended the Stewart School of Hairstyling in Sioux City and graduated in July 13, 1962. From 1962 to 1964, Nancy worked in a beauty shop at Neligh, Nebraska. In March of 1964, Nancy came to Randolph and opened a beauty shop, located in the building south of the city auditorium.

Nancy and her brothers were raised on a farm northeast of Laurel. Regg Pehrson of Laurel, Nebraska and Tim Pehrson of York, Nebraska are Nancy's siblings.

On June 20, 1965, Sam was united in marriage to Nancy Kay Pehrson at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Laurel, Nebraska. Their first residence was in the back of the beauty salon building. In 1967, Sam and Nancy built a

new house and beauty salon at 208 South Main. The salon was called "Nancy's Beauty Salon" and is still in operation.

In 1975, Sam and Nancy bought the old Fairmont Creamery Building which had been occupied by Leiting Lockers. After the building was torn down, the lots were sold to the City of Randolph in 1976, and a new fire station was built.

Sam and Nancy are the parents of four children that were born in Osmond, Nebraska and all attended elementary and high school in Randolph.

Marcy (Reineke) Morrison is Sam and Nancy's eldest daughter. She was born on December 19, 1969. After high school, Marcy attended Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. She married Glen Morrison in October 1992 and now resides in Omaha, Nebraska. Glen and Marcy have four children: Marissa, Julie, Taylor and Derek.

Stacy (Reineke) Galbraith is the next daughter. She was born on September 5, 1972. Stacy attended Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska after high school. She moved to Omaha and married Andrew Galbraith in August 2007. Stacy and Andy have a son Noah born February 19, 2010. The family currently resides in Papillion.

Brian Reineke was born on October 20, 1975 and he lives in Norfolk, Nebraska

Jason Reineke was born on February 22, 1978. After high school, he attended Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. He resides in Omaha, Nebraska.

Sam and Nancy are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Nancy is a member of PEO, and Sam was a volunteer fireman for 25 years and involved in the Community Club. *Submitted by Sam and Nancy Reineke*

Jim and Sharon Riedel

Darrel James (Jim) Riedel's maternal ancestry consisted of Joseph Albert and Katerina Silhacek of a little village of Vilova in Nova Kdeyn County of Czechoslovakia, and their son, Joseph John, and wife, Emma (Pospisil) Silhacek, and their daughter Lillian Lydia Silhacek, born in 1909. Darrel James' paternal ancestry consisted of Frederic and Henrietta Riedel of Posen, Germany (now Poland), their son, Herman Riedel and wife, Freda Brietner, and their son Henry Carl Riedel, born in 1900. Jim, born in 1937, was the third of four children born to Lillian Lydia (Silhacek) and Henry Carl Riedel.

Sharon Kay Flesner's maternal ancestry consisted of Joshua and Elizabeth Martin, whose ancestry was said to have come over on the Mayflower to the United States, their daughter, Mary Virginia and husband George Willis Pierce, and their daughter, Tollie Lee Pierce, born in 1901. Sharon's paternal ancestry consisted of Hinrich G. and Jubihelene (Wietjes) Flesner of Ostfreisland, Germany, their son, Hinrich H. and Hille (Buss) Flesner, Sr., their son, Hinrich H. and Katrina (Adams) Flesner Jr., and their son, Bernhard Albert Gerhardt (Ben) Flesner.

Sharon Kay, born in 1941, was the thirteenth of fifteen children born to Tollie Lee (Pierce) and Ben Albert Flesner.



Jim and Sharon Riedel Family

In 1960, Darrel James (Jim) Riedel and Sharon Kay Flesner, having both graduated from Pierce High in Pierce, Nebraska married. The Jim Riedel family resided in Leadville, Colorado and Norfolk, Nebraska, before coming to Randolph in 1974. Their grocery business, first known as Jim's IGA, four years later was moved to a larger location at 105 E Broadway and was known as Jim's Food Center. They sold the business to Bill and Jami Fye II in 1998. The Riedel family included Clayton Jay of Norfolk; Scott Alan and wife, Debbie; and Glen Joseph and wife, Tammy of Lincoln; and Jami Kay and husband Bill Fye II, of Randolph. Jim and Sharon enjoy twelve grandchildren: Melissa and Michael (Clayton's children); Ashley and Meagan (Scott's children); Nathan, Abby, Daniel and Lilly (Glen's children); and James, Katherine (Katie), Alyssa and Ariel (Jami's children).

Jim has served in the military as a paratrooper, worked with bridge construction, in mining, as a route driver and salesman, owned and operated a grocery store and does small crop farming on the family farm. He has done service work in the United Methodist Church, as a Jaycee, a Lion, a fireman, a Legionnaire and Community club member. Sharon worked as a secretary, with a newspaper, as a seamstress, as a grocer and has done service work as a Mrs. Jaycee, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Randolph Woman's Club, Parent Teachers Association, the United Methodist Church, Teammates and served on the building committees for the church, the Lied Randolph Public Library and the Randolph Community Golf Course. *Submitted by Jim and Sharon Riedel*

Tom and Lynn Riedmiller

Tony Riedmiller was born September 27, 1898 at Salem, South Dakota and moved to Hospers, Iowa at the age of two. He was manager and part owner of Jungers Elevator Company. He married Isabel Jungers, September 12, 1928 who was born July 13, 1902 at Hospers. They were parents of four children, one of whom is Tom Riedmiller. Tony died March 5, 1979 at the age of 80 and Isabel died July 12, 1982, almost age 81. Both are buried at Hospers.



Tom and Lynn Riedmiller Family

Walter Fuchtmann was born September 15, 1917 at Creighton, Nebraska. After serving in the U.S. Army, he farmed two miles from his parents' home place. He married Faye Thomas on February 26, 1946 in Creighton. She was born August 10, 1924 at Hartington, Nebraska. They were the parents of four children, one of whom is Lynn Riedmiller. Walter died January 13, 1996 at the age of 78 and is buried at Creighton. Faye continues to live in her own home at Creighton.

Tom Riedmiller was born August 21, 1939 at Hospers, Iowa and attended school there, and later, business college in Omaha, Nebraska. He was employed at The Toy National Bank in Sioux City, Iowa when he met Lynn Fuchtmann on a blind date, arranged by his uncle of Creighton. Lynn was born November 26, 1946 at Plainview, attended school at St. Ludger's in Creighton and later, nursing school in Omaha. Tom and Lynn married on September 28, 1968 in Creighton. Employment took them to a bank in Remsen, Iowa and then to Randolph, First State Bank, in January 1973, where Tom was Executive Vice-President and president. He retired in January 2002. Lynn works as an Registered Nurse at Osmond General Hospital. They are the parents of four children. Mike was born October 9, 1969 in Sioux City, Iowa. Julie was born September 21, 1971 at Orange City, Iowa. Cheryl was born December 3, 1973 at Osmond, Nebraska. Kim was born September 22, 1981 at Osmond also. All were involved in various church, school and community activities.

The past 25 years have seen the children all graduate from Randolph High and attend college. Mike is living in Lincoln. He and his wife Carisa (Wohlers), born November 11, 1969, were married in Lincoln on February 4, 1995. He is employed at Sandhills Publishing and she is a stay-at-home mom and their children are: Madison, Sophia and Dillon (Junior high and grade school). Julie is a Registered Nurse, lives in Denver, Colorado and travels for a medical supply company. Cheryl lives in Elkhorn, Nebraska and is a stay-at-home mom to Chase and Mia (both preschool age) and married Shannon Koepke on April 19, 2003. Shannon was born August 18, 1973. He is from Battle Creek, Nebraska and is an engineer with Kiewitt Company. Kim lives in Lincoln and works at Younkers.

Tom and Lynn enjoy golfing, traveling and visiting family and should have more time for these things in the future, when Tom "retires again" from his job as part-time van driver and Lynn from her nursing job, both at Osmond General Hospital. *Submitted by Lynn Riedmiller*

Leonard and Bess Robinson

Leonard Robinson, born in Missouri, was number seven in a family of 13. He came to Pilger, Nebraska when he was two and ann-half years old. He grew up on a farm and attended a rural school for his elementary education. Leonard graduated from Pilger High School and was an outstanding basketball player. He often told of their trips to the State Tournament, traveling to Lincoln on the train.

He met Bess E. Lund at a rural school program three and one-half years later and they were married in Sioux City, Iowa. It was a double wedding with Bess' lifelong girlfriend, Estella Behmer, also getting married.

Bess was born in the Swedish Bega Community north of Stanton. Her father and all grandparents were from Mora Sweden and had homesteaded there. She attended Bega School and graduated from Stanton High School. She taught country school one year in Pierce County and five years in Stanton County. For two of those five years, she had 29 pupils in eight grades. She worked in a clothing store during the summer. Later, she became a telephone operator and bookkeeper in the Chevrolet garage.

Their first home was in Stanton, doing odd jobs, with little pay, during the depression.

"A farm for rent near Randolph" was advertised over the Henry Field Radio Station in Norfolk. They decided "we've nothing to lose—let's go look", on February 21, 1935. They drove to within walking distance to look at the place. A snow-blocked road near the Henry Rudebusch place prevented Bess from getting to see it.

It was a "Depression Year Venture" March 14, 1935, when they moved onto the place with two mules, 12 hens, and a dry cow. With the help of friendly neighbors, especially Frank Kroupa, they survived the first year and the remained there 50 years.

The joyful company of Arlen Dean, two and one-half years, kept them from giving up during the cold 1936 winter that had everyone snowbound for weeks with below zero temperatures.

Dr. Gleason delivered a son, Larry Warren, in 1937, and another son Eldon LeRoy in 1939.

The boys attended Pierce County District 28 S.E. and graduated from Randolph High School where they participated in athletics, music, and were honor roll students.

Arlen attended Wayne State and married a classmate, Lois Bauer. Arlen enlisted in the Marines for two years. Arlen and Lois had a family of four boys: Mike, Greg, Toby, Lonnie and two girls: Gaylea and Glorie. One son, Lonnie Lou, died when 27 days old. They currently reside at Waterloo, Nebraska.

Larry went to Nebraska University and enlisted in the Navy later transferring to the Marines for pilot training. He married Virginia Hargis of West Virginia. Larry and Virginia are the parents of four daughters: Sonja, Ingrid, Heidi, and Karsha. Larry has been considered MIA since his plane was shot down during the Viet Nam War. He was a 17 year military man and a Marine Major, when shot down flying over Laos. Virginia and his daughters currently live in California.

Eldon graduated from Norfolk Junior College and was a draftsman in the military arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois, for two years. He married Donna Hinken of Norfolk. They farmed south of Randolph and had a family of five girls: Debra, Shelly, Joni, Lori and Kerry and one son, Corby.

Leonard retired from the Pierce County Weed District and N.C. Seed corn dealership after 30 years. He served on District 28 school board ten years, a precinct assessor eight years, and a 4-H leader for 12 years.

Bess was a 4-H leader for 25 years, Home Extension club member 50 years, a member of Eastern Star, Rebekah's Royal Neighbors and was a gold star mother in the VFW Auxiliary.

Their descendents now number 15 living grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren. They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph and Norfolk. They retired from the farm after 50 years and resided at 204 Spruce Avenue in Norfolk. Leonard passed away in January 19, 2000 following complications from a broken pelvis. Bess remained in her home until March 4, 2007 when she passed away at the age of 100 years. *Submitted by the Robinson family*

Joseph G. and Edna T. Rogers

Joseph George Rogers was born January 26, 1906, to George and Rose (Troy) Rogers at Cascade, Iowa. He spent his early years on his father's farm and graduated from high school in three years. He then undertook his graduate studies at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, graduating in 1927; thereupon entering law school at the University of Iowa. He received his L.L.B. degree in 1930.

He passed both the Iowa and Nebraska bar exams in 1930 and decided to establish a solo law practice in Randolph. He had become acquainted with this community through numerous trips he had made here with his father who owned farm real estate near Randolph. In addition, other Cascade families had moved here with whom he was either related or acquainted.

Edna Theresa Thieman was born on her parents' farm one mile north of Randolph on April 3, 1917, to Theodore and Anna (Olberding) Thieman. She attended St. Frances Grade and High School, graduating in 1934. She then continued her education at Boyle's Business College in Omaha, taking secretarial courses. She returned to Randolph and was employed as Joe Rogers' legal secretary.

They were married in the chapel at St. Frances School on February 21, 1939. They began their married life living in an apartment above the old Cornhusker Cafe, later moving into a residence in the east end of town in 1944 where they resided permanently. They were members of St. Frances Parish.

Their children are Patrick George, born June 15, 1944; Margaret Rose "Peggy" born June 22, 1946; Kathleen Mary, born January 7, 1952; and Susan Ann, born May 25, 1955.

Pat married Linda Gralheer on June 3, 1972. He continued the law practice his father had begun in Randolph until 1995 when he was appointed County Judge. They now live in Norfolk, Nebraska. Their children are: Julie, Michael, Teresa, and Elizabeth.

Peggy married Gene Steffensmeier, a Dodge, Nebraska, native, on June 2, 1973. They live in Fremont, Nebraska, where Gene operates a Chrysler car dealership. Their children are: Michelle, Debbie, Joey, Chris and Gerard (a twin who died at birth), Lori, Kelly, Sherri, Edward, Tara and Kayla.

Kathy married Joel Vincent on December 28, 1973. Joel practices law in Riverton, Wyoming, his hometown, where they live. Their children are: Janine, Mark and Robert.

Susie and John Arens were married November 10, 1979. They farm about ten miles north of Randolph near where John grew up. Their children are: Jennifer, Brenda and David.

Joe was an active member of the Democratic Party, the Nebraska Bar Association, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, the Randolph Fire Department, the Randolph Community Club and enjoyed Canadian fishing, Nebraska football and hunting. Edna served on the Randolph Library Board for many years reflecting her love of reading, was active in her church, and enjoyed bowling and travel. She helped at the law office where she worked part-time until her death.

Joe continued his practice of law until December 19, 1976, when he died suddenly at his home.

Edna continued her residence in Randolph and married Edwin Kessler on February 26, 1982. Edna became ill that spring and was lovingly cared for by Ed, her family, and friends until her death on November 13, 1982. *Submitted by Patrick G. Rogers*

Patrick and Linda Rogers

Patrick George Rogers, the eldest of Joseph George and Edna (Thieman) Rogers, was born June 15, 1944 in Randolph. He attended St. Frances Catholic School graduating in 1962, and went on to Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, the same college from which his father graduated. With a history major he entered the University of Nebraska Law School and received his Juris Doctorate in 1969. He joined his father in the practice of law in Randolph and formed Rogers and Rogers Law Offices.

Linda Louise Gralheer, daughter of Maurice John and

Louise Elizabeth (Lueckenhoff) Gralheer, was born in West Point, Nebraska, September 8, 1947. Her mother was a lifelong resident of West Point; her father was born on a farm near Wisner. She has one younger sister, Donna (Gralheer) McDevitt, of West Point. Linda attended Guardian Angels grade school, graduating from West Point Central Catholic in 1965. As a youth, she was active in 4-H and music. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in both music and education from the College of St. Mary, Omaha, in 1969. After graduation she returned to her hometown to teach third grade at Guardian Angels Elementary School, later moving to Randolph to teach in the elementary school.



Pat and Linda Rogers Family

Pat and Linda met through Pat's sister Peg who was also teaching at Guardian Angels. After about a year-long courtship they were married June 3, 1972, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point.

Their lives were blessed with four children: Julie Louise (June 26, 1973), Michael George (March 10, 1975), Teresa Kathleen (June 3, 1976) and Elizabeth Ann (June 26, 1979), all born at the Osmond General Hospital. The children graduated from the Randolph Public Schools. The Rogers family were members of St Frances Catholic Church. While in Randolph they all participated in many parish, civic, school and professional activities.

Pat was engaged in the practice of law in Randolph until his appointment as county judge for the Sixth Judicial District in August of 1995. In February 2001 he was sworn in as district judge for the Seventh Judicial District which required that he and Linda move into that district. They moved to Norfolk where they are currently living. Pat retired from the bench on February 1, 2009, and is currently enjoying retirement as well as practicing law again on a part-time basis in Norfolk. His retirement has given him more time to enjoy grandchildren, travel and exploring the world of wine.

With the arrival of their first child, Linda traded her classroom teaching for becoming a mother and homemaker. While the children were young she opened a music studio and taught private piano lessons; she continues a full schedule of students in their Norfolk home. Besides needlework, cooking, and travel Linda

enjoys spending time with grandchildren and serving as church organist in their Norfolk parish, Sacred Heart.

After graduating from Randolph High School all four children went on to further their education.

Julie graduated from the College of St. Mary and from the University of Nebraska Law School and she became a member of the Nebraska Bar. On September 2, 2000, Julie married Russell Bartholow at St. Frances in Randolph. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska and have one son, Beckett.

Michael graduated from Doane College and from the University of Nebraska Law School and now practices law in Omaha. Michael married Jill Thomsen on September 1, 2001, at St. Margaret Mary in Omaha. Their twins are James Patrick and Caroline Anne-Louise.

Teresa graduated from Briar Cliff College and then received an MBA from the University of Montana. On June 8, 2001 she married Erick Arens at St. Frances in Randolph. They live in Missoula Montana with their children: William Patrick and Claire Louise.

Elizabeth graduated from Loras College and from the University of Nebraska Medical School where she received her Doctor of Medicine. She is completing a double residency program in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Harvard Hospitals in Boston.

The family cherish the years they spent in Randolph. They're grateful for the opportunities the community provided them as well as for the Randolph friends they hold dear. *Submitted by Pat and Linda Rogers*

Arthur "Buzz" and Rose Edna Rohde



Rose Edna and Buzz Rohde

Arthur "Buzz" Rohde was born March 26, 1927, the last of six children born to Louis and Hazel Rohde. He attended country schools, one east of Randolph and the other in Sholes.

Rose Edna was born August 8, 1930 to Barney and Kate Olberding. She attended District 82 School until the eighth grade. She then attended St. Frances High School, graduating in 1948.

Buzz and Rose Edna were married October 10, 1951 at St. Frances Church in Randolph. They farmed south of Randolph for 40 years, moving to Randolph January 1992.

Buzz and Rose Edna are the parents of eight children: Stephen, Mary Kathryn, who died at birth, Luann, Suzanne, Jeffrey, Roger, who was killed in a car accident in 1978 at the age of 17, Roxanne, and Leann. They have 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Both Buzz and Rose Edna have been active in church and community activities.

Jeffrey and Barbara Rohde



Jeff and Barb Rohde Family

Randolph continues to be the hometown community of Jeffrey G. Rohde and Barbara J. Bloomquist since their marriage. They are the parents of four children. Abigail Jane (born July 26, 1987), Nicholas Jeffrey (born August 23, 1989), Christopher Dale (born March 21, 1991) and Meghan Anne (born March 25, 1994) all born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. The family has resided three miles southwest of Randolph since December of 1991. Jeff is employed at Randolph Farm Supply and Barb is employed as a Respiratory Therapist at Avera Sacred Heart in Yankton, South Dakota and Osmond General Hospital in Osmond, Nebraska.

All of their children attended Randolph Elementary and Randolph High School. Abbie graduated in 2006, Nic 2008 and Chris 2009. Meghan is a sophomore, class of 2012. Abbie currently attends University of Nebraska at Omaha after graduating from Metropolitan Community College in Elkhorn. Nic is a student at University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota and Chris is a freshman at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Jeff and Barb were married October 13, 1984 at St Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Jeff and Barb are both graduates of Randolph High School. Jeff attended Sholes country school until eighth grade and Barb's elementary school years were at McLean Public K-8th grade. Jeff is the fifth child and son of Arthur and Rose Edna (Olberding) Rohde. He has brothers Stephen, the late Roger D. Rohde and sisters Luann Bartels, Suzanne Gubbels, Roxanne (Pix) Schmit and Leann Otto. Barb is the oldest child and daughter of Neil and Sally (Reineke) Bloomquist of rural McLean. Her siblings are Gregory,

Sherri Bargstadt, Jeffery, Charles, Daniel and Angela Jones.

As the years of following school activities/sports: volleyball, wrestling, track and Legion Baseball wind down for their family; Jeff and Barb continue to be involved in community and church organizations. Jeff is a member of the Randolph Community Club with RFS, Knights of Columbus, Usher, Men's Bowling League and enjoys golfing. Barb is a member of the Randolph Rescue Squad, St. Jane Frances Women's Guild, EME at church, and current Randolph School Board member. We are all members of St Jane Frances Catholic Church and COF. In their free time, they enjoy weekends at home, visiting their college kids, following Meghan with her last two years of high school and enjoy living in the country. Jeff and Barb feel they have been fortunate to raise their children in a rural community surrounded by grandparents and many relatives. *Submitted by Jeff and Barb Rohde*

Stephen and Barbara Rohde



Steve and Barb Rohde Family

Stephen Arthur Rohde was born on July 13, 1952 to Arthur (Buzz) and Rose Edna (Olberding) Rohde. Steve grew up on the family farm south of Randolph. Barbara Jayne Means was born on March 27, 1956 to Donald and Lois (McClatchey) Means. Barbara grew up on the family farm north of Meadow Grove, Nebraska.

Steve and Barbara were married in Randolph on August 10, 1984. They reside on the family farm south of Randolph where Steve is engaged in farming. Steve also works for the city of Randolph. Barbara is the library paraprofessional at Randolph Elementary School.

The couple have 6 children: Brandon Cuffe, Jeremy Cuffe, Bart Cuffe, Edward, Sara and Andrea.

Brandon Lee Cuffe was born April 14, 1973. After graduating from Randolph High he was accepted into the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. After graduating from the academy, Brandon remained in the Air Force until he retired in May 2007 as a Major. He now works for the Air Force as a civilian in Colorado

Springs, Colorado. He has two children Kyle born April 21, 1997 and Rylee born March 29, 2002.

Jeremy James Cuffe was born August 7, 1975 and passed away August 18, 1975.

Bart Kenneth Cuffe was born July 14, 1976. Bart graduated from Randolph High and attended Northeast Community College. Bart married Jessica Ann Marie Schnoor on September 27, 1998. They have two children: Tyler born March 9, 1998 and Alyssa born October 27, 2001. They reside in Norfolk, Nebraska where Bart is a supervisor at Affiliated Foods and Jessica works at Sterling Computers in Norfolk.

Edward Stephen Rohde was born June 22, 1985 and graduated from Randolph high. Ed currently lives in Randolph and works at Affiliated Foods in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Sara Marie Rohde was born May 31, 1987 and graduated from Randolph High. She lives in Wayne, Nebraska and is attending Wayne State College.

Andrea Jayne Rohde was born January 10, 1990 and graduated from Randolph High. She lives in Wayne, Nebraska and is attending Wayne State College.

Frederick and Beulah Rokahr

Fritz and Bernice Rokahr, while living sixteen miles northwest of Creighton, became the parents of their first son, Frederick Donald, on February 1, 1924. He and his brother, Norman, who was four years younger, attended a rural school.



Fred and Beulah Rokahr

Frederick, known as Junior in the earlier years and Fred after moving to Randolph, attended Creighton high School. As a result of World War II, he joined the Navy in 1944, and that was his life for two years. He was discharged in June, 1946. Upon his return, he once again began farming with his father.

In less than a year, he met Beulah Mae Moser, a teacher, residing eight and one-half miles northwest of Creighton. Beulah, the eldest of three children, lived with her parents, Oscar and Nora, and her two brothers. She was born October 5, 1928, graduated from Creighton High School and attended Wayne State College.

Fred and Beulah were married August 7, 1948, and with the severe snowstorms of 1948 and 1949, many hardships were experienced. They built a new home on the Rokahr farm when weather permitted.

On May 19, 1949, their son, Everett Ray was born and fifteen months later on August 19, 1950, their little girl, Linda Jean, came to live with them.

It was in April of 1954 that the first big change came in their lives. Fred became involved in a farm accident which ended with the partial loss of one of his limbs. That meant an occupational change. In the spring of 1959, they moved to Randolph and became owners of the John Deere dealership. At that time, their church membership was transferred to Immanuel Lutheran church in Osmond. During the years in Randolph, Fred served as a city councilman and Beulah as a Randolph school board member. Both held head offices in the VFW and Auxiliary and have been active in other organizations.

Everett and Linda participated in all types of school activities. Everett became an Eagle Scout and also attended Boys State. They both served as life guards, pool managers and water safety instructors. Both are graduates of Randolph High School and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Everett taught school in Ralston, Nebraska for over 30 years and still lives in that area. He has a daughter, Kori, and a son, Shane. Linda, a certified dietitian, continues to work for the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. She lives in Norfolk and has a daughter, Amy and a son, Eric.

Fred and Beulah were both very active in their implement business. Beulah managed the office and parts, whereas, Fred was in charge of sales and service. In need of added space, they bought the railroad property on Broadway Street, built a new facility and made the move in 1968, remaining there for twenty years. In January, 1989, they began enjoying retirement life, after a close out agreement with John Deere Company, ending the sale of John Deere merchandise in Randolph, forever.

Their retirement years were spent traveling, visiting many parts of the world. They remained active in their church and community, and especially enjoyed playing cards in their idle hours.

Fred passed away, August 26, 2005 and is buried in the Randolph City Cemetery. Beulah continues to reside in her home on South Main Street in Randolph. *Submitted by Beulah Rokahr*

Gayle H. and Mildred Roland

Grace Belle Darland was born March 12, 1892 to David and Mary (Swartzenbach) Darland. Grace had two brothers, Floyd and Claude, and three sisters, Inez, Lillian, and Stella. Grace's father was a banker in Coleridge. Grace married Roy Oscar Roland, son of Oliver and Susanah (Gardener) Roland, at her father's home in Coleridge on December 20, 1911.

Grace and Roy's first home was a farm northwest of Belden, which is where their first child, Grace, was born. They then moved to a farm south of Belden and had three more children, Vera, Betty and Gayle. They lived on this farm for many years before moving to California, Randolph, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and finally

returned to their farm. In 1957 they moved to Randolph to stay. Roy Oscar Roland died in September of 1978, a few months before his 88th birthday. Grace Belle (Darland) Roland passed on in December of 1987.

Their son, Gayle Homer, met Mildred Rose Hassman and they were married July 31, 1948 at St Frances Catholic Church. Mildred is the daughter of Bernard Frank and Wilamina (Hartz) Hassman. According to state records, Mildred was born on September 31, 1929, but because there are only 30 days in September she has always celebrated her birthday on September 30th. Mildred and her older brother Theodore were raised without their mother, who died when Mildred was three years old. Bernard Frank Hassman died in December of 1971.

Mildred and Gayle lived in Wayne, Nebraska where they had their first child, Gayle LeRoy. In 1949 they moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa where Linda Marie (Holmes), Barbara Ann (Ault), Gloria Jean (Winkelbauer), James Ray, and Grace Belle, were born and raised. In 1981 Gayle and Mildred bought his mother's Randolph home with the intentions of retiring there, instead after her death, they transferred the deed to their son, Jim, and bought the house next door for their retirement.

Gayle LeRoy died from a brain tumor in August 1994. One year later in August of 1995 Gayle Homer followed his eldest son in death.

Mildred still resides in Randolph and is active in the Senior Citizen's Center and St. Frances Catholic Church. Her family has since expanded to include her children's spouses, Lyle Holmes, Pete Ault, and Robert Winkelbauer, nine grandchildren: Jenica (Gomez) and Jason Roland, Jennifer (Shallenberger) Roland, Dane, Robert, and Tara Ault, Teri and Steve Winkelbauer, and Austen Eisenhauer and six great-grandchildren, Diego Gomez, Sara and Clayton Shallenberger, Dakota, Alexis, and Kierstin Ault, Kloi, Kadynce and Kasym Ault.
Submitted by Gloria Jean Winkelbauer

Kim and Beth Romohr

Kim Romohr was born April 28, 1952, at York, Nebraska. He graduated from Gresham Public School in 1970. Kim received his BS degree in 1974 and his Master of Education degree in 1981 from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He began teaching junior high social studies and English in 1975 in the Randolph Public Schools and is presently teaching secondary English and coaching golf.

Kim married Beth Johnson August 6, 1977. Beth was born November 29, 1951, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She graduated from Pocahontas Community School in 1970 and Wayne State College in 1974 with a BA degree in elementary education. In 1974, Beth began teaching in the Randolph Public Schools where she taught fifth and sixth grade until retiring in 2008. She continues to play the

church organ approximately one weekend a month and gives piano lessons.

Kim and Beth are the parents of three children: Melissa Beth, born January 4, 1981; Jennifer Lynn, born January 14, 1984; and Janelle Marie, born January 14, 1984.



Kim and Beth Romohr Family

Melissa was active in music activities, speech, and Girl Scouts during high school. She earned the Gold Award in Girl Scouts. Melissa graduated in 1999 and continued her education at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where she graduated with high distinction in 2003 with a BS degree in elementary education. She received a Masters Degree in Education in August, 2008, from the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She is currently a second grade teacher in Shenandoah Community School, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Jennifer was active in sports and music in high school. She holds the school record for the girls' pole vault. She also participated in gymnastics (at the Norfolk YMCA) and earned bronze medals at Nationals in Florida. After graduating in 2002, she attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where she received a BS degree in secondary education in 2006. She is currently working toward an associate degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Janelle was involved with music and sports during her high school years. A highlight for her was selection to the All State Chorus for three consecutive years. She graduated in 2002 and in 2006 received a BS degree in elementary education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where she graduated with honors. Janelle was married to Anthony Franklin of Lincoln on May 26, 2007. They now live in Clarksville, Tennessee, where she teaches fourth grade and Anthony is a member of the Army Special Forces in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.
Submitted by Kim and Beth Romohr

Dale Rossbach

Dale Rossbach was born on June 23, 1950 in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. He was born one and one-half days before the dedication of Christ-Trinity Lutheran Church in Lethbridge where his father was the pastor. As the services were broadcast on the radio, his mother was able to listen to the dedication while in the hospital. An

elevator full of flowers, from the congregation and the community, was delivered to the hospital after dedication. Dale attended school in Benkelman, Nebraska and Randolph after having moved from Canada to the United States with his family in 1951. Between his junior and senior year in high school, he worked in a resort in Custer, South Dakota.

Because of Dale's dual citizenship, he wrestled with the decision of returning to Canada to claim his citizenship there. He decided to remain in the United States as a US Citizen. In the fall of 1968 he enlisted into the US Navy.

While in the Navy, he served as a Hospital Corpsman in Philadelphia, Oakland, and with the Marines in Viet Nam. Dale was appointed Honor Guard to bring his best friend, Dale Walker, killed in the line of action, back to the United States to be buried in Michigan.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Dale was employed in Omaha at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and an AD in Nursing.

Dale met Julie McMillan in Omaha while attending school. Dale and Julie were married June 10, 1978 in St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. In the fall of 1979, Dale and Julie moved to Arizona where they lived in both Tempe and Chandler. After Julie's graduation from Mesa Community College with an AD in Nursing, Dale and Julie were both employed at the same Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona. They had three daughters: Penny Layne, born October 24, 1982; Jonel Leigh born December 3, 1985 and Darti Lynae born March 20, 1989. All three girls were baptized at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Tempe, Arizona.

After Dale and Julie were divorced, Julie moved to Omaha, Nebraska with their daughters, while Dale remained in Arizona. Recently he moved to the Kansas City area where he is employed in Merriam, Kansas as a Nursing supervisor and has been active in assisting Kansas Veterans in obtaining health care. Dale is currently living with his brother, Dwight, in Lenexa, Kansas.

Dale's daughter, Penny Rossbach graduated from Xenon Cosmetician School in Omaha and from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, cum laude in 2009 with a degree in Business Administration. She lives in Bennington, Nebraska with her two children, Joseph Dylan and Lilian Mae along with Lilian's father, Jason Gardner. She is expecting her third child, Dale's third grandchild.

Jonel Rossbach graduated from Burke High School in Omaha where she excelled in running track, helping the Burke girls track team to achieve First in State. Upon graduation she attended Emporia State University in Kansas where she set track records for Emporia State as well as the conference MIAA. Jonel achieved All American three of her four years at Emporia and was a

National Champion in middle distance track. She graduated in 2008 with a double Bachelor's Degree in Science. Jonel met Luke Rodina, an Emporia State graduate, and they were married March 22, 2007 prior to her graduation. Luke is currently serving with the US Marine Corps. His is on his third deployment overseas. Jonel is living in Omaha with her mother while attending Nursing School to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Darti Rossbach, while attending Burke High School in Omaha, joined the ROTC program. After graduation, Darti enlisted in the US Army Reserve. After basic training she was deployed to Iraq to serve with Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008 -2009. Her battalion is stationed in Omaha. Darti is currently attending the University of Nebraska in Kearney while remaining with the US Army Reserve. *Submitted by Dale Rossbach*

Daniel Rossbach

Daniel was born November 30, 1946 in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. He moved to Benkelman, Nebraska in 1951 and attended school there until moving to Randolph in 1964. He attended high school there, graduating with the class of 1965. He attended Dana College and Kearney State College receiving his Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Social Science and Secondary Education.

From 1969-1971 he taught high school in Benkelman, Nebraska, before returning to graduate school in Kearney, Nebraska. He received his Master's Degree in Counseling and then worked as a therapist for the South Central Community Mental Health Center in Kearney.

He entered Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa in 1977, where he completed a four year program in 1981. His internship was served as a chaplain at the Methodist Medical Center of Illinois in Peoria, Illinois. Daniel was ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph by his brother, Rev. David Rossbach. He received a call to be the chaplain at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center in Cleveland, Ohio and worked there until accepting a position at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. MetroHealth is a 750 bed; level one trauma center with one of the busiest air ambulance services in the United States. It also serves as the safety net hospital for Cleveland and Dan has served as the Director of Pastoral Care since 1985. He has coached basketball for a number of years at Messiah Lutheran School, winning several conference tournament and state championships and has taken teams to a national tournament at Valparaiso University.

Over the years, he has been selected by a variety of organizations to travel to countries with a history of conflict. He went to Nicaragua in the midst of the contra war as a peace keeper with Witness for Peace. He traveled to Namibia one year after South Africa ended the system of apartheid and their brutal occupation of that country. His travel to Israel was specifically designed to learn about the ongoing struggle between the Palestinians

and the Israelis. He was asked to go to Slovakia to help emerging organizations learn about volunteerism – a concept that made little sense when the country was under Communist rule. In all instances he brought the story of their struggles back to the people in the Ohio area.

Dan has two daughters that were born in Cleveland. Rebekah Elizabeth was born September 1, 1983. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio and is currently a second grade teacher at Constellation School which is a charter school in Cleveland. Abigail Leigh was born June 30, 1987. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio and is currently working for Fathom SEO, a search engine marketing company located in Cleveland area. Both daughters excelled in athletics, competing in cross country, track and field, basketball and soccer throughout their high school careers. Along with their dad, they continue to look for new white water rafting adventures while enjoying Broadway shows together. They are a gift that makes each new day a treasure. *Submitted by Daniel Rossbach*

Darvin Dale Rossbach

Darvin was born in Benkelman, Nebraska on July 30, 1952. He attended schools in Benkelman and Randolph and pursued his higher education in Omaha at the University and Kearney State College in Kearney, Nebraska. Darvin played football, basketball and ran track in Randolph and was on the football team the year of 1968, when they were Lewis and Clark Champions.

Darvin and Salinda Kuhl were high school sweethearts, and they were married June 8, 1974 in Omaha, Nebraska. They made their home in Kearney where “Darty” attended school and worked part time and Sindy worked as a Registered Nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital, having graduated from St. Mary’s College in Omaha.

Darvin became ill and died March 28, 1977 at the age of 24. He is buried in rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Lake, Colorado. His brother, Rev. David Rossbach, officiated the graveside service. Darvin had worked in Grand Lake the summer between his junior and senior high school years at Randolph and he loved being in the mountains. When he expressed the desire to be buried there, the family made the pilgrimage over the mountain pass, when the ground was covered with snow, to bury, “Darty” in the mountains and forest he loved.

The inscription on his tombstone reads, “If only all the hands that reach could touch”. This symbolized the way “Darty” reached out as a Big Brother, when he lived in Kearney and so many other times in his life. *Submitted by Darlene E. Rossbach*

David and Lucille Rossbach

David Clark Rossbach was born in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, on May 28, 1939. He moved with his father and mother to Calgary, Alberta and then to Fort Wetaskiwin, Alberta. While his father served as Chaplain with the

Canadian Forces during World War II, David lived with his mother and grandparents in Dubuque, Iowa. When his father returned home the family moved to Lethbridge, Alberta where Pastor Walter Rossbach served a mission congregation of the American Lutheran church.

In 1951, David and his family moved to Benkelman, Nebraska where he finished high school in 1957. He attended Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa and Dana College, Blair, Nebraska graduating with his Bachelor’s of Arts Degree from Dana in 1961. In 1961, David enrolled in Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, graduating in 1965 with the Master of Divinity Degree, to become the third generation of Pastors in the American Lutheran Church.

It was while he was attending Wartburg Seminary that he met Lucille Zenker, a student at Wartburg College. While David completed his internship at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa, Lucille began her teaching career at East High School in Waterloo. David and Lucille were married at Redeemer Lutheran church in New England, North Dakota on June 29, 1965.

During David’s Seminary years in Dubuque he spent his summers as a Life Guard and Water Safety Instructor at Dubuque’s two municipal swimming pools. One of his high school summers was spent working with a wheat harvest crew cutting wheat from Texas to South Dakota.

On July 11, 1965, David was ordained into the parish ministry of the American Lutheran Church in St. John’s Lutheran Church, Randolph, Nebraska by his father. After his ordination, he and his wife, Lucille, moved to their first congregation in Gordon, Nebraska.

Lucille was born July 13, 1941 in Regent, North Dakota. She grew up on her family farm near Regent. Lucille graduated from Wartburg College with her Bachelor’s of Arts Degree in 1963. In 1985, she earned her Master’s Degree in Secondary Reading at the University of Northern Colorado. In 2002, Lucille graduated from Oxford, United Kingdom with a Master’s Degree in Literary Studies.

David and Lucille have three children: Kathryn Heidi born January 28, 1967 in Gordon, Nebraska; Christine Naomi born May 11, 1968 in Tecumseh, Nebraska and David John, born August 1, 1969 in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

In April 2005, David retired with Lucille in St. Francis, Kansas after serving congregations in Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas. David came out of retirement in 2007 to serve St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, Kansas. In 1996, Lucille began teaching for two community colleges, one in Kansas and the other in Colorado. *Submitted by David C. Rossbach*

Don and Janet Rossbach

Don was born December 15, 1955 in Benkelman, Nebraska and he attended schools in Benkelman and Randolph, moving to Randolph with his family in 1964. Don was blessed with a talent for running and while he was in school in Randolph, he won many first places in

the 100,220, and 440. He broke high school records and shares the Northeast Nebraska best time of 9.6 in the 100 year dash. He participated in Junior Olympics and won a place in the National Junior Olympics held in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 16, 1973. He was listed in the Prep All-American Basketball yearbook 1973-74.

Don continued to compete in the 100 and 220 during his years at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln and was named to the All-American Track and Field Team in 1976 and 1978 in the National College Division III held in Chicago, Illinois and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Beginning in 1971, Don competed in Cozad over the Memorial Day weekend and won Most Outstanding Athlete award most of the years he competed.

During his school years, Don worked in a grocery store, lumber yard and helped to mow the lawn and shovel snow at St. John's Lutheran Church.

He graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1978 and taught school and coached track in the Lincoln Public Schools. During the summer he worked for Burlington northern Railroad and became a full time employee as an agent/operator in 1979.

During this time, he met Janet Kahm who also worked for the railroad. Don and Janet were married on May 26, 1984, in Lincoln. Janet took a buy-out from the Burlington Northern to finish her undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska where she was named to the Dean's List each semester, graduating in 1987 with a Bachelor's of Art Degree in English. They made their first home in Lincoln where their son Daniel was born, June 5, 1990. They moved to Shawnee, Kansas in 1993 when Don was transferred to work at the Technical Training Center for Burlington Northern. Don has continued to work for Burlington Northern Santa Fe in Kansas City as a dispatcher. Janet is employed with the Johnson County Library, Shawnee Branch. Their son, Danny graduated from Shawnee Mission Northwest in 2009. During his school years he participated in band, theater, journalism, track and was a member of the National Honor society. Danny also was active in scouting where he achieved the rank of Eagle. He is currently attending the University of Kansas. *Submitted by Don Rossbach*

Douglas James and Barbara Rossbach

Douglas James Rossbach was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on April 13, 1942. His father became a Captain in the Canadian Army in November 1942, and Douglas and his brother David moved with their mother to the town of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada where their father was stationed before going overseas.

Douglas attended schools in Canada and the United States. He lived in Dubuque, Iowa with his grandmother, Ida Bolte, and attended two years at the University of Dubuque, transferring to Dana College, Blair, Nebraska where he graduated with a degree in Secondary Education so that he could teach English and Spanish.

Douglas met Barbara Brown while he was attending high school in Benkelman, Nebraska and she was attending high school in a neighboring town of Max, Nebraska. They were married in Zion Lutheran Church, Benkelman, Nebraska on July 14, 1963.

Douglas and Barbara live in Humboldt, Iowa where Douglas taught high school English and beginning Spanish. Barbara was a loan officer at Hawkeye Bank in Humboldt, having also worked in a bank in Stratton, Nebraska.

Douglas has taken acting parts in the Community Theater in Humboldt, and has served on the church council at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Humboldt.

They have spent much time in Randolph, the longest being the time Douglas helped paint the house in which his mother lived.

As of January 2010, Douglas and Barbara continue to live in their home in Humboldt, Iowa. Retiring early gave them the opportunity to spend more time with their parents. Doug retired from his position as a Secondary Education English and Spanish teacher at the Humboldt Community School District in Humboldt, Iowa in 2001, after 33 years of teaching. His wife, Barbara, retired from her position as the Senior Investment Representative at Mercantile Investment Service in 1998 after 37 years in the banking and investment business. *Submitted by Douglas Rossbach*

Dwight Dee Rossbach

Dwight was born September 23, 1957 in Benkelman, Nebraska and was the eighth child in the family and the seventh son. He started second grade in Randolph, having attended kindergarten and first grade in Benkelman, Nebraska.

Dwight played football, basketball and competed in track while in high school. He graduated from Randolph high School in 1975. He attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and graduated with a degree in English and Spanish in 1988. He taught high school and coached football and basketball for twelve years.

Dwight married Mary Mead of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1991. Mary was born with Cystic Fibrosis and died in 2004 during a lung transplant operation in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dwight is currently living in Lenexa, Kansas and is working for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. *Submitted by Dwight D. Rossbach*

Walter and Darlene Rossbach

The Rossbachs came to Randolph, Nebraska in 1964. In the family were seven sons, David, Douglas, Daniel, Dale, Darwin, Don, Dwight and one daughter, Darlene Ida. They brought with them one white rabbit, one "yaller" dog, and a mother cat and five baby kittens whose eyes were not yet open. As the men unloaded the van of furniture, the mother cat walked beside them carrying a kitten until she had all five tucked safely into a closet in the house.

Walter Rossbach was born in Stuttgart, Kansas, lived in Missouri and attended Wartburg Academy, College and Seminary in Iowa. His father came to America in 1900 to attend Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Walter's father was a Lutheran pastor in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. His family background was Saxon and he had the family characteristics of black hair, a red beard and blue eyes.



Walter and Darlene Rossbach

Walter met Darlene Bolte in Dubuque, Iowa and they were married in St. Sebald Lutheran Church, Strawberry Point, Iowa in June 1938. They traveled to North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, where Walter was pastor of three parishes. When they arrived, they had 50 cents between them, an old suitcase tied with binder twine, a trunk in the baggage car of the train and high hopes!!!

In Canada, they lived in three provinces: Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, where Walter preached to congregations in both German and English. During World War II, English became the dominant language, but after the war, German returned, as the refugees began to arrive. Walter met the trains and brought the families to the parsonage where Darlene provided comfort and food.

Their first child, David, was born in March, 1939 in Brandon, Manitoba and Douglas was born in April 1942 in Calgary, Alberta. Walter served as Chaplain in the Canadian Army from 1942 to 1946 and was stationed in England, Germany, Holland, France and Belgium. During this time the two boys and Darlene lived in Dubuque with Albert and Ida Bolte, Darlene's parents. After the war, in 1946, the family returned to Canada where Daniel and Dale were born. They moved to Benkelman, Nebraska in 1951, where they lived for thirteen years and where the four youngest children, Darwin, Darlene, Don and Dwight were born.

During the Rossbachs' thirty-eight years in the ministry, there were three dedications of buildings, the last being the addition at St. John's in Randolph. Also two sons, David and Daniel were ordained into the ministry at St. John's.

All of the children attended schools of higher learning, earning degrees in their fields of work: Teaching, nursing, counseling, psychiatry, social work and ministry. They live in Ohio, Iowa, California and Kansas.

Darlene (Bolte) Rossbach was born on a farm overlooking the Mississippi in Gordon's Ferry, Iowa on December 16, 1920. Her father, Albert, courted her mother, Ida Studier, by rowing across the Mississippi from Iowa to Illinois. Ida made her home with the Rossbachs a few years prior to her death on August 30, 1976. Darlene remained in Randolph after the death of Walter on December 18, 1976, and the death of their son, Darwin, March 28, 1977.

Darlene worked at the Colonial manor in Randolph as Activities and Social Services Director for five and one-half years, beginning in 1977 and was a member of the Colonial Manor Auxiliary. She continued to stay active in the Randolph community as a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the Senior Citizens Center, and was instrumental in establishing the Randolph Food Pantry. As a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, she taught Sunday School for over forty years, served on the church council, was president of the Women's organization in the congregation and conference and served on the District Board for the women. She was a delegate to the National Church Convention in Minneapolis. She served on the Synod committee, attended Bible Study group and helped with quilting and other activities at the church. For part of three summers, she camped at Weigand in Yankton, South Dakota and helped with the Lewis and Clark Lake Ministry. She continued to enrich her life through continuing education classes. Three things that remained constant were: her faith; her sense of volunteering to help others; and a lifelong endeavor to continue to learn as much as she could.

Darlene moved to the Colonial Manor Nursing Home, March 24, 2004 and passed away peacefully at the Colonial Manor on November 11, 2008 while drinking her second cup of morning coffee.

The Rossbachs' lives were touched by wars and the depression, life in two countries, many nationalities, congregation members and always God's uplifting hands! Submitted by Darlene E. Rossbach and Don Rossbach

Rick and Vickie Ryan



Rick and Vickie Ryan Family

Rick and Vickie (Caster) Ryan live in Sioux Center, Iowa. Rick is retired from teaching in the high school, and Vickie is currently employed by Pella Windows in Sioux Center. Rick now works mornings at the Shell convenience store in Sioux Center to keep him busy and Vickie happy.

They have four children. Aric and friend Kerry live in Bettendorf, Iowa. Aric graduated from Wayne State College and taught for several years. He is now in the roofing business, and in his spare time he likes to golf and does some DJing in the quad cities. Crystal graduated from Iowa State and works for the Woodbury County Jail as a correctional officer. She too loves to golf in her spare time. She partners with her Mom on two different golf leagues in the summer. Toni graduated from Iowa State and is presently teaching at Hampton High School in Hampton Virginia. She lives in Newport News, Virginia along with her two daughters Morgan and Malyna. Morgan is in the sixth grade and Malyna is two and one-half years old. They do not miss the Iowa winters with the snow and cold! Bridget is a sophomore at Creighton University in Omaha, in pre-med. She stays very active in the college life and certainly enjoys what Omaha has to offer.

Rick and Vickie love to travel and visit their granddaughters and spoil them. In the summer you will find Rick golfing, enjoying his 1960 Impala, and grilling for everyone.

Henry and Odelia Sauser



Henry and Odelia Sauser Family

Henry Sauser was born on March 6, 1905, at McLean, Nebraska and lived at Randolph until 1910, when the family moved to O'Neill. The family moved back to Randolph in 1915. He had five brothers and two sisters: Nick, Al, Leonard "Slim", Arnold "Fat", Herb, Mary and Loretta (twins). The family lived on a farm by Randolph and Hank finished his schooling at St. Frances School in 1918.

Odelia Hosch was born September 15, 1902 at Randolph. She had five brothers: Hilary, Joe, Arnold, Matt and Carl and two sisters, Catherine and Helen. Her family lived in the Randolph area all of their lives.

Hank and Odelia were friends from childhood. Odelia finished school at St. Frances in 1917. They were married at St. Frances Catholic Church on January 12, 1932. Hank and Odelia farmed two and one-half miles north of town on the Martin Aegerter farm until 1941. In 1941 they moved to the Charley Howell farm three and one-half miles north of Randolph, where they farmed until 1948 when they bought the farm one mile north of Randolph. The Sausers farmed there until their retirement in 1966, when they purchased the Jess Anderson house at 210 East Jackson Street in Randolph.

The following children were born to the union of Hank and Odelia, three boys and three girls: Dorothy born December 24, 1932, she married Art Winze (February 12, 1932) on October 11, 1956; Elizabeth (Jean) born July 16, 1934, she married Jed Holmes (December 21, 1931) on June 16, 1955; John (Jack) born February 3, 1936, he married Mary Schmeits (December 31, 1943) on June 17, 1967; Helen born February 3, 1937, she married Cecil Bartolomei (September 30, 1931) on October 30, 1965; Jerald born March 10, 1940, he married Nancy Van Slyke (April 14, 1946) on December 28, 1965; Roy was born January 14, 1944, he married Verna Demont (October 30, 1946) on December 13, 1969, they later divorced.

Hank and Odelia were very active in the St. Frances Church for many years. Hank was active in Foresters and was an usher for the church for many years. He was on the cemetery board for ten years when he was succeeded by his wife. Odelia was active in Guild for over fifty years and was an officer in the Lady Foresters for over 28 years. She was on the Colonial Manor Auxiliary since its founding. She was also a sacristan since 1971. Odelia's hobby was quilting and sewing. Everyone in her family is enjoying her quilts.

Henry died April 23, 1989 at the age of 84. Odelia died October 26, 1991 at the age of 89. They were loved and cherished by their family and numerous friends.

Submitted by Nancy and Jerry Sauser

Randolph Trivia Questions

- Q – What 1886 Pioneer served more than thirty years as city marshal?
- A – James Carroll was the 1886 pioneer who served more than thirty years as city marshal.
- Q – Who was the avid baseball fan who had his own little seat perched on top of the board fence from which he could watch the game?
- A – The popular town tailor, Harry Burke, was the baseball fan who had his own seat on top of the board fence so he could watch the game.