

CHAPTER – 2D

BERNIE & HELEN KAVANAUGH FAMILY

Tombstone for Bernard & Helen “Webber” Kavanaugh



Bernard Joseph & Helen “Webber” Kavanaugh

Birth: Jun. 2, 1909, Daviess County, Indiana, USA

Death: Nov. 5, 1980, Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, USA

Son of John Thomas & Mary Lucy (O'Connor) Kavanaugh.

Family links

Parents: *John Thomas Kavanaugh (1871 - 1940) Mary Lucy O'Connor Kavanaugh (1877 - 1964)*

Spouse:

*Helen Cecilia Webber Kavanaugh (1911 - 2013)**

Children:

*Sharon M Kavanaugh Adams (1938 - 2005)**

Siblings:

*Vincent Michael Kavanaugh (1900 - 1990)**

*Albert John Kavanaugh (1902 - 1981)**

*Mary Bernice Kavanaugh (1904 - 2007)**

*Harry M Kavanaugh (1907 - 2006)**

Bernard Joseph Kavanaugh (1909 - 1980)

*Louis Alvin Kavanaugh (1911 - 1990)**

*Francis Raphael Kavanaugh (1912 - 1983)**

*Mary Charlotte Kavanaugh (1916 - 2014)**

Burial:

[Milford Memorial Cemetery, Milford, Oakland County, Michigan](#)

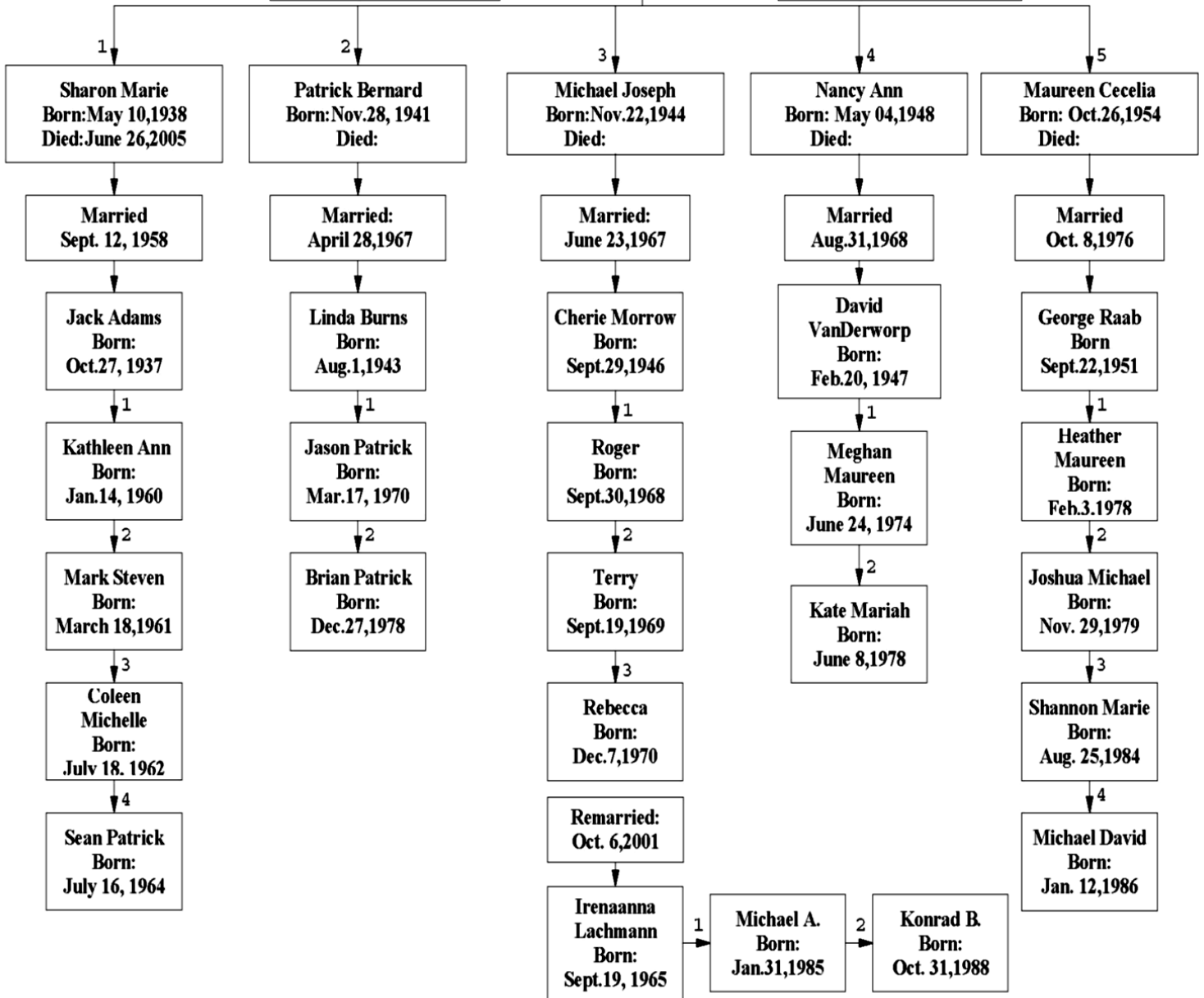


**Descendants of Bernard Joseph & Helen Cecelia
"Webber" Kavanaugh**

Bernard Joseph
Born: June 02,1909
Died: Nov.05, 1980

Married
July 04, 1936

Helen Cecelia "Webber"
Born: Aug. 12,1911
Died: Jan. 05,2013



*Obituary for Bernie
Kavanaugh,
Born on June 2, 1909,
Died on Nov. 5, 1980*

BERNIE KAVANAUGH
Bernie Kavanaugh, 71, Milford, Mich., a former member of the Cannelburg community, died Nov. 5 in Milford after a two day illness.

He was a son of John and Mary (O'Connor) Kavanaugh. On July 4, 1936 he married Helen Webber and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Jack Adams, Mrs. David VanDerworp and Mrs. George Raab, and two sons, Patrick B. and Michael J. Kavanaugh, all of Michigan and 13 grandchildren.

Five brothers and three sisters survive, Dr. Harry Kavanaugh, Vincent, Frank, Albert, Louis and Rose Kavanaugh, Sister Bernice, OSB, and Sister Mary Charlotte, OSB.

The funeral was at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Milford with burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh, Cannelburg, Mark Kavanaugh and Mrs. Dave Andres, Indianapolis, attended the funeral.

**Funeral Card for
Bernie Kavanaugh**

JESUS! MARY! JOSEPH!
"We have loved him during life,
let us not forget him after death."
St. Ambrose

In Memory of



BERNARD J. KAVANAUGH

Born June 2, 1909

Died Nov. 5, 1980

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for our departed one.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be Thou my love.

A Little Prayer for You

When you're all alone with Jesus
And He sweetly smiles on thee,
Will you gently whisper to Him,
A little prayer for me?
And when I'm alone with Jesus
And all else is hid from view,
I'll gently drop into His Heart
A little prayer for you.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon
him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary

Obituary for Helen Cecilia "Webber" Kavanaugh, wife of Bernard Kavanaugh



Birth: Aug. 12, 1911
Loogootee
Martin County
Indiana, USA

Death: Jan. 5, 2013
Milford
Oakland County
Michigan, USA

KAVANAUGH, Helen Cecilia, age 101 years, 4 months, 3 weeks and 2 days old. a resident of Milford since 1975 died on Saturday, January 5, 2013. Born on August 12, 1911 in Loogootee, IN, she was the third eldest and last surviving of Ira and Maude (Clements) Webber's eleven children, growing up during the First World War and Great Depression on a small farm where self-reliance and hard work, strong faith and family love were the lessons of her upbringing.

After high school she went to work as a nurse for the local General Practitioner who paid her \$3.50 per week for her assistance with flus and farm injuries, heart attacks and home births. In an age of high infant mortality, the doctor would allow the young nurse to baptize the sickly infant. Later she took work as a coroner's clerk and medical receptionist in Indiana.

On the 4th of July in 1936, after a proper courtship, she married Bernard Kavanaugh, and the young couple moved to Detroit where he took work as a milkman with Borden Dairies and they started their family. Her beloved "Bernie" preceded her in death in 1980 after 44 years of marriage.

Helen, who despite advancing years and failing eyesight, lived in her small bungalow until very recently. With the help of her children, she was active in Milford Senior Citizens, working with Meals on Wheels, and enjoyed local garage sales and collecting antiques.

She loved to read and was a natural poet and all of her life wrote verses to make sense and keep a record of her experiences, hopes, fears, joys and sorrows. She wrote poems to her husband and children and even one to President Roosevelt in the middle of the Depression.

And I sure hope that my dear dad
Will get a job sometime
Because it has been four long years
Since he has made a dime.
We're thankful God has blessed our
home with Eleven little ones,

But it keeps mother budgeting
With so limited funds.
But now, dear President, we know
That you will do your best,
For most people are now being tried
Through this "depression test."

Mostly Helen Kavanaugh was deeply devoted to her faith and family. A long time member of St. Mary's Church, her trust in God's goodness made her grateful and hopeful for every new day of her long and happy life. And she knew she could count on her large and extended family for company and care.

Preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon (Mrs. Jack) Adams, Helen is survived by her sons and daughters: Patrick (Linda) Kavanaugh, Nancy (David) Van Derworp, Maureen (George) Raab and Michael (Irenaanna) Kavanaugh. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and their families who join together in mourning the death of a dear woman giving thanks to God for the life of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Wednesday, January 9, at 10AM. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Monday 5-9 PM and Tuesday 2-9 PM. Vigil Service Tuesday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to Community Sharing. For further information please phone 248-684-6645.

Burial: Milford Memorial Cemetery, Milford, Oakland County, Michigan, USA

**Tombstone for Jack & Sharon "Kavanaugh" Adams
Daughter of Bernard & Helen Kavanaugh**



Sharon M. Kavanaugh Adams

Birth: May 10, 1938, Michigan, USA

*Death: Jun. 26, 2005, Milford, Oakland County
Michigan, USA*

Burial:

*Milford Memorial Cemetery
Milford, Oakland County
Michigan, USA*

Parents:

Bernard Joseph Kavanaugh (1909 - 1980)

Helen Cecilia Webber Kavanaugh (1911 - 2013)