

BETTE MAE CONKIN

Third Child of Rufus Conkin and Bessie Hilleman

BETTE MAE CONKIN

born October 31, 1950

died

B.A. Degree in English at Iowa State.

Master's Degree in English - Iowa State University, Ames.

She taught one year at Westfield, Iowa in the Jr. High.

At present Bette is teaching English at Iowa Central
Community College, Fort Dodge.

She is also the faculty advisor for their college
newspaper.

She has taken some additional college hours at Iowa City
University.

MAXINE CONKIN

Second Child of Mary Eckhardt and Orlan Conkin

MAXINE CONKIN

born November 1, 1918
died

ALVIN EDWARDS

born July 10, 1914
died

Married November 30, 1939

CHILDREN

MAX EUGENE EDWARDS
MARCIA ANN EDWARDS
MARVIN EDWARDS
MARILYN SUE EDWARDS

b. July 1, 1940
b. June 4, 1943
b. August 7, 1945
b. November 6, 1948

MAX EUGENE EDWARDS

First Child of Maxine Conkin and Alvin Edwards

MAX EUGENE EDWARDS

born July 1, 1940
died

PAMELA KAY TAYLOR

born October 14, 1942
died

Married July 11, 1970

CHILDREN

CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR EDWARDS
BRANDON JOHN EDWARDS

b. May 4, 1974
b. February 3, 1977

MARCIA ANN EDWARDS

Second Child of Maxine Conkin and Alvin Edwards

MARCIA ANN EDWARDS

born June 4, 1943
died

JAMES RAY CARSON

born September 9, 1936
died

Married August 18, 1962

CHILDREN

KEVIN CARSON
KURT CARSON
KENT CARSON

b. August 31, 1966
b. September 20, 1967
b. October 21, 1968

MARVIN EDWARDS

Third Child of Maxine Conkin and Alvin Edwards

MARVIN EDWARDS

born August 7, 1945
died

Marvin attended Pleasant Hill School in Marshalltown
and learned a trade.

He was a Busboy at Sambo's Restaurant for fourteen
years.

MARILYN SUE EDWARDS

Fourth Child of Maxine Conkin and Alvin Edwards

MARILYN SUE EDWARDS

RONALD MARR

born November 6, 1948
died

born September 28, 1949
died

Married June 3, 1978

Marilyn is a registered nurse

CHILDREN

AMANDA DORIS MARR

b. December 8, 1980

FLOYD K. CONKIN

Third Child of Mary Eckhardt and Orlan Conkin

FLOYD K. CONKIN

WILLA JEAN MCCLUE

born January 13, 1920
died October 13, 1973

born October 14, 1928
died January 8, 1964

Married June 30, 1946

Floyd went into the service November 13, 1941.
He was discharged from the service one week short of
four years later or November of 1945

When he left the United States he only had one address.

He was sent to Aberdeen, Maryland to a heavy equipment
camp for a while and from there he was sent to Camp
Polk, La. and then to Canada. He had some drastic
changes in climate with these moves.

In Canada he was far enough north so he was in Eskimo
country and the first thing he did in July was to get
the heating equipment ready.

From there he went to California, San Diego where he
met his brother Gene and it was the first time they
had seen each other in four years.

Floyd lived in California after the service.
He passed away there of diabetic complications and
is buried at State Center.

Information on Floyd was gathered from his mother,
Mary Conkin

CHILDREN

RANDALL LYNN CONKIN
SHERRIE SUE CONKIN

b. March 24, 1948
b. November 25, 1951

SHERRIE SUE CONKIN

Second Child of Floyd Conkin and Willa Jean McClue

SHERRI SUE CONKIN

born November 25, 1951
died

CRAIG ANDERSON

born September 17, 1952
died

Married May 14, 1976

CHILDREN

RICHARD KYLE ANDERSON b. October 8, 1978

NORRAINE CONKIN

Fourth Child of Mary Eckhardt and Orlan Conkin

NORRAINE BEATRICE CONKIN	CHARLES JUNIOR BARNARD
born September 13, 1921	born January 17, 1921
died	died January 8, 1964

Married June 22, 1940

Norraine and Charles were both born in Marshall County, Ia.

Norraine lived in Clemons, Ia; Hollandale, Mn. and back to Clemons before marriage.

Norraine and Charles lived in State Center, Marshalltown, Kingsport, Tn, and Knoxville, Tn. then back to State Center, Clemons and Marshalltown, Ia. and to Ames, Ia.

Norraine now lives in Denver, Colo

Charles was in the service from Aug. 22, 1944 to Dec. 29, 1945. Basic at Ft. Snelling, Mn; He trained for the Infantry at Camp Walters, Ft. Worth, Texas. He hauled ammunition to the front lines in Germany. He was training in an amphibious tank when Japan surrendered.

Norraine's present address is 5511 Xanadu Street
Denver, Colo 80239

CHILDREN

BARBARA JO ANN BARNARD	b. January 13, 1941 Marshall Co.
ROBERT WAYNE BARNARD	b. May 30, 1944 Anderson Co., Tn.
GEORGE ALLAN BARNARD	b. September 2, 1948 Marshall Co.
MARY ILENE BARNARD	b. May 12, 1955 Marshall Co.

BARBARA JO ANN BARNARD

First Child of Norraine Conkin and Charles Barnard

BARBARA JOANN BARNARD

DEAN STARN

born January 13, 1941
died

born
died

Married April 19, 1959
Rolston County, Neb.

Divorced

Dean Starn died sometime in the 1970's

CHILDREN

CINDY KAY STARN

b. November 23, 1959
Marshall Co, Ia.

Second Marriage

BARBARA JOANN BARNARD

ROBERT E. PRUSHA

born January 13, 1941
died

born January 20, 1927
died

Married June 21, 1965
Freeborn Co, Minn

Robert was born in Tama County Iowa

CHILDREN

ROBYNETTE RAE PRUSHA

b. January 4, 1966
Marshall Co., Ia.

Barbara is working at Bradford Printing as head
bookkeeper in Accounts payable (Money Management)

CINDY KAE STARN

First Child of Barbara JoAnn Barnard and Dean Starn

CINDY KAE STARN

VERNON SLABAUGH

born November 23, 1959
died

born
died

Married April 15, 1978
Anapolive Co., Colorado
Divorced.

Second Marriage

CINDY KAE STARN

JOSE (JOE) AUGUSTO RUIZ

born November 23, 1959
died

born April 6, 1958
died

Married September 28, 1981
Brownsville, Tex.

MONIQUE RUIZ

b. March 15, 1982

Jose was born in Cameron Co., Texas and you pronounce
his last name as Reece.

ROBERT WAYNE BARNARD

Second Child of Norraine Conkin and Charles Barnard

ROBERT WAYNE BARNARD

born May 30, 1944
died

BARBARA JEAN SPEEDY

born January 27, 1945
died

Married June 6, 1964
Marshall Co., Iowa

Robert did not serve in the Armed Forces due to
medical reasons.

Robert is working for Spencer Shoes as District Manager
and Buyer.

Robert was born in Anderson Co., Tn and Barbara in
Gibson Co., Indiana

CHILDREN

JULIE ANN BARNARD

STEVEN CHARLES BARNARD

b. July 4, 1965 Berrien Co., Mich

b. February 26, 1977 Hancock Co.,
Ohio

GEORGE ALLAN BARNARD

Third Child of Norraine Conkin and Charles Barnard

GEORGE ALLAN BARNARD

born September 2, 1948
died

George was born in Marshall County, Iowa

George entered the service on July 22, 1968 and
had basic at Ft. Leonard Wood Mo. He trained
as a Medic. He received a Medical discharge
at Ft. Sam Houston, Tx in 1970

MARY ILENE BARNARD

Fourth Child of Norraine Conkin and Charles Barnard

MARY ILENE BARNARD

born May 12, 1955
died

THOMAS A FANSKA

born February 21, 1957
died

Married April 22, 1978
Story Co., Ia.

Mary was born in Marshall County, Ia and Thomas in Floyd County, Ia.

Mary is working for Pamco as a computer input operator.
Pamco (Power Application and Manufacturing Co.,) with main
offices in Denver.

CHILDREN

SARAH MARIA FANSKA

B. May 4, 1979 Denver Co.,

EUGENE CONKIN

Fifth Child of Mary Eckhardt & Orlan Conkin

EUGENE CONKIN

born March 16, 1923

Eugene enlisted in the Naval Air Service while still in high school and left for the service the day before graduation.

His service to the country started at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, then on to Detroit, Mich. His Dad visited him there without telling him he was coming.

Next he was stationed in Virginia and on to Casablanca, Africa. Gene also toured many places in Europe.

He was in New Foundland, Greenland where he saw Morris Fricke, just before he left on his last trip.

He was also thru Pearl Harbor but not at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor

He was in the service for four and one half years or more. He was home dressed in white the week end of Charles Hilleman funeral when everybody else was wearing top coats.

All I can say is Thank the Lord they all arrived home safely.

Gene worked for the Weitz Company in Construction for twenty years. During those years he travelled to Nebraska, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina and Florida.

Gene retired in 1980 and now likes to play golf.

The information for Floyd and Gene Conkin was given to us by their mother, Mary Conkin.

DUANE LUVERN CONKIN

Sixth Child of Mary Eckhardt and Orlan Conkin

DUANE CONKIN

born November 8, 1931
died

BARBARA IVERSON

born September 24, 1934
died

Married August 17, 1957

Duane served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War;
from January 1952 to December 1953. He served thirteen months
in Korea in the 40th Infantry Division.

Barbara is a Special Education teacher in the West Marshall
School System in State Center, Ia.

Duane is a self employed Brick Mason.

CHILDREN

VALERIE ANN CONKIN
GARY CONKIN

b. November 6, 1958
b. April 18, 1962

VALERIE ANN CONKIN

First Child of Duane Conkin and Barbara Iverson

VALERIE ANN CONKIN

born November 6, 1958
died

DENNIS BENSON

born August 17, 1957
died

Married August 12, 1978

CHILDREN

ANDREW CHARLES BENSON

b. December 26, 1980

CLARA ECKHARDT

Seventh Child of Wilhemina Fricke and Louis Eckhardt

CLARA ECKHARDT

born February 24, 1898
died February 10, 1919

Clara was a good seamstress and a good cook.
She learned to make cakes and pies when very young.
She worked away from home doing domestic work.

Clara was engaged and was to be married the day she died.

She died after a very short illness of flu , just three days.
It was at the time of the world epidemic; when the World War I
soldier boys died by the hundreds, right here in Des Moines, Ia
at Camp Dodge.

It seemed sad, but many people never reach the twilight of
their lives.

It teaches us to resign our lives to God's ways; in wars
and also in peace times.

Information about Clara was received from
Elnora Eckhardt

ELNORA ECKHARDT

Eighth Child of Wilhelmina Fricke and Louis Eckhardt

ELNORA ECKHARDT

born December 29, 1899

died

"There is a place for singles. It may not seem so wonderful but the single person is not left out."

How well expressed by Elnora whose life has been a demonstration of her belief for she has done much for many. The satisfaction of serving, bolstered by a belief that God will, if we but let Him, guide our ways, has afforded her a serenity seldom found. Through the years, working for many people in many homes, sometimes for one night only - other times for as long as ten years has led her to believe that life can be interesting, worthwhile and rewarding. From each new experience Elnora feels she has gained some knowledge often times that of a nature not encountered previously. Working for the Fred Snite home was comparable to a career. Here she met interesting people who many times had contact with world wide dignitaries. Here the home was pleasant and harmonious.

Her own mother's home she found far from boredom. Only on rare occasions were there ever less than eight people, more often, however, ten or eleven to cook and to care for.

Even with her sisters helping out during her mother's three and one half years of illness, nine months of which were spent in bed, Elnora was able to leave the place only twice. Yet even so her faith never wavered sustained as it was by the belief that God was leading the way.

She picked corn by the bushel by hand for nine harvest seasons for Bill Edler, plus several more years at home and elsewhere. She worked as a domestic for more than twenty years and later worked in her own home for more than twenty years keeping roomers and helping with the farming.

Now at 82 years of age, as she looks back over the past she is thankful for all the good that has come her way. She holds a firm belief that God will continue to guide her as He has done in the past. Though the future cannot be predicted her faith and trust in the Lord affords her a confidence and trust for what ever lies ahead.

Elnora lives in State Center, Iowa

EMMA ECKHARDT

Tenth Child of Wilhelmina Fricke and Louis Eckhardt

EMMA LOUISE ECKHARDT

ALVA ARNOLD SCHOPPE

born January 14, 1904
died

born May 18, 1902
died

Married February 28, 1924
Little Brown Church
Nashua, Iowa

Alva and Emma lived the first eleven years on the Henry Schoppe farm southwest of State Center. Clair and Keith were born there.

In 1935 they moved to State Center and Alva had semi and straight trucks hauling livestock and freight throughout Iowa and into Chicago.

In 1939 they built a machine shed on a farm one mile north of State Center, living in it while the house was being built.

Alva and his sons did a variety of things to make a living which included custom feed grinding, butchering, water hauling and custom farming for many years.

In the early 1940's Alva bought his first crawler tractor, digging basements and doing a variety of earth moving services.

In December of 1958 Alva and Emma moved to State Center; but retirement was not the object of the move. Alva has left the caterpillar tractor work for his sons to do and Alva does Backhoe work digging water lines, sewer lines, tile lines, and yes, even digging many graves with the back hoe.

Emma use to have a huge garden even in town but now settles for a much smaller one. She spends a lot of her time sewing, patching, and making things for grandchildren and Donna.

Alva at the age of 80 still operates his back hoe, plows gardens, does landscaping and a variety of things; and would like to spend more time fishing.

They have enjoyed many winters in Texas; during one of those winters they travelled into Old Mexico approximately 300 miles south of the Texas border enjoying the sights of another country. Later the same year (July - August) they traveled north going to Alaska, visiting many points of interest there and through out Canada. On the Alaskan trip they traveled over 10,000 miles.

Three of their children had Polio in 1940, Clair, Keith and Donna and were quarantined for three weeks.

CHILDREN

CLAIR ECKHARDT SCHOPPE
KEITH MERLIN SCHOPPE
DONNA RAE SCHOPPE
DARYL ALVA SCHOPPE

b. May 6, 1926
b. March 8, 1928
b. July 5, 1936
b. January 16, 1942

CLAIR ECKHARDT SCHOPPE

First Child of Emma Eckhardt and Alva Schoppe

CLAIR ECKHARDT SCHOPPE

born May 6, 1926
died

RACHEL KAY SERFOSS

born February 4, 1940
died

Married September 10, 1966
Little Brown Church
Nashua, Iowa

Clair has farmed his mothers farm since his parents moved to State Center in 1958.

He also owns a caterpillar tractor doing custom dirt work throughout central Iowa.

Kay worked at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown, Iowa.

She now bakes cakes for people. She also sells Watkins and Raleigh Products.

Their three children all take organ lessons and Brenda plays the flute and is in the band.

Bryan Jay enjoys working for his grandfather, helping with the back hoe and other equipment.

Due to the polio Clair had in 1940 he was not able to serve in any of the Armed Forces.

Kay also helps Clair with the custom work, such as staking out a basement to be dug.

CHILDREN

BRYAN JAY SCHOPPE
BRENDA JEAN SCHOPPE
BERWIN JOHN SCHOPPE

b. April 20, 1967
b. April 25, 1970
b. July 18, 1973

KEITH MERLIN SCHOPPE

Second Child of Emma Eckhardt and Alva Schoppe

KEITH MERLIN SCHOPPE

LOLA FAYE NEEDHAM

born March 8, 1928

born September 22, 1932

died

died

Married July 20, 1957

Marshalltown, Iowa

Keith helped his father in the custom farming for several years. He also worked in the coal mines in southern Iowa at Knoxville, Iowa. He worked for a large construction company out of Newton Iowa. For this company he operated caterpillar tractors doing road construction work. He worked on highway projects throughout Iowa such as Clarion, Davenport, Iowa City. Keith also drove semi-trucks during the winter months.

Keith did not serve in the Armed Forces due to eye condition.

After Keith and Lola got married Keith became owner/operator of his own earth moving business which has continued to grow over the past twenty five years. Keith builds earthen dams, does land reclamation, and all other phases of work with the soil conservation.

Keith has served on the city council, been an officer at Trinity Lutheran Church and is a member of the State Center Volunteer Fire Department.

After school Lola was employed as billing clerk at Newton Manufacturing for seven and one half years. During the years she worked at Newton she also helped meet family obligations at home due to illnesses in the family.

Lola is also active in church work having served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies Aid and Fellowship Club.

Lola has a large garden and yard to care for, she also helps Keith move the large equipment, operates part of the equipment and helps with the book work.

CHILDREN

DAVID HENRY SCHOPPE

b. May 17, 1959

DOLORES MAE SCHOPPE

b. May 28, 1961

DAVID HENRY SCHOPPE

First Child of Keith Schoppe and Lola Needham

DAVID HENRY SCHOPPE

born May 17, 1959
died

David was born at Marshalltown, Ia.

During his years in school he worked for local farmers for three years, helped his Uncle in the tile business for a time.

During high school David was second in the State Business Math Contest for Future Business Leaders of America. David has attended Iowa State University at Ames, Ia.

He is presently employed by his father, Keith, doing soil conservation work.

David was active in Boy Scouts; delivered daily and Sunday papers for three years; and helped at a gas station for a while.

He is an usher at Trinity Lutheran Church. David is also a member of the State Center Volunteer Fire Department.

David is a First Responder, which is a person trained in CPR and First Aid to assist at accidents, etc. until the ambulance or higher trained people arrive.

DOLORES MAE SCHOPPE

Second Child of Keith Schoppe and Lola Needham.

DOLORES MAE SCHOPPE

born May 28, 1961
died

Married

Dolores was born at Marshalltown, Iowa

During her school years she was active in Future Homemakers of America, Pep Club, Drama Club and vocal music. She still does some vocal singing at various functions. While in high school she was an elementary tutor for reading and math.

She worked part time at Casey's General Store and also worked part time at Donnelly's Corporation at Nevada, working after school from 4 to 8 p.m.

Dolores attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines graduating in Sept. 1981; majoring in Business Administration with an Accounting Major.

Dolores now works at Rippey Farmers Co-Op at Rippey, Ia.

DONNA RAE SCHOPPE

Third Child of Emma Eckhardt and Alva Schoppe

DONNA RAE SCHOPPE

born July 5, 1936
died

Donna attended the State Center school and graduated in May of 1954. During high school she worked part time at domestic employment and often as a baby sitter.

Following graduation she took a "nurses aid course" and worked at the Marshalltown hospital for a while. She also worked as clerk in a grocery store and a waitress.

Later she attended National Airlines School in Kansas City.

From April 1959 till January of 1976 she was a receptionist at Marshalltown Iowa, where she had a great variety of duties; responsibility for the mail room, office supplies and inventory of it; also factory inventory calculations for cost department.

From January 1976 until March of 1980 she managed a convenience store in State Center - Casey's General Store. Here she had the responsibility of its entire operation.

Donna was a charter member of the local 4-H club, also served as an officer of it and later on served as a leader of the same club. She was a teacher and also the treasurer of the Sunday School at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for several years. She served on the Iowa District Youth Committee for six years, three years of which she served as Co-ordinator of the Youth Service Corp working with the Woodward State Hospital School, the Mental Health Institute at Independence and the Glenwood State Hospital School.

Donna has had her own print shop which she operated part time from 1972 until 1980 when she went into the print shop on a full time basis. To keep abreast of developments in her field she has taken several adult education courses on operating business machines and in the last two years she attended short courses in accounting and computer operation.

Donna has done catering for the last twenty-two years, with Marilyn Henze helping for the last fifteen years.

DARYL ALVA SCHOPPE

Fourth Child of Emma Eckhardt and Alva Schoppe

DARYL ALVA SCHOPPE

born January 16, 1942
died

MARILYNN KAY BRINEY

born June 9, 1944
died

Married January 25, 1964
Trinity Lutheran Church
State Center, Iowa

Daryl became interested in guns at an early age and when he was sixteen was starting to take guns apart in a small shop he sat up in his parents basement. It started as a hobby and was something for spare time activity and winter time adventure. Interest grew and the first building as a "Gun Shop" was built in 1972 at the west edge of State Center. At this time Daryl was also operating a Caterpillar tractor working with his brother Keith in soil conservation business.

By 1976 the "Gun Shop" had grown so another building was put up and Daryl went out of the Caterpillar business. He now has a "Gun Shop" 80 feet by 120 feet. The basement range under the complex is 130 feet long and has twelve shooting bays. Daryl engineered, designed and constructed the facility. The ventilation system in the basement gives a complete air change every two minutes.

Marilynn helped her parents operate a resort they owned in Minnesota while she attended school.

After graduation from high school Marilynn attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines where she took courses in Business Machines.

Marilynn worked for five years as a clerk, typist in the order department at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown.

Daryl operates the "Gun Shop" with Marilynn doing all of the book work involved with the shop. She also does the ordering, helps with gun repair and sales of the products in the shop.

CHILDREN

DEAN ARNOLD SCHOPPE
DAWN RENAE SCHOPPE
DANA KAY SCHOPPE

b. January 16, 1969
b. September 20, 1971
b. November 22, 1972

ROY ECKHARDT

Eleventh Child of Wilhelmina Fricke and Louis Eckhardt

ROY ECKHARDT

born December 16, 1905
died September 29, 1926

Roy was always ready to help anyone who needed it. He was great help to his sisters.

When he was very small his foot was stepped on by a horse. The first day that he walked after that was the day his father died.

When he was only four or five years old he brought a team of horses and wagon to the house from the north end of the farm and there was a run away with Roy being thrown from the wagon, which resulted in lots of cuts and bruises, including a flattened nose.

Roy did a mans work before he was ten years old.

In the spring of 1926 Roy and his sister Elnora moved to the Clemons farm. They kept some of their neices and nephews so they could finish the school year in Iowa before moving to Minnesota. They did all the farming with horses.

In September of 1926 Roy was helping fill silo on Bill's farm and was accidentally electrocuted.

An autopsy showed Roy's heart was only half the size of a normal heart. A physical heart of half size in a person with a heart large enough to help all in the family fulfill their duties and tasks.

After Roys' death Louise helped Elnora harvest the corn; also helping was Ted Fricke, Ira and Irene Davis. They helped get things ready for the farm sale.

Roy is buried at St. John's Cemetery next to his parents.

Information about Roy obtained from Elnora Eckhardt and Emma Schoppe, sisters of Roy.

LOUISE ECKHARDT

Twelfth Child of Wilhemina Fricke and Louis Eckhardt

LOUISE ECKHARDT

born July 25, 1907
died December 5, 1930

GEORGE WEUVE

born February 7, 1904
died

Married September 7, 1926

Before marriage Louise worked various places doing domestic work. She worked at Cora and Harry Weuve's when Don and Glen were born.

She died when her youngest son was only fifteen days old.

Her death was just three months after the death of her sister Lydia Eldridge; so soon, so sad.

It was very hard for our mother to accept this - her baby of nine weeks when our Father died - October of 1907.

Again we must accept these things as Gods ways are past finding out.

George Weuve's parents helped George raise the two boys - Galen and Ross.

George never remarried and farmed north west of State Center. Ross now lives on the same farm and does most of the farming.

CHILDREN

GALEN RAY WEUVE

b. July 26, 1927
d. December 28, 1950

ROSS ALLEN WEUVE

b. November 21, 1930

GALEN RAY WEUVE

First Child of Louise Eckhardt and George Weuve

GALEN RAY WEUVE

born June 26, 1927

died December 28, 1951

Galen, born on June 26, 1927, the first son of George and Louise Eckhardt Weuve, was only three and one half years old when his mother died. He was reared by his father and grand mother. Galen grew up on a farm where he worked for his father. Later he moved to Marshalltown where he was employed.

In the summer of 1951 he was called into service with the U.S. Army. While still stationed in the United States he was sent to Missouri to assist with cleaning up operations following a flood. One day while working there, something broke and he fell into water already highly contaminated with dead cattle and hogs. He was saved from drowning by grabbing onto a branch of a tree, an experience from which he never fully recovered. Later during the summer, he was sent to Japan, then shortly thereafter to Korea. In a letter dated Friday, October 19, 1951 to his Aunt Elnora he wrote, "Here I am in the land of the Koreans in the southern part of Pusan. It is hot and smelly - no place to live. We did see some pretty nice places in Japan". In a beautiful letter dated Sunday, October 21, 1951 from his Aunt, the kind of letter a mother might have written to her son had she been living, she told him of the everyday happenings - items so dear to a young man ill and far from home, and closed her letter with words of encouragement. Unfortunately this letter never reached Galen and was returned to the sender.

In another letter to his aunt, dated November 29, 1951 Galen wrote, "Boy am I glad to hear from you. This is the first letter I've ever received since leaving the United States. They operated on me the other day and took out a small part of the mass - it was too big to remove. On Monday I am going to a hospital in Denver for X-Ray treatments. I can eat only a few spoonfuls at a time."

On December 28, 1951, Galen died at Camp Carson, Colorado. His funeral was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State Center, Iowa on January 1, 1952. To fully appreciate the love and respect held for him, one can only fathom. More than 275 individuals, groups and others contributed money for memorials honoring the memory of this young man who died while in the service of his country.

During the funeral service Rev. Braun interrupted his sermon to tell how he had received from Galen a letter in which Galen had requested that Rev. Braun thank all those who had been so nice to him.

Information supplied by Elnora Eckhardt

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ROSS ALLYN WEUVE

Second Child of Louise Eckhardt and George Weuve

ROSS ALLYN WEUVE

born November 21, 1930
died

NAOMI DAWID JORGENSEN

born May 19, 1931
died

Married January 11, 1953

Ross graduated from Colo High School and then went into farming. Naomi graduated from Ames High School. She worked in Ames before they were married.

They started farming Northwest of State Center on Albert Weuve's farm. All three of their children were born there.

They moved to a farm near Marshalltown and then back close to State Center. Ross had a closing out farm sale.

They bought a house in Ames and Ross went into the insurance business and then into carpentry and farmed.

Naomi worked as a bookkeeper. They lived in Ames ten years before building a house and moving back to State Center.

CHILDREN

GARY ALLYN WEUVE

KIM DAWN WEUVE

KEVIN ALBERT WEUVE

b. February 15, 1954

b. May 9, 1956

b. June 4, 1959

GARY ALLYN WEUVE

First Child of Ross Weuve and Naomi Jorgenson

GARY ALLYN WEUVE

VICKI MARIE BLOMGREN

born February 15, 1954
died

born July 31, 1953
died

Married August 23, 1975

Gary graduated from Ames High and worked at a men's clothing store.

He went to Area XI at Ankeny and then transferred to Iowa State. He took retail marketing.

Gary now works for Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance as a Unit Manager.

CHILDREN

CHAD ALLYN WEUVE
ASHLEY MARIE WEUVE

b. February 17, 1976
b. December 21, 1978

KIM DAWN WEUVE

Second Child of Ross Weuve and Naomi Jorgenson

KIM DAWN WEUVE

born May 9, 1956
died

CHARLES ERWIN

born May 16, 1952
died

Married June 7, 1975

Kim graduated from Ames High School and worked at 'Smart and Thrifty' until she was married.

When they moved to Perry she worked at Virginia's Dress Shop.

Chuck works for the Fareway Stores in the Meat Department. He has been transferred to Independence and Mason City. He is now Assistant Manager at Decorah.

CHILDREN

KILEY DAWN ERWIN

b. October 17, 1978

KEVIN ALBERT WEUVE

Third Child of Ross Weuve and Naomi Jorgenson

KEVIN ALBERT WEUVE

born June 4, 1959

died

Kevin graduated from Ames High School.

He is farming with his dad.