

Children of Louis & Johanna Fricke Gerke

- *** 1. Lawrence Gerke
b. June 2, 1895
d. November 1965
m. Never married
Served in W.W.I and farmed
- *** 2. Caroline Gerke
b. 1896
d. 1925
m. 1918
Henry Tisler
b. November 22, 1894
d. *June 10, 1986*
- *** 3. Louis C. Gerke
b. May 8, 1899
d. April 4, 1959
m. 1940
Lillie Sinkler
b. 1914
d. 1954
- *** 4. Rosetta Gerke
b. January 16, 1901
d. November 29, 1947
m. Never married
- *** 5. Conrad Gerke
b. August 9, 1902
d. March 30, 1980
m. August 29, 1928
Pearl Overstake
b. March 29, 1907
d.
- *** 6. Dorothy Gerke
b. October 3, 1906
d. November 6, 1968
m. Never married - worked as housemaid; telephone operator; hospital dietitian.

Children of Louis & Johanna Fricke Gerke (con't)

*** 7. Fredrick Gerke

b. 1905

d. 1926

m. Never married, was injured while breaking colts
and was fatally injured when a tree fell on him.
He died after a long illness.

*** 8. Martin Gerke

b. September 9, 1908

d. August 4, 1981

m. September 3, 1938

(Laura) Isabelle Turner

b. January 15, 1918

d. *Nov. 6, 2002*

Martin was a farmer until he retired to State Center.

*** 9. Leora Gerke

b. July 21, 1911

d.

m.

Paul Dike

b.

d.

*** 10. Edith Gerke

b. November 1, 1913

d. *Aug. 3, 1999*

m.

Laurel E. Leggett

b. October 24, 1908

d. March 17, 1976

Laurel drove a semi, served in Navy
and farmed and Edith works as a nurses
aid and homemaker.

Children of Caroline and Henry Tisler

**** 1. Harold Tisler

- b. October 23, 1919
- d. February , 1943

Harold was killed in the Pacific while serving with the Marines during World War II.

**** 2. Andrew (Bud) Tisler

- b. May 8, 1921
- d.
- m. July 24, 1945
Mary Ellen Kunkel
- b. April 2, 1922
- d.

Andy (Bud) is currently in the trucking business but still a farmer at heart. Mary Ellen is school nurse in Roswell. We both enjoy gardening, wood crafts, bicycling, and visiting our grand children. We are both involved in several church activities.

**** 3. Lenora Tisler Flathers

- b. July 24, 1922
- d. *May 30, 2003*
- m. 1941
Wilbur Flathers
- b. January 22, 1918
- d. *1987*

Children of Conrad and Pearl Overstake Gerke

- **** 1. Ernest William Gerke
b. December 2, 1928
d.
m. May 29, 1949
Barbara Irene Hickman
b. December 4, 1927
d.

Ernest has always been a truck driver out of Marshalltown and Des Moines

- **** 2. Richard Dwight Gerke
b. October 20, 1932
d.
m. May 29, 1952
Jane Ann Neek
b. November 30, 1933
d.

Richard has always been a farmer living on farms in the Grundy Center, Iowa area.

- **** 3. Mary Ellen Gerke
b. September 27, 1942
d. *Nov. 30, 1990*
m. September 1, 1963
Allan Dean Koester
b. August 20, 1937
d.

Mary grew up on a farm at Fern in Grundy Co. and attended school and graduated from Dike in 1960. Later graduated from Allen Memorial School of Nursing in 1963. Allen lived at Gladbrook and graduated from Iowa State in 1960. He worked for the Extension Service in Iowa for four years. In the fall of 1964 he joined the Soil Conservation. He served in Colorado for twelve years before moving to Alaska in 1976.

Phylliss Marie Gerke
Sixth child of Phyllis and Kevin Osborne

Phyllis Marie

b. Nov. 23, 1961

d.

Kevin Osborne

b. Nov. 24, 1959

d.

m. Oct. 18, 1980

children

Jeremy William

b. Oct. 25, 1981

Children of Richard and Jane Neek Gerke

- ***** 1. Linda Jean Gerke
b. December 2, 1952
d.
m. March 26, 1970
Patrick Joseph Twiss *Divorce Sept. 28, 1982*
b. January 18, 1948
d.
- ***** 2. Richard Byron Gerke
b. July 23, 1957
d.
m.

b.
d.
- ***** 3. Dennis Edward Gerke
b. April 4, 1960
d.
m.

b.
d.
- ***** 4. Sandra Dyane Gerke
b. September 2, 1961
d.
m. May 24, 1980
Scott Arlo Pipko
b. May 30, 1961
d.

Children of Patrick and Linda Jean Gerke Twiss

***** 1. Alicia Lynn Twiss
b. September 25, 1971
d.

m.

b.
d.

***** 2. David Patrick Twiss
b. February 4, 1974
d.

m.

b.
d.

3. Sara Pearl Twiss
b. Apr. 30, 1982

LEORA GERKE

Leora Gerke

Paul Dike

born July 21, 1911

born

died *Nov 30,*

died

Married

Leora lived at home and worked with the family until she worked out at domestic employment in various homes.

She then travelled to Florida and worked there for a time and then back to Iowa.

Leora then moved to Denver, Colorado and worked at May Company and while in Denver married Paul Dike.

In 1966 or 1967 they moved to Illinois and then on to Florida.

Leora had some health and nerve problems but was a good housekeeper and cook.

We have not heard from her or Paul in over a year now.

God's ways are beyond our knowledge as He watches over them, guiding and directing their lives.