

FAMILY HISTORY

*In Memory
Of James A. "Gus" & Josephine "Laux" Michaels*



James Gus Michaels was born in Daviess County Indiana and Married Josephine "Laux" on August 21, 1934 in Lincoln Nebraska. They Had Four Children, Jim, Mary Jo, Tom & Liz. This book contains information about Gus's Family and Josephine's Family. The Book is dedicated in Memory of two wonderful people.

Michaels & Laux Family Crest

Havente Deo supero



Michaels

**Michaels
Family Crest**



Laux

**Laux Family
Crest**

How the Michaels-Laux Family History came to be: by Louis Kavanaugh Jr.



Louis Jr. and his wife taken at their son's wedding in August of 1994.

Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh is the daughter of the late James "Gus" Michaels of Montgomery and Josephine "Laux" Michaels of Lincoln Nebraska. Liz was the youngest in four children in her family. Her sibling from the oldest consisted of Jim Michaels who lived in Sun City Arizona, Mary Jo "Gaetano" who lived north of Chicago, IL., and Tom who lives in Loogootee, Indiana. Jim Michaels passed away on April 15, 2019.

Liz "Michaels" married Louis Kavanaugh Jr. on July 23, 1966 at St. Peter's Church in Montgomery. They had 5 children, Sheri, Louie III, Jim, Brian and John. Louis and Liz also have 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. They build their home on the north edge of Montgomery in 1970 and that is where they raised their family and they still live there today.

Liz and I have always been very interested in the Family History on both sides of the family. I had been doing research into my family history since the early 1970's and I put together a Family History on my Dad's family (Kavanaugh) and my Mom's family (McCauley). In 2017 we published the Family History of my family known as the Kavanaugh-McCauley Family History. It took nearly 30 years of research and it was professionally done with over 445 pages and that book is now available on Amazon.com.

With the success of the Kavanaugh/McCauley Family History Book, Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh asked me to consider putting her family history

together which would be from the Michaels/Laux Families. When this task was taken on, I received help from Liz's cousins which have been a great resource and had some vital information. Anyone who works on Family History know it is a long process and many dedicated hours of research and it takes several people for a project like this to come together and be successful.

I want to especially thank Liz's cousins Kathy Ahroon of Colorado whose mother was from the Laux side and Mary Ellen Doherty, whose Mother was also from the Laux side of the family. Other members of the Michaels and Laux families were also very helpful in supplying information and important dates for their families. This could not have happened without all the help of the cousins from the Michaels and Laux Families. I want to thank the many family members for all their help with this major endeavor.

Dedication:

We would also like to dedicate this Book In Memory of James "Gus" Michaels and Josephine "Laux" Michaels, parents of Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh. Gus and Josephine was very special people and we owe a great deal to them for all they done for their family. Gus and Josephine accumulated a lot of pictures and information that was very helpful in putting this book together. Gus's family had put together a book of family members with dates that we referred to quite often in order to put this together.

Gus and Josephine would be so pleased to see how their family history has been put together for future generations. We hope in some small way we have help to promote their legacy and we honor them for the many years of dedication to the Family.



Louis Jr. & his wife Liz taken for their 50th Anniversary Picture.

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