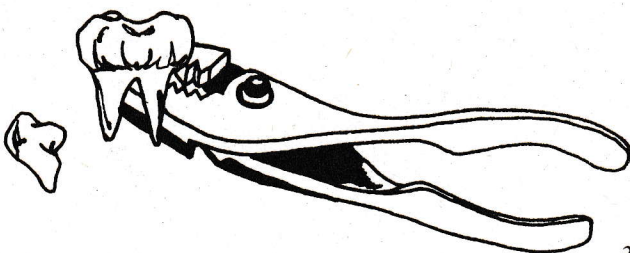


**FRANK
AND
ROZALIA
KUZNIA**



Family Tree of Frank and Rozalia Kuznia

FRANK KUZNIA b-1870, d-1936
to
ROZALIA KASPROWICZ b-1881, d-1976

1. Hedwig Kuznia b-1900 to Anton Pietruszewski b-1889, d-1956

A. Edward Pietruszewski b-1920 to Lottie Puchtel b-1921

- 1) Robert Pietruszewski b-1950
- 2) Carol Pietruszewski b-1954 to Sidney Johnson b-1955
 - a) Nicolas Johnson b-1980

B. Raymond Pietruszewski b-1921 to Mary Grochowski b-1924

- 1) Veronica Pietruszewski b-1946 to John Lubarski b-1942
 - a) Denise Lubarski b-1967
 - b) Robert Lubarski b-1970
- 2) Ernest Pietruszewski b-1949 to Valerie Hallberg b-1951
 - a) Bobbi Jean Pietruszewski b-1970
 - b) Heather Pietruszewski b-1974
 - c) Darrin Pietruszewski b-1980
- 3) Gerald Pietruszewski b-1952 to Cindy Kingbury b-1954
- 4) Richard Pietruszewski b-1953
- 5) Joanne Pietruszewski b-1955
- 6) Virginia Pietruszewski b-1956

C. Valerian Piet b-1924, d-1974 to Anna Lewko b-1930

- 1) Daniel Piet b-1950 to Cindy Miles b-1953
- 2) Janie Piet b-1951 to Randy Miles b-1951
 - a) Charles Miles b-1978
 - b) Audra Miles b-1979
- 3) Kenneth Piet b-1955 to Karen Esposito b-1957
- 4) Larry Piet b-1956 to Janice Stilla b-1960
- 5) Richard Piet b-1957
- 6) Linda Piet b-1960

D. Henry Pietruszewski b-1923 to Alice Niedzwiecki b-1926, d-1962

Henry Pietruszewski to Emily Kot Blaszczyk b-1924

E. Felician Pietruszewski b-1925 to Olga Bajdek b-1929

- 1) Gary Pietruszewski b-1959
- 2) Sharon Pietruszewski b-1960
- 3) Roger Pietruszewski b-1962
- 4) Gregory Pietruszewski b-1963

F. John Pietruszewski b-1926 to Lorraine Kujawa b-1929

- 1) Craig Pietruszewski b-1961
- 2) Wayne Pietruszewski b-1963
- 3) Kathleen Pietruszewski b-1965

G. Aurelia Pietruszewski b-1928 to Ernest Kujawa b-1923, d-1980

- 1) Patrick Kujawa b-1950
- 2) Jerome Kujawa b-1954
- 3) Carolyn Kujawa b-1956 to Kenneth Safranski b-1957
- 4) Allen Kujawa b-1958
- 5) Dennis Kujawa b-1961
- 6) Michelle Kujawa b-1965

H. Irene Pietruszewski b-1929 to Harvey Rud b-1927

- 1) Maureen Rud b-1954 to Chester Czepyha b-1953
- 2) Diane Rud b-1956 to Loren Adolphson b-1954
- 3) Bette Rud b-1960
- 4) James Rud b-1967

I. Cecelia Pietruszewski b-1931 to Michael Grembowski b-1930

- 1) Barbara Grembowski b-1954 to Michael Wheeling b-1952
- 2) Yvonne Grembowski b-1956 to Roger Feltman b-1955
 - a) Anthony Feltman b-1978
- 3) Timothy Grembowski b-1957
- 4) Julie Grembowski b-1958 to Paul Callahan b-1959
- 5) Alice Grembowski b-1961
- 6) Karen Grembowski b-1962
- 7) Janice Grembowski b-1966
- 8) Lisa Grembowski b-1974

J. Anton Pietruszewski b-1934, d-1934

K. Francis Pietruszewski b-1940, d-1963

L. Hilary Pietruszewski b-1942

2. John A. Kuznia b-1902 to Victoria Krolak b-1906, d-1980

A. Harry Kuznia b-1924 to Florence Urbaniak b-1926

- 1) Ann Marie Kuznia b-1953 to Franklin Palm b-1948
 - a) Nathan Palm b-1978
- 2) James Kuznia b-1958

B. Elizabeth Kuznia b-1928

C. Veronica Kuznia b-1939 to Dennis Stainbrook b-1943

- 1) Mary Elizabeth Strainbrook b-1973

3. Frances Kuznia b-1904, d-1917

4. Marie Kuznia b-1906 to Frank Gajeski b-1901, d-1968

A. Raymond Gajeski b-1926 to Beverly Blaze b-1935

- 1) Debra Gajeski b-1955 to Marcus Peterson b-1951
 - a) Melissa Peterson b-1979
- 2) Dennis Gajeski b-1958
- 3) Deanna Gajeski b-1961
- 4) Dawn Gajeski b-1968

B. Leonard Gajeski b-1928 to Lucille Tulibaski b-1934

- 1) Lynette Gajeski b-1954 to Daniel McDowell b-1953
 - a) Alison McDowell b-1977
 - b) Keely Lyn McDowell b-1979
- 2) Lonnie Gajeski b-1955
- 3) LaVonn Gajeski b-1956 to Glen Pawlowski b-1957
 - a) Adam Pawlowski b-1978

C. Loretta Gajeski b-1930 to Joseph Casale, Sr. b-1927

- 1) Joseph Casale, Jr. b-1953 to Jenny Rider b-1955
 - a) Carrie Casale b-1975
 - b) Liane Casale b-1977
- 2) Sharon Casale b-1954 to Kent Begnaud b-1954
 - a) Sarah Begnaud b-1976
 - b) Carlye Begnaud b-1977
 - c) Nathan Begnaud b-1978

- 3) Sheila Casale b-1956 to Mark McNeil b-1955
 - a) Lucas McNeil b-1975
- 4) Sandra Casale b-1958
- 5) Dean Casale b-1961
- 6) Karen Casale b-1963

D. Frank Gajeski, Jr. b-1932 to Diane Studier b-1938

- 1) Gary Gajeski b-1957
- 2) Melinda Gajeski b-1958 to Jerry Daas b-1958
 - a) Joseph Daas b-1976
 - b) Jennifer Daas b-1980
- 3) William Gajeski b-1960
- 4) Tina Gajeski b-1963
- 5) Tammy Gajeski b-1964
- 6) Randel Gajeski b-1966
- 7) Kristen Gajeski b-1971

E. Dolores Gajeski b-1934 to Dick Kulaszewicz b-1932

- 1) Gail Kulaszewicz b-1957 to Roger Weaver b-1953
 - a) Jared Weaver b-1980
- 2) Gwen Kulaszewicz b-1959

F. Rudolph Gajeski b-1938 to Barbara Edwards b-1941

- 1) Jess Gajeski b-1962
- 2) Kimberly Gajeski b-1964
- 3) James Gajeski b-1967
- 4) Thomas Gajeski b-1972
- 5) Renee Gajeski b-1976

G. Gordon Gajeski b-1941 to Mary Lou Smith b-1948

- 1) Jason Gajeski b-1971
- 2) Mark Gajeski b-1973

H. Eugene Gajeski b-1947 to Joan Hoelscher b-1951

- 1) Shawn Gajeski b-1971
- 2) Jeremy Gajeski b-1974
- 3) Chad Gajeski b-1977
- 4) Anthony Gajeski b-1979

5. Salomeja Kuznia b-1908 d-1910

6. Anton Kuznia b-1911 d-1949 to Valeria Ilenda b-1915

A. Donald Kuznia b-1939 to Ellen Ray b-1942

- 1) Cletus Kuznia b-1961
- 2) Denise Kuznia b-1962
- 3) Beth Kuznia b-1967
- 4) Craig Kuznia b-1971

B. Anton Kuznia, Jr. b-1940 to Judith Krause b-1944

- 1) Angeline Kuznia b-1970
- 2) Wendy Kuznia b-1972

C. Wallace Kuznia b-1943 to Marilyn Holmes b-1946

D. Margaret Kuznia b-1946 to William Scandin b-1946

- 1) Troy Scandin b-1971
- 2) April Scandin b-1974

E. Richard Kuznia b-1947 to Therese Manaski b-1945

- 1) Ryan Kuznia b-1973
- 2) Roger Kuznia b-1977

7. Peter P. Kuznia b-1913 to Polly Kazmierczak b-1914

A. Eugene Kuznia b-1938 to Theresa Stich b-1938

- 1) Jean Kuznia b-1960
- 2) Lynette Kuznia b-1961

- 3) Francine Kuznia b-1962
- 4) Mary Beth Kuznia b-1963
- 5) Jeffrey Kuznia b-1964
- 6) Jennifer Kuznia b-1966
- 7) Julie Kuznia b-1967
- 8) Nathan Kuznia b-1972
- 9) Darcy Kuznia b-1974
- 10) Jamie Kuznia b-1976

B. Suzanne Kuznia b-1941 to Edward Husler b-1939

- 1) Michele Husler b-1966
- 2) Brian Husler b-1967
- 3) Michael Husler b-1969

C. Petronella Kuznia b-1945 to Daniel Durand b-1944

- 1) Donna Durand b-1966
- 2) David Durand b-1967
- 3) Thomas Durand b-1968
- 4) Kelly Daniel Durand b-1970
- 5) Jacalyn Durand b-1971
- 6) Gayle Marie Durand b-1976

8. Stanley Kuznia b-1916 to Frances Glovinski b-1918

A. Joanne Kuznia b-1941 to Russell Starzyk b-1941

- 1) Michael Starzyk b-1963
- 2) David Starzyk b-1967

B. Marie Kuznia b-1944 d-1944

C. Bernardine Kuznia b-1945 to Joseph Wisocki III b-1943

- 1) Joseph Wisocki IV b-1967
- 2) Mark Wisocki b-1969

D. Ferdinand Kuznia b-1947 to Diane Diegel b-1951

- 1) Alison Kuznia b-1976
- 2) Tiffany Kuznia b-1977

E. Rita Kuznia b-1950

F. Gerald Kuznia b-1951 d-1951

G. Annette Kuznia b-1956 to Richard Thibeault, Jr. b-1956

- 1) Richard Thibeault III b-1976
- 2) Katherine Thibeault b-1977
- 3) Corinne Thibeault b-1979

H. Anthony Kuznia b-1961 d-1961

9. Frank Kuznia b-1919 d-1933

10. Ferdinand Kuznia b-1922 d-1944

11. Delphine Kuznia b-1921 to Chester Mankowski b-1912

A. Louise Mankowski b-1948 to Walter Jenny b-1946

- 1) Natalie Jenny b-1968
- 2) Stephanie Jenny b-1971

B. Timothy Mankowski b-1950 to Jacqueline Fleisher b-1953

- 1) Alicia Mankowski b-1976
- 2) Peter Mankowski b-1979

C. Delores Mankowski b-1953 to Todd Stewart b-1952

- 1) Matthew Stewart b-1978

D. Geraldine Mankowski b-1959

Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia

Frank Kuznia was born in Poland in 1870 and was the oldest child of Albert and Hedwig Kuznia. He came to America with his father and brothers, Stanley and Anton, in 1881.

In 1890, he bought the home quarter from his father for \$2,000, and he farmed it until 1898, at which time he sold it back to his father for \$100. He married Rozalia Kasprowicz on November 25, 1899.



Frank and Rozalia Kuznia's wedding picture -- 1899

Frank and Rozalia purchased land in Section 10 of Wanger Township, Marshall County, Minnesota, but had to live with her parents (the Kasprowiczes) about one year until a one-room house could be built. They moved into it just before Christmas of 1901. A lean-to was built later on and used as a kitchen. The barn was built of logs with a sod roof. All their belongings consisted of two horses, two cows, a few chickens, a wagon and some furniture.

Frank and Rozalia had eleven children (six boys and five girls): Hedwig, John, Frances, Mary, Sally, Anton, Peter, Stanley, Frank, Ferdinand, and Delphine.

Frank could speak English, Polish, German, and a little French. He worked on a farm called the Stephen Farm owned by the Gillespies. There were a lot of Scandinavians who worked there, so

he learned their language from them and he, in turn, would teach them Polish. He knew Latin by heart, which was used in the church at that time. Frank was a very religious man. There was hardly a hymn he didn't know; singing not only in church but also as he worked in the fields or while driving to town. One day he took a load of grain into Stephen, which at that time took a whole day to make the 14-mile round trip. As it was very, very cold out that day, mother was very worried. We would go outside now and then to listen, and soon we could hear the sleigh screech on the frozen snow and heard father singing for miles away.

Father was a busy man and active farmer. He repaired shoes, not only for his family, but for others, too. He also pulled teeth for people. In the winter, he did a lot of harness repairing for his brothers so they could be ready for the spring work. He would go into the woods and roll big logs on the sleigh. He was a very strong man.



Frank and Rozalia Kuznia's farm home

Mother worked hard also, caring for their eleven children. As dad would sit on the binder cutting grain, she was out there shocking the bundles, praying as she worked. Morning and evening she milked the cows as dad would feed the horses and clean the barn. She also raised a lot of geese, ducks, turkeys, and chickens, had a big garden and in the winter time she enjoyed knitting mittens and stockings and also did a lot of crocheting. Mother dried her clothes in the winter time by taking them on the second story of the grain house. (Some clothes dried, and some froze.) Then back to the house to finish drying. We children hardly ever got to town unless we needed shoes or some clothes to fit.

One Fourth of July celebration which we remember and enjoyed very much was when father took us all to town on a light wagon.

They showed the first make of an automobile, which looked much like a buggy, but drove by itself.

When we grew up, it was much easier for mother, as we would help in the fields and haul bundles so mother could stay home and make the meals. War came and also the flu; many people got sick and some died, but we were spared of this sickness.

Frank served as a member of the Wanger Town Board for 25 years or more.

One Sunday afternoon in the summer of 1920, Frank was taking a stroll around his farm yard. He was wearing a vest, like most men did in those days on Sunday. In recent weeks, Frank had taken to carrying his gold wedding ring in his vest pocket, as it had become too tight for his finger. That particular Sunday while looking at the garden, he hung his vest on the fence. (All gardens had fences around them because of the cattle.) A few days went by before Frank missed his wedding ring; it was not in his vest pocket. Immediately, the members of the family set out to search for it, but could not find it even after several days of hunting. The ring apparently was lost forever. It wasn't until a summer day about 40 years later when his daughter-in-law Polly (who was now living on the farm with her husband, Peter, and their three children), while

digging in the rhubarb patch found the wedding band -- as shiny as ever -- embedded in the rhubarb roots. Rozalia had the ring made smaller and wore it on her finger until her death.

Frank and Rozalia, with their daughter Delphine, moved to Florian in the fall of 1936. Frank passed away on December 22, 1936, at 66 years of age. Rozalia continued to make her home in Florian for 17 years. When Delphine graduated from Stephen High School, she went to Duluth for employment and at this time, Rozalia went to live with her son, Peter, for the next 22 years. She then lived with her daughter Hedwig for three years.

Rozalia, the daughter of Peter and Josephine Kasproicz, came to the United States from Poznan, Poland, in 1891 with her parents and brothers: Vincent, Mike, Walentz, and John, and sister Mary. After living in New York, then in Chicago for three years, they finally came to Minnesota and bought a farm in Wright Township, Marshall County, from the Schmidt family. They sold them the land, along with the machinery, horses, one cow, chickens, and ducks. This farm already had a log house and barn. Everyone worked hard clearing the brush. She passed away on January 9, 1976, at 94 years of age.



Frank and Rozalia Kuznia family
 [Back L-R] John, Peter, Ferdinand, Anton, Stanley
 [Front L-R] Hedwig, Frank, Delphine, Rozalia, Marie

ANTON AND HEDWIG [KUZNIA] PIETRUSZEWSKI
Stephen, Minnesota 56757

My husband Anton, now deceased, came to Minnesota with his parents, Martin and Mary Ann (Szafranski) Pietruszewski, and his two brothers, John and Frank. Anton was only three years old at that time. They came from Denver, Colorado, in the year of 1892 in April on a cold and wet day. They came to stay with Anton Myszkowski, a half-brother of Grandpa Pietruszewski, until a sod house was built. Then they built a log house. A sod house is not a pleasant place to live in, as there were crawling insects, snakes, and frogs that got in. Grandma told us about the rain water dripping on their beds, too. The family settled on a farm in Wanger Township, Section 6. They raised a family of 11 children.

In 1919, Anton and I got married on the 25th of February. That day it was 35 degrees below zero, and in a sled covered with blankets, we went out to church for Mass and our wedding ceremony. My father, Frank Kuznia, (God bless his soul) was the driver. That same year, we moved to this farm in Augsburg Township, Section 36, which we bought some years previously.

After World War I, the hard years were on the way: taxes going up, grain was cheap, and so was everything else. The farms were infested by some Canadian thistle which was hard to get rid of if the right equipment and power was not available. In those years, you had to kill thistles with a spring tooth harrow, and during a dry summer, you could kill the weeds pretty well. If not killed, they grew bigger the next year and smothered your crop. This was one of those things we could not handle.

We lost one of our four horses. With only three horses, we couldn't farm, so we quit farming, sold our machinery, and rented out our farm. My husband went to work for others, but in those

days, pay was poor. Later on, he worked with WPA. Taxes were going up every year, so we couldn't keep up, and the state took the farm. But we held the 40 acres with the buildings for rent pay. We had some cattle, so one day my husband took a five gallon can of cream to town to buy sugar, and he got \$1.50 for it. He bought gas for the car and came home. Later my husband bought an International truck with which he did trucking for some years.

When the state started to sell farms for back taxes, we had the first chance to buy it back. By then, we had a herd of about 30 head of cattle with calves. We sold all of them except one cow to make the payment of \$400. We were the happiest family in the world when we got our farm back. My husband sold the truck and bought a John Deere tractor and some machinery and started farming again.

The first year we had a nice crop, and we still had the wheat in the granary when a disastrous wind storm came and blew down almost all the barns on the farms. Our barn went, but the lean-to holding the wheat was left. Some wheat spilled out on the ground, but we managed to pick it up.

Our older boys were gone to find jobs, and then World War II began. Five of my sons enlisted in the Army, and all came back safely. There were 12 children born in our union: nine boys and three girls.

My husband was failing in health, suffering with pleurisy, high blood pressure, and other complications. By then, all my children were gone and married. We were left with our two youngest ones: Francis - 16, and Hilary - 14. My husband did not recover after surgery, and he died in October of 1956. In April of 1963, I lost Francis, and Hilary has been with me ever since and is farming.



Anton and Hedwig Pietruszewski Family
Back [L-R] Valerian, Raymond, Felician, Edward, John, and Henry
[Front] Anton, Francis, Irene, Cecelia, Aurelia, Hilary, and Hedwig

I remember when my three girls were still in school, and the spring was very wet with thawing snow. We had a small ditch crossing one corner of our farm, so we had some planks put across to walk on. By the time the girls were dismissed from the school that afternoon, the water was rushing so fast it washed out the ditch and took the planks with it. The girls, now knowing how deep it was, tried to get over. They walked in waist deep water. They managed to make it home, all wet and dirty. Their winter coats were soaked. The next day I had a big wash -- coats, dresses, shoes, and all.

In those days when children were growing up, very few got shots for any kind of sickness, so my children got all the diseases: measles, small pox, yellow jaundice, and the seven-year itch. Thanks to Dr. Nimlos for his wonder salve that cured the itch. Some of the children also got the whooping cough, but they all recovered.

Yes, happiness, sadness and hard times -- we all experience them. But with God's help and prayers, everything can be done. Our sadness was repeated in October of 1974 when one of my dear sons, Valerian, died of a heart attack very suddenly, leaving his wife and six children. He was only 50.

Our address is rural Stephen, Minnesota 56757.

EDWARD A. AND LOTTIE [PUCHTEL] PIETRUSZEWSKI
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Edward A. Pietruszewski, born June 19, 1920, in Marshall County, Stephen, Minnesota, is the son of Anton Pietruszewski and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski.

I went into the armed services in September 1942 and was discharged in January of 1946. I served in the Army Engineer Corps which was attached to the Air Force. I served in the Southwest Pacific: Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa.

On July 31, 1948, I was married to Lottie H. Puchtel in Chicago, Illinois. Lottie's father was Joseph Puchtel, and her mother was Anna Siok. Lottie has no brothers or sisters.

I was employed at the International Harvester Company in Chicago and Melrose Park for ten years. After attending the Molar Barber College in Chicago, I switched to the barbering profession and now own my own barber shop in Lombard, Illinois.

On November 17, 1950, at St. Ann's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, our son, Robert E. was born.

September 2, 1954, at St. Ann's Hospital in Chicago, our daughter, Carol, was born. She shares the same birthday with her mother. Carol was married to Sid Johnson on July 29, 1978, in Lombard, Illinois.

SIDNEY AND CAROL [PIETRUSZEWSKI] JOHNSON
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RAYMOND AND MARY [GROCHOWSKI] PIETRUSZEWSKI
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Strandquist, Minnesota 56758

I am the second child of Anton and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski born in Marshall County, Minnesota, on November 2, 1921.

I started school at eight years of age, walking two miles to the Nesslund School. At age 11, I worked on farms around Florian until I was 18 years old. I then went to Duluth and worked on dairy farms for a while. From there, I went and worked near Hastings and Inver Grove, Minnesota, before going back to Duluth to work on the farm again. I left Duluth again and went to Hurley, Wisconsin, for two weeks and on to Chicago, Illinois, where I worked for the Swift Packing Company for one year, then back home to Minnesota, where I worked on farms. All this happened in less than four years.

In April of 1945, I was drafted into the Army. I got married in 1945 and went to Korea in 1946 and served there until December of that year, at which time I was discharged and came home to see my daughter, Veronica, who was three months old.

It was on September 18, 1945, while I was in the service, that I married Mary Grochowski in the Assumption Catholic Church in Florian. She is the daughter of Joseph and Emily (Kujawa) Grochowski. Mary was born September 12, 1924, and has two brothers, Aloize and Frank. Mary and I knew each other for many years, having gone to the same school. Mary started school when she was seven years old, and while attending school, it was her job to milk the cows when she got home. Her mother passed away when she was ten years old, so then she had to do all the cooking and helping around the farm. After we were married, she stayed home with her father and brothers, helping with the work, while I was in the service.

We bought a farm in Nelson Park township in 1947, which we are living in at the present time. I have been farming, but do mostly carpenter work and helped build the Florian Church in 1949 until completed.

Mary worked with potatoes in the spring and fall, later going to work for the Arctic Garment Plant in Karlstad and is still working there.

We are the parents of six children: Veronica, Ernest, Gerald, Richard, Joanne, and Virginia. Veronica was born on September 7, 1946. She married John Lubarski. Ernest was born December 24, 1949, and is now married. Gerald was born May 15, 1952, and is also married. Richard was born July 21, 1953. He is now living in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and does construction work in the Twin Cities area. Joanne was born March 18, 1955, and is in Seattle, Washington, where she is employed by a real estate broker. Virginia was born on April 19, 1956, and is in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, where she works for Tony Dorn Company.



Edward and Lottie Pietruszewski Family
Back [L-R] Carol, Robert [Front] Edward and Lottie



Raymond and Mary Pietruszewski Family
[L-R] Virginia, Richard, Veronica, Gerald,
Mary, Raymond, Ernest, and Joanne

JOHN AND VERONICA [PIETRUSZEWSKI] LUBARSKI
Argyle, Minnesota 56713

Veronica, the daughter of Ray and Mary (Grochowski) Pietruszewski, was born in Warren, Minnesota, on September 7, 1946. She graduated from the Karlstad High School in 1964. After graduation, she worked in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Middle River, Minnesota, and then met John Lubarski at a dance in Florian. Prior to their marriage on September 3, 1966, at the Assumption Church in Florian, Veronica worked as a secretary at the H.E. Everson Company at Grafton, North Dakota.

John Lubarski is the son of Frank and Frances (Jankowski) Lubarski of Argyle, Minnesota, and was born at home on December 31, 1942. John's father passed away on April 1, 1977. John graduated from Argyle High School in 1961. After graduation, he went to the navy. From there, he went to RCA color school in Minneapolis and also worked as a TV repairman in that area. John has one sister, Joann (Mrs. Henry Kazmierczak).

John and Veronica lived in Rochester, Minnesota, prior to moving to Argyle in 1972, where they now own a business, Argyle TV and Appliance, for eight years. Veronica works at the Argyle State Bank and has been there for 7½ years.

They have two children: Denise Marie and Robert John, both born in Rochester, Minnesota. Denise was born on June 4, 1967, and Robert on November 23, 1970. Robert is attending St. Rose School, and Denise the Argyle Public School.

ERNEST AND VALERIE [HALLBERG] PIETRUSZEWSKI
Karlstad, Minnesota 56732

On December 24, 1949, I was born in Karlstad, Minnesota. My parents are Raymond and Mary (Grochowski) Pietruszewski.

During my school years, I was an avid sports fan. I tried to participate in as many activities as possible. After high school, I attended the University of Minnesota at Crookston. I played football and baseball my first year. I got married the following year to Valerie Hallberg of Kennedy, Minnesota. The next year, our first daughter, Bobbi Jean, was born. From that point on, my participation in college sports depleted, but I still participated in amateur sports, mostly as a manager.

My wife, Valerie, is the daughter of Marvin and Kathryn (Matthew) Hallberg. She was born on October 13, 1951, and is the sister of Jody Ann Hallberg, Mrs. Val Jean Lindgren, Mrs. Vicky Dahl, and Mrs. Dee Verle Hausstad. She attended school in

Kennedy and after graduation from high school she attended Northland School of Nursing for two years, where she graduated as an R.N. She has since been employed at the Karlstad Memorial Hospital in Karlstad, Minnesota.

Upon graduation from school in Crookston, I attended Bemidji State College for one year. I worked at a gas station after that in Karlstad for four years. Then I started working with my father as a carpenter for four years. I am presently employed by a farmer in Kennedy, Minnesota. We have made our home in Karlstad, Minnesota, since 1972; buying a three-bedroom home where we still live.

Our oldest daughter, Bobbi Jean, was born in Crookston, Minnesota, on February 27, 1970. She is now ten years old and in the fifth grade. Our second daughter, Heather Leigh, was born in Crookston also, on February 28, 1974. She is now six years old and in the first grade. On June 14, 1980, our first son, Darrin Christopher, made his appearance into our family ahead of schedule. He was born at the United Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and weighed in at 3 pounds 15 ounces.

We like to go camping, fishing, and swimming during the summer, and in the winter we enjoy snowmobiling and skiing.

GERALD AND CINDY [KINGSBURY] PIETRUSZEWSKI
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Hastings, Minnesota

Gerald, the son of Raymond and Mary (Grochowski) Pietruszewski, was born in Karlstad, Minnesota, on May 15, 1952. I attended Karlstad High School in Karlstad, Minnesota, after which I went to work for Arctic Cat in Thief River Falls for four years. I moved to the Twin Cities in 1974.

It was at a party I attended with my friends that I met Cindy Kingsbury, and on June 26, 1976, we were married at the United Methodist Church at Red Wing, Minnesota. Cindy Kay is the daughter of Bud and Lucille (Fitschen) Kingsbury. She was born December 8, 1954, at College Park, Maryland. She is the sister of Nancy, Judy, and Jacky. She went to Red Wing Central High and then to the Medical Institute of Minnesota and became a lab technician. During her school years, she showed many horses and has many trophies to remember them by. She still has her best horse, named Flicka Jo.

I work for a contractor in Osseo, Minnesota, and my wife works as a lab technologist in Hopkins, Minnesota. Both of us love sports and go to many sporting events around the area. We just bought our first home and now enjoy fixing it up.

VALERIAN AND ANNA [LEWKO] PIET
1045 South Edgewood
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Valerian, the son of Anton and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski, was born on April 14, 1924, at the family farm in Augsburg Township, east of Stephen. He attended the Golden Glow country school through the eighth grade, after which he worked on farms around the Stephen area until he enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 10, 1944.

On January 5, 1945, he was sent overseas as a member of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry in France and Germany. While in Germany he met Anna Lewko whom he married in April of 1948.

Anna, the daughter of Bazily and Anna (Funt) Lewko, and sister of Stefania, Irena and Jozek, was born in Poland. At the age of 12, Anna and her oldest sister, Stefania, were separated from their family. They were then taken to Germany, where they worked on farms until the war ended. They never saw their parents again.

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While in Germany, Valerian re-enlisted in the Army for three more years and was discharged in July 1948, at which time he brought his bride to the United States. They made their home in Lombard, Illinois, where Valerian was a building contractor-carpenter. At this time, they changed their name from Pietruszewski to Piet for business reasons.

To this union, six children were born; four are now married, and two, Richard (born December 1, 1957) and Linda (born August 31, 1960), are living with their mother.



Anna Piet and family

[L-R] Richard, Linda, Kenneth, Anna, Daniel, Janie, and Larry

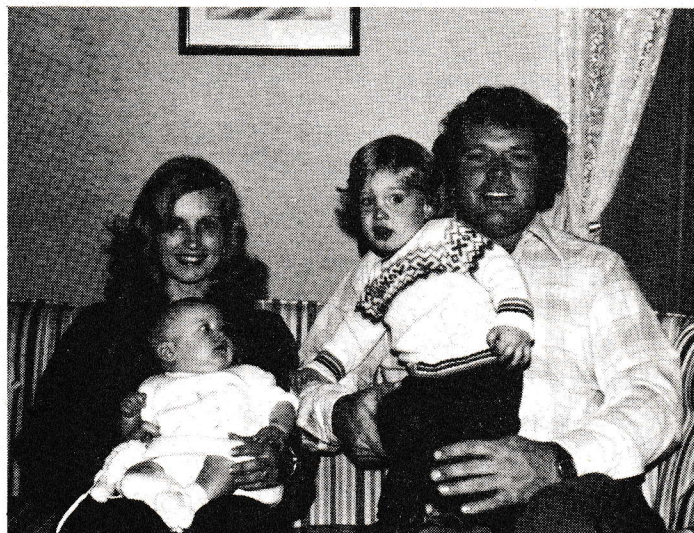
Valerian passed away on October 5, 1974, while on a hunting trip with his son, Larry, in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin.

The oldest son, Daniel, was born in Warren, Minnesota, on February 8, 1950. On June 1, 1974, he married Cindy Miles in Galena, Illinois. Cindy is the daughter of Edwin and Dorothy (Ellis) Miles and the sister of Douglas and Randy.



Daniel and Cindy Piet [1974]

Daughter Janie was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 25th of June, 1951. She married Randy Miles on May 25, 1973, in Lombard, Illinois. Randy is the son of Edwin and Dorothy (Ellis) Miles and the brother of Douglas Miles and Cindy Piet. They are the parents of Charles, born in 1978, and Audra, born in 1979. They live at 815 Franklin, Galena, Illinois 61036.



Randy and Janie Miles Family

[L-R] Janie, Audra, Charles, and Randy

Kenneth was also born in Chicago, Illinois, making his appearance on September 30, 1955. He married Karen Esposito, daughter of Ralph and Angeline (Colletta) Esposito, on July 28, 1979. Karen was born February 26, 1957.

Larry was born October 17, 1956, in Lombard, Illinois. He married Janice Stilla on October 28, 1978. She is the daughter of John and Joan (Machala) Stilla and the sister of Judy and Johnny.

HENRY AND EMILY [BLASZCYK] PIETRUSZEWSKI

**5 C C Drive 9800 Joliet Road
LaGrange, Illinois 60525**

I, Henry, am the fourth son of Anton and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski. I was born and raised on a farm east of Stephen in Marshall County, Minnesota. I worked on various farms in the Stephen area until I was inducted into the Army on October 16, 1944. On November 17, 1946, I was honorably discharged after serving in the Philippine Islands and Japan.

On November 2, 1949, I left Stephen and went to Chicago, Illinois, where I have been employed with the International Harvester Company for 30 years, starting work there on May 5, 1950.



Henry and Emily Pietruszewski Family

[L-R] Don, Henry, Emily, Larry and his wife, Shirley

In 1952, I married Alice Niedzwiecki. She passed away on June 18, 1962. I stayed a widower with no children until 1973 when I met and married Emily Blaszczyk, who had two sons, Don and Larry, now both married.

I had my ups and downs, and so did our family. But with good upbringing, we made it -- thanks to mother and dad.

FELICIAN AND OLGA [BAJDEK] PIETRUSZEWSKI
1452 Long Lake Court
New Brighton, Minnesota

Felician was born on April 20, 1925, on the family farm in Augsburg Township, Stephen, Minnesota.

I attended the Golden Glow country school, after which I worked for eight years on the Art Carlson farms.

I met Olga Bajdek at a dance in Florian, and we were married on October 25, 1955. She is the daughter of Stanley, Sr. and Mary (Szklański) Bajdek. She is the sister of Otto, Stanley Jr., Ted, and Pauline Kalis. That same year, we moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our first new home was at Brooklyn Center, where we lived for eight years. We then moved to New Brighton, Minnesota, where we still live.

We were blessed with four children, all born in Brooklyn Center. Gary was born October 2, 1959, and is now attending school at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Sharon was born November 3, 1960, and is at the Junior College in Anoka, studying to become a medical secretary. Roger was born March 19, 1962, and Gregory was born on April 21, 1963 -- both are attending school in New Brighton.

As a family, we like to take vacation trips, go to baseball games, fishing, and on picnics.

I am a professional truck driver, working 23 years for Hyman Freight Ways, Inc.



Felician and Olga Pietruszewski [1955]

JOHN AND LORRAINE [KUJAWA] PIETRUSZEWSKI
1017 6th Street S.E.
East Grand Forks, Minnesota 56721

John Pietruszewski was born on July 11, 1926, to Anton Pietruszewski and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski.

In 1953, I married Lorraine Kujawa at the Assumption Church in Florian, Minnesota. Three children were born to this union: Craig Allen in 1961, Wayne John in 1963, and Kathleen Jo in 1965.

My wife and I moved to East Grand Forks, Minnesota, in 1956. I worked on construction from 1956 to 1960, and since 1960 as an electronic technician. In 1963, we built a new home, where we are residing at this time.

ERNEST AND AURELIA [PIETRUSZEWSKI] KUJAWA
Rural Strandquist, Minnesota 56758

I, Aurelia Pietruszewski, was born on January 2, 1928, to Anton and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski. In 1948, I married Ernest Kujawa, the son of Martin and Mary Kujawa, at the Assumption Catholic Church in Florian. We live on a farm near Florian. We have a dairy farm, milk cows, and do some grain farming.

We were blessed with six children. Jerome and Allen are home helping Ernest with the milking and farming. Patrick served in the Vietnam War and for the past 11 years has been working at the Arctic plant in Thief River Falls, where he is presently a supervisor. He makes his home near Thief River Falls. Carolyn married Kenneth Safranski. Dennis enlisted in the Coast Guard in December of 1979 for four years. He completed radioman school at Petaluma, California, with the rank of Seaman/Radioman and is now stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Michelle, our youngest, is attending the public school in Argyle, Minnesota.

I have been employed at the Arctic garment factory in Karlstad for ten years.

Ernest Kujawa passed away September 13, 1980.

KENNETH AND CAROLYN [KUJAWA] SAFRANSKI

Carolyn Kujawa was born in Karlstad, Minnesota, in 1956. She is the daughter of Ernest and Aurelia (Pietruszewski) Kujawa.

In 1976, I was united in marriage to Kenneth Safranski at the Assumption Catholic Church in Florian. Kenneth is the son of Ted and Ethel (Kliner) Safranski and the brother of Lynn, Eddie, Shirley, and Bonnie.

We are presently owners of the L.B. Hartz Store in Argyle, Minnesota, where we make our home. Kenneth also sells Electrolux vacuum cleaners.



Kenneth and Carolyn Safranski [1976]

HARVEY AND IRENE [PIETRUSZEWSKI] RUD
Stephen, Minnesota 56757

As I begin to write this, my mind goes back to my early days, growing up on the family farm near Florian, Minnesota. I was the eighth child born to Anton and Hedwig (Kuznia) Pietruszewski. There were eleven children in our family, but I lived in the family home with six brothers and two sisters. Before my two youngest brothers were born, the two eldest had left home to work in Duluth. We walked to school almost two miles away, which was called 55 East, or Golden Glow School.

We were a bunch of happy-go-lucky kids. Mother was always so busy cleaning, washing, ironing, and baking. We were a musical family, with our dad always playing the violin. Later Ray and Henry, my brothers, started to play the violin, too. Felician and John played the guitar. John, Henry, and Valerian all played the accordion. John and Felician later bought a banjo and could master that real well, too. My sister, Cecelia, and I would sing along as the boys played at parties. My brothers would play at going-away parties whenever some close friend was entering the Army, way back in the 40's during World War II.

Another fun time that I can remember as a young teenager was when we would gather in Florian on a Sunday afternoon. We would end up at Andy Rominski's house and entertain ourselves. My brother, John, would play guitar, and John and Tom Rominski were at the piano. We didn't spend much money in those days, but we sure had fun. In the cold of winter, we would walk to the neighbors to play cards or just visit. A fun time always was at the Peter Kurowski farm, visiting Ray, Stanley, and Dolores (now Mrs. Evald Kurowski). We did a lot of walking in those days, especially



Harvey and Irene Rud [1953]

during World War II, when gas was rationed. We walked many times to the Englund Store just to buy some jar lids when mother was canning. That was two miles.

I worked on many farms doing housework and taking care of babies for the busy farm wives. Later I left home and worked in Duluth for a wealthy Jewish family. I also worked at Bridgeman's at Duluth. When I came back to Stephen, I met Harvey Rud, a farmer and truck driver from west of Stephen. We were married June 13, 1953. The first year of our marriage, we lived in Minneapolis, where my husband worked for the Minneapolis Gas Company. We came back to Stephen to farm.

Four children were born to our union. Maureen, the eldest, entered the Army after completing nursing school. She is now married to Chester Czepycha, the son of Chester and Claire Czepycha, Sr. They were married in June of 1979 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Chester is from New Hampshire, and is the brother of Craig, Christopher, Claire, and Cindy. The Czepycha name originated in Hungary. Maureen spent three years as an Army nurse in South Carolina.

Our second daughter, Diane, was born in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Loren Adolphson, a farmer, at St. Stephen's Church in Stephen, Minnesota. Loren is the son of Dale and Natalie (Kostrzewski) Adolphson and the brother of Dwaine, Merle, Merece, and Carla. Diane went to dental assisting school and is employed in that capacity at Warren, Minnesota. They make their home in Argyle, Minnesota.

Our third daughter, Bette, is working for an insurance firm in Fargo, North Dakota. Our only son, James, is presently attending Stephen High School.

MICHAEL AND CECELIA GREMBOWSKI
Rural Route #3
Grafton, North Dakota 58237



Michael and Cecelia Grembowski Family [1975]
Standing [L-R] Karen, Julie, Yvonne, Janice, Timothy
Barbara, and Alice [Sitting:] Michael, Lisa, and Cecelia

MICHAEL AND BARBARA [GREMBOWSKI] WHEELING
Star Route Box 356
Sidney, Montana 59270

Barbara Grembowski was born in 1954 in Grafton, North Dakota, to Michael and Cecelia (Pietruszewski) Grembowski.

After graduating from high school, I attended North Dakota State University at Fargo, where I met my husband, Michael R. Wheeling, who was also a student. We both graduated with Bachelor Degrees in Animal Science; Mike in 1974 and I in 1976. Mike then attended graduate school at Colorado State University and obtained a Masters Degree in meat science. While in college, we were active on the livestock, meat, and wool judging teams and competed in intercollegiate contests at Fort Worth, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Kansas City, Kansas; and also Chicago, Illinois. I was the 1972 North Dakota Pork Queen and traveled throughout the state and competed for the national title in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Michael and I were married April 8, 1976, in Britton, South Dakota. He is the son of Howard and Amba (Hatter) Wheeling and brother of Joe Wheeling and Laura Wheeling Germann.

JOHN AND VICTORIA [KROLAK] KUZNIA
Stephen, Minnesota

It was on the farm of my parents, Frank and Rozalia (Kasproicz) Kuznia, in Marshall County, Wanger Township, that I was born on April 21, 1902.

At six years of age, it was my job to herd cows on the roadside when the pastures did not have enough for them to eat. I started school when nine years old, not knowing a word of English. I attended the Prairie View School, which was located about 1½ miles from home. Some others attending the school at this time were: Adolph Capistran, Stanley and Frank Kurowski, Nels and Alfred Hvidsten. My schooling ended in the fourth grade, as I had to help work around the farm and also with the field work.

When I was 17 years old, I went to work for W. B. Rusling on the farm west of Stephen -- on the place where Ed Melo made his headquarters when he owned the land in later years. Mr. Rusling also owned the Stephen Roller Mill, where they ground feeds and flour. I helped here, too, working two seasons for them.

I then left for Chicago, Illinois, where I worked for the Western Electric Company. It was while I was employed in Chicago that I came back to Stephen and married Victoria Krolak on November 27, 1923. Victoria was the daughter of Martin and Mary (Zybertowicz) Krolak. She had three brothers, Mike, Frank, and Stanley, and three sisters, Mrs. William (Tillie) Skoczylas, Mrs. George (Lottie) Jensen, and Mrs. John (Agnes) Wisniewski; all whom have since passed away. Her father, Martin Krolak, passed away in 1910 when Victoria was four years old. Her mother then married Paul Kuznia on July 29, 1919. He was a widower with five children, Thomas E., John E., Ben H., Constance, and Joanne.

After our marriage, we lived in Chicago for a while, then came back to live on a farm which is now owned by Nick Donarski, and it was here where our only son, Harry, was born in October of 1924. I worked on farms and did some road work. After four years, I started working for an implement shop in Stephen, which was owned by Carl Hvidsten. This was in the Model T car and Fordson tractor days. Our daughter, Elsie, was born in 1928 on the Bill Skoczylas farm. Emil Kuznias now live in this house after moving it to their farm east of Stephen and having it remodeled. We moved into Stephen the first part of 1929 when the price of a pound of coffee was 35 cents; cornflakes were 11 cents a box; red salmon was 29 cents a can; P & G soap was ten bars for 36 cents; and wheat sold for

After we were married, we went back to Mike's home in western North Dakota and took a job working with his parents on the two ranches they own. We raise commercial cattle and we are in the "club calf" business, selling show steers to young people all over the country. Also, we are using our herds to test some of the top Hereford bulls in the country. In the future, we plan on producing some registered cattle, too.

ROGER AND YVONNE [GREMBOWSKI] FELTMAN
Rural Route #3
Grafton, North Dakota 58237

In 1956, Yvonne was born to Michael and Cecelia (Pietruszewski) Grembowski in Grafton, North Dakota. On November 15, 1975, I was married at Warsaw, North Dakota, to Roger Feltman, son of Hilary and Evelyn (Grabanski) Feltman. He is the brother of Maurice, Wayne, and Neil Feltman. On June 8, 1978, we became the happy parents of son, Anthony.

The Feltman name originated in Germany.

\$1.09 a bushel. I was employed by Mr. Hvidsten for 19 years -- two of which were spent in Grafton, North Dakota, where he also owned a shop. It was here our second daughter, Veronica, was born in 1939.

We moved back to Stephen when I bought the 160 acre farm I was born on, which belonged to the State at that time. I continued working for one more year at the implement shop and then bought a quarter of land (next to what I owned) from Nels Hvidsten for \$3,200.

In 1946, I built a home for us in Stephen where we are still living. Harry, who was in the Navy at that time, came home in time to do the electrical wiring, a trade he learned while in the service. I did some carpenter work while the crops were growing -- building quonsets, barns, and houses.

On November 27, 1973, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and felt very honored to have my mother, Rozalia, here to share the day with us.



John and Victoria Kuznia [March 1978]

We farmed until 1975, and in June of that year we held a farm auction, selling all the machinery. I then rented the land.

We have enjoyed traveling with the girls when they took their vacations each year. Later on, my wife and I spent our winters in California, Arizona, and Texas. Now we stay close to home and are looking forward to the Kuznia reunion.

Victoria passed away on September 11, 1980.

HARRY AND FLORENCE [URBANIAK] KUZNIA

**316 East Colvin
Warren, Minnesota 56762**

On October 4, 1924, Harry was born to John Anzelem and Victoria (Krolak) Kuznia on a farm east of Stephen in Wanger Township. The family moved to Stephen when I was five years old, and there I attended school through the eighth grade. At the age of 13 and 14 years old, I worked at the Hartz grocery store for my uncle, Frank Krolak. In 1938, My parents, my sister (Elsie) and I moved to Grafton, North Dakota, and I attended high school there. I enlisted in the Navy in August of 1944 and served in the Philippine Islands as an electrician's mate. After being honorably discharged, I continued farming with my father and during the winter months worked with potatoes in local warehouses in Stephen. One winter, however, was spent in Alice, Texas, working as an electrician, the job I had in the Navy.

In June of 1949, I decided to go into the retail grocery business and bought the L.B. Hartz grocery store in Warren, Minnesota, from Roy Erickson; and where I am in business at the present time.

On October 3, 1951, I married Florence Urbaniak, daughter of Joseph and Vernie (Yutzenka) Urbaniak of rural Argyle, Minnesota, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Alma (in rural Argyle). Florence graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, Minnesota, and worked at the Farmers State Bank in Stephen up to the time of our marriage. She has three brothers: John, Stanley, and Thomas; and four sisters: Lucille Krolak, Regina McKenney, Alvina Tulibaski, and Agnes Urbaniak.

We make our home in Warren, Minnesota, and are the parents of two children, Ann Marie, born in 1953, and James John, born in 1958 -- both were born at the Warren Hospital and both graduated from the Warren High School.

Ann Marie attended the Area Vocational Technical School in Moorhead and is a computer programmer. In July of 1977, she married Frank Palm.

James is attending the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and helps his parents in the store weekends and summers.



**Harry and Florence Kuznia Family [1980
[L-R] Florence, Harry, James, Ann Marie**

FRANKLIN AND ANN MARIE [KUZNIA] PALM

**3608 South 10th Street
Fargo, North Dakota 58103**

Ann Marie, the daughter of Harry and Florence (Urbaniak) Kuznia, was born in Warren on Sunday, April 12, 1953.

I attended school in Warren for 12 years, graduating in 1971. From there, I went to Moorhead Area Technical Institute in Moorhead, Minnesota, for a 22-month course in data processing. After graduating from Tech, I began employment at the Dacotah Paper Company in Fargo, North Dakota. During my five years of employment with the Dacotah Paper Company, I met Franklin Palm, whom I married on July 8, 1977.

Frank comes from a family of seven children. The Palm name has an interesting background. His great grandfather changed the name from Olson when he came to the United States from Sweden. His other brothers were to do the same, but apparently didn't, so the Palms don't even know who most of their relatives are.

Frank is in the dry wall business in the Fargo-Moorhead area. I am now a housewife and mother to our son, Nathan Joseph; who was born on August 5, 1978.



Franklin and Ann Marie Palm and son Nathan [1980]

ELIZABETH C. KUZNIA Stephen, Minnesota

It was a nice day in November with just a little snow on the ground when I made my appearance in this world. My parents are John and Victoria (Krolak) Kuznia. I am better known as Elsie, a nickname from my school days.

I remember when I was about five years old -- we lived in a house in the east end of Stephen, which we bought from Matt Sylskar -- we had an old wood burning kitchen stove, and on cold winter days Harry and I would take our shoes off and put our feet on the open oven door to warm them. Mother would then give us a piece of homemade bread, which we dipped in sour cream which had a little sugar mixed in. It was one of our favorite things to eat.

When I was about to start school, we moved across the tracks to what was known as the Home Hotel at one time. It was located across from the Farmers Grain Company, and it had four apartments. The Lawrence Rasmussen family lived upstairs. Ben Stokkee had a creamery in the south end. My mother had a dress shop in the middle, and we lived on the north side. In those days, all the farmers would come to town on Saturday nights, bringing cream to Mr. Stokkee, and we could go watch him test it and weigh it. The school band always had a concert in the railroad park bandstand.

We could go to a movie for ten cents at the Idle Hour Theatre, owned by the Nyland family. And sometimes it was hard to talk mom and dad into giving us the ten cents, as money was not plentiful then.

In 1938, we moved to Grafton, North Dakota, as dad was working for Carl Hvidsten and Carl had opened a new International Harvester garage there. We lived there for two years, and it was here my sister, Veronica, was born in 1939. I was almost 11 years old and thought it was great to have a real live doll to play with. I'll never forget the first time I pinned a diaper on her -- so proud of the fine job I had done, only to have it fall off when I picked her up!

We lived in a five-unit apartment house in Grafton and at ten years of age I did housework for the couple who lived next to us at \$2 per week. I dusted, scrubbed floors, ironed clothes, and sometimes had to make meals. The lady of the house was a nurse and was not going to be home for noon lunch one summer day, but her husband was bringing a guest home -- so she left instructions on what I was to make and how. The meal turned out very good, but I will never forget my embarrassment when I came to pour the coffee -- I had put an empty coffee pot on a red hot burner, causing the bottom to fall out. One can learn from our mistakes even at an early age, I guess. We moved back to Stephen in 1940. I remember babysitting for neighbors in Stephen, making 10 cents for the first hour and 5 cents for each hour afterwards.

When I finished the eighth grade, I worked in the drug store for Nels and Mae Sjostrom until the fall of 1945, when Bernyce Mickelson and I went to Duluth, where we were employed at a Bridgeman Ice Cream Store. I came home in the spring of 1946 and worked for my uncle, Frank Krolak, in the L.B. Hartz grocery store, which he owned, until November of 1948, at which time I went to Chandler, Arizona, with my parents to spend the winter months. From 1949 to April of 1951, I was employed at Arnold's a grocery and dry goods store, and evenings I worked in the local telephone office. On April 1, 1951, I began my employment at the U.S. Post Office in Stephen, where I am employed at the present time.

I remember the ration books which were issued during World War II. We needed coupons to buy shoes, also. On one Fourth of July, Florence Urbaniak and I took the 5 a.m. train to Winnipeg, Canada, to spend the day, coming back on the evening train. To me,



[L-R] Grandma Rozalia Kuznia, Veronica [Kuznia] Stainbrook, John A. Kuznia, Harry Kuznia, Victoria Kuznia, Elizabeth Kuznia 50th Wedding Anniversary -- 1973

this was a perfect chance to get a new pair of shoes without having to give up a coupon, although I didn't know exactly how I could get them past the customs officer on the border. I wore a pair of shoes which barely held together, and Florence was so embarrassed she wouldn't go into the shoe store with me. Well, I got my new shoes and wore them home, throwing the old ones away in a garbage can on a Winnipeg street.

I have no special hobbies -- just saving my money for vacations; as I enjoy traveling most of all and seeing new places and meeting new people. My most inspiring trip was going to Iowa to see Pope John Paul II. The most depressing trip was seeing the poor people living in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

**DENNIS W. AND VERONICA [KUZNIA] STAINBROOK
724 South Washington Avenue
Crookston, Minnesota 56716**



Dennis and Veronica Stainbrook [1974]



Mary Elizabeth Stainbrook [1979]

DENNIS W. AND VERONICA [KUZNIA] STAINBROOK

I, Veronica (Kuznia) Stainbrook, am the youngest daughter of John A. and Victoria (Krolak) Kuznia. I was born in Grafton, North Dakota, on November 3, 1939, as my parents had moved there from Stephen in 1938 and my father was working for Hvidsten Implement. Shortly afterward in 1940, my parents moved back to Stephen, and I lived there until 1957. My school years (grades 1 through 10) were spent in Stephen. However, I attended St. Joseph's Academy in Crookston, Minnesota, (A Catholic girls' boarding school) during my junior and senior years. After graduation, I attended St. Scholastica's College in Duluth. In 1962, I was asked to come and work as a secretary for Bishop Laurence Glenn. I accepted, and have been a secretary to his successors, Bishop Kenneth J. Povish (now Bishop of Lansing, Michigan), and am presently the secretary for Bishop Victor H. Balke.

On December 4, 1971, I was married to Dennis W. Stainbrook at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston, by Bishop Kenneth Povish, who has a special place in our hearts, as he also baptized our pride and joy, Mary Elizabeth, who was born on December 30, 1973. She is now a student at the Catholic Elementary School in Crookston.

Dennis is the youngest child of 12 children born to Frank and Angie (Willette) Stainbrook. He was born and raised in Crookston and is presently associated as a painter with the Crookston Paint and Glass Company, owned by his brothers. Denny is also a member of the Minnesota National Guard and has been with the Guards for 16 years. He has seven brothers, Jack, Jim, Norman, Ronald, Jerry, Dale, and Roger, and four sisters, Margie Berglund, Mary Tuseth, Rosie Wolf, and Karen French.

FRANCES KUZNIA

Frances was born on March 9, 1904. Being only two years older than Mary, they spent much time playing and just being together. She always talked of becoming a nun and even pretended to be one when she played. She would write to the nuns in Winnipeg and enjoyed receiving letters from them. She died August 31, 1917, at 13 years of age of a very short (one-day) illness. Two doctors were called, but could not save her life.

FRANK AND MARIE [KUZNIA] GAJESKI, SR. #113 1001 S.W. 7th Avenue Forest Lake, Minnesota

Marie, the daughter of Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia, was born on the family farm east of Stephen in 1906. When I was 15 years old, I was left the oldest at home. My oldest sister, Hedwig, was married and left home. Also, the oldest brother, John, was out working, so I had to help both my parents. I did a lot of field work with a team of four horses: cultivating, discing, plowing, and a lot of dragging. When I came home, I had to help mother with milking. In 1921-22, brother Tony was 11 years old. Then he was my helper to haul grain shocks to the threshing machine. It was no fun working with strong men, as our loads never looked as good and big as their; but we did the best we could. We were proud to help father, so he didn't have to hire a man.

When farmers started growing potatoes the first year, we went to pick (my brother Tony and I) for Hvidstens. In those days, it was no treat to pick potatoes. When you finished picking a full bushel, you had to empty it yourself into a high wagon tank. It was very hard lifting those bushels for eight hours a day. In those days, if you wanted to earn money, you had to earn it the hard way.

I used to go to barn dances; most of them were held at Uncle Bert Kuznia's. It was a lot of fun square dancing -- something you don't see very often any more. I met my husband at those dances.

On a nice sunny day, July 22, 1925, Frank and I were married. We were married in Assumption Catholic Church, Florian, Minnesota. Father H.S. Skopowski performed the ceremony. Frank was the son of John and Josephine Gajeski (Waszak). They also had four daughters: Sophie, Clara, Emily and Mary. They farmed southeast of Florian in Wright Township. We made our home with my husband's parents until my father-in-law's death in 1930. My husband and I were blessed with eight children (six sons and two daughters). They are all living and married.

In 1931, we bought a farm in Nelson Township. We were never happy there, because the house seemed haunted. We heard all kinds of noises that scared us. But that wasn't all. The people who rented the farm before it was sold to us dumped all of their grasshopper poison in one pile instead of spreading it in the field. They dumped it in some tall grass, and no one knew about it. We let our cattle out to graze after we moved there, and they ate the poison. We lost 14 head -- mostly milk cows. It was a very great loss for us.



Frank and Marie Gajeski, Sr. [1925]

One night our flock of sheep wandered away. They were close to Strandquist, on the highway, and were just crossing the road when they were hit by a big truck. Many were killed, and some were crippled. The crippled ones also had to be destroyed. This was another loss for us. That farm gave us nothing but grief. Like the old saying, "When it rains, it pours." Our last farm was in Wright Township, and from there we moved to Duluth in 1952. My husband (now deceased) used to work with our boys on the Iron Range in

Hoyt-Lakes.

When our boys got married, they moved to the Twin Cities, where they still reside. Only two of my children do not live in the Twin Cities: Leonard lives in Milwaukee, and Gordon lives in our old house in Duluth.

My husband's death came November 25, 1968, after an illness of ten years. I was a caretaker in an apartment building for ten years. Now I am retired and have made my home in Forest Lake.



Frank and Marie Gajeski, Sr. Family [1968]
[Back] Frank Jr., Rudolph, Gordon, Raymond, Eugene, Leonard
[Front] Dolores, Frank Sr., Marie, Loretta

RAYMOND AND BEVERLY [BLAZE] GAJESKI
1903 Pine Street
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Raymond's parents are Frank and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski. He was born May 18, 1926, at Strandquist, Minnesota.

I grew up on a farm near Florian, Minnesota, and was a member of the Assumption Catholic Church there. I remember a happy childhood coming from a religious family who were very close knit. I had many cousins and enjoyed them all at the family gatherings. One of my memories is herding cows with the Bajdek and Pietruszewski boys. We would hunt for eggs and then take them to Martin Banaszewski's store in Englund, where Valerian, the oldest boy, would buy Avalon cigarettes for his dad (who never smoked!) for 12 cents a pack. The two dozen eggs brought us 12 cents when sold. Then it was off to the teepee we had made for an afternoon of smoking.

On October 19, 1954, I married Beverly Blaze at the Assumption Catholic Church in Florian. Beverly is the daughter of John and Ida (Gustafson) Blaze. She was born on May 9, 1935, at Strandquist, and has one brother, Jerry, and one sister, Mrs. John (Lynette) Fay.

Beverly went to school in Strandquist and after graduating from high school, she worked for the telephone company until we got married. We then moved to Virginia, Minnesota.

We have four children. Debra was born in 1955 and is now married to Marcus Peterson. Dennis, our only son, was born on



Raymond and Bevelry Gajeski Family [1977]
[L-R] Dennis, Raymond, Dawn, Deanna, Beverly
[Not pictured: Debra]

September 23, 1958, at Ely, Minnesota. He works full time at Univac and goes to a junior college near our home. He loves to hunt deer and ducks. Deanna was born August 13, 1961, in St. Paul. She enjoys outdoor sports such as water and snow skiing. Dawn was

born December 8, 1968. She is still at home and loves her dog and dancing lessons. We enjoy going to weddings, graduations, and the annual Florian Polish picnic.

Beverly's childhood memories bring back thoughts of rural living. Her brother and sister were so much younger that she had to entertain herself. She remembers when her uncles were cleaning out a granary in the spring, and they found one of her sheepskin slippers. She stuck her bare foot into it, only to find a nest of baby mice!

We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary by going to Europe in October of 1979 and touring nine countries. When we visited Rome, Italy, I was loaded down with suitcases and boarding a train when a young man picked my front pocket. I gave him a good chase and got him down on the platform, but no one would help, as no one spoke English. So now there is a young Italian driving around Italy with a Polish driver's license!

I have worked for many years painting steel, climbing up to 300 feet. We now live in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

MARCUS AND DEBRA [GAJESKI] PETERSON
809 Oak Ridge Trail
Blaine, Minnesota 55434

Debra was born on November 9, 1955, in Virginia, Minnesota, to Raymond and Beverly (Blaze) Gajeski.

My fondest childhood memories were spent on Grandma and Grandpa Blaze's farm near Strandquist. My aunt, Lynette, was only 1½ years older than I, and we spent many summers together baling hay, picking rocks, bottle feeding lambs, swimming in the state ditch, and playing house on the huge rocks along the Tamarac River. Uncle Hjalmer Gustafson even made me a member of the G.T.A. (Gustafson, Thompson, and Anderson.)



Deborah and Marcus Peterson and daughter Melissa

The summer of 1974, I was a foreign exchange student in Bjorgen, Norway. Bjorgen is a little larger than Florian -- they have a church and a store. In July of 1977, I took my grandma, Ida Blaze, on a tour of Europe. In the public bathrooms in Europe, one has to pay. Well, grandma and I thought we would outsmart them. I payed and went first, then I held the door open and grandma went in. Soon I heard, "Debbie, help!" Grandma was locked in. As soon as I paid the woman, she unlocked the door and let her out. We had a wonderful three weeks, but my husband said every postcard I sent began with, "We're sitting in an outdoor cafe having some beer and wine. . ."

On October 16, 1976, at the St. Pius X Catholic Church in White Bear Lake, I married Marcus Peterson, the son of Kenneth and Carol (Nikolas) Peterson. Marcus was born June 27, 1951, at Charles City, Iowa, and is the brother of Douglas, Janice, Joyce, and Sidney. My husband is German and Danish.

Your wedding day is a memorable moment in itself, but mine will be long remembered by many because of my blooper during the exchange of vows. Throughout the ceremony, Father Whittier mispronounced the name Gajeski. Well, when it came time to say, "I, Debra Gajeski, take you. . .", I started to say it wrong, and half way through I tried to correct myself and ended up laughing, as did everyone present. Now the ice was broken, and from then on everyone had a wonderful time.

Marcus and I are the parents of one child, a daughter, Melissa Joy, who was born on March 29, 1979, at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis.

LEONARD AND LUCILLE [TULIBASKI] GAJESKI
3729 East Munkwitz
Cudahy, Wisconsin 53110

Leonard, the son of Frank, Sr. and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski, was born on May 28, 1928, at Strandquist, Minnesota.

On October 27, 1953, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at Alma, Minnesota, he married Lucille Tulibaski, the daughter of Bruno and Effie (Stancyk) Tulibaski. Lucille was born at Argyle, Minnesota, on August 18, 1934.

We became the parents of Lynette, who was born in Karlstad, Minnesota, in 1954. She is married to Daniel McDowell. In 1955, Lonnie was born while we lived in Duluth. LaVonne was born in 1956 in Virginia, Minnesota. She married Glen Pawlowski.

DANIEL AND LYNETTE [GAJESKI] McDOWELL

I, Lynette Marie, am the daughter of Leonard and Lucille (Tulibaski) Gajeski, and was born in Karlstad, Minnesota, on July 5, 1954.

I graduated from high school in Cudahy, Wisconsin, in 1972 as an honor student and member of the National Honor Society. After graduating, I went to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. and worked there for three years. It was here that I met my husband, Daniel James McDowell, who is a member of the United States Coast Guard.

Dan is the son of Richard and Eileen (O'Neil) McDowell and the brother of Kathy, Sandy, Susie, and Richie. The year prior to our marriage was spent by Dan in Anchorage, Alaska, and this is where we lived after our married on August 30, 1975. Dan has spent 7½ years in the Coast Guard to date and plans to make a career of it as his father had before him.

While in Anchorage, I was employed as a legal secretary for a family-run law firm, and I worked there until we left in June of 1977. In March of 1977, our first child was born, a beautiful daughter who we named Alison Rose.

Upon leaving Anchorage, we were transferred to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, which is where we currently reside. Since arriving here, I am again working as a legal secretary, and I love it. Recently we had another new addition to our family, another beautiful little girl who we named Keely Lyn, and she was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Now we have a little Eskimo and a Canadian in our family.

We expect to be receiving a transfer to another city in the near future.

JOSEPH AND LORETTA [GAJESKI] CASALE, SR.
8284 Grange Boulevard
Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Loretta, the daughter of Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski and Frank Gajeski, was born near Stephen, Minnesota.

I moved to Duluth, Minnesota, in 1951, where I was employed at the Glass Block Department Store. Here I met Joseph Casale of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who at the time was stationed at the Duluth Air Force Base, and later discharged. We were married in 1953 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Duluth.

In 1954, we moved to Aurora, Minnesota, where Joe worked at the taconite plant. In April of 1959, we moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is now employed by Sperry Univac.

In the course of our marriage, we were blessed with six children: Joseph, Jr., Sharon, Sheila, Sandra, Dean, and Karen; four granddaughters, and two grandsons.



Joseph and Loretta Casale, Sr. Family
[Standing L-R] Dean, Sharon, Sandra, Joseph, Jr., Sheila, Karen
[Seated] Loretta and Joseph, Sr.

FRANK AND DIANE [STUDIER] GAJESKI, JR.
316 2nd Avenue Southeast
New Brighton, Minnesota

Frank Gajeski, Jr., son of Frank and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski, Sr., was born in 1932.

In 1952, I left Strandquist, Minnesota, for the Iron Range, where I found work on the railroad. I met and married Diane Studier in 1956. Our first home was a trailer, where our first son, Gary, was born (1957). At this time, I was also working as a painter.

In 1958, we moved to the nearby town of Biwabik, where the same year Melinda was born. There was a slow down at the mines, and many of us lost our jobs. We left the Iron Range and moved to Grettesburg, South Dakota, where I worked on the Air Base. This was beautiful country -- lots of rolling hills, corn fields, and pheasants. There's nothing like cornfed bird in heavy cream!

We lived in South Dakota until the fall of 1959, when again my job was completed. We left South Dakota and traveled to Duluth, where we lived a short time with my folks.

In the dead of winter, we left Duluth on a 1,300 mile trip to Cut Bank, Montana. A place to live was almost nonexistent. Finally, we found an old box car converted into a small cabin. It had no electricity, a pot belly stove, high rent, and lots of snow and cold weather. Nobody bothered to tell us it was the ice box of the nation! I went 80 miles to work a day and home to candles, boxlight, hamburgers, and more hamburgers! Needless to say, we were there six weeks and moved back to Minnesota.

We lived in St. Paul, where I eventually began working for Mortenson. William was born on the opening day of hunting in 1960, which only meant I had to wait one more day to get my deer.

In the spring of 1961, we moved to Roseville, which is a suburb of St. Paul. Tina Marie was born to us in June of 1963. We brought her home the day it reached 32 degrees below zero. Another daughter, Tammy Josephine, arrived in 1964. We again made a move to a larger home in Roseville. We joined and helped build the B & Dale Men's Club, making many life-time friends.

In 1966, Randel John was born. This same year, we bought our home in New Brighton, a suburb of St. Paul. We had open fields all around us and enjoyed snowmobiling and dirt bike riding.

In 1970, we lost the inside of our home to fire. Family and friends took us in until the insurance company could set us up in a trailer. We lived in the trailer for three months.

God blessed us with still another daughter in 1972, Kristen Ann.



Frank and Diane Gajeski, Jr. Family [1976]
[L-R] Tammy, Tina, Gary, Frank, Diane, William,
Melinda, Randy, and Kristen in front.

In the spring of 1976, a car accident left me with a fractured hip. I was in a body cast for about three months. On July 17, Melinda was married to Jerry Daas, and the same year our first grandchild was born, Joseph Daas. We also have a new granddaughter now, Jennifer Daas. They live in New Brighton at 332 2nd Avenue S.E.

In 1978, yet another accident was to happen; this time, to our son, William. He was in the hospital for the majority of the year in a cast.

Now it is 1980, and I am in a cast with a fractured wrist, working for Mortenson Painting. Diane is making silk flowers for weddings and doing catering, and looking forward to a busy year. Gary is getting ready to travel to Nevada. Bill is looking for work. Tina is dating Dave Straton. Tammy is shopping for just the right one. Both girls attend Mounds View High School. Randy is going to Johanna Middle School. He likes fishing and hunting. Kris is in a cast to her knee from skating. She attends Ralph Reeder School. She likes school a whole lot better this year than last (could be the good looking man teacher!).

DICK AND DOLORES [GAJESKI] KULASZEWICZ

**6417 Hokah Drive
Lino Lakes, Minnesota**

Dolores, daughter of Frank and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski, Sr., was born in 1934 in Marshall County, Minnesota.

I lived in Duluth, Minnesota, where I was employed by Western Electric Company. While living in Duluth, I met Dick Kulaszewicz through some friends while Dick was attending St. Cloud State.

Dick and I were married in April 1957 and resided in Biwabik, Minnesota, until 1960. During this time, we had two daughters, Gail and Gwen.



**Dick and Dolores Kulaszewicz Family
[L-R] Dick, Gwen, Gail, and Dolores**

In 1960, the family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Dick was employed with Data Processing, Inc., and I was employed with Tru Parts, Inc., of South St. Paul. We lived in St. Paul from 1960 through 1973.



Roger and Gail Weaver with son Jared

In 1973, we built a home in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. Dick is now employed by the Metropolitan Council and is on the City Council of Lino Lakes. I'm with Tru Parts, Inc., and also with D & D catering business.

Our oldest daughter, Gail, is married to Roger Weaver of Lino Lakes, and they have one son, Jared. Roger is attending North Hennepin Tech. They make their home at 3327 92 Curve N.E., Blaine, Minnesota (55434).

Gwen currently is employed by U.S. Financial Services, Inc.

RUDOLPH AND BARBARA [EDWARDS] GAJESKI

**Rt. #3 Box 968 Lot 411
Wyoming, Minnesota 55092**

Rudy, the son of Frank Gajeski and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski, was born in 1938 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. In 1961, I married Barbara Edwards, the daughter of James and Johanna (Spanko) Edwards. Barbara has one step-sister, Patricia, who is now working in New York City.

We have five children. Jess, who entered the Air Force on June 12, 1980, Kim, Jim, Tom, and Renee. Renee is a very special child, as she was born with a hole in her heart. At this time, we don't know if she will have to have surgery or not.

Rudy is a painter at the University of Minnesota, while Barbara is a machine operator at Plastics in Lindstrom.

GORDON AND MARY LOU [SMITH] GAJESKI

**101 North 58th Avenue West
Duluth, Minnesota 55807**

Gordon was born on September 5, 1941, to Frank and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski in Warren, Minnesota.

On August 10, 1968, at St. James Church in Duluth, Minnesota, he married Mary Lou Smith, the daughter of Alvin and Mary June (Sullivan) Smith.

Mary Lou was born on July 15, 1948, in Duluth. She is the sister of Kay, Eileen, Larry, Bill, and Patty, all of Duluth.

They are the parents of two sons who were born in Duluth on the same day but just two years apart. Jason was born May 27, 1971, and Mark was born May 27, 1973.

Gordon works for Capital Grain Elevators, while Mary Lou works part-time volunteering at Kids Parochial School, St. James.

Gordon and Mary Lou bowl together in mixed doubles and both also bowl singles. They enjoy going fishing and camping in the summer.

EUGENE AND JOAN [HOELSCHER] GAJESKI

**Rt. #3 Birchwood Terr.
Wyoming, Minnesota**

In Warren, Minnesota, on June 8, 1947, Frank and Marie (Kuznia) Gajeski became the proud parents of Eugene.

I lived on the farm in Florian until I was five years old. From there, we moved to Duluth, where I went to kindergarten. By the time I was in sixth grade, I was in seven different schools, until we finally moved back to Duluth, where I finished my schooling. In 1966, my parents and I moved to St. Paul, and I was employed at Paper-Calmenson for eleven years. Now I'm employed with the union of Operating Engineers.

On September 27, 1969, at the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in St. Paul, I married Joan Hoelscher, daughter of Irvin and Arleen (Forester) Hoelscher. She is also a sister to Pat, Marianne, Diane, Tom, Gail, Nancy, Jeffrey, LuAnne, Kathy, Richard, and Paul.



Eugene and Joan Gajeski Family [1979]

Joan was born on February 19, 1951, in St. Paul. She attended school in St. Paul, graduating from Alexander Ramsey in 1969. Her first job was in a drug store. This is where we met, and after dating for two years, we were married.

We lived with my mother, Marie, for a year. Then we bought a trailer home in Wyoming, Minnesota, where we have been living for eight years now.

We have been blessed with four children. Our two oldest children were born in St. Paul. Shawn was born on June 26, 1971, and is in the third grade in school. Jeremy was born on November 11, 1974.

Our other two children were born in Forest Lake, Minnesota. They are: Chad, born August 11, 1977, and Anthony, born April 9, 1979.

During the summer, I am involved in softball twice a week. Our oldest son, Shawn, plays baseball once a week, so this keeps us pretty busy. In the winter months, my wife and I enjoy bowling.

SALOMEJA KUZNIA

Sally, the daughter of Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia, was born on November 6, 1908, on the family farm, as were all the children except Hedwig. She was not a well child, and she cried a lot -- always wanting to be held by her mother. Her father would take her so that her mother could get the housework done. He would walk the floor with her and always sang to her. She passed away on October 16, 1910, just two weeks before her second birthday.



Frank and Rozalia Kuznia Family [1910]
Back [L-R] Frances, Frank, Hedwig, Rozalia, John
[Front] Marie and baby Salomeja

ANTON AND VALERIA [ILENDA] KUZNIA, SR.
506 East 9th Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55805

Anton, the son of Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia, was born on the family farm in Wanger Township, Marshall County, Minnesota, in 1911. He was confirmed in the Catholic faith on July 27, 1924. He helped work on the farm until he left for Duluth, where he worked at the Springdale Dairy, after which he got a job at the Zinmaster Bakery and went to night school taking a machinist course. After completion of the course, he went to work for Superior Ledgerwood Mundy Company as a machinist, where he was working at the time of his death.

Anton met Valeria Ilenda at a dance, and after a courtship of a year or more, they were married in 1937 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Duluth. She is the daughter of Albin and Agnes (Malys) Ilenda and the sister of Stanley, Felix, and Frank Ilenda and also Bernice Ilenda Glovinski.

Anton liked to hunt deer and fish and was on a fishing trip on Lake Superior out of Hoveland, Minnesota, with his friends, Iver Lindvall and Ed Stanley of Duluth, when a sudden storm struck. After the storm subsided, their overturned boat with outboard motor attached, was found drifting about 1½ to 2 miles offshore. No bodies were found after the July 3, 1949, mishap.

Surviving Anton were his wife and five children: Donald - 10 years, Anton, Jr. - 9 years, Wallace - 6 years, Margaret - almost 3, and Richard - 21 months.

Anton and I cherished our five children very much. They are now married, and I have ten grandchildren. I worked at St. Ann's Home for the last 15 years, and am now semi-retired since January, working only three days a week.



Anton Kuznia, Sr.

DONALD KUZNIA
423 South 21st Avenue East
Duluth, Minnesota 55812

ANTON, JR. AND JUDITH [KRAUSE] KUZNIA
714 North 3rd Avenue West
Duluth, Minnesota

Anton, better known as Tony, was born to Anton, Sr. and Valeria (Benda) Kuznia on August 27, 1940, in Duluth, Minnesota.

I attended St. Anthony's School for eight years, attended the Cathedral School for the ninth grade, and graduated from Duluth Central High School in 1958. After graduation, I worked for Arco Coffee for a year and a half.

On January 13, 1961, I joined the U.S. Navy and received my basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. I then attended Yeomen School (office work, typing, filing, etc.) at Bainbridge, Maryland. July and August were spent at Camp Perry, Ohio, and the next sixteen months at the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Research Facility in Indianhead, Maryland. I then spent two years doing clerical work for the Electrical Schools in Great Lakes, Illinois. After being discharged on December 21, 1964, I had a couple of office jobs, sales jobs, and taxi driving jobs. In April of 1967, I started driving transit coaches for the Duluth Superior Transit Company (presently the Duluth Transit Authority).



Anton Kuznia, Jr.

I met Judith Anne Krause in the fall of 1966 when I joined the Young Christian Movement group at the Sacred Heart Rectory in Duluth. We were married in 1969 and were blessed with two lovely daughters. Angeline Ann was born in 1970, and Wendy Claire arrived in 1972.

Judith is the daughter of Bernard A. Krause, who is of German descent. Her mother, Genevieve (Pero) Krause, is of Polish descent.



Anton and Judith Kuznia, Jr. Family
[L-R] Anton, Angeline, Judith, and Wendy

WALLACE AND MARILYN [HOLMES] KUZNIA
Rt #1 Box 247
Cotton, Minnesota

Wallace, better known to his family and friends as Wally, is the third child and third son of Anton, Sr. and Valeria (Ilenda) Kuznia.

I graduated from Central High School, Duluth, Minnesota, in 1962. In 1970, I met Marilyn Holmes in Duluth, and on September 28, 1974, we were married at the Central Methodist Church in Superior, Wisconsin. Marilyn is the daughter of William and Elaine (Johnston) Holmes, who reside in Superior, Wisconsin. She has one brother, Brandon, who is married and lives about twenty miles from Superior.

Marilyn graduated from Central High School in Superior, Wisconsin, in 1964. She attended the University of Wisconsin in Superior for 2½ years with a physical education major.

We both now belong to the Minnesota Air National Guard. I have been a member since 1964 and am a Tech Sergeant. Marilyn joined in 1973 and on April 1, 1980, she was promoted to Tech Sergeant. We are both employed at the Air National Guard Base in Duluth, Minnesota. I have been employed since 1966 as a support equipment mechanic. Marilyn has been employed since 1975, and in August of 1979, she received a job promotion and now has the job of publications distribution officer.

We reside in Cotton, Minnesota, in a new home we built in 1976, with our two dogs and two cats. We enjoy boating and belong to a mixed doubles bowling league in Duluth.

WILLIAM AND MARGARET [KUZNIA] SCANLAN
5960 Munger Show Road
Saginaw, Minnesota 55779

Margaret (also known as Peggy) was born October 12, 1946, to Anton and Valeria (Ilenda) Kuznia at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota.

I had a normal, active school life. I was involved in GAA or girls athletic groups among one year of cheerleading. After I graduated in 1964, I went directly to work for First National Bank. I met Bill a few years later, although I did know who he was in school. We were in a few classes then. We started dating in June of 1967 and were married on July 13, 1968, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Duluth. I continued working until I had Troy William on May 23,

PETER P. AND POLLY [KAZMIERCZAK] KUZNIA
Stephen, Minnesota

Peter was born on June 25, 1913, to Frank and Rozalia (Kasproicz) Kuznia on their farm in Wanger Township, Section 10.

I attended the rural school and helped my father farm until I was 21 years of age, at which time I went to work for Thomas Pietruszewski on his farm for three years.

On October 13, 1936, at the Assumption Catholic Church in Florian, I married Polly Kazmierczak, the daughter of Mikoloi and Juliana (Borowicz) Kazmierczak. Polly has five brothers, Joseph, Ray, Peter, Roman, and Leonard, and one sister, Mrs. Floyd (Dorothy) Rapacz. She also has three stepbrothers, Frank, John, and Anton.

After my marriage, I stayed on the family farm. My parents and my youngest sister, Delphine, who was still going to school, moved to Florian. My youngest brother, Ferdinand, lived with us for a while and then went to work for Stanley Sczepanski before going to Duluth, where he was employed at the Springdale Dairy.

1971. I didn't return to work then and had another child, April Lyn, on October 25, 1974. I have since gone back to work about one year ago. I returned to the bank and am now an installment loan interviewer. Bill has been and still is working at Davidson Printing Company for 13 years.

Troy will be in the fourth grade next year and is involved in the Squirt Hockey program. He loves sports and likes being involved. April will be in kindergarten this coming fall. She is an all-around girl.

We purchased a newer home in March of 1978 out in the country. We have 7½ acres of land that is mostly wooded. We don't have many neighbors, but we love the seclusion. We have a small vegetable garden to take care of with just enough to eat, freeze, or can for us. We enjoy tramping through the woods on our land. We have deer that come in at night and a beaver pond in back that has mallards and wood ducks all the time. The kids enjoy being out as they can ride their bikes and play just on our own land.

RICHARD AND THERESE [MANASKI] KUZNIA
3929 5th Avenue East
Hibbing, Minnesota

Richard, youngest child of Anton, Sr. and Valeria (Ilenda) Kuznia, was born on October 24, 1947. Better known as Dick, I attended school in Duluth, Minnesota, graduating from the University of Minnesota at Duluth in 1975 with a B.M. in industrial Technology and in 1976 with a M.A. in industrial safety.

I was in the military service from March 1968 to February 1970. After six months of training, I was on duty at Martin Army Hospital at Ft. Benning, Georgia, for nine months. The last nine months of active duty tour was in Korea with the 7th Medical BN, 7th INF Division, Camp Casey. I am still associated with the U.S. Army Reserve in 477 Med Co. (AMB) in Duluth as a commissioned First Lieutenant. I have ten years to retirement.

In 1968, I was united in marriage to Therese Manaski. In 1974, we welcomed a son, Ryan, and in 1977, a second son, Roger, was born.

I am currently employed by the U.S. Steel Corporation, Minnesota Ore Operations, Mt. Iron, Minnesota, as a safety engineer. I am also self-employed as a 50/50 partner in P.F. Rentals.

The farm consisted of 160 acres, which we farmed with horses. Later I sold two horses and bought a small tractor. It was a hard time farming, as the farm belonged to the state, and everything on the farm was mortgaged, so payments had to be made each year until the farm was paid up.

December 21, 1938, we were blessed with a baby boy which we named Eugene. When he was three years old, with his pet dog, he ran away from the yard to a pond in the pasture about a half mile from home. We looked all over and could not find him, so I got up on the roof of the barn and saw the dog by the pond and knew he must be there. Sure enough -- he was; much to our relief.

On April 18, 1941, our first daughter, Suzanne, was born, and on July 22, 1945, we welcomed our second daughter, Petronella Ann, who completed our family circle.

In 1943, a tornado went through our farm, taking the barn down and killing all the horses and one cow. It also damaged some of the other buildings. This was a great loss to us, but we managed.



Peter and Polly Kuznia on their wedding day [1936]

**[L-R] Joe Kazmierczak, Dorothy Kazmierczak, Mikoloi Kazmierczak
Polly [Kazmierczak] Kuznia, Juliana Kazmierczak, Father Kosian,
Rozalia Kuznia, Peter Kuznia, Frank Kuznia, Eleanor Borowicz,
and Stanley Kuznia**

We are both members of the Polish National Alliance Lodge in Florian, and I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 27 years.

Due to a heart problem, I quit farming, and in 1973, I sold all the machinery. We are now living in the Ben Del Apartments in Stephen since March 9, 1977. On January 3, 1980, I had open heart surgery and am feeling good at the present time.

EUGENE AND THERESA [STICH] KUZNIA **Stephen, Minnesota**

Eugene Peter Kuznia was born December 21, 1938, to Peter and Polly (Kazmierczak) Kuznia in Wanger Township in Marshall County. He attended Prairie View School in rural Stephen for eight years. He then attended Stephen High School, where he graduated in 1956. After graduation, he worked for Ralph Hvidsten as a farm hand for 18 years.

While attending high school, I met Theresa Stich, whom I married October 10, 1959, at St. Stephen's Church in Stephen. We lived in the upstairs apartment over the Kenneth Roland home for one year, at which time we bought the Verna Wosick home.

We are the parents of ten children. Jean attended AVTI in East Grand Forks and is now a medical secretary at the Good Samaritan Home in East Grand Forks. Lynette is a medical secretary student at AVTI in East Grand Forks. Francine, Mary Beth, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Julie, Nathan, and Darcy all attend the Stephen Public School. Jamie is three years old and keeps Theresa company at home. Jean and Lynette were organists for St. Stephen's Church when they were home in school. Lynette was Homecoming Queen of her senior class in 1978-79. Francine, Mary, and Jennifer are all very active in volleyball and basketball, while Jeffrey plays football for the Stephen school.

Theresa is the daughter of Leo and Julia (Knoll) Stich, both of German descent. She is a sister of Donald, who lives in LaPalma, California; Philip of Big Rapids, Michigan; Thomas of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; and her only sister is Marilyn Tokarczyk of Duluth.

In October of 1966, we purchased the farm from Theresa's parents in Tamarac township in Section 17. We grow wheat, barley, and sunflowers. I also work part-time at Terog Manufacturing Company in Stephen.



Peter P. and Polly Kuznia Family
[Back L-R] Eugene, Suzanne, Patty
[Front] Peter P. and Polly



Eugene and Theresa Kuznia [1959]

In 1968, Theresa started, and is still operating, a beauty salon in what was the bedroom of the farm house. In 1979, we added an addition (family room and bedroom) to our home, and also remodeled some of the rest of the house. This has kept me busy with the finishing work, which I am doing myself.



Eugene and Theresa Kuznia children
[Back L-R] Jean, Mary, Lynette, Francine, Jeffrey
[Front] Jamie, Jennifer, Nathan, Darcy, Julie

EDWARD AND SUZANNE [KUZNIA] HUSLER
Four Mile Canyon Drive
Boulder, Colorado

On April 18, 1941, I was born to Peter and Polly (Kazmierczak) Kuznia. I graduated from Stephen High School in 1959 and went through nursing school at Sisters of St. Joseph in Grand Forks, North Dakota. After graduation from the School of Nursing, my friend Anita (now Mrs. Rudy Kuznia) and I moved to Seattle, Washington, and worked in a hospital there. This was where I met my husband, Edward Husler, who was Rudy Kuznia's roommate. Both were engineers working for Boeing Company.

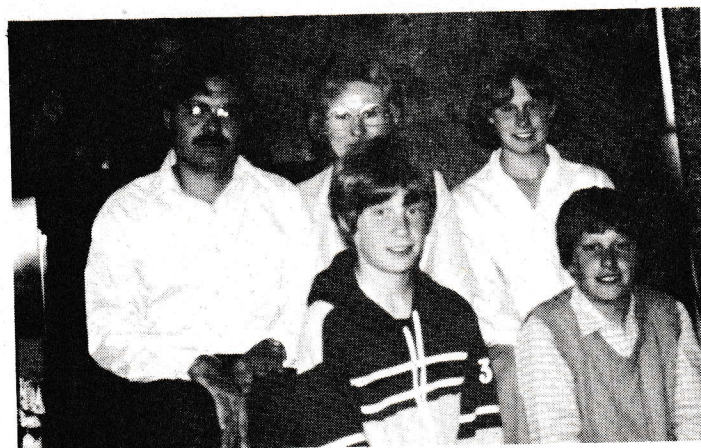
Ed was born in Belpre, Kansas, but raised in Stratton, Colorado, where his folks still reside. They are all of German descent. He graduated from Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colorado, with a degree in engineering.

We were married on November 28, 1964, lived and worked in New Orleans for about a year and a half, but we missed the mountains and the snow, so when opportunity availed itself, we moved to Boulder, Colorado, where we still reside.

Ed worked at Beech Aircraft, and I worked at Boulder Community Hospital until our children were born: Michele, now 13 years of age, Brian - 12 years old, and Michael - 10 years. They are all attending Sacred Heart School in Boulder. They are all very active in basketball, soccer, and swimming, which keeps us busy busing them, as we live in the mountains west of Boulder.

I am now working as a nurse practitioner at the Student Health Center at the University of Colorado. I decided to further my education by taking several courses at the University. My husband is now working at Storage Technology Corporation east of Boulder. I do not work in the summer months, so this give me more time to spend with the family and cheer them on in their summer activities.

The whole family enjoys about the same hobbies -- which include snow skiing in the winter, hiking, fishing, and water skiing in the summer.



Edward and Suzanne Husler Family
[Back L-R] Edward, Suzanne, Michele
[Front] Brian and Michael

DANIEL AND PETRONELLA [KUZNIA] DURAND
Argyle, Minnesota

On July 22, 1945, Peter P. and Polly (Kazmierczak) Kuznia welcomed Petronella Ann Marie to the family circle. I was born at the Warren Hospital and lived by Florian, Minnesota, Wanger Township in Marshall County.

I attended the Prairie View country school for five years. The school was then closed, and I attended the Stephen Public School until graduating in 1963. I attended Moorhead State for two semesters. Then I enrolled at the Thief River Falls Vocational School, graduating in September 1965 from a secretarial-bookkeeping course.

In my junior year of high school, I met Daniel Durand of Argyle. Daniel's parent are the late Albert Durand and Arbella Riopelle, now of California. Both his parents are of French-Canadian descent. We were married on July 17, 1965, at the Assumption Catholic Church in Florian.



Daniel and Petronella Durand Family
[Back L-R] Donna, Patty, Daniel holding Gayle, David
[Front] Kelly, Jacalyn, Thomas

While living in Hibbing, we had two children born: Donna Marie on April 20, 1966, and a year later David Albert on April 17, 1967. In May of 1967, we moved back to Argyle to the Durand homestead and in December of 1967, started a new business, Gambles hardware store. December 29, 1968, Thomas Pierre was born. Kelly Daniel had the honor of being the New Year's baby at the Warren Hospital, being born on January 2, 1970. Jacalyn Jean was born

December 15, 1971, and five years later came our centennial baby, Gayle Marie, on August 21, 1976.

In October of 1977, Daniel got the job as city superintendent of Argyle, and in June of 1979, we sold our business to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bertsch of Devils Lake. At the present time, I am enjoying every day just being a mother and housewife at our home in Argyle, Minnesota.

STANLEY AND FRANCES [GLOVINSKI] KUZNIA
Rt. 6 4 Longdon Lane
Bella Vista, Arkansas

I was born on July 4, 1916, on the family farm east of Stephen to Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia. When I was through with school, my first job away from home was working for Big Tom Kuznia near Argyle when he first got married. I was helping him cut wood during the winter. After a few days with him, a tree we were cutting fell on me and broke a bone in my leg. I was bruised, and the leg swelled up, but I didn't know it had a break. I didn't find out until 25 years or more later when I hurt my leg at work and a doctor told me that I had an old fracture in it.

My second job was with Thomas Pietruszewski. I was there a few years until I left for Duluth in October of 1936. I will never forget the times I used to play the violin at some dances around there. I played with Tony and Steve Chwialkowski. In Duluth, I started to work at the dairy where my brother Anton worked. Then I got a job with Zinsmaster Baking Company and worked both jobs for about six months.

In March of 1943, I went to work for Bridgeman Creameries and stayed with them for 35½ years as production manager until my retirement on July 21, 1978. We sold our home in Duluth and moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas on August 24, where we had a new home waiting for us since 1975.

I met Frances Glovinski, my wife, at my brother Anton's wedding. We started going together and were married June 15, 1940, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Duluth, Minnesota. I will never forget our wedding day. We were taking mother and Delphine back to Stephen and going west from Thief River Falls we got lost after we turned to go on a road to Florian. I don't know how many roads we were on, and we were even in a pasture, because we could hear cows, but we finally made it.

Frances, the daughter of John and Victoria (Maleska) Glovinski, has one brother, Gregory. She graduated from Central High School in Duluth and business college. She worked as a secretary before we were married and returned to work after the family grew up. The last place she worked was the St. Louis County Social Service Department.

Her family background is also Polish. Her grandparents Maleska left Poland when they were married and settled in Duluth on a farm. In later years, he was a gardener for the rich people and took care of their yards. In Poland, her grandfather worked for the parish priest and drove him around to places when needed with horses. Her mother had nine sisters and two brothers. She is 93 years old and is living with us and is in good health.

Her grandparents Glovinski came from Poland when her father was just a few years old and settled in Duluth. He was an only son, so they don't have a large family like the Kuznias.

Frances and I love to travel and take our children on family trips at vacation time. We liked to picnic at lakes on Sunday so they could swim. Some of our trips took us to Washington, D.C. and Yellowstone. One trip took us to Portugal, Spain, and Africa. While in Portugal, we made a pilgrimage to Fatima, since we were only 100 miles or so away. It was a special day to remember, as we never thought we would see that Holy Place. The countryside was beautiful and peaceful. After retiring, we treated ourselves to a trip

to Hawaii and Maui in January of 1979. This year we plan to go to Mexico.

We have five children: four daughters and one son, who mean the world to us. We have nine grandchildren who we enjoy more than ever.

Our son, Fred, and his family moved to Arkansas in October of 1978, and we are happy to have some of our family near us.



**[L-R] Frances and Stanley Kuznia, Rita Kuznia,
 Fred and Diane Kuznia, Joseph and Bernardine Wisocki**

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JOSEPH AND BERNARDINE [KUZNIA] WISOCKI
5806 Glenwood Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55084

On May 20, 1945, I was born in Duluth, Minnesota, to Stanley and Frances (Glovinski) Kuznia. On October 29, 1966, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Duluth, I married Joseph John Wisocki III, the son of Joseph John and Cecilia (Johnson) Wisocki, Jr., and the brother of Stephen, Anthony, Paul, Peter, Arthur, James, Catherine, and Mary Wisocki.

We have two children who mean the world to us. Our son, Joseph John IV, is 12 years old, and Mark Timothy is 10.

My husband was in the Marines for four years and now works for his father at the Pickwick restaurant. I am a cosmetologist manager and operator and have my own shop.

FERDINAND AND DIANE [DIEGEL] KUZNIA Rogers, Arkansas

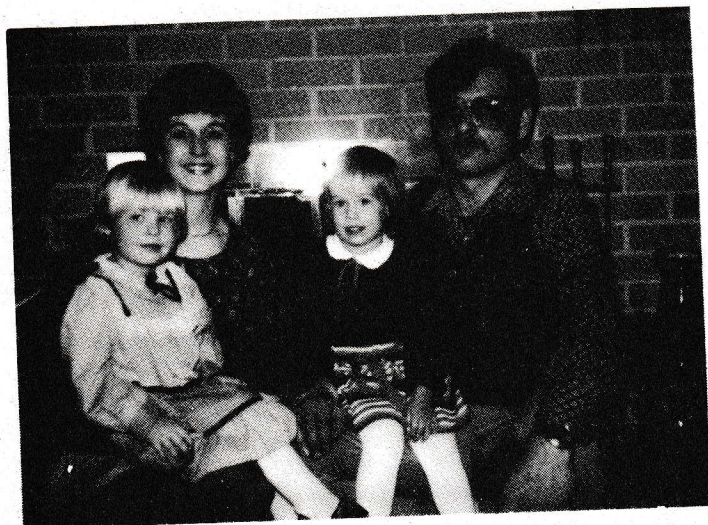
On March 23, 1947, I was born in Duluth, Minnesota, to Stanley and Frances (Glovinski) Kuznia. I grew up in Duluth. First we lived with my grandmother, Victoria Glovinski. Then a short time later, my father decided he needed a place of his own. We moved to Lakeside into a new four bedroom house my father and mother constructed by themselves, which was a very rewarding accomplishment for them.

Living only nine blocks from Lake Superior was too great a temptation, as I spent most of my summer days walking and playing on its shores. My grade school years I spent at St. Michael's, which was built inside the old church after completion of the new church, where I was later confirmed and married. After grade school, I attended Cathedral High School, where I played football my first year, but work put a stop to all that. After high school, it was on to vocational school, where I studied drafting and surveying for two years. I then joined the Navy Seabees as an engineering aid. It was boot camp in San Diego, then I was transferred to Rhode Island with MCB 53 construction battalion. Then more training with the Marine corps at Paris Island, South Caroline, then home for leave.

After leave, I went to Danang Vietnam. I was a security for the first three months. Then I was transferred to Camlo, five miles from North Vietnam, where we built roads for the Marines. After nine months, it was back to the State for a year of shore duty in Mississippi, where I worked in a carpentry shop. I then spent one year in Panama and one year in California.

After being discharged, I returned home, where I worked at my old job at Bridgeman Creameries as an ice cream mix processor. I met my future wife, Diane Diegel, there, as she was working as a waitress at the store in front of the creamery.

We were married on July 14, 1973. Diane is the daughter of Jacob and Lucille (Breitkreutz) Diegel. She has three sisters: Shirley, Evelyn, and Barbara, and also one brother, Jackie. Diane was born in Cloquet, Minnesota, on October 12, 1951, and grew up on a farm just outside of Carlton, Minnesota. Diane and her sisters always looked forward to their yearly vacation in which they went to Aberdeen, South Dakota, to visit their grandmother. She graduated from high school in 1969 and then moved to Duluth, where she worked at Bridgeman's to save money, which she used to put herself through nurses training in 1971-72. She then worked at Miller Dwan Hospital with the chemically dependent people. The hours she worked there became quite hectic, so she got a job in a doctor's office, where she worked for 3½ years.



Fred and Diane Kuznia Family
[L-R] Alison, Diane, Tiffany, Fred

We bought our first house in January of 1974. We started working on the yard and inside almost immediately. Alison and Tiffany, our two daughters, came along. There was more and more talk of closing Bridgeman's, so we both decided to move south with the warm weather. We currently live in Rogers, Arkansas. I work at Wal-Mart Distribution, which is the fastest retail firm in the U.S., and I also run a small drywall business.

We moved into our new home in June of 1979 that we are sure enjoying.

RITA KUZNIA Chisholm, Minnesota

Rita is the daughter of Stanley and Frances (Glovinski) Kuznia. I was born April 14, 1950. I went through school in Duluth and graduated from Central High School in 1969. At the present time, I am living in Chisholm, Minnesota, and working at the Range Center there.

RICHARD AND ANNETTE [KUZNIA] THIBEAULT

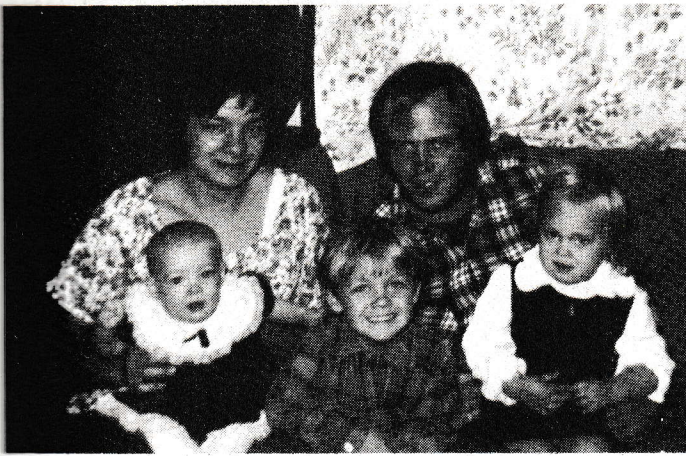
Annette Marie, daughter of Stanley and Frances (Glovinski) Kuznia, was born on September 24, 1956, in Duluth, Minnesota.

As a child, I remember our trips to Stephen, Minnesota, where we would visit my grandmother Rozalia. She always called me Anneteka and used to be very kind and gentle with us. She would have a strong hug and kiss for you when we would visit, and also she had some lemon drop candy put away to give us for a treat. We used to visit Aunt Polly and Uncle Peter during the summers, which I loved -- not only because we were where Dad was raised, but because there was the farm to play at and all the different animals to see. I used to try and wake up early to help (or really bother) Uncle Peter while he milked and tended to the cows and barnyard cat and kittens.

I attended school in Duluth, where in high school I was in band playing tenor sax, and I also sang in the Gold Chorus for four years. After graduating in May of 1974 from Duluth Cathedral High School, I went on to vocational technical school, taking a secretarial course.

In the fall of 1975, I married Richard Albert Thibault, Jr., the son of Richard and Cora (Stitt) Thibault, Sr., in St. Michael's Church in Duluth. He is the oldest of six children: Cheryl Ann (Thibault) Bowers, Theresa Jane, Lisa Roselyn, Dennis Michael, and David Patrick. The Thibault name is French and means "bold people". In France you will also find this name spelled as Thibault. Since the name came from Europe, it has begun 30 other spellings. Rick's great great grandfather came to Montreal, then his family moved to Maine. His father was raised in Connecticut, where most of his relatives live. Rick's dad is German and French, his mother is Irish and Dutch. His father also was an Air Force career man, so they lived in different areas of the U.S., including three years in Spain.

Rick served four years in the Air Force and also one year of Army Guards. He worked on the Flight Line for all four years in the military. When Rick was in the Air Force, we were stationed on Guam for twenty-seven months. We rode through one dangerous typhoon, "Pamela", with winds over 230 miles an hour, in May of 1976. Then we went without utilities for two and one-half months and got to be very specialized in wood fire cooking.



**Richard and Annette Thibeault
Corinne, Richard III, Katherine**

While Rick was working on base, I was working in downtown Agana, Guam for G.I.S., a security guard and patrol company. I was a security guard and also secretary. (I even caught a thief at the telephone company one night.)

While on Guam, our son, Richard Albert Thibeault III was born August 7, 1976. Also, Katherine Anne was born December 24, 1977, at the Navy hospital.

We returned to the U.S.A. the 31st of March, 1978, and settled in Lafayette, Louisiana, where Rick did carpenter work before off shore drilling.

Since then, my parents and brother's family have moved closer to us and to enjoy a little warm weather.

Our third child, Corinne Frances, was born August 7, 1979, here in Lafayette, Louisiana, where we are making our home.

FRANK KUZNIA, JR.

Frank, Jr. was born on October 1, 1919, the ninth child of Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia. He was a very good student in school, receiving better grades than any of his brothers and sisters. He was a great help to his mother, helping her wash clothes on the wash board when only 13 years old. At only eight years of age, he would babysit his nephew, Ray Gajeski.

Frank went with his brother, Stanley, for the first time to help Paul Kuznia with the haying. He got sick very suddenly and passed away the next day, July 9, 1933, from a heat stroke. He was just three months short of his 14th birthday.

FERDINAND KUZNIA

Ferdinand, better known to his family and friends as Fred or Freddy, was born on the 22nd of January in 1922 on the family farm in Wanger township east of Stephen. He was the tenth child of Frank and Rozalia (Kasprowicz) Kuznia and attended the Hvidsten school.

Shortly after finishing school, he left for Duluth, where he was employed by the Springdale Dairy until he enlisted in the U.S. Army, entering service on the 3rd of February, 1941, at the age of 19.

Fred was a jolly young man and did a lot of whistling; he was happy he was leaving for the Army. He came home from Duluth to say goodbye to his mother and the brothers and sisters who were still living in this area -- bringing gifts for his nieces and nephews.

After boot camp training, he was sent to the Philippine Islands and stationed on Corregidor. He was a member of the military police in the Coast Artillery Corps. Letters received from him showed his happiness in his Army work and seeing some of our beautiful world. In the first days of December, 1941, he mailed home pictures of himself and said he would mail the other pictures next week so that each of his brothers and sisters could have one. Those promised pictures never came, as World War II started on December 7, 1941.



**Ferdinand Kuznia
[Taken in the Philippine Islands - 1941]**

Corregidor was surrendered to the Japanese in May of 1942 and Fred became a prisoner of war. Members of the family received post cards from him during the time he was a prisoner.

Fred was one of approximately 1,805 American prisoners of the war who on October 11, 1944, was put aboard the Japanese transport "ARISAN MARU" at Manila. Having once left port, the vessel returned to Manila October 20, 1944 (for food and supplies) and again left Manila October 21, 1944. Records indicate that the "ARISAN MARU" was sunk on October 24, 1944, in the Bashi Straits by what was believed to be an American submarine. Only nine Americans are known to have survived the sinking -- Fred was not one of the lucky ones. His name is one of 36,279 names permanently inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing (those who gave their lives in the service of their country and who sleep in unknown graves) at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

CHESTER AND DELPHINE [KUZNIA] MANKOWSKI
4826 West 6th Street
Duluth, Minnesota

I was born in Wanger Township on a cold, wintry day, November 16, 1924, the last child of Frank and Rozalia Kuznia. There were seven boys and five girls in our family. I was baptized Delfina Stanislawka.

Recollections of my childhood go back to the time I was six years old and had contracted scarlet fever. The household was put under quarantine for six weeks. I spent the days of recovery in the family cradle. It was made by my father, so it was big enough even for me at age 6. My father, God rest his soul, would rock the cradle while singing church hymns. My mother, bless her soul, would join him in singing. The cradle was in the kitchen, so I watched Mother cooking and baking. She could make the fluffiest bread and superb soups, so was the rest of her culinary cooking.

I didn't attend the full year of my first grade, due to the illness, so I really started first grade the following year. It was to my advantage, as by then I had learned more English. My father taught us to read and write in Polish, which I've been very grateful to him. The best part of attending country school, which was a mile away, was in the winter months when my brothers would hitch up horses to a sleigh and give me a ride to school. I attended the six grades at Hvidsten School.

In October of 1936, my brother Peter married Polly and took over the chores of work on the farm. My father, in failing health, my mother, and myself then moved to a little house in Florian. It was a sad beginning for my mother and myself, as my father passed away on December 23 that same year. He was buried the day after Christmas. Being a pioneer and well known all around, people thronged to attend the funeral and to pay their respects.

I finished the last two years of grade school in Florian and attended and graduated from Stephen High School. The students from the vicinity in which I lived and myself were chauffeured in a bus that was built out of two cars and driven by Arno LaRoche. During the junior and senior high school years, I lived with my brother, John, and his family, and while living there, I was hired in the drug store, then run by Mr. and Mrs. Nels Sjostrom. I often recall the fond memories that were made when I lived at John's, especially the good times I had with my niece, Elsie, and the giggles we would get when we were supposed to be sleeping at night.

After I graduated, I left Stephen for the big city of Duluth to seek work. My first job was at Snyder's Drug Store. I then was employed at Elliot's Meak Packing Plant, and I also was employed at Bridgeman's Creamery. I lived with my brother, Anton (now deceased), his wife, Valeria, and their children.

It was at that time that I met the fellow to whom I have been married for the past 35 years, Chester Mankowski. He was born to Stanley and Ottillia (Goiki) Mankowski, now both deceased. He was the youngest boy of 22 children and reared in Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota, which is located about 50 miles south of Duluth. His parents sold the farm there and moved to Duluth in 1935. Chester then joined the Army and served three and one-half years in World War II. After his discharge, he got a job as an auto mechanic in a Duluth firm and continued as an auto mechanic and an auto body repairman until his retirement in April of 1977.

We were married at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church on October 26, 1946. To our union were born four children. Our oldest, Louise, was born on Valentine's Day in 1948. She is married to Walter Jenny, who is a self-employed carpet layer. They have two daughters, Natalie and Stephanie. They live 11 miles from our home. Timothy, our second child, served in the Army in Vietnam for one year and one year in Colorado. He married Jacqueline Fleisher and they live on a 40 acre farm about 100 miles from Duluth near Cook, Minnesota. Tim is employed at the Minn-Tac Mines near

Virginia. They are the happy parents of a daughter, Alicia, and a son, Peter Francis. Our third child, Delores, is married to Todd Stewart, and they have a son, Matthew Robert. Todd works at Gateway Foods of Minnesota and they live only two miles from our home. Our youngest, Geraldine, still lives at home and recently graduated top student from the St. Mary's School of Radiological Technology. She is now employed at St. Mary's Hospital. I work three and sometimes four hours Monday through Friday for the Duluth school system.



Chester and Delphine Mankowski

Our happiest occasions are when our children and their families all get together at our home to celebrate birthdays and other holidays. We are fortunate to have such wonderful children and the happiness they shed on us. We love them dearly.

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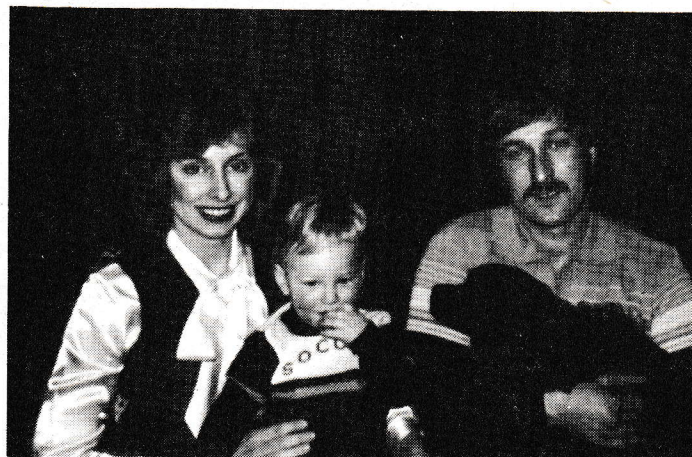
Walter and Louise Jenny Family
[L-R] Stephanie, Louise, Natalie, and Walter

TIMOTHY AND JACQUELINE MANKOWSKI
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Timothy and Jacqueline Mankowski, Alicia and Peter

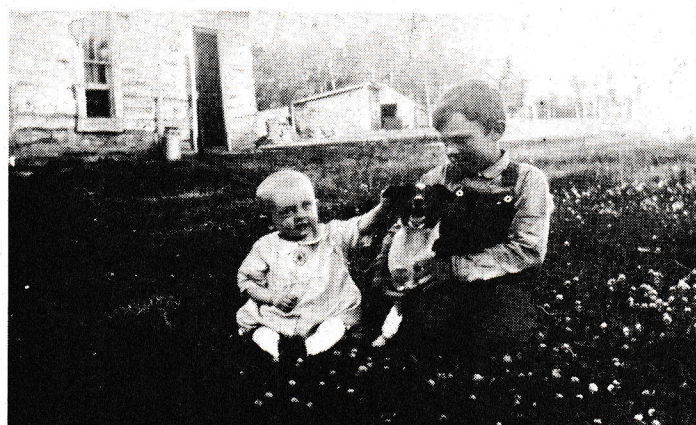
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Delores and Todd Stewart and son Matthew



Geraldine and John Henderson



Frank Kuznia, Jr. at age 8 [1927]
Babysitting for his nephew, Raymond Gajeski
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