



Josephine Schwartz
Ernest Fricke

BE PROUD OF THE THINGS THAT YOU ARE

by Garnett Ann Schultz

Always be proud of what you are
Whatever that might be,
The job that you do, however small,
So all of the world might see.

Give it your best and make it your own-
Have faith in your dreams come true.
Lend a part of yourself in your every plan
In all that you ever do.

Always be proud of what you've been;
Be sure that you've lived life well.
Be proud of the hope that is in your heart,
Your story that life can tell.

Walk through each day with your head held high,
And your eyes on that faraway star.
Trust in tomorrow and surely you'll find
It's nice to be just what you are.

Always be sure and you'll never fail
Your future so sparkling and bright.
Save up a smile for the dark dreary days-
Success ever there in your sight.

Give God your hand and trust in His way,
No matter how near or how far.
Travel your road and in all that you do...
Be proud of the things that you are.

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ERNEST FRICKE

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Tenth Child of Christian and Caroline Schaper Fricke

ERNEST G. FRICKE

JOSEPHINE SCHWARTZ

born October 14, 1876

born September 24, 1887

died August 31, 1964

died July 9, 1976

Married January 29, 1907

From the Atlas of Marshall County, 1907, we read, "Of the younger generation of progressive farmers Ernest G. Fricke is an able representative. His farm, "Highland Ridge Stock Farm," is partly devoted to the pasturing of thoroughbred short horn cattle and Poland-China hogs, of which he makes a specialty. For the past nine years he has also owned and successfully operated a threshing outfit. Mr. Fricke was born October 14, 1876 and raised in Marshall County, being a son of Christian Fricke, a prosperous farmer living on Section 35 of this township. Ernest Fricke is an esteemed citizen of this community, carrying on his business in a quiet and unostentatious manner, honorable and upright in his transactions and a worthy member of society.

On January 29, 1907, in Des Moines, he was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Schwartz, who was born there September 24, 1887, a daughter of Herman Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz was born in Germany August 15, 1862."

Josephine's mother died when she was three years old. Her father, Herman Schwartz, later married Anna Thoma, daughter of John Thoma, a teacher in St. John's Lutheran Parochial school from 1882 to 1893. Anna Thoma was a sister of Sarah Catherine Thoma Fricke, wife of Edward A. Fricke. When first married, Ernest and Josephine Fricke lived in the south east section of Minerva Township about four and one half miles northeast of State Center. They later moved to Pennock, Minnesota, then to Kandiyohi, Minnesota.

Following the death of Ernest Fricke, Josephine and her son Vernon moved to Spicer, Minnesota.

Vernon farmed for many years living with and caring for his father and mother. Following the move to Spicer in 1967 Vernon worked as a trucker and a shop man for Halverson Co., Inc.

Ernest and Josephine are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Willmar, Minn.

Ruth died from cancer when only eighteen years of age, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Vernon's address is Box 142, Spicer, Minnesota 56288

Children of Ernest G. Fricke and Josephine Schwartz Fricke

1. George E. Fricke
b. November 19, 1907
d.
m. March 7, 1934
Ruth Davis
b. October 26, 1914
d.
2. Earl H. Fricke
b. September 18, 1909
d.
m. July 14, 1945
Nora A. Hallberg
b. July 30, 1913
d.
3. Mabel E. Fricke
b. September 5, 1911
d.
m. May 15, 1937
Donald Cole
b. June 16, 1901
d.
4. Vernon Otto Fricke
b. March 27, 1914
d.
m.

b.
d.
5. Ruth Adeline Fricke
b. July 12, 1921
d. August 7, 1939
6. Evelyn Dolores Fricke
b. March 13, 1925
d.
m. Febraury 22, 1951
George Bendickson
b. July 7, 1914
d.
7. Geraldine Norma Fricke
b. March 3, 1931
d.
m. June 9, 1956
Thor Vathne
b. April 7, 1927
d.

GEORGE FRICKE

First Child of Ernest Fricke and Josephine Schwartz Fricke

GEORGE FRICKE

born November 19, 1907
died

RUTH DAVIS

born October 26, 1914
died

Married March 7, 1934
Madrid, Iowa

George was born at State Center, Iowa and Ruth was born at Luthea, Iowa.

The day after their wedding George and Ruth loaded all their worldly belongings into a small truck and traveled to a farm north of Boone where they were to work for a farmer. On the way they stopped and bought groceries after which time they had exactly fifty cents left to last until the end of the month when they were to receive their first pay check. After working for two different owners (1934-35 and 1935-36), they rented a farm (1938) near Kelly, Iowa. Most of their machinery was purchased at unheard of prices. As an example George bought a plow for \$2.50. In 1943 they rented a farm north of Ames where they lived until February 1947 when they purchased a farm south of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Another move in December 1951 brought them to Litchfield, Minnesota, where they purchased a farm with the money received from the sale of their first farm. Supplemental income from outside employment was important during the growing years. In 1977 they sold their farm and purchased a two and one half acre plot of ground near Lake Minnebelle where they built a beautiful new home.

Now they turned all their efforts to cake baking and decorating. Their fame had spread and more than a full page article, with pictures, in the Meeker R.E.A. Pioneer features a story about Ruth and her skills in the art of cake decorating. In the article Ruth says, "George gives me a lot of help. He is my greatest critic." Interestingly, Ruth's first cake decorating experience was decorating her own wedding cake with a ten cent cake decorator from the dime store. Ruth thoroughly enjoys baking and decorating cakes, an art in which she has developed great skill.

For a more complete and very interesting account of this families life experiences, turn to the Supplement.

George and Ruth's address is: Rt. 1, Box 154, Litchfield, Minn 55355.

CHILDREN

GERALD FRICKE

DAVID LEE FRICKE

JOHN ERNEST FRICKE

MICHAEL RAY FRICKE

b. October 5, 1935

b. March 19, 1940

b. January 16, 1943

b. July 2, 1945

GERALD EDWARD FRICKE

First Child of George Fricke and Ruth Davis Fricke

GERALD EDWARD FRICKE

born October 5, 1935
died

MARY JOHNSTON

born August 19, 1941
died

Married January 29, 1959
Colville, Washington

Gerald was born at home on the farm near Stanhope, Iowa.
His wife Mary was born at Belle Fourche, South Dakota,

Gerald learned early to help with the family chores. After graduating from the Litchfield, Minnesota High School he entered college. In 1955 he enlisted in the Air Force which ultimately after many moves, including Alaska and with a continuing education, led to his present career with the Federal Aviation Administration as an Operations Branch Specialist.

Mary's family were ranchers, raising sheep and farming. Several moves by her family brought her to Colville, Washington where she met Jerry and where they were married. Together they have lived a challenging, satisfying life even though often faced with difficult decisions and adjusting to many unusual circumstances but always using each experience to grow.

For a story book account of this families very interesting experiences see the Supplement.

Gerald's and Mary's address is: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fricke
7610 Andrea Lane
Crystal Lake, Ill. 60014

CHILDREN

JAMES ROBERT
DIANE SUE
GERI LYNN

b. May 5, 1959 Litchfield, Minn.
b. September 27, 1960 Indianapolis, Ind
b. July 25, 1962 Indianapolis, Ind

JAMES ROBERT FRICKE

First Child of Gerald Fricke and Mary Johnston Fricke

JAMES ROBERT FRICKE

born May 5, 1959
died

BONNIE KAY KOENEN

born April 28, 1958
died

Married July 27, 1978

James was born at Litchfield, Minn. and his wife Bonnie was born at Clara City, Minn.

CHILDREN

TONYA JO FRICKE

b. January 10, 1979

JUSTIN BRYCE FRICKE

b. April 16, 1980

James and Bonnie were divorced on June 5, 1980.

Second Marriage

JAMES ROBERT FRICKE

born May 5, 1959
died

KRISTINE NEUMANN

born October 19, 1957
died

Married November 2, 1980

CHILDREN

TARA KRISTINE FRICKE

b. June 10, 1981

GERI LYNN FRICKE

Third Child of Gerald Fricke and Mary Johnston Fricke

GERI LYNN FRICKE

born July 25, 1962
died

STEVEN JEFFREY DAHMS

born October 18, 1960
died

Married June 5, 1981
Red Wood Falls, Minn.

Geri was born at Indianapolis, Ind.

CHILDREN

DAVID LEE FRICKE

Second Child of George Fricke and Ruth Davis Fricke

DAVID LEE FRICKE

born March 19, 1940
died

KATHRYN MARIE WOOD

born January 21, 1953
died

Married December 9, 1972
Minneapolis, Minn.

David joined the Air Force in 1959 spending one year in Texas and three in North Carolina. Following his discharge in August 1963 he entered college to prepare for DHIA testing and for eighteen months there after he was employed as a milk tester. Then followed a period in which he engaged in several different types of work ranging from working in a stamping factory; for a car dealer in Minneapolis; two years with a John Deere dealer in Litchfield; two years in Brooklyn Center, one year with the Farm Bureau and in 1973 he began working on construction. In 1976 he again entered the military joining the Navy for a two year period, six months of which were spent in Spain, Italy, and Greece.

In 1979 he was employed by the State of Minnesota where at present he is working out of Fergus Falls.

In 1978 tragedy struck the family when little Kelly Ann lost her life in a fire in Minneapolis. David and Kathy were divorced in January 1978. David's address is Rt. 6, Box 283, Lot 14, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537.

CHILDREN

GEORGIANA MARIE FRICKE
KELLY ANN ROSE FRICKE

b. February 12, 1974 Litchfield, Minn.
b. March 21, 1977 Litchfield, Minn
d. February 12, 1978 Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN ERNEST FRICKE

Third Child of George Fricke and Ruth Davis Fricke

JOHN ERNEST FRICKE

born January 16, 1943
died

MARGARET ELLEN CARLSON

born August 31, 1946
died

Married July 1968
Morris, Minn.

John was born at Ames, Iowa and Margaret at Minneapolis, Minn.

After graduating from Litchfield, Minnesota High School in 1960 John enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served for four years. Following his discharge in July 1964 he entered the University of Minnesota at Morris, Minnesota graduating in May 1968. In August 1968 he was employed by the State Farm Insurance Company where presently he is working as Senior Commercial Accountant Underwriter.

Following graduation from Morris High School in 1964 Margaret enrolled in the University of Minnesota in Morris graduating in May 1968. In January 1969 she began working for the Ramsey County Community Human Services where she is still employed.

Elizabeth (Beth) is in the third grade: Stephen is in kindergarten.

John and Margaret live at 1320 45 1/2 Ave. N.E. Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

CHILDREN

ELIZABETH (BETH) RUTH FRICKE	b. February 21, 1973	St. Paul, Minn.
STEPHEN (JOHN) FRICKE	b. May 26, 1976	St. Paul, Minn.

MICHAEL RAY FRICKE

Fourth Child of George Fricke and Ruth Davis Fricke

MICHAEL RAY FRICKE

born July 2, 1945
died

ADELAIDA RAMOS RAMIREZ

born April 7, 1948
died

Married January 8, 1968
Angeles City,
Pampanga, Phillippines

Prior to enlisting in the Air Force, Michael held various types of employment such as President of the Meeker County 4-H Clubs, working as a county milk tester and once accompanying a group of 4-H'ers to the Black Hills. On January 6, 1965 Michael enlisted in the U.S. Air Force launching on a military career marked by a series of transfers in the United States and abroad, plus continuous promotions and always to a more responsible and usually administrative position. His career began at Lackland A.F.B. where he received basic training, then service in the United States, Viet Nam and Phillippines. With six promotions Michael now holds the rank of Master Sergeant.

Since 1968 both Michael and Adelaida have participated in many bowling leagues. Adelaida has been on a first place team four times and Michael once. Jenie's softball team finished in second place and Tim's football team won base championship in bantam league. Mike was coach for the third year. In March 1981 Jenie was selected runner up in the Miss Tayug, Phillippines contest. In June 1981 Delailah's soccer team won base championship for her age group. Michael has been awarded three commendation medals, also others.

Michael, Adelaida and family live at 5924 Etta Drive, Anniston, Alabama 36201.

CHILDREN

JENIE LYNN FRICKE
TIMOTHY RAY FRICKE
DELAILAH JANE FRICKE
CAROLINE RAMIREZ

b. July 15, 1968 Clark Air Base, Manila
b. May 16, 1969 Offutt Air Force Base
b. March 26, 1973 Offutt Air Force Base
b. October 15, 1974 (adopted in 1978)

EARL H. FRICKE

Second Child of Ernest and Josephine Schwartz Fricke

EARL FRICKE

born September 18, 1909
died

NORA A. HALLBERG

born July 30, 1913
died

Married July 14, 1945
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Kandiyohi, Minn.

Earl enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941. He served with the Third Infantry Division from January 1941 until June 1945 making invasions into North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio Italy, Southern France, Germany and Austria. While in the service he was promoted to the rank of Sargeant and was honorably discharged in 1945. Upon his return to civilian life he entered the employment of Halvorson Company, Inc., located in Spicer, Minn. Here he worked with parts, sales and service until January 1, 1975. Since that time he has continued with the same company but in a semi-retired capacity.

From September 1932 until June of 1946 Nora was a school teacher in the rural public schools of Kandiyohi County. Since November 1, 1963 she has been a public librarian for Spicer. In addition to living near beautiful Green Lake, Earl and Nora have enjoyed trips to Canada and throughout the United States including areas such as Washington State, California, Pennsylvania, Florida and Washington, D.C. Earl and Nora live at Spicer, Rt. 1, Minnesota 56288.

MABEL ELVIRA FRICKE

Third Child of Ernest and Josephine Schwartz Fricke

MABEL FRICKE

born September 5, 1911
died

DONALD COLE

born June 16, 1901
died

Married May 15, 1937

Mabel started working at an early age, doing housework, working as a waitress for six years and for two years as a check out clerk in a grocery store. During World War II she worked as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. It was during her mother's last illness that Mabel watched over her and assumed much responsibility for the care of her health and welfare. Today Mabel is a homemaker enjoying gardening, flowers and needlework.

Don is a Professional Highway Engineer and Land Surveyor. He has a daughter Donna by a previous Marriage. Don is now retired.

Mabel and Don live near beautiful Green Lake, their address is Box 302 Spicer, Minn. 56288

CHILDREN

DONNA COLE

b.

Don Cole's daughter by previous marriage.

EVELYN DELORIS FRICKE

Sixth Child of Ernest and Josephine Schwartz Fricke

EVELYN DELORIS FRICKE

born March 13, 1925
died

GEORGE BENDICKSON

born July 7, 1914
died

Married February 22, 1951

George is a retired farmer; Evelyn a housewife. They have lived in the same place during their entire married life. Dean and Scott are living with them. For the last year Gary has been living in Grand Junction, Colorado where he works as a carpenter. All are members of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

George was baptized on August 9, 1914 and confirmed in June 1929
Evelyn was baptized on May 16, 1926 and confirmed on May 25, 1941
Gary was baptized on September 17, 1952 and confirmed on June 26, 1966
Dean was baptized on May 14, 1955 and confirmed on May 25, 1969
Scott was baptized on June 26, 1964 and confirmed on June 3, 1979
Dean is a rancher and Scott is a student.

Evelyn, George and family live at R. 3, Sisseston, South Dakota 57262.

CHILDREN

GARY BENDICKSON
DEAN BENDICKSON
SCOTT BENDICKSON

b. July 22, 1952
b. February 2, 1955
b. March 2, 1964

GERALDINE NORMA FRICKE

Seventh Child of Ernest and Josephine Schwartz Fricke

GERALDINE FRICKE

born March 3, 1931
died

THOR VATHNE

born April 7, 1927
died

Married June 9, 1956

Geraldine was born at Kandiyohi, Minn and her husband Thor was born in Norway.

In 1951 Geraldine was graduated from Northwestern Hospital Minneapolis, Minnesota. For the next five years she was employed as a hospital nurse. Following that she worked for five years as an office nurse.

Thor is employed by a commercial construction company building schools, stores and other similar types of buildings.

Presently Erik is attending a vocational school in preparation to become a marine and small engine mechanic.

Geraldine's hobby is folk painting which she does primarily during the winter season.

Geraldine, Thor and Erik live at 15236 Edgewater Cir. N.E., Prior Lake, Minn. 55372.

Geraldine and Thor spent Christmas of 1956 in Norway. They have gone twice since, but during the summer months.

CHILDREN

ERIK VATHNE

b. September 10, 1962