

Dwayne and Gladys Van Auker



BACK: Jan, Butch, Cindy, Diane FRONT: Dwayne, Gladys

Dwayne Van Auker and Gladys Tietgen of Sholes were married in 1942 in Yuma, Arizona. They had four children: Eugene, Diane, Janet and Cynthia. They were blessed with nine grandchildren.

Dwayne is the son of Ralph and Edna (White) Van Auker. Dwayne's siblings were: Leo, Irene and Clair (Lefty).

After being in the US Navy for three years during World War II, Dwayne and Gladys lived in Wayne, Nebraska, until 1957 when they returned to Randolph. Dwayne worked at the Randolph Creamery and then for Kansas-Nebraska Gas Company for fifteen years. He also worked at Jerry's Hilltop Service.

Gladys worked at Edna's Beauty Shop and also the West Side Café before her marriage. After returning to Randolph in 1957, she worked as a waitress or cook in the café in town until she became bookkeeper for the Randolph Creamery. When the creamery was sold she began work at Carhart Lumber Company as bookkeeper on a part-time basis. She also managed Butch and Scotty's bar and worked part-time during their ownership for three years.

Gladys is the daughter of Hans and Cecilia (Kruse) Tietgen and graduated from the Sholes High School in 1936. Her sister, Irene Ehrhardt and four of her brothers; Grant, Alvin, Wayne and Lee Tietgen, all graduated from Sholes High School. Her youngest brother, Don, graduated at Wayne, Nebraska. Their father, Hans Tietgen, was Sheriff of Wayne County for fourteen years. Their mother, Cecilia (Kruse) Tietgen, passed away in 1940 and their father in 1958. With their guidance and love the whole family learned that you have to work to attain your goals in life, and to be friends as well as families.

Dwayne passed away September 17, 1997 and Gladys passed away March 18, 2005.

Eugene Van Auker

Eugene Lee (Butch) Van Auker was born July 19, 1948 in Wayne, Nebraska to Dwayne and Gladys (Tietgen) Van Auker. He was the third of four children. He lived in Wayne until the age of seven when his family moved to Randolph. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1966.

After graduation he joined the United States Navy Sea Bees. He served in Viet Nam from November 1967 to December 1968.

He married Pamela Weyhrich at Oxnard, California in 1967. The couple had two children: Shane Michael born March 15, 1968. Shane passed away September 9, 1976; and Heather Lea born March 2, 1972. Heather has a son, Tyler Shane, who was born March 9, 2009. Eugene was divorced from Pamela in 1976.

On June 25, 1983, Eugene married Paulette Fassler Sarno in Omaha. They had a daughter, Heidi Jo on November 6, 1986.

"Butch" had a successful career in the tire business, working for Firestone, Cenex and Bauer Built. He retired in 2002. Butch and Polly currently live in Lake City, Minnesota. *Submitted by Eugene (Butch) Van Auker*

Van Slyke Family

The Van Slyke's are of Holland ancestry. The name has not always been spelled the same. Originally it was "Van Slijk".

Sylvanus Van Slyke, born in 1840, married Mary Stover. They resided in Iowa. Sylvanus and Mary had five children: Charles, William, Lulu (May), Gertrude (Renshaw), and Minnie (Parmley). Charles and Lulu (Mrs. Marion May) resided at Randolph. William lived at McLean, Nebraska and the two youngest girls lived elsewhere.

Charles was born June 18, 1965 in Iowa and spent his boyhood days near his birthplace. In 1881, he moved with his parents and brother, William, to Anita, Iowa. In December 1891, he met and married Mary Charles (September 30, 1872-January 17, 1965) and in 1902 they moved to the Randolph area.

Charles and Mary had seven children: Scott (1892), William (1893), Winnie, Frank (1898), Gladys Brown (1900), Dorothy and Velma. Dorothy and Velma died as babies and Winnie died as a young girl. On July 11, 1911, at the age of 46, Charles died of stomach cancer and left Mary the task of providing for her family. The boys did the farming until 1914, when Mary moved the family to Randolph. The children grew up and married. Many people knew Mary as "Grandma Van". *Submitted by Nancy (Van Slyke) Sauser*

Marlin and Patricia Van Slyke

Marlin and Patricia Van Slyke made their home in rural Randolph after marrying in 1969. Marlin was born and raised in Randolph and after attending an electronics school in Kansas City, he worked for the Kansas-

Nebraska Natural Gas Company. He enlisted in the Navy in 1964. He started farming in 1969 with his father, Marvin, southwest of Randolph.



BACK: Maggie, Tony, Joanna, FRONT: Marlin, Pat, Karin, Janine

Pat grew up in Crofton. After their marriage, she was active with their farm operation, especially the dairy end. She is glad that is not part of their life now. They are parents of Tony of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is a press operator for Sioux Printing there. Karin is married to David Paasch and they live near West Point, Nebraska with their three children. Janine lives in Ankeny, Iowa and is married to Ahmed Choudhury. They are the parents of two boys. Maggie married Randy Korth and they live south of Randolph. They have four sons. That leaves Joanna who lives in Randolph with her husband, Josh Rayford and two sons. Penny Jo died in 1979 at the age of seven. Her death was the result of a farm accident.

In 1981, Marlin started working for the Post Office. He worked at several surrounding offices and then was appointed Post Master for the Belden, Nebraska office. They decided to quit actively farming at this time. They moved to Randolph in 1989. Change always requires a lot of adjustment, but they feel the move to Randolph was a wonderful way to live their lives. Marlin has served many years on the Randolph City Council. He is very active with the VFW and served as an EMT for several years. He also was on the golf course's founding board.

Pat has done daycare in their home since their move to Randolph. The years have come and gone and they really add up when you realize you are watching little ones born to people you watched many years ago. She is an active member of St. Frances Church. Pat was on the original building committee for the Lied Library and is especially proud of the committee's accomplishment.

Marlin has retired from the Post Office and now drives a tour bus. It is just enough to keep him busy and not feel like he has a real job! They also enjoy their grandchildren. They are lucky enough to have five grandchildren living here in Randolph. Pat's time is spent

with the grandkids and golfing. She really enjoys the golf course.

*Congratulations Randolph: A great place to call home.
Submitted by Marlin and Pat Van Slyke*

Marvin and Evelyn Van Slyke



Marlin, Nancy, Marvin, Evelyn, Paul, Tom Van Slyke

Marvin LeRoy Van Slyke, the oldest of four children, was born to Scott and Margaret (Lenhoff) Van Slyke, February 15, 1917 at Randolph. His parents farmed north of Randolph and Marvin and his brothers Lowell and Russell and his sister Marianne attended country school. When it was time for high school, his parents moved south of Randolph and west of Sholes. The boys walked to school in Randolph and Marianne went to grade school in Sholes.

In high school Marvin participated in track meets. He excelled in the one mile and half mile runs, winning many ribbons. He received some of his training by running from home to school and back home after school.

He graduated from Randolph High School in 1935. After graduating he went to work for various farmers as a hired man. He met Evelyn Catherine Thieman in 1938. They were married September 24, 1940 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph.

Evelyn was the second youngest of nine children born to Theodore and Anna (Olberding) Thieman, on her parent's farm one and one half miles north of Randolph, February 26, 1920. She received her education at St. Frances Catholic School. After completing her schooling she did domestic work, clerked in a drug store in Randolph and helped her parents on the farm.

After their marriage, Marvin and Evelyn lived in Randolph one year where he was employed at Home Oil Station. The next two years he worked as a farm hand until 1944, when they started farming on their own. After six years and three moves they settled in 1950 on the farm southwest of Randolph. They called this home for 24 years. The farm is now owned by their son Marlin, his wife Pat and their family.

In 1974 Marvin and Evelyn retired from the farm and moved into Randolph to a home bought from Clara Kreiger. They operated the Van Slyke Insurance Agency from their home for 14 years, starting the agency while still on the farm.

They celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary in 1980, with the help of their children, relatives and many friends.

Four children were born to this couple:

Marlin Francis born May 12, 1943, was in the Navy for four years. He married Patricia Kramer, April 26, 1969. Their children are: Anthony Francis born July 15, 1970; Penny Jo born February 20, 1972, she died March 2, 1979; Karin Sue born May 24, 1973; Janine Ann born September 26, 1974; Margaret Mary born February 28, 1978; and Joanna Kay born October 11, 1981.

Thomas Scott was born September 3, 1944, was in the Navy for four years. He married Marianne Jones, July 29, 1970. They have two children: Jeffrey Thomas born March 20, 1971 and Christine Marie born March 7, 1974. Thomas and Marianne divorced. He married Janice Lunzman, October 22, 1982. Janice has two daughters: Elizabeth Janet Lunzman, born March 14, 1975; and Nikoline Lunzman, born August 1, 1977. Thomas and Janice live in Blair, Nebraska with their four children.

Nancy Ann, born April 14, 1946, married Jerald Sauser, December 28, 1965. They lived twenty years in Randolph, then moved to Coldwater, Kansas for three years and now live in Hill City, Kansas. Their children are Scott Gerald born August 8, 1967; Ann Marie born November 30, 1968; and Brian David, born April 15, 1970.

Paul Marvin was born August 17, 1948, was in the Army four years. He married Cheryl Hoffman, May 23, 1992. They reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marvin and Evelyn loved to frequently visit their children and play with the grandchildren. Evelyn was blessed to meet two great-grandchildren before her death. Marvin loved to travel, visit with people and especially liked to play cards with the gang until his sudden death from a heart attack, November 4, 1982, at the age of 65.

Evelyn also loved to travel and read good books. She also was active in the St. Frances Church Guild and Senior citizens Center until her death, June 24, 1994.
Submitted by Nancy and Jerry Sauser

Russell and Rita Van Slyke

Rita Winkelbauer, daughter of Frank and Othelia (Meyer) Winkelbauer, was born July 17, 1922 and had five brothers and five sisters. Their "home place" was what was recently known as the "Miller Honey Farm" west of Randolph. Rita attended St. Frances school. All of her childhood days were during the Depression. Their recreation consisted of visiting relatives, free movies in McLean and going to town on Saturday night. The drought was bad and depressing for everyone.

Rita graduated from St. Frances in 1939. By that time, she had met Russell Van Slyke. His parents were Scott and Margaret (Lenhoff) Van Slyke.

Russell was born February 23, 1920 and had two brothers and one sister. Russell's parents farmed near Randolph. He attended country school and graduated

from Randolph High in 1937. When Rita first met Russell, he worked at Wattier's Grocery Store and Rita was apprenticing at Frieda's Beauty Shop, after which she obtained her cosmetology license. The West Randolph Ballroom was a "popular spot" while they dated. The best bands played there, and drew huge crowds from all over northeast Nebraska.

December of 1941 and Pearl Harbor changed every aspect of their lives. Most young men either enlisted or were drafted into the Armed Forces. Russell enlisted in the Air Force, January 1942. Besides everyone's loved ones leaving, many items were rationed: gas, tires, sugar, shoes, etc.

After working in Omaha for a short time, Rita returned to Randolph and opened a beauty shop.

On October 5, 1944, Russell and Rita were married at St. Frances Church in Randolph. Russell was stationed in Waycross, Georgia. They lived in Georgia until Russell was sent overseas the following summer. After being discharged on January 7, 1946, Russell returned to work at the Home Oil Co. where he continued to work until 1984.

Rita re-established her beauty salon, "Rita's Beauty Shop", in 1958 and continued working until her health deteriorated. Russell also worked at West Side Service, and took care of the buses at the Randolph Public Schools.

Russell is a member of the American Legion, and the VFW and was a member of the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department from 1948 until 1985, serving as Fire Chief several years. Rita was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and St. Frances Guild.

They have lived in their present home at 517 E Jackson for 59 years. The home was built by H. L. Peck in 1902. Rita passed away in March 2008. Russell continues to live in their home.

Their children are: Dallas who was married to Rose Ann Puchalla. Rose Ann has passed away and Dallas re-married Nona Svem. They live at Oregon, Illinois; Leon married Kathy Bratt. Kathy passed away and Leon continues to live in Lincoln; Marsha married Paul Eddie and they live in Wahoo; Craig lives in Denton; Randy married Lori Sauser and they live in Rifle, Colorado; Gail married Connie Reed and they live in Eagle, Nebraska; and Dan married Connie May and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Russ and Rita have 17 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. *Submitted by Marsha Eddie*

Scott and Maggie Van Slyke

Scott Van Slyke (February 27, 1892-July 9, 1957) married Margaret Lenhoff (October 22, 1896-May 3, 1987) in February 21, 1916. Scott farmed in the Randolph area for about 30 years before moving into town. He then took a job with the Galvin Implement Co. for nearly 11 years before his death in 1957. Maggie passed away in 1987.



Scott and Maggie Van Slyke Family

Scott and Maggie had four children:

Marvin (February 15, 1917-November 4, 1982); he married Evelyn Thieman (February 26, 1920-June 24, 1994) on September 24, 1940.

Lowell (October 1, 1918-October 9, 2002); he married Darlene Manzer on June 26, 1942. They divorced and he later married Marjorie Kent (April 11, 1922) on August 3, 1963.

Russell (February 23, 1920); he married Rita Winkelbauer (July 17, 1923-March 29, 2008) on October 5, 1944.

Marianne (March 28, 1926); she married Norbert Olberding (January 23, 1919-April 12, 2006) on September 15, 1952.

Vernon and Frances Viergutz

Vernon, the son of Lewis and Laura (Koepp) Viergutz, was born in Pierce County, Nebraska. His father, Lewis was born in Pierce County and his mother was born in Madison County, Nebraska. All of his grandparents were born in America. His great-grandparents migrated from Germany and Wales. The family farmed in Pierce and Cedar Counties before moving to Randolph in 1931. Vernon graduated from Randolph High School and was employed at Sherwood Market before entering the service in September, 1942. His tour of duty ended December 3, 1945.

Frances, the daughter of Frank and Anna (Meehan) Stegge, was born in Randolph. Her father was born in Pocahontas, Iowa and her mother was born in West Virginia, coming to Iowa in a covered wagon at an early age. Her grandparents came from Ireland and Germany. Frances graduated from St. Frances High School and attended Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa and Wayne State College. Before her marriage she was employed at the First State Bank in Randolph.

Vernon and Frances were married on January 12, 1943 at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado.

After settling in Randolph, Vernon was again employed at the Sherwood Market until 1953 when he entered

employment at the First State Bank. In 1958, he was elected Vice-President and in 1960 was elected President of the bank. He remained in this position until his death in December of 1998. Frances passed away in March of 1997.

Vernon and Frances were the parents of four children, Susan, Patricia, Daniel and Mark.

All four graduated from either St. Frances High School or Randolph High School.

Susan attended Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. In 1967, she married Dennis Kollars of Randolph. They are the parent of two daughters and four grandchildren. Dennis and Susan remained in the Randolph area, where Dennis farmed and Susan practiced nursing until their retirement in 2001. They remain living on their farm.



Vernon and Frances Viergutz

Patricia attended Briar Cliff College and Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. In 1969, she married Frederick Verzani of Sioux City. They are the parents of one son and two daughters and have 5 grandchildren. They reside in Helena, Montana where they own and operate Montana Flag and Pole Company.

Daniel, after graduation, enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He was discharged on July 4, 1971. Dan attended Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, the University of Omaha and Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado. In 1982, he married Deborah Wingate of Findlay, Ohio. They have a son and a daughter, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mark graduated from Pipestone Voc-Tech Banking School at Pipestone, Minnesota. He then worked for five years at the Toy National Bank, Sioux City. He returned to school and in 1984 received a degree in Theatre Arts from Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. He also attended graduate school at the University of Missouri. In, 1990, he married Julia Fieldhouse of Chicago, at Randolph. They

are the parents of two children. They reside in Helena, Montana, where Mark is employed at Mountain West Bank and Julia at Carroll College. *Submitted by Susan Kollars*

David and Judy Walz



Jeremy, Jessica, Dave and Judy Walz

David Walz was born on May 2, 1958, in Osmond, Nebraska to Henry and Dorothy Walz. He attended Randolph Public Schools and graduated from Randolph High School in May 1976.

David married Judy Johnson, from Lincoln, Nebraska, in March 1981. Judy is the daughter of Glenn and Marilyn Johnson from Garden City, Kansas.

David graduated from University of Nebraska at Lincoln in May 1982 with a Masters Degree in Geology. He started working for Mobil Oil Company in Dallas, Texas in June 1982. In January 1984, he was transferred to New Orleans, Louisiana. They lived in Slidell, Louisiana, a New Orleans suburb.

Their son, Jeremy, was born on November 4, 1982, in Dallas, Texas. He attended Slidell Louisiana Public Schools and graduated from Slidell High School in May 2000. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in December 2004, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Jeremy started at the University of Birmingham in June 2005, and graduated with a Doctor of Optometry degree in May 2009. He currently works as a Resident Doctor at the VA Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Their daughter, Jessica, was born on April 26, 1986, in Slidell, Louisiana. She attended Slidell Louisiana Public Schools and graduated from Slidell High School in May 2004. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in December 2008, with a Bachelor of Science in Education. In August 2010, Jessica graduated with a Master of Science in Education. She is teaching third grade in Forest County Public Schools in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

David has worked for several oil companies over the years but all have been in the New Orleans area. Judy and

David now live in Covington, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans. *Submitted by David Walz*

Henry and Dorothy Walz



Dorothy Walz with her children

Henry (Hank) was born September 20, 1926. His parents were Henry F. and Margaret (Brink) Walz. He had one younger brother, James and a younger sister, Ruth (Jochum). Dorothy was born March 26, 1928 to John and Helen (Tanner) Dufphey. She had an older brother, Don and older sister, Laura (Allison). They grew up in Battle Creek, Nebraska. Hank graduated from Battle Creek High in 1944 and Dorothy graduated in 1946. Hank attended St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota and Dorothy attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska.

Their first child, Michael, was born in 1950 and passed away at the age of six of leukemia. Hank and Dorothy had six more children. Barbara, married Jerome Thompson and they have two children, Dan and Laura. They live in Kearney, Nebraska. Jean married Bob Hampton and they have four children, Lisa (Cerutti), Tim, Jill and Sam. They live in Blue Springs, Missouri. Cathy is married to Kevin Kuhl and their children are Sarah, Nicole (ByLander), and Christopher. They live in Yankton, South Dakota. Dave married Judy Johnson and they have two children, Jeremy and Jessica. They reside in Covington, Louisiana. Tim married Margaret Ybanez and they live in Corpus Christi, Texas with their children: Devin, William and Olivia. John is single and lives in Ashland, Nebraska.

In 1952, Hank and Dorothy purchased the Randolph Hatchery from his uncle, Frank. In 1968, we changed the name of our business to the Farm and Home Center and added a hardware line. We eventually quit the chicken business and went entirely to hardware. Hank had heart trouble and after having a three-way bypass, decided to further his education and was accepted at Hazelden to train to be an alcohol and drug counselor. He continued to have heart problems, and after a failed heart transplant, died in 1986. Dorothy continued to manage the store until she sold it in 1992. She continues to live in Randolph

where she enjoys golf, bowling and playing bridge as well as doing some traveling. *Submitted by Dorothy Walz*

John Walz

John Walz, son of Henry and Dorothy Walz, graduated from Randolph High School in 1987. After graduation, John moved to Kearney, Nebraska where he attended college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. John worked for the city of Kearney while attending college and graduated from UNK the summer of 1994. After college he took a job with a local manufacturing company, where he worked for approximately six years. In December of 2000, John moved to Ashland, Nebraska and currently works for an environmental consulting company in Omaha. *Submitted by John Walz*

Tim and Margaret Walz



William, Devin, Olivia, Margaret, Tim Walz

Tim Walz was born on January 9, 1960 to Henry and Dorothy Walz of Randolph Nebraska. His siblings are: Barb Walz Thompson; Jean Walz Hampton; Cathy Walz Kuhl; Michael; Dave and John Walz.

Tim graduated from Randolph High School in 1978 and continued his education at Creighton University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy in 1983. This led to work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha and Lincoln General Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In 1984, Tim applied and was accepted to attend the University of Houston College of Optometry in Houston, Texas where he received a Doctorate of Optometry in 1988. While working at Houston Northwest Medical Center, he met a registered nurse named Margaret Ybanez, who became his best friend and wife. They were married in Corpus Christi, Texas in May of 1989 and have lived in Houston and San Antonio. They currently reside in Corpus Christi, Texas with their three children: Devin Leigh 19, William Henry 16 and Olivia Rose 9. Tim has a successful optometry practice in Corpus Christi that he opened in 1992. *Submitted by Tim Walz*

Betty Lou Wattier

Betty Lou Schlueter was born in Stanton County to Agnes (Schilling) and Leonard Schlueter on January 24, 1925. When she was just three years old, her parents moved to Pierce, where her father was a rural mail-carrier, and her mother worked in a local café. Her sister, Gale, was born three years later.

Betty Lou attended Zion Lutheran School in Pierce until the 8th grade, and then she attended Pierce High School where graduated in May 1943.

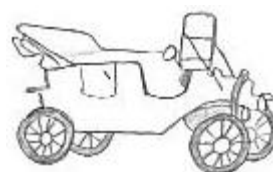


Betty and Art Wattier Family

Her parents moved to Norfolk that same spring, so she went to work at the Norfolk Daily News, until she was married to Art Wattier on January 7, 1947. Art was born July 17, 1927 to Clara (Book) and Clovis Wattier. He attended St. Frances School in Randolph until the eighth grade when he had to stay home to help his parents. Art and Betty lived on his parent's farm, which they later purchased from Art's parents when his parents retired and moved into Randolph.

Art and Betty have five children: Kathy living in Orange, California, Jack living in Norfolk, Nebraska, Jane living in Belden, Nebraska where she and her husband own and operate the Down Home Bar and Grill; Karla who is a pilot and lives in Valencia, California and Scott living in Randolph where he and his wife own and operate two hardware stores in Randolph and Laurel. Betty has ten grandchildren, six boys and four girls and have seven great grandchildren.

Art passed away suddenly at his home in Belden on September 25, 1988. Betty currently lives in Randolph and enjoys helping out at her son's hardware store in Laurel; going to the Senior Center for dinners; attending Mass at St. Frances on Sundays; and going on long walks when weather permits. *Submitted by Betty Lou Wattier*



Byron and Caroline Wattier



Byron and Caroline Wattier Family

Byron Wattier, a lifetime resident of Randolph, was born on August 4, 1904, the oldest child of Clovis Wattier and Clara (Book) Wattier. He had six brothers: Leo (deceased), Walt (deceased), Carl (deceased), Paul, Art (deceased) and Vincent; and one sister, Alice (Wattier) Dominisse.

Caroline (Borgmann) Wattier, the oldest daughter of Henry Borgmann and Elizabeth (Becker) Borgmann, was born on July 26, 1914, in Osmond, Nebraska. She had six brothers: Al, Hubert (deceased), Pete (deceased), Johnny (deceased), also two brothers who died in infancy; and two sisters, Elnora (Borgmann) Reding (deceased) and Angela (Borgmann) Craven (deceased).

Byron and Caroline were married June 2, 1938, in Osmond.

During their first year of marriage Caroline was struck with tuberculosis of the retina. After months of bed rest and T.B. shots, Caroline regained her eye sight in the right eye but only partial vision in her left eye.

Byron sold insurance for State Auto and Equitable Life of Iowa. Farming their land located two and one-half miles southwest of Randolph was his full-time job. Byron was a board member of the Pierce County Soil Conservation District. In October of 1961 Byron appeared on the cover of "Farm Weekly" discussing conservation farming. He was an area winner in the 1961 program for Permanent Agriculture. Byron was the leader of the St. Frances Soil Conservation 4-H Club, around 1953 in which his three sons were active.

Caroline was a member of St. Frances Choir for nearly 20 years. She was a member of Circle 3 of St. Frances since its beginning and a member of Kountry Klub for over 40 years.

The Oliver tractor Byron and Caroline used for farming had converted wheels from lugs to rubber. After purchasing the Oliver tractor, they continued to use their horses, King and Nellie, for picking corn. The horses were also used for fun things like pulling the hood of a car full of kids over the snow. The horses were sold in 1959. They raised cattle, hogs and chickens for market. The

family farm produced mainly corn, oats, soybeans, alfalfa, potatoes, and sorghum until Byron and Caroline retired to the town of Randolph.

In their 36 years of marriage, Byron and Caroline raised nine sons: Donald, Clarence, David, Vernon, Archie, Dennis, Edward, Douglas and Wayne, and two daughters, Mary Rose and Bonnie. All 11 children attended St. Frances School until its closing in 1970. The youngest three finished their education at Randolph High School.

The oldest child, Don, has two children, Shawn and Julie. Don once owned the Randolph Laundromat Building with rental apartments above. He worked for Western Typewriter in Norfolk, Nebraska until struck with cancer in 1983. He died on February 11, 1986. His son Shawn Wattier married Amy (Gall) Wattier in 1995 and lives in Silver Creek, Nebraska. Shawn sells insurance and raises cattle, while his wife is a math teacher and sports coach. They have four children: Samantha (age 15), Beau (age 12), Maximillian (age 8) and Sidonia (age 3). Don's daughter Julie (Wattier) Schaecher married Brian Schaecher in 1998. Julie is a nurse and Brian is a farmer in Madison, Nebraska. They have five children: Tyler and Austin (age 20), Cody (age 19), Colton (age 12) and Claire (age 10).

Clarence married Patricia (Wanke) Wattier in 1961. Clarence is retired as superintendent of the Seward Electrical Department at Seward, Nebraska and Pat is retired from the school lunch program. They have seven children: Sandra, Darryl, Sherry, Glenn, Cindy, Mark and Matthew. The eldest daughter, Sandra (Wattier) Kortje, married David Kortje in 1984. They live in Benton, Kansas where David is a doctor and Sandra helps in his office and babysits her grandchild. They have four children: Alisha (age 21) who is studying at Wichita State University and has one child Landon (age 1), Caleb (age 17), Joshua (passed away at age 3 in 1996), and Josiah (age 14).

Darryl Wattier lives in Seward, Nebraska, where he works for Rural Electric as a lineman. He has two children, Kary, (age 19) who attends trade school in Hastings, and Izabella (age 4). Byron and Caroline's Oliver tractor was overhauled by Darryl when he was 15 years old and is exhibited in fairs and parades.

Sherry Wattier lives in Omaha, Nebraska and works at UPS in sales. She has two daughters, Shelsie (age 25), who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa and works as a groomer in a veterinarian's office, and Natasha (age 20), who works for Pepsi and attends school.

Glenn Wattier married Terri (Larsen) Wattier in 1990. Glenn is an Army major who is currently training troops for Afghanistan. Terri is a special education paraprofessional in the Malcolm Schools. They have four children: Taren (age 11), Aubrey and Brealynn (age 10), and Gabrielle (age 8). Their family lives in Raymond, Nebraska.

Their fourth child, Cindy (Wattier) Wright, married Kirk Wright in Seward in 2005. Cindy is a respiratory

therapist at The Medical Center and Kirk is a culinary person at the Council Bluffs Casino. They make their home in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Mark and Matthew Wattier are twins. Mark married Christina (Aulner) Wattier in 2007. Mark is a lineman for the City of Seward. Both he and his wife serve in the Nebraska National Guard Army Division and have served in Iraq. They live in Seward. Matthew, who lives in Lincoln and is in the Nebraska National Guard Air Force Division, has served on a U. S.-based support team for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Byron and Caroline's son, David, married Sherry (Parker) Wattier in 1970. David retired from Offut Air Force Base and is now a maintenance manager at St. Stephen's Church. Sherry is a certified special education teacher. They have three sons: Jeffery, Neil, and Craig, and an adopted daughter, Quita Noble (age 17). Jeffery lives in Omaha. Neil married Amy (Jacoby) Wattier in 2007. Neil is in the Air Force serving in air craft engine maintenance, while Amy is an Air Force medic. They have three children: Brandon (age 15), Breanna (age 11) and Tyler (age 8). While the family's permanent home is in Omaha, they are currently stationed in Tucson, Arizona. Craig works for ADT Security Service in Omaha. Quita is a sophomore at Millard North High School.

Vernon married Patricia (Brandl) Wattier in 1966. Vernon is retired and manages his rental properties. Pat is an operations specialist at H & R Block in Omaha. They have two children Dion and Donovan. Dion is a programming analyst at DTN in Omaha. Donovan married Heather (Weekley) Wattier in 1990. He is vice-president principal of HDR Architects. Heather volunteers at her children's school and will soon begin classes in medical training. They have two children, Joshua (age 15) and Sydney (age 12). The family resides in Frisco, Texas.

Archie married Gail (Adams) Wattier of Omaha in 1971. They both retired from education in New York State in 2002 and now live in Parrish, Florida. Archie and Gail enjoy traveling and gardening. Gail is an avid scrapbooker. Their son Nathaniel has a degree from the University of North Dakota in aeronautics. He married Kelly (Fishbourne) Wattier aboard the "Mariner of the Seas" in Port Canaveral, Florida in 2008. They reside in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Nathaniel is currently a Citation X pilot for NetJets and Kelly is maitre d'/trainer and in promotions at The Capital Grille

Dennis married Deborah Murphy in 1979. Dennis retired from the Omaha Public schools as a technology teacher in 2005. He is a woodworking artisan showing in various galleries in the Midwest. Deborah is a working artist and a college adjunct teaching drawing part-time. They live in Omaha.

Edward married Becky (Lewon) Wattier in 1993. Living in Osmond, Nebraska, he is owner of B & W Construction and Becky is a nutritionist at the local

hospital. Eddie has one daughter Rhonda (Wattier) Bahr who married Jason Bahr in 1992. They have two children Brett (age 17) and Blake (age 8). Ed and Becky have one daughter Kylie (age 17) who attends Osmond High School. Becky's two children, Randy Wattier and Kari West, lived with the family until their own marriages.

Mary Rose is Byron and Caroline's only child who still lives in Randolph in her Grandma Wattier's house. She is a licensed mental health professional and provisional drug and alcohol addiction counselor. She has her own practice called Serenity Counseling. Mary Rose has four children: Chaedric, Chawndell, Dawn and Victoria. Her eldest child, Chaedric Meier, married Kari (Fogelquist) Meier in 2008. He is a gemologist for Sterling, Inc. and manager at Kay Jewelers in Anchorage, Alaska. Kari is also a store manager for Kay Jewelers. They live in Eagle River, Alaska.

Chawndell Meier is a 1st class non-commissioned sergeant in the Army serving at Walter Reed Dental in Washington, D.C. She has one daughter Kaylin (age 16) who is an avid horsewoman. They live in Silver Springs, Maryland.

Dawn (Meier) Davison married Matthew Davison in 2002. Dawn is a regulatory manager for the Apollo Group, while Matt is a sales manager for John Deere. They have two children Caroline (age 5) and Christian (age 3). Their family lives in Overland Park, Kansas.

Mary Rose's youngest child, Victoria (Meier) Chalmers, married Michael Chalmers in 2003 in Omaha. Victoria has a M.S. in Education. She and her husband currently own a Home Instead Senior Care franchise in London, Ontario, Canada, where they currently make their home. They have three children: Natalie (age 4), Michael (age 2) and Roman (age 1).

Doug married Lisa (Kluer) Wattier in 1986. Doug and Lisa own Wattier's Auto Body Shop in Norfolk, Nebraska, where they reside. They enjoy UN football games, traveling, and motorcycling.

Bonnie (Wattier) Bretschneider married Dennis Bretschneider in 1979. She is secretary for Deaf Education in the Norfolk Public Schools. Dennis is an electrician with Nucor Steel. They live in Norfolk, Nebraska. They have two children Jamie and Nicole. Jamie Bretschneider married Christina (Waugh) Bretschneider in 1999. Jamie is a credit analyst with the Bank of the West, while Christina works in registration at Lakeside Hospital. They live in Omaha with their two children, Christian (age 6) and Mallory (age 4). Bonnie and Dennis' daughter, Nicole Bretschneider (age 21), is a junior at the University of Nebraska at Omaha majoring in business finance.

Wayne married Julie (Pflanz) Wattier in 1983. Now living in Omaha, Wayne is a construction superintendent for Sherwood Homes and Julie is a senior manager at Peter Kiewit Construction. They have two daughters, Jessica and Amanda. Jessica graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and is now a civil

engineer for Peter Kiewit Construction in Kansas City, Missouri. She is planning her wedding for fall 2010 to Ryan Smith. Amanda is a senior at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln majoring in elementary education.

Byron died of a kidney ailment on August 11, 1974. Caroline died of cancer on June 3, 1991. Both are buried in the St. Frances Catholic Cemetery in Randolph. *Submitted by Mary Rose Wattier, Bonnie (Wattier) Bretschneider and Gail (Adams) Wattier*

Carl A. and Dorothy L. Wattier



Carl and Dorothy Wattier

Carl A. Wattier and Dorothy L. Wintz were united in Holy Matrimony at St Francis Catholic Church on October 14, 1936, with the Reverend Falke officiating. Byron Wattier and Bernadette Wintz were the witnesses. The first child of this union was Ron

who was born On September 10, 1938. Dick was born April 21, 1942 followed by Mel on November 28, 1945. The arrival of Diane, the first girl, on January 24, 1947 was greeted with much delight as was the arrival of the second girl and fifth child, Carol, on January 9, 1952. Bruce completed the family with his arrival on December 21, 1952.

Carl began his retail career in October of 1931 working at the Council Oak Grocery Store for \$6.00 a week. A work week meant 10 hour days Monday through Friday with an 8 – 10 shift on Wednesday and 8 – 12 on Saturdays. In October 1933, he took a job at a furniture store in Norfolk and for Christmas that year he presented Dorothy with an engagement ring purchased at Gillespie Jewelry in Randolph.

By April of 1935 Carl was very tired of working at the furniture store and took a job with Red Owl Groceries in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In the Spring of 1936, Carl and Al Huwaldt, who would become brothers-in-law when Al married Dorothy's sister, Bernie, purchased the Randolph Grocery from Reid Larson and Ray Hill. Carl's brother, Paul, also worked at the store. With the hometown kids owning the store, business flourished. Folks who had traded in Norfolk were now shopping locally and the store had to be expanded. Four high school boys were hired to box groceries on Saturday when the large farm trade came to town. The boxes were kept in the back room until people were ready to go home. Al and Bernie moved to Plainview to operate a store which he and Carl had purchased. With Al gone, Ada Jenson and Lorraine Wilson were hired as clerks.

By August of 1942, a dry goods store had been added. A year later Carl purchased the building and as the tenants vacated, the partitions were torn down and the businesses expanded again. Fresh fruit and vegetables were received from the wholesaler three times a week and dry groceries came twice a week. Carl and Dorothy would take the sleeper train from Omaha to St. Louis to purchase dry goods for the store from Ely & Walker.

In May of 1946, Carl, Dorothy, Ron and Dick drove to Portland, Oregon, to visit Al and Bernie Huwaldt. They were amazed at the bounty of berries and other fruits available for the picking. A decision was made to move to Oregon. The grocery store was sold to Paul and Dorothy's aunt, Frances Curtis, was retained to run the dry goods store. They, along with Bob and Phyllis Secord left Randolph the middle of August 1948.

The Carl and Dorothy Wattier family grew in Oregon to include the kid's spouses and their children. Ron and Marge had Mark and Lisa. Dick and Maria had Matthew and Angela, Mel had Christopher. Diane had Brynn and Carol had Keegan. Ron's grandchildren are Jonathan, Austin, Jacquelyn and Ryan; Dick's are Samuel, Benjamin and Kate and Diane's are Brandon and Carter.

Bruce left us on August 26, 1966; Dorothy passed away May 9, 2001; Ron went to his rest on September 16, 2007; and Carl passed away August 21, 2009. *Submitted by Margaret Olberding Wattier*

Clovis Byron and Clara E. Wattier



Clovis and Clara Wattier 1905

Clovis Byron Wattier was the 1879 Christmas present to Alphonse and Anna (Hoehl) Wattier. Clovis was the oldest child of a family of 16 known children. The little family lived in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. As a young child the family moved to the Bristol, South Dakota area where the family homesteaded. There Clovis grew to manhood. Relatives describe him as a large, hard-working man.

At St. Michael's Church in Harlan, Iowa on January 18, 1905 Clovis married Clara Elizabeth Book. Clara was the daughter of Charles and Anna (Kuhl) Book. She was born February 16, 1882 near Harlan in Shelby County, Iowa. Clara lived her childhood in Shelby county.

After a six-week honeymoon in South Dakota, the Wattiers moved to a farm five miles east of Randolph that was owned by Clara's father. Here they lived until March, 1910, when they moved to the farm they purchased in Wayne County, south of Randolph. It was described as having a large barn that once held eight teams of horses, a grain scale, and several buildings for storage and livestock. Some grandchildren report working on the farm during the potato harvest and storing the potatoes in a gigantic cave made of dirt and clay with a vent pipe in the back. After working on the farm during the day, Clovis often drove cattle trucks at night. Family members also remember Clovis, Clara and others gathered around the radio during wartime listening intently to hear news of areas where family members were serving. In 1951 the couple retired from farming and moved into a house on East Jackson Street in Randolph.

Clovis and Clara were blessed with eight children: Byron (deceased); Leo (deceased); Walter (deceased); Carl (deceased); Paul of Randolph; Alice (Mrs. Howard) Dominisse of Poway, California; Vincent of Randolph and Arthur (deceased).

Clovis passed away December 10, 1953. As Clara grew older, she often liked to sit in the large bay window of her home and watch the children walking home from school. Clara passed away April 29, 1979. Both are buried at the St. Frances Catholic Cemetery at Randolph. Today their home in Randolph is owned by their granddaughter who, while remodeling, has found vintage clothing owned by Clara. *Submitted by Gail and Susie Wattier*

Francis and Susan Wattier



Frank and Susie Wattier

The "Locust Villa" was built in 1908 by August F. Huwaldt. He had acquired the land by planting trees for the "Tree Act". When August Huwaldt came to Pierce County in 1879 he started the "Huwaldt Hereford Stock Farm" in the section southwest of the "Locust Villa". The "Locust Villa" was built as August's retirement home and

of course the Herefords came also.

Herefords still graze the pastures on this farm. This farm has been owned by the Huwaldt family ever since August planted his first trees over 100 years ago and in 2008, the farm was recognized as a Pioneer Farm by Ak-Sar-Ben of Nebraska. The "Locus Villa" is now owned and operated by Frank and Susie Wattier. Susie is August Huwaldt's great-granddaughter.

In the last ten years, Frank and Susie have done extensive remodeling of the house, adding a full basement and modernizing the kitchen among other updates. They have tried to leave the outside of the house looking much like it was 100 years ago.

Francis A. Wattier was born September 20, 1945 to Walt and Alvena (Engelbart) Wattier and grew up on their farm south of Randolph. Frank attended St. Frances School until the sixth grade when he transferred to Randolph Public. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1963. Frank enlisted in the US Army in 1965, serving in Viet Nam in 1966.

On October 5, 1968, he married Susan K. Huwaldt at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Susie was born September 21, 1948, to Keith and Virginia (Robinson) Huwaldt, and grew up on a farm south of Randolph where her parents still reside. She attended country school District 28 NE in Pierce County where her Father and Grandfather Fern both attended and her Grandmother Grace taught. In 1960, District 28 consolidated with the Randolph Public School. The Huwaldt kids, as well as all of the neighbor kids, began a new experience of riding a school bus everyday instead of walking to school. This included the Walt Wattier kids. Susie also graduated from Randolph High School in 1966 and from Wayne State College in 1996.

Frank and Susie first lived in an apartment in the upstairs of Clara Wattier's (Frank's grandmother) home at 501 E Jackson Street. This house is where Mary Rose Wattier now resides. What everyone remembers about their first apartment is that you entered the apartment through the bathroom!! They lived here until November of 1970 when they moved to the farm where they currently reside.

They have two Children: Michelle Lynn (Dennis) Backer of Randolph and Dean Thomas (Melinda) of Wausa, and they have six grandchildren: Danielle (Dani) Backer, Kaitlyn (Kaitie) Rischmueller, Anthony (Tony) Backer, Joshua (Josh) Wattier, Justin and Brandon Backer.

Frank currently works for K. Porter Construction in Norfolk and also farms and carries on the farm tradition of raising Hereford cattle. Frank is a member of St. Frances Catholic Church.

Susie currently works at the Nebraska Department of Labor - Workforce Development Center in Norfolk and is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She enjoys doing family genealogy and has traced some of their family back ten generations.

Both enjoy time with their family, especially the grandchildren who always enjoy coming to Grandma and Grandpa's house. *Submitted by Frank and Susie Wattier*

Leo and Loretta Wattier



Loretta and Leo Wattier

Leo Matthias Wattier was born on April 16, 1908. His parents were Clovis and Clara (Book) Wattier. Leo received his education at a rural school and St. Frances in Randolph. Leo lived all of his life, until retiring, on farms south of Randolph.

Loretta Ann (Dendinger) Wattier was born on October 18, 1913. Her parents

were James and Mayme (Abts) Dendinger. She attended rural schools and St. Frances in Randolph. She then attended Wayne State College to attain her teaching certificate. She taught six years in rural schools until her marriage to Leo Wattier on June 6, 1939.

Leo and Loretta farmed south of Randolph. They retired to a home on Jackson Street in Randolph in 1973. Leo passed away in December of 1985. Loretta passed away in December of 1998.

They raised six children.

Robert Lee Wattier was born to Leo and his first wife, Alfreda Abts, on March 20, 1936. Robert's mother died following his birth. Robert and Elizabeth (Borgmann) Wattier had six children: Dick, Dean, Bert, Neil, Eric and Amy. They have fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Their son, Dean Wattier, passed away in August, 1984. Robert passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma in August of 1999.

James Louis Wattier was born on April 8, 1941. James and Marie (Garrison) were married in Kansas on March 3, 1973. They were parents of one daughter, Joan. Mrs. Jim Wattier passed away in November of 2008. Jim has two step-children: Sharla and Sean Garrison. He has eleven grandchildren and lives in Cimarron, Kansas.

Thomas Clovis Wattier was born on January 5, 1945. He married Elaine Bierschenk on June 28, 1969 at Randolph. They have four children: Shelly, Becky, Lisa and Jeff and eleven grandchildren. Tom and Elaine reside in Laurel, Nebraska

Roger Charles Wattier was born on April 15, 1947. Roger married Arjean Baden on November 29, 1969 in Norfolk, Nebraska. Roger and Arjean have two daughters, Kristy and Janet and five grandchildren of Beatrice, Nebraska. Arjean passed away in September, 2004. Roger's third daughter, Lisa and two

grandchildren reside in Blair, Nebraska. Roger lives in Beatrice.

Barbara Jean Wattier was born on April 26, 1950. She married Allen Burbach on September 19, 1970. They have four children, Tammi, Terri, Jim and Jackie. They have six grandchildren. Allen and Barb have lived all of their lives in the Randolph community.

Lawrence Leo Wattier was born on June 20, 1952. He married Debra Schnoor in Randolph on April 17, 1971. They have three daughters, Stacey, Angie and Carrie and nine grandchildren. Larry and Deb live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mary Rose Wattier



Chaed, Chawndell, Dawn, Victoria,
Mary Rose Wattier

Mary Rose Wattier was born in Osmond Nebraska on October 13, 1952 to Byron and Caroline (Borgmann) Wattier. She is the eighth child of eleven children; Don (deceased), Clarence, Dave, Vern, Archie, Dennis, Ed, Doug, Bonnie and Wayne. She also has one half-sister, Joan Gloor from Arkansas.

Mary Rose married Dwayne Meier in November 1970 at St. Frances Church in Randolph. Together

they have four children; Chaedric born 3-13-1971, Chawndell born 9-02-1972, Dawn born 3-13-1976 and Victoria born 6-08-1981,

In 1981 Mary Rose became a single parent. Her son, Chaedric (Chaed), attended Randolph Elementary School. He then lived with his father and graduated from North High in Sioux City Iowa in 1989. During his school years he was active in football, wrestling and baseball. In February, 1991 Chaed acquired his diploma in Hand Engraving at Gem City College Quincy, Illinois and in October the same year he received a diploma in Diamond Setting and Designing also in Quincy. In 1999 he became certified as a Bench Jeweler by Jewelers of America; he was the third person to get this distinction in the state of Iowa. In 2001 Chaed graduated as a Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America; the foremost recognized gemological institute in the world. He married Kari Ruth Fogelquist from Tacoma Washington at Anchorage in 2008. Kari graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts and a double major in Communication and Sociology.

Chaed and Kari are living in Anchorage Alaska; they each manage a jewelry retail store for the largest retail jeweler in the world.

While in the second grade at Randolph, as part of an assignment for class, Chaed planted an Ash tree from seed, this tree is located on the west side of the house in Randolph.

Chaed's fondest memory of growing up in Randolph is, "I never felt threatened as a child, and we (kids) could go down town or to the park feeling carefree and the town whistle always told me when it was time to go home." He enjoys telling his customers about Randolph Nebraska; a place with approximately 900 people, with no stoplights and people are always friendly.

Chawndell began and finished her education at Randolph, she graduated in 1991. She was active in basketball, track and softball. She was selected all-conference in basketball her senior year and a life guard at the Randolph pool for four years.

Chawndell acquired a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy University and is working towards a Masters of Science degree at the University of Maryland. Chawndell joined the military at age 18 and attended and played softball for WSC. She is currently a Sergeant First Class Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of Logan Dental Clinic at Fort Belvoir Virginia. She lives in Laurel, Maryland with her sixteen-year-old daughter, Kaylin. Chawndell will retire from the military in 2013.

Chawndell has fond memories of spending summers at the pool and playing softball for Randolph softball team.

Dawn attended the Randolph school and graduated in 1994. She was active in basketball, track, swing choir and drill team. Dawn graduated from the University of Iowa in 2000 with a degree in Liberal Arts majoring in Sociology. She married Matt Davison, from Iowa City, on June 1, 2002 in Randolph. Matt graduated from the University of Iowa with Bachelors in Business in 1999 and received his MBA in 2006. Dawn and Matt have one daughter, Caroline, age 5 and one son, Christian, age 4. Presently Dawn is a Regulatory Manager for Apollo Group Inc. and Matt is a manager in Dealer Development for John Deer Company. They currently reside in Fuqua-Varina, North Carolina.

Dawn's favorite memories of growing up in Randolph include going into Wattier's Grocery Store, where her uncle Wayne worked, and getting a 25 cent cream soda, and stopping at Weyhrich's Station to get a penny bubble gum. She also loved sitting on the Sherwood Building steps and visiting with friends.

Victoria attended Randolph school and graduated in 1999. She was active in basketball, volleyball, track, drill team and swing choir and was a lifeguard at the Randolph pool for four years. Victoria was voted Prom queen for Randolph High her junior year. She graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education

in 2004. In 2005 she received a Masters degree in Elementary Education.

Victoria married James Chalmers from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada on May 17, 2003. James graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor Degree in Business Finance. Together they have three children; Natalie age four, Michael age two and Roman age one. Victoria and James currently live in London, Ontario, Canada where they own a Home Instead Senior Care Franchise. It doesn't take long before Victoria's new friends in Canada hear of her fond memories of growing up in Randolph.

Mary Rose graduated from St Frances School in Randolph in 1970; the last year of St Frances School before it was closed and became part of the public school system. As high school prom queen, along with David Pflanz as king, they were the last St. Frances king and queen. Mary Rose graduated from Wayne State College with a Master of Science in Education majoring in counseling. She then took and passed the National Counselor Exam and became a fully licensed counselor. In 2009 Mary Rose started a private practice (Serenity Counseling) and contracted with district six probation and other agencies.

Mary Rose is making plans to move to the east coast to be closer to her children. She is also making plans to turn her 100 plus year old home into the first bed and breakfast in Randolph. *Submitted by Mary Rose Wattier*

Paul and Lorraine Wattier



Paul and Lorraine Wattier Family

Paul Wattier was born five miles south of Randolph on August 10, 1916, the fifth of eight children of Clovis and Clara (Book) Wattier. He attended St. Frances School, graduating in 1934. He worked after school and Saturdays at the local grocery stores and for his brother, Carl, at the City Grocery. He met Lorraine Wilson, oldest daughter of Harold and Leone (Matthes) Wilson, at a dance at the West Randolph Ballroom. She was born November 1, 1922 at Stanton, Nebraska. She also lived at Emmet and Pender before moving to Randolph in 1937 and graduated from Randolph High School in 1940. She was employed as a stenographer at the Pender and Wayne Courthouses and Wattier's Department Store before her

marriage to Paul Wattier. He enlisted in the United States Air Corps in January of 1942 and Lorraine joined him in California where they were married August 28, 1943 at Tujunga and made their home at Lancaster for two years to be close to Paul's base at Muroc (now Edward's Air Force). Lorraine and daughter Paula returned to Randolph in August of 1945 and Paul in December of '45 following his discharge from the service. He resumed working for his brother, Carl, and in August of 1948 purchased the grocery store from him, retiring in December 31, 1985.

They were parents of seven children: Paula Sue, Lynn Harold, Linda Ann, Michael Gene, Deborah Jean, Margaret Kay and Laura Joy. The four oldest children graduated from St. Frances and the youngest graduated from Randolph High.

Paula, born June 4, 1944, was married to Larry J. Gubbels and they had a son James. She is now married to Kenneth Rasmussen and lives in Norfolk where they operate the Norfolk Hatchery. They have four grandchildren.

Lynn, born February 27, 1948, married Cynthia Semrad of Fremont. They have two daughters, Heather and Becki and a son Eric and three grandchildren. Lynn is employed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Omaha.

Linda, born July 17, 1950, married Donald Lenhoff, Jr. They have two sons, Chris and Jason and a daughter April. They have six grandchildren. She is employed at Sandhills in Lincoln.

Michael, born November 22, 1951, married Arlis Biernbaum. They had two sons, Jeremy (died November 2, 2004) and Brian and a daughter Erin. They have five grandchildren and Michael is employed by Sears in Omaha.

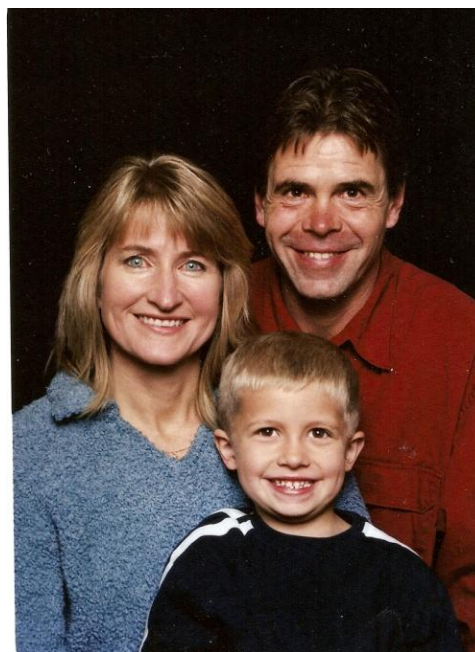
Debbie, born December 24, 1955, married Greg Haselhorst and they have a son Corey and a daughter Carissa and four grandchildren. They own and operate a store Euphoria in Lincoln.

Margaret, born May 20, 1957, married Randal Borst and they have three sons Jacob, Levi and Lucas. They reside in Randolph.

Laura, born May 18, 1960, married Scott Norvell and they have two daughters, Paxton and Allee. They are divorced. Laura is a technician for orthopedic surgeons in Omaha.

Paul and Lorraine were active in several civic and church organizations over the years. Paul served with the Volunteer Fire Department, Community Club and St. Frances Church. Lorraine served with St. Frances Guild, Randolph Woman's Club, and Household Arts Club. Both bowled and did volunteer work for the Senior Citizens Center. Lorraine enjoys playing bridge with a couples group at the Senior Center. *Submitted by Paul and Lorraine Wattier*

Scott and Kim Wattier



Kim, Scott, Preston Wattier

Scott Wattier is the youngest son of Art and Betty Wattier and has one older brother, Jack, and three older sisters, Kathy, Jane and Carla. He was born February 13, 1964 and is the youngest grandson of Clovis and Clara Wattier. He graduated from Randolph high School in 1982.

After graduation, he moved to California and worked for Inland Container. He moved back to Randolph in 1983 and worked for Colonial Manor in maintenance and part time for Johnson's Funeral Home. In 1987, he decided to continue his education at Northeast Community College in Norfolk and received his Associates Degree in Air Conditioning and Commercial Refrigeration in 1989. He then worked for Goodyear and Volkman Plumbing and Heating in Norfolk.

Scott married Kim Timmerman, daughter of Ralph and Doyle Timmerman of Creighton, on April 4, 1992 and moved back to Randolph. They purchased the Farm and Home Center from Dorothy Walz, May 4, 1992 and changed the name to Wattier's True Value and Service Center. In 2001 they opened their second True Value Store in Laurel.

Preston Scott Wattier was born December 4, 2002 and is now in the second grade at Randolph Elementary School. They enjoy living in Randolph, spending time with family and friends and going camping and boating in the summer. *Submitted by Kim Wattier*

Vincent and Jean Wattier

Vincent J. Wattier and Mary J. Aschoff were united in marriage on January 12, 1949 at St. Frances de Chantal Catholic Church by Rev. Herman Kaup. It was one of the better days of the terrible winter of 1948-49. During that winter, roads were opened and blew closed the next day,

but they were lucky, there were three days with roads open.

Vincent was born May 29, 1923 to Clovis and Clara (Book) Wattier on their farm five miles south of Randolph. He attended the country school one-fourth mile south of their home and graduated from Randolph High School. He joined the Marine Corp in 1945 and was discharged in 1946. Vince returned home and again was engaged in farming.



Vincent and Jean Wattier Family

Mary "Jean" Aschoff was the daughter of Robert and Angeline Aschoff and was born on the farm three miles northwest of Randolph. She went to a country school one mile north of their farm and graduated from St. Frances High School.

Vince and Jean's first home was his parents farm south of Randolph. This is where their first son, Gary was born. In February of 1950 the family moved to a farm one mile west of the Wattier home place. This farm was owned by Vince's brother Leo. Eileen, Stephen and Irwin were all born while the family lived here. In 1956, the family moved to a farm northeast of Randolph, known as the "Munter Farm". Vince's brother, Leo, also owned this farm.

In 1958, Vince and Jean decided to have a farm sale and moved to Elroy, Wisconsin where Vince worked on a dairy farm. After one year, they decided to move back to Randolph. At this time their youngest son had asthma and the climate in Wisconsin wasn't helping his asthma. They settled back on a farm four miles south of Randolph. Vince worked for Howard Weber for a year and Donna was born during this time.

Vince decided he wanted to go back into farming so they rented a farm northeast of Randolph known as the "Jim Dendinger farm" which was owned at that time by Ernest Vander Heiden. Three daughters were born to the Wattier family while living on this farm: Marion, Alice and Marcie. In 1964, Vince and Jean purchased the farm Jean's parents lived on. Robert and Angeline Aschoff had lived on this farm for forty four years and moved into Randolph. This farm was known as the "Turk Reed Farm".

In 1986, the Wattiers purchased the Strathman house in West Randolph. Jean operated a small café known as

Jean's Corner Dinette on the corner of Main and Broadway Streets in downtown Randolph for many years. In 2004, this building was sold to Becky Nordhues who operated a floral shop in it.

Gary and his wife Betty live in Wylie, Texas with their son Jeffery. Eileen and her husband Howard Gubbels live two miles north of Randolph. They have four sons: Brian, Steven, Michael and Craig and six grandchildren. Stephen and his wife Pat live in Wayne. They have three sons: Aaron, Nathan, Jerad and one daughter Jennifer. Irvin and his wife Karen live in LaVista, Nebraska. They are the parents of three daughters: Brenda, Rhonda and Vanessa and one son, Neil. They also have six grandchildren. Donna and her husband Brad Hale reside in Elkhorn, Nebraska. They have two sons: Eric and David and a daughter Melissa. They also have three grandchildren. Marion and her husband Jim Moore live in Omaha, Nebraska. They have two sons: Jay and Kyle. Alice and her husband Kevin Patent live in Randolph. They have two sons: Andrew and Jonathan. Marcie Pfanstiel also lives in Randolph and has two daughters: Candice and Jessica.

Vince and Jean have twenty two grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Vince and Jean Wattier*

Walter and Alvena Wattier



Walt and Alvena Wattier

Walter Ludwig Wattier was born March 8, 1910, in Wayne County, Nebraska, the third son of Clovis Byron and Clara Elisabeth (Book) Wattier. Walt was born only eight days after his parents moved to a newly purchased farmstead located 5 miles south of Randolph.

Walt attended school at Wayne County District 82 on the corner just south of his home, and attended St. Frances Catholic School in Randolph while preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. While attending St. Frances Catholic School he would stay at the school dormitory during the week and go home on weekends.

Diagonally across the section from the Wattier farmstead lived the Engelbart family. Alvena Helena Maria Engelbart was the only child born to Henry and Emma (Albrecht) Engelbart. Alvena was born on the same farm where she later raised her seven children, on March 26, 1915. Alvena attended Pierce County School

District 28 S.E. She often told of walking and riding the horse to the one room school. Alvena remembered walking to the country school over high snow banks, and in the spring walking in the mud. Her Mother wasn't very happy when she got home from school with mud on her clothes. Alvena was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph where her family attended.

Even though they lived in the same section, Walt and Alvena were not acquainted while growing up but they soon would be. Wayne County District 82 often held pie socials and ironically, there was a "Pie Social" at the local country school. "Pie Socials" were the Social Event of many country communities. Low and behold, Walt purchased a delicious pie. Walt originally complemented Alvena's mother, Emma, on the yummy pie, but, Emma informed him that Alvena had made the pie. That was the beginning of a courtship that lasted more than 63 years.

The wedding was held at St. Frances Catholic Church on February 28, 1938. Walt's sister, Alice, and brother, Paul were the attendants with a wedding dinner held at the Clovis Wattier home.

After their marriage, the Walt Wattiers took up farming on the Engelbart farm south of Randolph.

The winter of 1948-1949 was a notable winter because of all the snow and daughter, Mila, was born January 12th. At the time she was their 5th child. When Baby Mila was less than a month old, the four older children came down with whooping cough and the doctor had to come to the farm on a caterpillar snow plow to treat the children.

In the summer of 1950, the Wattiers built a new house on their farmstead. Alvena's Mother, Emma Engelbart, had always talked about wanting a new house. One night Alvena sat down and drew up the plans for her dream house. The Wattier family lived in the garage while they built the house. Walt began tearing the old house down on the 7th of March. Later that day a blizzard came up but the garage kept the family dry and warm.

Seven children were born to the Wattiers: Gerald (Kay) of Hoskins, Nebraska; Russell of Tacoma, Washington; Ellen (Richard) Bermel of Randolph; Francis (Susie) of Randolph; Mila (Gary) Anderson of Coleridge; Kenneth (Bonnie) of Randolph; and Sharon (Tom) Sanford of Norfolk.

Walt and Alvena continued farming until they retired to Hadar, Nebraska in January 1983. In 1996, Alvena and Walt moved to the Colonial Manor in Randolph, due to Alvena's failing health. Walt continued to be Alvena's "Knight in Shining Armor", watching over her until his heart finally failed, December 5, 2001. Alvena died June 28, 2007. Both are buried at the St. Frances Catholic Cemetery at Randolph.

Walt and Alvena's grandson, Jeff and Vicky Bermel and their family, currently live on the farm south of Randolph. *Submitted by Frank and Susie Wattier*

Micheal L and Linda Wells



Amy, Eric, Linda, Mike Wells

Linda Jean Rokahr, the daughter of Fred and Beulah Rokahr came to Randolph in 1959, where she attended Randolph Public School until graduating in 1968. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating in 1972 with a degree in Food and Nutrition and Food Service Management. Linda met Micheal Lee Wells when he returned home after serving three and one-half years in the U.S. Navy, including one year in Viet Nam, where he was an advisor to the Vietnamese Navy.

Linda and Micheal were married October 30, 1976. They lived in Lincoln until March of 1981 when they embarked on a new career and lifestyle when they moved to Randolph to work with Linda's parents in the John Deere Dealership. Their first child, Amy was born in December of 1980 and son, Eric was born October 1982.

In 1988, Linda's parents made a decision to retire taking Mike, Linda, Amy and Eric to Ainsworth, Nebraska where Mike became manager of a new John Deere dealership. Linda and Mike divorced in 1997. Amy graduated from high school in 1999 and Eric in 2001. Amy graduated with a degree in biology in 2003, from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska and Eric graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2005 from Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska.

Linda moved from Ainsworth to Norfolk in April 2005. She continues to be the Registered Dietitian for the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and works part-time for the Norfolk Lodge and Suites Hotel. Amy is a research technician for the Epply Cancer Research Center in Omaha, researching pancreatic cancer. Eric is a member of the Bor Star unit, which is the Search, Trauma and Rescue division of the Border Patrol, he lives in El Centro, California. Mike passed away in January 2008 from cancer. *Submitted by Linda Wells*

George B. and Elizabeth Weyhrich

George B. Weyhrich was born April 2, 1864, in Tazewell County, Illinois. His father, Jacob Weyhrich was born May 20, 1832 at Wessau, Hesse-Darmstadt,

Germany. Jacob came to America in 1857 with his father and his brothers and sisters to join a brother who was already in the United States. His mother had died a few years earlier.



George and Elizabeth Weyhrich

George Weyhrich lived in Illinois until he came to Cass County, Nebraska in about 1889. He worked there for a time and then came to Pierce County, Nebraska with his brother Phillip.

He returned to Cass County in the fall of 1891 where he married Elizabeth Schaefer on October 29, 1891. Elizabeth was born in

Illinois August 1, 1865 to Anton and Margaret (Lutz) Schaefer.

George and Elizabeth came to Pierce County the following spring. They occupied a farm southwest of Randolph which George had purchased in 1890. They lived in a small house which at first had no door, only a blanket to keep out the cold. In 1893 George's parents also came to Pierce County. His three brothers and his father all had farms within three or four miles of each other.

George and his family were among the founding members of Hope Lutheran Church, south of McLean, in the 1890's. They met first in a schoolhouse. In 1908 they built the church building and Rose Hill Cemetery. Regular services were held until 1957 when they merged with St. John's in Randolph. The building was sold and the cemetery is now operated by St. John's.

George and his family were also in school District 54. George was on the school board for many years and his children attended school there. In later years his grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended the same school and the Hope Lutheran Church. George, Elizabeth, George's parents, all of his brothers and some of his children are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

George and Elizabeth lived on the farm until his death on October 12, 1938; the result of an accident when a tree fell on him as he and his sons were cutting it down. He was a prominent grain farmer and livestock grower.

In 1914, George, his brother Phillip and Baltz Volk each decided to buy a car. They each purchased a Buick. In 1918 George purchased a Silent Elmo 32 volt light plant which gave electricity to his home and farm buildings. The same year he installed a supply tank to

have running water inside his home and buildings. In about 1920 he purchased his first tractor, a Fordson, which he had until 1929 when he traded it in on another, an International.

Elizabeth lived on the farm with her sons, Anton and George, until her death November 5, 1945. Anton and George lived there until the house was destroyed by a fire. They continued to farm until they sold the land to a nephew, Alvin Weyhrich in 1980. The farm has been in the Weyhrich name from 1890 until the present time. This farm was awarded a Century Farm by Ak-Sar-Ben in 1990.

George and Elizabeth were the parents of nine children, two of whom died as infants. Their children were: Harry, who married Ida Meisinger and had three sons; Emma who married William Eberhardt and had four children; Edward who married Anna Schuettler and had nine children; Sadie who married John Eberhardt and had four children; Anton, who married Mildred Kohl and had one daughter; Lula who married Arthur Huwaldt and had five children and George who never married. *Submitted by Elaine (Weyhrich) Bloomquist*

Harold and Ruth Weyhrich



Harold and Ruth Weyhrich

Harold Weyhrich was born April 23, 1922, on the farm southwest of Randolph where he lived until moving into Randolph in 1988. He lived there with his parents and two brothers, Alvin and Robert, until his marriage. He attended Hope Lutheran Church and went to school District #54 a mile west of the farm. Harold then went on to McLean High School where he graduated in 1940. Harold was a member of the Allen-Eastern 4-H Club where his father was a leader. He enjoyed showing livestock at the county fairs, state fairs, and at Ak-Sar-Ben. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in January 1943 and served in Europe. He was on his way to the Far East when the war ended in Japan and he was discharged in December 1945 and he returned to farming.

On February 8, 1948, he married Ruth Jones of Valentine. Ruth was born December 20, 1924, at Newport, Nebraska. She attended schools in Hay Springs

and Valentine, graduating from Valentine in 1942. She became a good friend with Irene Eberhardt, Harold's cousin, while working in Sioux City and through Irene, met Harold. They lived first on a farm about five miles southwest of his parents place before moving to the farm he grew up on, which they purchased from his parents in 1970. Harold raised purebred Poland China hogs for a number of years, along with his own herd of cattle, and raised grain. He continued farming until he retired in 1984.

Harold and Ruth have five children. Susan, born April 30, 1949, and married Dan Huffman. They live in Grundy Center, Iowa, where Susan is a registered nurse and Dan an electrician. They have two daughters, Sarah and Stacy.

Janet, born March 17, 1952, married David Pieffer. They live in Appleton, Wisconsin, where Janet is a registered dietitian in a hospital and Dave is self-employed working with copiers and copier repair. They have one daughter, Jennifer.

Elaine, born January 10, 1954, married Dick Bloomquist. They live in Randolph where Dick drives a truck for Consumers Supply out of Sioux City, Iowa and Elaine is para-professional for Randolph Public Schools. They have one son, James.

Nancy, born June 15, 1956, married Charles Hall. They live in Lincoln where Nancy is a teacher at a child development center and Charles works for the State Department of Roads. They have one daughter, Christina.

Garry, born December 7, 1957, lives in Corvallis, Oregon, where he works in a restaurant and bar. He has one son, Travis.

The three oldest children started school in District #54, making the third generation to attend school there. All five went on to Randolph to school and graduated there.

The family attended Hope Lutheran Church south of McLean until it disbanded in 1957, when they transferred to St. John's in Randolph where Elaine and Dick are still active members. Harold served on the council and building committee and as a member and officer of the Men in Mission. Ruth had been an organist at both Hope and St. John's, Sunday school teacher and a member and officer of the WELCA.

The family has also been active in 4-H, as leaders, junior leaders, and members of the Allen-Eastern and A & E Girls 4-H clubs. Harold and Ruth have both been on the County Extension Board and Ruth on the 4-H Committee. Harold was also one of the first members to start the North Central Pork Producers, and later the Pierce County Pork Producers.

Harold passed away in September 1995. Ruth passed away in October 2001. *Submitted by Dick and Elaine Bloomquist*

Harry and Ida Weyhrich

Harry P. Weyhrich, son of George and Elizabeth (Schaefer) Weyhrich, was born on a farm southwest of

Randolph in Pierce County. He was the oldest of nine children. Harry's father had come to Pierce County in 1890.

Ida M. Meisinger, daughter of Adam and Matilda (Proehl) Meisinger, was born March 8, 1896 in Tazewell County, Illinois. Ida was the oldest of nine children. In 1919, Ida made a trip to Nebraska to visit a cousin, Mary Eberhardt, who was a neighbor of the Weyhrichs and so Harry and Ida met.

Harry and Ida were married February 10, 1921 at Sand Prairie Church in Tazewell County, Illinois. They made their first home on a farm across the road from Harry's parents.



Ida and Harry Weyhrich

They were active members of the Hope Lutheran Church south of McLean.

Harry served on the church council for many years until the church disbanded in 1956 and merged with St. John's of Randolph, where they continued their membership. Harry also served as a director of the Federal Land Bank at Norfolk for many years. He helped

organize the 4-H club which is now the Allen-Eastern 4-H club. His three sons were active members. Harry was a prominent grain and livestock farmer. He purchased the farm from his father and in 1940 purchased an additional quarter section. He also purchased a half section of land four miles west of his farm. Harry was an agent and director for the Pierce County Mutual Insurance Company. He also helped to get the REA lines established in his area. He was secretary and lineman for the Pierce County Telephone Company.

Ida was an active member of the Ladies Aid of Hope Lutheran church and later of St. John's. She was a charter member of the Allen Friendly Neighbors Home Extension Club and was a member until the club disbanded.

Harry and Ida lived on the farm until the fall of 1956 when they moved into a new home they built in Randolph. Their son Harold and his family moved to the farm in 1957 and later purchased it. Their son Alvin purchased the farm four miles west. Harry continued to help his sons on their farms as long as his health permitted. He passed away December 19, 1973.

Ida was always known for her large flower and vegetable gardens, both on the farm and in town. She continued to enjoy her beautiful flowers as long as she

was able to care for them. She passed away February 3, 1976.

Harry and Ida were the parents of three sons: Harold married Ruth Jones. They had five children and lived on the home farm until Harold and Ruth retired to a new home in Randolph. Alvin married Peggy Neumier and had five children. They lived on the farm near Osmond until they retired to a new home in Randolph. Robert married Evelyne Henderson and had four children. Robert and Evelyne live in Cypruss, California. *Submitted by Elaine (Weyhrich) Bloomquist*

Henry W. and Margaret Weyhrich

Henry Weyhrich was born November 27, 1892 in Green Valley, Illinois to Peter and Elizabeth (Shuttler) Weyhrich. As a small boy, Henry along with his parents and seven younger brothers and sisters moved to Nebraska. He attended a rural school, then District 54, south of McLean, Nebraska.

In 1919 he returned to Illinois and on February 11, married Margaret Meisinger, daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Ulrich) Meisinger at St. John's Lutheran Church of Sand Prairie, Illinois. That same year they returned to Nebraska, farming in the Osmond and Randolph vicinities. They were parents of three children: Evelyn who died as an infant; Marvin and Shirley.

Henry served as a member of the Triple A farm program of Pierce, County; school board member of District 28, Pierce County; and helped organize Allen Eastern Livestock 4-H Club.

In 1947 Henry retired from farming and they purchased a gas station and tank wagon service in Randolph. For a time, he also owned and operated a trucking service. He was later joined in the business by his son, Marvin and son-in-law, Warren Kint, to whom he later sold the gas business. Henry also spent many years as a Funks Seed Corn dealer selling seed corn to farmers in the Randolph area.

Henry and his family were members of Hope Lutheran Church south of McLean, later transferring to St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

Due to ill health, he was forced to retire from his work and on August 30, 1969 Henry passed away at the age of 76 years. Memorial services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church with Walter J. Rossbach officiating. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery south of McLean.

Margaret continued to live in Randolph until she passed away March 23, 1987. She is also buried at Rose Hill Cemetery south of McLean. Their son Marvin passed away in 1993. They had five grandchildren: Darrell Weyhrich, deceased; Robert Weyhrich of Lincoln, Nebraska; Raymond Weyhrich of Randolph; Carolyn (Kint) Tierney of Sioux City, and Tim Kint of Randolph. They also have four great-grandchildren: Mark A. Meier who lives in Omaha; Julie Anne Kint of Randolph; Michael James Kint of Randolph, and Jamie Weyhrich of Sioux City, Iowa. *Submitted by Shirley Kint*

Jerry and Debra Wiese



Sara holding Jalen, Jason, Michael, Jerry, Deb, Justin, Jillian

Jerry R. Wiese was born September 1, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wiese of Wisner, Nebraska. He was raised on a farm in the Wisner community and attended a one-room country school for grades one to eight. His high school education was at Wisner High School where he graduated in the spring of 1968. In August 1968, Jerry attended auctioneering school at Mason City, Iowa.

Jerry worked for a farmer-cattle feeder during his high school years at Wisner. He worked for a farmer until September 10 1969, when his friends, neighbors, and the president of the United States called him for military service. From August 1970-1971, he was on duty in Viet Nam. When Jerry returned from Viet Nam he was given an honorable discharge from active duty. Jerry was in the military with Vernon Viergutz's son, Daniel. Jerry went back to his old job, working for the farmer, until December 1972.

In January 1973, Jerry moved to Norfolk and started working for his brother in the hay grinding business.

When he was working and living in Norfolk he was married August 1973 to Debra Loewe. Debra is the daughter of Virgil Sr. and Lila (Petersen) Loewe of Wisner, Nebraska. She was born September 8, 1954 in York, Nebraska and she graduated from Wisner-Pilger High School in 1972. She then attended Norfolk Beauty College in 1973.

Jerry and Debra's first son, Jason was born in 1974. Jerry started to go to N.N.T.C.C. in September, 1974 to study real estate. Jerry got his real estate salesman license two years later and worked part time for Michael's Realty in Norfolk. In September, 1978 Jerry got his broker license for real estate.

October 1977, Jerry, Debra and Jason moved to Randolph and started J. R. Hay Grinding business. When Jerry received his broker license in real estate, he also started Wiese Realty with an office in his house.

Their second son, Justin was born in 1980. The family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

Jason is now 36 years old and was active in sports at Randolph High School. He graduated from RHS in 1992. Jason continued his education receiving his Bachelor Degree from Midland Lutheran College in 1996 and his Masters Degree from Doane in 2004. He met his wife,

Sara Egeberg while attending Midland. Sara received her degree in nursing in 1993. They lived and worked in Fremont, Nebraska for a time and currently live in Arlington, Nebraska. They enjoy the small town life with their 15 year old son, Michael Ryan. Sara still works in Fremont at Nye Legacy. Jason is a Social Science teacher at Arlington Public High School. He also coaches football, basketball, track and baseball. Michael is a freshman at Arlington High School and is involved in football, wrestling and baseball. Sara attends every one of their events.

Justin is now 29 years old and also graduated from Randolph High School in 1999. He was active in speech and music. Justin earned his Bachelor Degree from Dana Lutheran College in 2003 and graduated from Wartburg Seminary in 2007. He met his wife, Jillian Scheerhoorn while attending Dana and they were married in 2006. Jillian teaches at Grant Elementary School in Norfolk, Nebraska where they currently reside. Justin is the pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Madison, Nebraska.

Jerry and Debra remain in Randolph. They are active in their community and church, Jerry in the VFW and Debra in volunteering in the nursing home and for the library. GWRRA, a Honda motorcycle group, has become Jerry's way to relax. J. R. Haygrinding, Inc. is still the family business. *Submitted by Jerry and Debra Wiese*

Clarence and Bertha Willey



Clarence and Bertha Willey

Clarence Beckwith Willey practiced law at Randolph, moving here from Osmond, Nebraska, in 1894. He had read law and practiced with his father, Barak Beckwith Willey, at Pierce, Nebraska, in the early 1890's. He married Bertha Million of Argyle, Wisconsin, on December 26, 1893. They met while she visited her brother, Elmer Million, who was bank cashier at Neligh, Nebraska, for several years. Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Willey had four children: Edith, Howard, Gordon who died as a child, and Norman.

C.B. Willey had a busy law practice and was active in local town affairs. He became ill with Rocky Mountain fever following a business trip to Montana, and died

February 24, 1920. Mrs. Willey continued to live in Randolph, and was active in the Presbyterian Church and the Library Board. She passed away August 27, 1955, at the age of 85.

Edith Willey born in 1895, at Osmond, grew up and attended school at Randolph. She married Henry Brauer in 1922, and lived on the farm just east of Randolph, until her death in 1933.

Howard Willey born in 1902, in Randolph, attended the University of Nebraska. He worked for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company of Omaha, until his death in 1951.

Norman Willey also attended the University of Nebraska and worked as a CPA in San Francisco, California, until his death. *Russell C. Brauer*

Harold and Leone Wilson



Harold and Leone Wilson

Harold Wilson was born south of Pilger on May 2, 1901 and Leone (Matthes) Wilson at Stanton on Nov. 9, 1901.

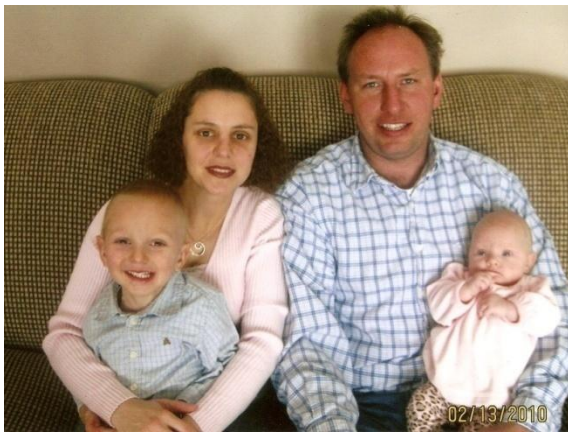
They married at West Point, Nebraska on April 13, 1922. Three children were born in Stanton: Lorraine, Lois and Darwin (Buddy).

In 1937 after living at Stanton, Emmet and Pender, the family moved to

Randolph, purchasing the Conoco Service Station west of the Public School from Bill and Alta Lange. Another daughter, Marjorie, was born in Randolph. Harold sold the business to John O'Neill and worked for Bill Munter, Bud Dunn and the Chicago Northwestern Railroad until 1948 when Harold, Leone and Marjorie moved to Oregon.

Lorraine married Paul Wattier and remained in Randolph. They have seven children. Lois married Myron Johnson of Hartington and they have two daughters and reside in El Dorado, Arkansas. Buddy married Marjorie Langley of El Dorado. They had on son, Dale (died April 15, 1990), and two daughters. Buddy died Oct 16, 2005 and Marjorie lives in El Dorado. Marjorie is married to Dave Jester and has a son and daughter. Marjorie resides at Turner, Oregon. Patricia, born at Silverton, Oregon is married to Don Henjum and has two sons. They live at Salem, Oregon.

Leone died March 20, 1981 and Harold passed away December 3, 1996. *Submitted by Lorraine Wattier*



Dayton, Tonya, Brian and Kynlee Winkelbauer

Brian and Tonya Winkelbauer

Brian Winkelbauer was born September 23, 1974 to Roger and Sharolyn Winkelbauer. He grew up in Randolph and graduated from Randolph Public School in 1992.

Tonya Reineke was born January 30, 1980 and is the daughter of Pat Reineke and Barb (Gubbels) Reineke. She also grew up in the Randolph area and graduated from Randolph Public School in 1998.

Brian and Tonya Winkelbauer were married on August 27, 2005. They have two children, Dayton born May 1, 2007 and Kynlee born December 8, 2009. The family currently lives on a acreage three miles on the Sholes Road.

Brian owns Winkelbauer Auto Sales and is an employee for Winkelbauer Repair. Tonya is a very busy stay at home mom.

Chad and Brandy Winkelbauer

Chad Winkelbauer was born November 16, 1972 to Roger and Sharolyn (Frederick) Winkelbauer. He has three brothers and one sister: Brian, Bradley, Chris Winkelbauer, and Kerrie Junck, all of Randolph. Chad graduated from Randolph Public School in 1991 and went to college at Universal Technical Institute in Omaha and graduated from there May 1992, to be an auto mechanic.

Brandy (Junck) Winkelbauer was born January 15, 1980 to David and Raeleen (McFarland) Junck. She has two sisters and one brother: Kristy Bermel of Randolph, Jeremy Junck of Bellwood, Nebraska and Stacy Winkelbauer of Randolph. Brandy graduated from Randolph Public School in 1998.

Chad and Brandy were married on June 19, 1999 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. They have three daughters: Charlie Ray born October 5, 2000, Bobbi Linn born May 3, 2002 and RYANNE ELIZABETH born January 20, 2004. The girls all attend Randolph Public School. Chad and Brandy own and operate Winkelbauer Repair Inc.

Chris and Catrina Winkelbauer



Catrina and Chris Winkelbauer

Chris Lynn Winkelbauer, the fourth of five children, was born to Roger and Sharolyn (Frederick) Winkelbauer on May 24, 1981 in Osmond, Nebraska. He grew up in a family of horse enthusiasts as he and his relatives frequently rode horses for the Randolph Saddle Club as well as competing in other area horse riding events. Chris received his education at Randolph Public Schools graduating in 1999. Following graduation, he continued working as a hired hand for Circle E Grain near Belden for the next five years. Chris began his employment with Central Valley Ag (CVA) of Randolph in the fall of 2004. He is currently working as an Advanced Cropping Systems (ACS) Equipment Specialist as well as a certified Department of Transportation (DOT) inspector. As technology continues to change and improve the world of agriculture does too. Chris continues to broaden his knowledge of the custom application process through CVA University in O'Neill. Chris has three brothers: Chad, Brian, and Bradley, along with one sister: Kerrie Junck all living in the Randolph area. Chris' grandparents are the late David and Doris (Paulson) Winkelbauer and the late Charlie and Ruth (Linn) Frederick all of Randolph.

On July 26, 2008, Chris married Catrina Rose Korth, daughter of Doug and Barb (Schurman) Korth at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Catrina was born on April 20, 1982 in Osmond, Nebraska. She grew up where her parents operated Korth Feedlots, a custom cattle feeding and finishing operation. She received her education at Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 2000. Prior to her marriage, Catrina attended Northeast Community College receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in May of 2002. She then transferred to Wayne State College where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with endorsements in English as a

Second Language instruction along with Coaching in December of 2004. She spent the spring semester substitute teaching across many grade levels at Norfolk Public Schools and Randolph Public Schools while coaching freshman girls' basketball in Randolph. Catrina began her first teaching job as a kindergarten teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Norfolk in August 2005. Throughout her time at Jefferson she has served on numerous organizations and committees including: Stop and Think, Reading Success Network, Math Development, Norfolk Community Education Association, along with many others. Catrina graduated from Doane College with a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an Early Childhood Endorsement and American Sign Language emphasis in May 2010. She has one older sister, Dr. Cassandra Korth-Huff of Wayne and two brothers Christopher and Cameron of Randolph. Catrina's grandparents are Paul and the late MaryAnn (Eskens) Schurman and Paul and Shirley (Krei) Korth all of Randolph. Her paternal grandmother, Rogene (Buchanan) Korth entered into rest in May of 1982.

Chris and Catrina made their first home at 107 East Wayne Street, across from the Randolph Clinic. In December 2009, they sold their cozy little three bedroom house and headed for a much larger five bedroom home spread across two lots atop the hill in the Krueger subdivision of Randolph where they are currently residing. *Submitted by Catrina Winkelbauer*

David and Doris Winkelbauer

David Herman Winkelbauer, the eighth of thirteen children, was born February 19, 1924 on the Bee Farm near Randolph, in Pierce County. His parents were Frank and Othilia (Meyer) Winkelbauer.

David farmed with his dad while growing up. In 1945 he was drafted into the Army where he served two years. He spent time in the States, the Philippines, and Korea. This was at the end of World War II and he never saw combat.

Doris Elaine Paulson, the daughter of Ed and Alma (Carlson) Paulson, was born February 1, 1925, in Cedar County, the fourth of six children. She grew up in the Magnet and Randolph areas and worked as a housekeeper and then at the Westside Café in Randolph.

On January 20, 1947, David married Doris at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph, with Father Kaup officiating. They would remain members of St. Frances throughout their lives.

The couple made their first home in Randolph with David still farming with his father. They moved to the country and farmed for three years on the John Kuhl farm and the Harding place. Next they moved to the Boughn ranch east of town where they farmed for twelve years.

On January 10, 1963 the family held their farm auction and moved to the Frank Walz house in Randolph. That year, David, along with Ed Kessler, bought the Dennis

Elevator and renamed it K-W Grain. Ed sold his half to David in 1965.

In March of 1963 the family moved to the Coughlin house east of the elevator on Broadway Street. They would call this home for twelve years until they moved to their new house on West Wayne Street in 1975. It was built by their sons Roger and Jerry. David retired from the Elevator in 1986.

David was active in city affairs, serving on the Randolph city council, Randolph Community Club (past president), and the Volunteer Fire Department (15 years).

During the summer, both David and Doris could be found doing a lot of gardening and they enjoyed playing cards year-round. David could regularly be found on the golf course and they both enjoyed bowling for many years.



Dave and Doris Winkelbauer Family

David and Doris liked to travel and were able to visit many locations around the world from Las Vegas and Hawaii to Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Summer fishing trips to Frazee, Minnesota to visit Doris' father were also popular for the entire family.

David and Doris were blessed with a large family – Barbara Ann, Robert Frank, Roger David, Rosanne Marie, Shirley Kay, Gerald Edwin and Jeffrey Lynn, as well as a daughter – Margaret Doris, who died as an infant. The family has grown to include 20 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren and is still growing.

Barbara married Gary Frederick, lives in Norfolk and has four children: Gary J., Dawn, Angie and Mindy. Bob married Gloria Roland, lives in Randolph and has two children: Teri and Steve. Roger married Sharolyn Frederick. They live in Randolph and have five children: Chad, Brian, Bradley, Chris and Kerrie. Rosie married Edwin Backer, lives in Sioux City, Iowa and has two daughters: Jennifer and Stephanie. Shirley married Randy Graf, lives in Randolph and has three children: Tina, Tracy and Troy. Jerry married Joy McFarland. They live in Randolph and have four children: Jeri, Heath, Shilo and Mitzi. Jeff married Suzanne Rose and lives in Omaha.

Doris passed away on April 21, 2009 at Osmond General Hospital after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. Under David's constant care, she was able to remain at their home until a few weeks before her death. David

passed away May 7, 2010 at the Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. *Submitted by Jeff Winkelbauer*

Jeff and Suzanne Winkelbauer



Suzanne and Jeff Winkelbauer

Jeffrey L. Winkelbauer was born April 10, 1964 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska. Jeff was the youngest of seven children of David and Doris (Paulson) Winkelbauer.

Jeff worked as a projectionist at the local Roxy Theater and did occasional summer work for his Dad at K-W Grain before working for Marvin Taylor at The Randolph Times for over six years through high school and college.

Jeff was always an avid sports fan – from football to baseball to playing golf, basketball, softball and bowling and also enjoys gardening, photography and collecting almost anything.

After graduating from Randolph Public Schools, Jeff attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree. It was during college that he began umpiring softball games in the Lincoln area and was also active in the student government on campus. He began working for Target stores after college.

Jeff married Suzanne Rose of Beatrice in 1989. They made their first home in Lincoln and then Omaha. They also lived in Galesburg, Illinois and Crown Point, Indiana while Jeff ran stores for Target. In 2009 they, along with their two dogs – Bailey and Sammy, moved back to Omaha when Jeff took a position with J C Penney. *Submitted by Jeff Winkelbauer*

Robert and Gloria Winkelbauer

Robert Frank was born September 23, 1948 at Osmond, Nebraska to David Herman and Doris Elaine (Paulson) Winkelbauer. Robert lived on a farm with his parents and brothers and sisters until 1963, when they moved to Randolph. Robert has six siblings: Barb, Roger, Rosie, Shirley, Jerry, and Jeff. Robert attended St Frances School

and graduated in 1967. He then went to Universal Trades School in Omaha to become an auto mechanic.

December 1968 he went to San Diego for Naval boot camp and shipped out the morning of September 22, 1969 to Vietnam. On the flight over he crossed the International Date Line and arrived that evening in Vietnam on September 24th, so September 23rd never happened and he skipped his 21st birthday that year. Robert spent 25 months in Vietnam working on harbor and river boats, during which time on a week furlong he went to Australia.

From 1972 to 1974 he worked at Russ's Repair, and started his own mechanic's shop on June 1, 1974. He's had both legs broke, one while working in his shop when a car fell on him, and one from sliding into third base while playing softball.

Gloria Jean was born February 15, 1956 in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Gayle and Mildred (Hassman) Roland. Gloria has five siblings: Gayle (deceased), Linda, Barb, and her younger brother and sister, Jim and Grace. Gloria graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1974. After living in Lincoln, Nebraska for a year, she returned to Council Bluffs to attend Iowa Western Community College to study Civil Engineering. In the summer she interned with the Army Corps of Engineers of Omaha.

Gloria has always liked horses and kept hers at her grandparents, Roy and Grace (Darlin) Roland's place in Randolph. This is how Gloria and Robert met in 1978 and later married on December 28, 1979. They moved into their first home in Randolph, where their first child, Teri Rae was born on August 17, 1981 at Osmond.

In 1986 they moved to a farmhouse southeast of McLean, Nebraska. Our second child, Steven Patrick was born on June 18, 1989 also in Osmond. In the summer of 1990 the Winkelbauers were looking for a place that would have some pasture for horses, and came across the Otterpohl house with one and one-half acres on the edge of Randolph. Gloria fell in love with the house, fire damage and all! The house had severe fire damage to the back and after becoming the proud owners in August of that year; they immediately got to work on repairing the kitchen's exterior walls and roof where the fire had burned through. While trying to get it closed up for the winter, Bob fell from a ladder and broke his elbow. If it were not for friends they would not have gotten the exterior done before winter hit, as it was it was a horribly cold and wet day when they finished.

Once closed in they worked inside every evening after work and on weekends, gutting the interior, replacing wiring and plumbing, sheet-rocking, etc. Family and friends were once again indispensable! By April 1, 1991 their new home was ready for the family. April Fool's Day or not, it was a great day for them as they moved all of their belongings in.

The spring of 1991 they happened to see an auction bill for Dick Payne's miniature horse sale outside of Yankton, South Dakota. Having never heard of miniature horses, they decided to go. The Winkelbauers no longer had

riding horses by this time, because they were afraid Steve (who was born with Apert's Syndrome) might get hurt by them, but miniatures seemed safe enough.

By August 1991 they owned their first miniatures, a little champion sired stallion and a mare. They have owned miniatures ever since, breeding, driving, showing and just loving them.

Teri graduated from Randolph Public Schools and from Wayne State College to become an elementary teacher. She is continuing her education and is working towards her masters in accounting. She currently works as a staff accountant at a firm in Omaha and resides in Omaha.

Steve graduated from Randolph Public Schools, after which he attended Northeast Community College, but soon decided college wasn't for him. July of 2009 Steve moved into an apartment in Randolph and currently works at Jim's Food Center in Randolph.

Bob has been maintenance/custodian at the Randolph Public Schools for over 20 years and has been a Randolph volunteer fireman for 30 some years.

Gloria currently works as a housekeeper at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. *Submitted by Robert and Gloria Winkelbauer*

Roger and Sharolyn Winkelbauer



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Roger Winkelbauer the son of David and Doris Winkelbauer, was born on August 10, 1951, in Randolph. Roger was one of eight children, four sisters: Barb, Rosie, Margret and Shirley and three brothers: Jerry, Robert and Jeff. He was raised in the Randolph area and received his education at St. Frances School. After school, he was employed at KW Grain managed by his dad and then worked for Borst & Kint Construction. After graduation he attended Universal Trade School in Omaha to become an auto mechanic. After realizing mechanical work wasn't for him, he decided to once again come back to Randolph and work for Borst & Kint Construction and help an area farmer, Terry Clausen. In October of 1971 he married his wife, Sharolyn Frederick.

Sharolyn Frederick was the only and youngest daughter of Charley and Ruth Frederick, born on April 28, 1953. She has two older brothers: Roger and Gary. They were raised in rural Randolph. She received her education at District 89 until the sixth grade and the following years at Randolph Public.

Sharolyn and Roger began their family shortly after their marriage and since then they have had five children: Chad born November 16, 1972; Brian born September 23, 1974; Bradley born December 11, 1977; Chris born May 24, 1981 and Kerrie born April 25, 1986.

In June 1974, they bought their current home at 908 S. Douglas from Jack Otterpohl and moved their family to town. Sharolyn has enjoyed her years as a house wife but has also managed her own daycare and been employed at Main Street Flowers and Broadway Floral & Design.

Roger and Sharolyn have enjoyed watching their family expand with all the kids married and currently they have eight grandchildren, five girls: Charlie, Bobbi, Ryanee, Kora and Kinlee; and three boys: Colinn, Dayton and Kody. *Submitted by Roger and Sharolyn Winkelbauer*

Steven P. Winkelbauer



Steve Winkelbauer

Steve was born June 18, 1989, at Osmond General Hospital in Osmond, Nebraska. Steve, the son of Robert and Gloria (Roland) Winkelbauer, was their second child. Steve was life-flighted to Children's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska after being diagnosed with Apert's Syndrome.

He received all of his education from Randolph Public School, and in May of 2008 he received his High School Diploma. In the fall of 2008 he enrolled at Northeast Community College in Norfolk Nebraska, however at the end of the first semester he decided that college was not for him. In June of 2009 he accepted a job at Jim's Food Center, and is currently working there. Steve really enjoys his job at Jim's Food Center, and plans to continue working there for a long time to come.

In July of 2009 he moved out of his parent's home into an apartment. Steve's hobbies include playing Xbox, watching sports, and playing golf and ping-pong. *Submitted by Steve Winkelbauer*

Ernest and Lucille Witte



Ernest and Lucille Witte Family

Ernest Witte was born August 18, 1915, at Thurston, Nebraska. His parents were Henry L. and Emma (Bottger) Witte. In 1918, his parents purchased and moved to a farm four miles east of Randolph. This was their home for twenty years and this is where his sisters, Bertha, Alice and Evelyn and brother, Melvin were born. The children all grew up on this farm and received their first to eighth grade education in the Wareham school of District 70 S Cedar County. Ernest graduated from Randolph high School in 1933 and continued farming with his parents.

On April 16, 1941, Ernest married Lucille Milliken at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph by Reverend Harold E. Hoff. Lucille was the daughter of Luther and Ethel Milliken. She was born and grew up on the Milliken farm northeast of Randolph. She graduated from Randolph High in 1938.

In 1942, they rented and moved to the Dan McCarthy farm, three miles east of town. They lived on this farm sixteen years, raising livestock and growing crops. Ernest and Lucille look back on many memories of this neighborhood and friends as they lived through dry years and short crops and also good years; some trials and some accidents, but things always seemed to work out all right. While they lived on this farm, they became the parents of six children: Rodney, Gwendolyn, Lynette, Douglas, Greg and Bradley.

In 1958, the Wittes moved to the Reese Brothers' farm north of Wareham and lived there three years. They appreciated the nice farm and buildings and remember the many group activities on "the Bluffs".

In 1961, they again moved to the C. L. Sellon farm west of Randolph. This was their home for sixteen years. They also have many memories of this farm, helping to remodel and improve the buildings and farm. They will always remember the friendly neighbors of the McLean community. Doug, Greg and Brad finished their elementary education in the McLean School.

All of the members of the Witte family were active in the Prairie Hill 4-H Club with beef, hogs, and dairy projects. Lucille and Ernest were 4-H Club leaders a

number of years. Their family participated in school activities including music, band, chorus, football, volleyball and drama. They worship at St. John's Lutheran Church and have been active in Sunday School, Luther League and Choir. Lucille taught in the Sunday School twenty years and is active in the A.L.C. women's organization. She was a member of the Wareham Country Club for nineteen years; and since 1961, she has been a member of the McLean Extension Club and the Willing Workers Social Club of McLean.

Rodney graduated from Randolph High School in 1960, from Wayne State College in 1964, and received a Masters Degree in Music from Northwestern University in Illinois. He married Cleone Daugherty in 1967. They live in Madison, Wisconsin, where he retired from the choral director of music at LaFollette High School after 35 years of service. Their children are Suzanne and Jill.

Gwendolyn graduated from Randolph High School in 1963 and from the College of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1964. She married David Dickey and they live in Aitken, Minnesota, where David is retired after 40 years of service to the Minnesota Game and Wildlife Commission. Their children are Jennifer and Sara.

Lynette graduated from Randolph High School in 1965. Lynn was employed as a medical transcriptionist and as a secretary in the State Health Department in Lincoln. She married Gary Brummels and they are the parents of twins, Grant and Erika. They live in West Des Moines, Iowa, where Gary is employed with Machinery Link as a District Sales Manager.

Douglas graduated from Randolph High School in 1966, from Dana College in 1970, and he received a Masters Degree in Education from Omaha University. He married Patricia Weise and their children are Heather, Megan, Ashley and Spencer. They live in Norfolk, Nebraska where he is Assistant Superintendent in the Norfolk School system.

Greg graduated from Randolph High School in 1967, from Dana College in 1971 and from Wartburg Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa in 1979. He received his Ph. D. in Biblical Studies at Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia in 1985. He married Connie Hoth and their children are John and Adam. They live in Omaha, Nebraska where Greg is the Administrator at Risen Sun Nursing Home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Bradley graduated from Osmond High School in 1972. He married Laurie Hoffman and their children are Sara, Paul and Luke. They live in Long Pine, Nebraska. Both Brad and Laurie are employed by the Ainsworth School.

In the summer of 1975, Lucille and Ernest decided that, since the children were all married and away from home, they would like to do something else. After 35 years on the farm, they had a farm sale in January 1976 and moved into their new home in Randolph. Ernest was employed

at Tri-County Co-op and Lucille was employed at the Colonial Manor.

Ernest and Lucille are thankful for all of God's blessings in their life and are happily enjoying their retirement years in their hometown of Randolph with their many good friends. The Witte's have fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Lucille Witte passed away October 14, 2010. *Submitted by Ernest and Lucille Witte*

Paul and Jolene Wurdinger



Paul and Jolene Wurdinger Family

Paul J. Wurdinger and Jolene Nordhues were united in marriage on May 9, 1981 at St. Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph.

Paul, son of Arthur and Dorothy (Nowatzke) Wurdinger, was born January 25, 1959 at Randolph. He has an older brother Lynn. Paul entered first grade at St. Frances Catholic School where he remained until sixth grade when he joined the Randolph Public School and graduated in May 1977.

Jolene, the third eldest of five brothers and two sisters, is the daughter of Joe and Rosalee (Gubbels) Nordhues. Jolene was born February 21, 1962 at Osmond. She began kindergarten at the Belden Public School until fourth grade when she entered the Randolph Public School and graduated in May 1980.

A daughter, Paula Rose was born to this family on March 28, 1984 at Osmond General Hospital. They all lived on a farm four miles east and two and one-half miles south of Randolph until moving to Belden in 1985 on the old Graf farm four miles west of Belden.

On March 28, 1987 a second daughter, Samantha Jean was born at Osmond. On August 9, 1988 a third child, a son, Philip Douglas was born, also at the Osmond General Hospital.

In January, 1990 the family moved to the original Wurdinger homestead four miles east of Randolph (Wareham corner) and two miles south, where they still reside.

Eight years later, a fourth child, a daughter, Krista Marie was born on the way to Yankton, South Dakota and on October 23, 1999 a fifth child, Ross Elliott was born at the Yankton Hospital.

Other than farming, Paul also has been employed at Mid-American Dairy in Hartington and Junck Dairy. Jolene has been employed at the Randolph times, Main Street Flowers and Wattier's True Value where she is still employed.

Paula graduated from Randolph High School in 2002 and attended Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa. She is employed by Health Services Inc. and lives in Omaha. Samantha graduated in 2005 from RHS. She is currently attending the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, South Dakota working on her master's degree. She married Travis Mennenga on July 18, 2009 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. They are residing in Yankton, South Dakota. Graduating in May 2007 from RHS, Philip attended Northeast Community College at Norfolk, Nebraska for two years. He now manages a local hog operation. Krista is in the seventh grade and Ross, in the fourth grade at Randolph Public Schools.

The family are members of St. Frances de Chantal Catholic Church. *Submitted by Jolene Wurdinger*

Richard and Diane Wurdinger



Richard and Diane Wurdinger Family

Richard Wurdinger, son of John and Josephine (Pflanz) Wurdinger, was born on November 1, 1939. He was the youngest of six children. He graduated from St. Frances High School in 1957 and served in the United States Navy from 1957-1960.

Diane Kay Van Auker was born the oldest of four children, to Dwayne and Gladys (Tietgen) Van Auker on April 24, 1944. She graduated from Randolph Public School in 1962.

Richard Wurdinger and Diane Van Auker were married at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph on June 22, 1963. They made their home in Wayne, Nebraska and currently still live there.

Richard and Diane have two sons: Mark Richard was born July 28, 1968 and Daniel Dwayne who was born on December 19, 1970. Mark and Dan graduated from Wayne High School. Mark served in the United States Navy for fourteen years. Dan served in the United States Army, received his Bachelor's Degree from Creighton University and his Master's Degree from University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Mark married Brenda Korth on May 3, 1997 and they live in Norfolk with their three daughters: Breanna, Anika, and Abigail "Abby". They own the T-Shirt Factory in Neligh and Brenda is a Physicians Assistant at the Neligh Clinic. Dan married Deborah Wallis on May 21, 2005 and they live in Graham, North Carolina. Dan is a buyer for Honda Aero and Deborah is a collection volunteer at Greensboro Historical Museum. They are expecting their first child in 2010.

Rich is now retired from Wayne State College and Diane is employed as office manager at Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne where she has been employed the past eighteen and one-half years. *Submitted by Diane Wurdinger*

Krista Lynn Young - Podany



Krista, Carl Dobias

Krista Lynn Young was born August 27, 1957 to Paul Laverne and Virginia Adair (Graf) Young. Krista was the youngest of her siblings three brothers and one sister: Roger, Paula (Sauser), Ricky and Virgil. Her grand parents were Alvin and Kathryn (Loberg) Young and Herman and Matilda (Helms) Graf.

Krista grew up on Highway 20, two miles east of the St. Jane Francis de Chantel Church. She attended Randolph Public Schools K-12 graduating in 1975, the home of her beloved Randolph Cardinals.

Krista's parents owned the West Randolph Ballroom, roller rink and a 16 lane bowling alley on the east side of Randolph on Highway 20. She spent many hours skating, cleaning and bowling. Her dad taught her to dance and her mother taught her to waltz on roller skates. The entire family had a passion for horses and they belonged to the Randolph Saddle Club. They milked cows, raised chickens, pigs and sheep. Each member of the family had a horse. Many hours were spent in the hay fields.

Krista was married July 9, 1977 to Chuck Podany and they are now divorced. You can take the girl off the farm but you can not take the farm out of the girl. Their children are Heith Charles born June 13, 1978, Elisha Lynn born October 24, 1979, Travis Joseph born October 12, 1981 and Luke Paul born July 13, 1986.

Heith is married to Kimberly (Bromley) and they have three children, one son and two daughters: Blake, Camryn and Emory. Elisha is married to Barry Peterson and they have one son and one daughter, Logan and

Kyley and are expecting a baby in July 2010. Travis is married to Kara (Meyer) they have two daughters, Colbie and Brooke.

Krista lives on a farm /ranch west of Verdigre, Nebraska in the area of Knoxville. Krista's fiancé is Carl James Dobias of Verdigre. Carl has two sons, Kyle William born January 24, 1988 and Clifford James born August 14, 1989. *Submitted by Krista Podany*

Paul and Virginia Young

Paul Laverne Young was the son of Alvin and Kathryn (Loberg) Young. He was born July 16, 1921 at Laurel, Nebraska. He spent his first years of school in Winside and Randolph schools and his high school days were



Virginia and Paul Young

spent in Randolph and Belden schools, graduating from Belden High School in 1940.

Virginia Graf was the daughter of Herman Fredrick and Mathilda (Helms) Graf. She was born at her parent's farm home at Carroll, on December 6, 1922. She attended District 80 in Wayne County for the first eight years

and then Sholes High School, graduating from there in 1939. Sholes was four miles from home and transportation to school, all four years was by horseback.

The family car only left the garage two times a week, going on Saturday to Randolph to shop and on Sunday to Hope Reform Church at Belden. If the roads were too muddy or snowy this trip was made by team and wagon. Pleasant memories of some of the snowy trips were the ringing of the sleigh bells her father tied to the horse's harness.

During their childhood days, Paul and Virginia remembered playing marbles together during one of their parent's visits. They both were in the same class play "Here Comes Charlie" - but in different schools.

Paul (Bud) Young and Virginia Graf were married March 26, 1944 at her parent's farm home. They honeymooned in Sioux City, Iowa. Their first home was on a farm four miles south of Belden on Highway 57. In January of 1945, Paul was inducted into the army and spent his years of service in the Philippines and Japan as a M.P. When he returned home they again lived on the

same farm. It was there Roger Dean was born August 29, 1947 and Paula Sue on November 2, 1949.

When Paula was two weeks old they got their first electricity and had luxuries such as a refrigerator, radio, etc. It was a treat not to run to the cave with butter and milk before and after a meal, or to wash lamp chimneys and fill lamps with kerosene.

In March of 1950 they moved to a farm two miles east of Randolph just off Highway 20. The first year Virginia joined the Wareham Country Club, which is still an active club today.

Ricky Ray was born August 23, 1951. When he was two months old, Paul lost his left hand in a corn picker accident. Virgil Lee was born September 26, 1953 and Krista Lynn was born August 27, 1957. The children received their education in the Randolph Public School.

In 1959, Paul and Virginia went into partnership with Alvin and Kathryn Young and purchased the dance hall and skating rink in west Randolph and added an eight-lane bowling alley. They operated this business until 1977 when they sold the business. They went back to farming in 1978.

They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Randolph. They had 20 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Roger and Donna live in Pierce, Nebraska; Paula and Ron Sauser live in Tekamah, Nebraska; Ricky lives in Black Hawk, South Dakota, Virgil and Barb live in Hay Springs, Nebraska and Krista lives in Verdigre, Nebraska.

Virginia passed away in Yankton, South Dakota June 5, 1995. Paul stayed on the farm until 1998, when he moved to Randolph. Paul passed away April 7, 2002. *Submitted by Paula (Young) Sauser*

Ricky Ray Young



Ricky Ray Young Family

August 23, 1951, in Randolph, Ricky Ray Young was born to Paul and Virginia Young. Being one of five children, he always had plenty of "company". Rick attended Randolph Public Schools from Kindergarten

through his senior year. Upon graduating from Randolph High School, he left and worked various jobs until March of 1971. At this time, he left for military service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to complete basic training. The Army then took him to Frankfurt, Germany, for 19 months. Upon his discharge in February of 1973, he returned home to Randolph.

Rick enrolled in Northeast Technical College in Norfolk. In June of 1975, he graduated with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Automotive Mechanics. During the next four years, he was employed by Orwig Ford in Hartington where he then lived. In March of 1980, Rick established "Rick's Transmission and Repair".

Rick was soon employed by Randolph Ford and Mercury, Inc. where he worked for two and one-half years at which point this business sold out. He then continued with his own business.

Rick has four children: Jeanna Dawn born September 20, 1977; Ricky Ray II born November 8, 1981; Chelsea Corrine born February 4, 1988 and Derek Paul-George born May 24, 1991. Rick has three grandchildren.

Rick currently lives in Black Hawk, South Dakota where he works as a carpenter.

Virgil and Barbara Young



Virgil and Barb Young

Virgil Lee Young was born September 26, 1953 at Osmond, Nebraska to Paul and Virginia (Graf) Young. He graduated from Randolph High attending all twelve years.

Barbara Jean Schmit was born January 21, 1954 at Osmond, Nebraska to Vincent John and Shirley Margaret (Meyer) Schmit. She graduated from Randolph High in 1972 and Norfolk Junior College in 1973.

Virgil and Barb were married June 30, 1973 at St., Frances de Chantal Catholic Church at Randolph. They farmed in the Randolph area until they moved to Alliance, Nebraska, in 1981, where Virgil worked for Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1983 they moved to Hay Springs and worked for a farmer until they purchased an Alfalfa plant in 1984 at Wray, Colorado. In 1986 they moved back to Hay Springs and worked at the John Deere dealership in Chadron, until 1997. They then opened their own business Young's Repair. They currently farm and ranch and help with the repair business along with their two oldest sons.

Virgil and Barb have six children and twelve grandchildren. Nicole Jean was born July 6, 1974 at Osmond, Nebraska and was married May 29, 2009 to Charles Toof. They have three children. Laura Ann was born July 27, 1976 at Osmond, and was married to Butch Faulkenberry January 1, 1999. They have four children. Adam Paul was born Jan. 6, 1979 at Osmond. (He was the 1979 Randolph's first baby of the year) and was married to Jennifer Schenck June 3, 2006. They have 2 children. Sara Jo was born June 11, 1980 at Osmond and was married to Chris Johnson June 14, 2003. They have 3 children. Andrew Lee was born Oct. 14, 1981 in Alliance, Nebraska and Abe Joseph was born Dec. 12, 1987 in Chadron, Nebraska. *Submitted by Virgil and Barbara Young*

David and Holly Zinck

Holly (Heegle) Zinck graduated from Randolph High School in 1990. She attended Hastings College, in Hastings, Nebraska graduating in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in studio art. There she met David Zinck. Holly and David were married on September 3, 1995. They have two daughters, Emily Elisabeth born on Sept 9, 2004, and Claire Katherine born April 2, 2007. Holly works for AT&T Mobility as a lead financial analyst. David works for E*trade as a quality reporting specialist. They live in the Atlanta, Georgia area and enjoy spending time together as a family. Holly is an avid runner, participating in numerous races each year. She completed



David, Holly, Claire, Emily Zinck

back to back half marathons in 2009 and is beginning full marathon training. Emily is preparing for Kindergarten with a passion for learning and a compassion for others. Claire is ready to begin preschool in the fall 2010 school year.

Randolph Trivia Questions

Q –What did these three pioneers: August F. Huwaldt (1879), C. E. Manzer (1888) and Christopher Tatge have in common?

A – Mr. Huwaldt planted hundreds of trees; Mr. Manzer planted 600 forest trees and Mr. Tatge established a 20 acre orchard of apples and plums.

Q – Who was Phil Pill?

A – Phil Pill was one of the proprietors of the Phil Brothers General Merchandise store located on the south side of Broadway in the early 1900's.

Q – What was the name of Randolph's 1889 newspaper? Who was the editor?

A – Randolph's 1889 newspaper was the Randolph Reporter edited by Harry Hammond.

Q – How did Randolph happen to be named Randolph?

A – Randolph was named by F. H. Peavy in honor of Lord Randolph Churchill (1849-1895).

Randolph Trivia Questions

Q – What former Randolph resident spent four childhood years as a resident of the Nebraska governor's mansion?

A – Mrs. Eugene Stewart, daughter of Governor Mickey, lived in the Mansion (1904-1907), while her father served two terms as Governor of Nebraska.

Q – Who was Randolph's first chief telephone operator?

A – Myrtle Fox was the first telephone operator in Randolph

Q – Who built the brick building that currently houses The Joker (cardroom)?

A – R. A. Nance, proprietor of the Nance Meat Market built the building that is now (2010) occupied by The Jokers Galore (cardroom).