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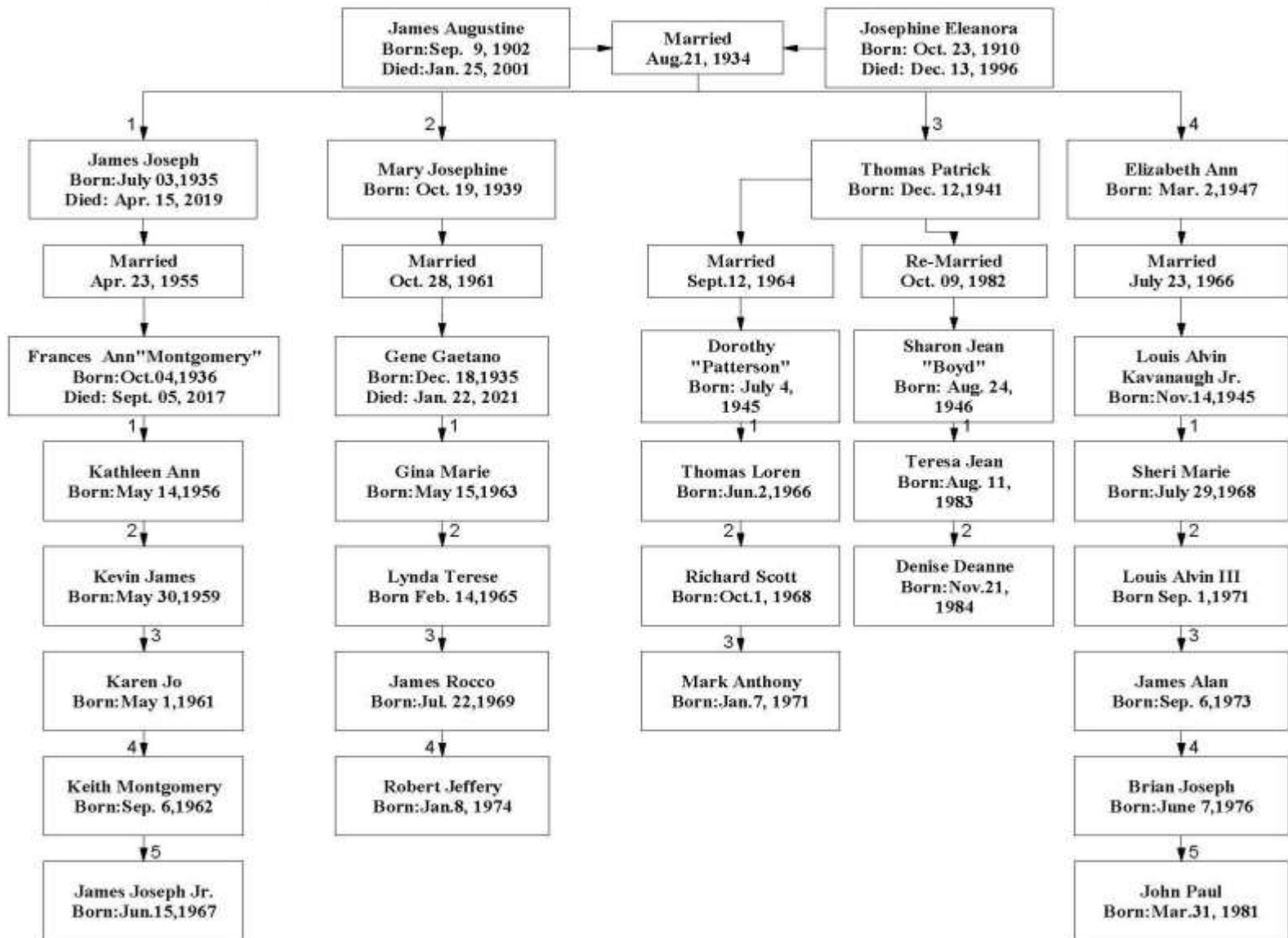
### *Children of James A. “Gus” & Josephine “Laux” Michaels Family*

#### **Gus & Josephine Michaels at 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**



Shown here in the center of the picture are Josephine & Gus Michaels behind the cake. Beginning on the left, are Sharon & Tom Michaels, Fran & Jim Michaels, Josephine & Gus Michaels, Mary Jo & Gene Gaetano, Liz & Louis Kavanaugh Jr. This Picture was taken during the Reception at Gus & Josephine's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 19 of 1984.

**Decendants of James Augustine (Gus) & Josephine  
"Laux" Michaels**





**Gus/Josephine Michaels Family late 1980's:** Shown here, are (L-R), Son Jim, Gus & Josephine, Son Tom and Daughters Liz and Mary Jo. Picture may have been taken at a family picnic at McCormick's Creek.

Picture of **Gus/Josephine Michaels Family** taken sometime in the early 1990's. The picture was taken in the living room of Gus & Josephine's home in Montgomery. Pictured in front are, (L-R), Gus and Josephine, in back, (L-R), Liz Kavanaugh, Tom Michaels, Mary Jo Gaetano and Jim Michaels.





**Pictured here are Josephine and Gus Michaels in the center,** on the left are Louie & Liz Kavanaugh and on the right are Sharon & Tom Michaels. This picture was taken in Gus & Josephine's living room sometime around 1995. Liz and Tom are children of Gus & Josephine Michaels.



Shown here, is Tom Michaels with his dad, Gus Michaels and his sister, Liz Kavanaugh taken at his Dad's Home in Montgomery sometime around 1998



**Gus/Josephine Michaels with two of their Children:** pictured here, are (L-R), Liz Kavanaugh, Gus & Josephine Michaels and Tom Michaels. We believe this picture was taken on Mother's Day in 1996 as Josephine and her daughter Liz are both wearing corsages on this Mother's Day Picture. This picture was taken on the driveway at Gus/Josephine's home in Montgomery.



**Josephine Michaels Birthday:** Shown here, in front are Josephine Michaels (left) and Gus on the right. In Back are children Mary Jo Gaetano, Tom Michaels and Liz Kavanaugh. We believe this picture was taken close to Josephine's Birthday in October of 1996, when Mary Jo came from Chicago to help her family celebrate her Mom's Birthday. The picture was taken in the basement dining room used for family Gatherings.

**Picture of Gus/Josephine Michaels Children:** Pictured here, are the Children of Gus and Josephine Michaels taken on August 29, 1999 at son Tom/Sharon Michaels house in rural Loogootee. Shown here are, (L-R), Mary Jo "Gaetano", Jim Michaels, Gus Michaels, Liz Kavanaugh and Tom Michaels. This family gathering took place when Jim and Fran Michaels came from Arizona and Mary Jo and Gene Gaetano came down from the Chicago area. Josephine Michaels had passed away in Dec. of 1996 just a couple years before this picture was taken.



**Gus/Josephine Michaels Children and their Spouses:** Shown here, are (L-R), Tom & Sharon Michaels, Liz & Louis Kavanaugh Jr., Mary Jo & Gene Gaetano, Fran & Jim Michaels. This picture was taken after the Funeral Dinner of Gus Michaels on Jan. 27, 2001 in St. Peter's Cafeteria.



**Gus/Josephine Michaels Children:** This picture taken after the funeral dinner on Jan. 27, 2001 at St. Peters Cafeteria in Montgomery. Shown here are, (L-R), Liz Kavanaugh, Tom Michaels, Mary Jo Gaetano and Jim Michaels. They are lined up according to their age in the family.



Pictured right, the **Four Children of Gus and Josephine Michaels**. (L-R), Elizabeth, Tom, Mary Jo and Jim. The picture was taken at a Family Reunion at Pana, Illinois in the summer of 2008. It was the first time they had all been together for a while. Mary Jo had a summer home there in Pana and she hosted the Reunion and many of the Grand Children were also there. It was the last reunion that was held. Jim's wife passed away in 2017 and Jim passed away in 2019.

Left: picture was taken of the Children of Gus and Josephine Michaels and their spouses. Pictured here, are (L-R), Liz & Louie Kavanaugh, Sharon & Tom Michaels, Mary Jo & Gene Gaetano, Jim & Fran Michaels. This picture was taken in the summer of 2008 at the Michaels Family Reunion in Pana, Illinois.





Four Children of Gus and Josephine Michaels: pictured here are Liz “Michaels” Kavanaugh, Tom Michaels, Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano and Jim Michaels. We believe this picture was taken in June of 2009 when all got together at Tom & Sharon’s house, south of Loogootee. It may have been the last time that Jim and Fran were able to travel from Arizona because of their health.

Picture of Tom & Sharon Michaels and Jim & Fran Michaels. The picture was taken on what we believe was the last trip Jim and Fran made from Arizona. Fran passed away in Sept. of 2017 and Jim passed away in April of 2019. Jim loved to come back to Indiana to get the garden fresh tomatoes and other garden vegetables.







**Pictures of the four Children of Gus & Josephine Michaels.** Picture Left, Jim sitting in chair, back (L-R) Mary Jo, Tom and Liz. Picture was taken at Jim's house in Sun City, AZ in February of 2018 several months after Jim's wife Frances passed away in Sept. of 2018. These two pictures are the last pictures of all four siblings together as Jim passed away in April 15, 2019.





Picture of, (L-R), Gus & Josephine Michaels along with daughter Elizabeth and son Tom. This picture was taken in their front yard of their home along Hwy 50, just east of Montgomery. This picture may have been taken on Mother's Day as Josephine was wearing a flower. The picture may have been taken around May of 1964. If you note the lot next door does not have a house built on it as it was built sometime in the 60's by the Troutman Family.

This picture of, (L-R), Francis & Jim Michaels and Josephine & Gus Michaels Taken at Tom & Sharon Michaels living room at their home south of Loogootee. It was taken sometime in the early 1990's when Jim and Fran came from Arizona for a visit. Josephine passed away in Dec. of 1996 and this picture was just a few years before that.





Picture of Jim Michaels, may have been in Junior year in Montgomery High School.



This is a picture of Jim Michaels from his days in Montgomery High School around 1952. Dog's Name was Champ



Picture of Jim Michaels with a basketball in his hands. Jim played on the Basketball team for Montgomery HS and was on the Sectional Championship Team in 1952.

The picture on the left is the Montgomery Vikings Basketball Sectional Champs of 1952. Jim Michaels was a starter on that team as he is number 21. (**Third from the right on the front row**). Jim was always very proud of that accomplishment as it was a small school defeating the larger schools. This picture hangs in the hallway of Barr-Reeve HS as Montgomery HS consolidated with Alfordsville HS to form Barr-Reeve and is located in Montgomery. Jim married his high school Sweetheart who also attended Montgomery HS.





High School Freshman 1953



Mary Jo 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation-1953



Mary Jo Senior Prom Picture-1957



First Nurse Uniform, 1957



Registered Nurse Graduation 1960



Mary Jo Recital Costumes for tap dancing 1950's



First Communion Day for Elizabeth Michaels: shown here, is a picture of Elizabeth at her home north of Montgomery. Picture taken in April of 1953.

First Communion Day for Elizabeth Michaels: Official picture taken in April of 1953.



Left, School picture taken of Liz Kavanaugh in the school year of 1953-54. Liz was in the first Grade.



Right, School picture taken of Liz Kavanaugh in the school year of 1954-55. Liz was in the Second Grade.



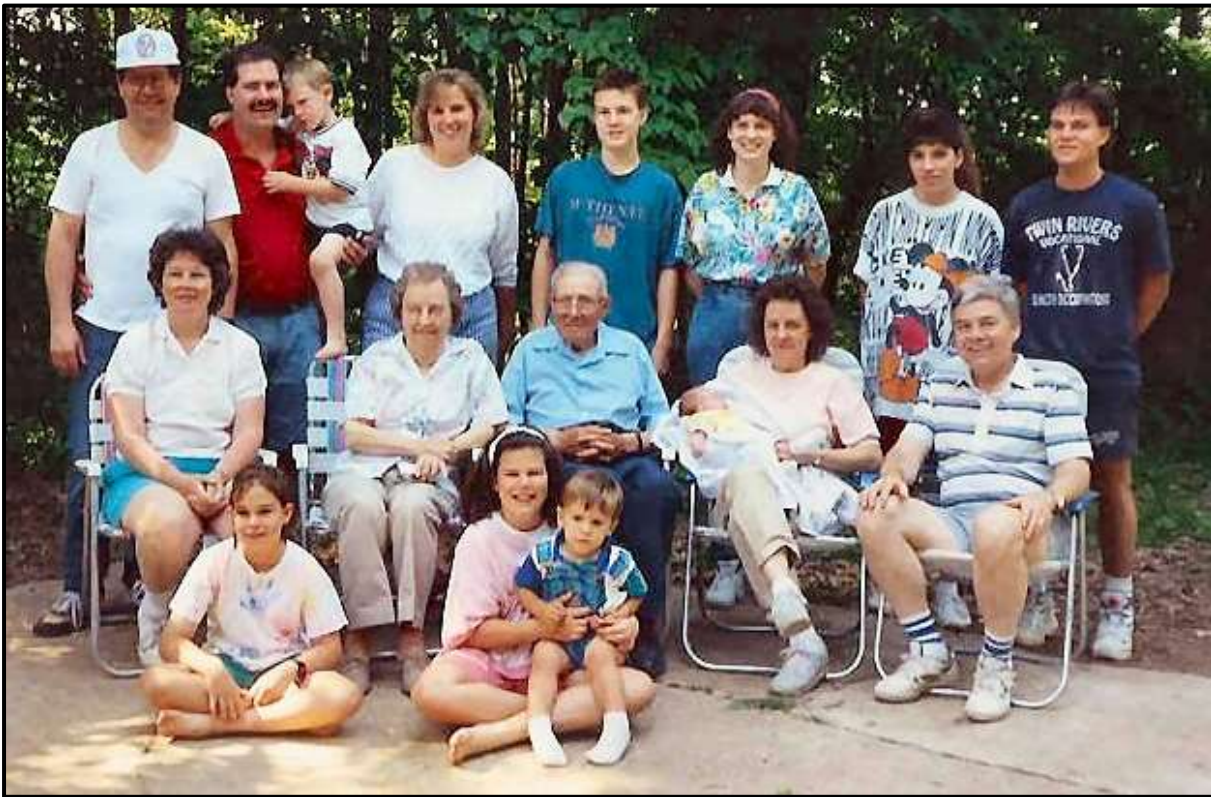
Senior Picture for Tom Michaels, Montgomery High School, Class of 1959. Tom was the son of Gus and Josephine Michaels.



Shown here, is a picture taken on a Sunday Afternoon cookout at Tom-Sharon Michaels's house south of Loogootee. Pictured here, are Sharon, Denise, Grandpa (Gus Michaels) Teresa and in back was Tom. This picture was taken on Aug. 29, 1999. Grandma (Josephine) had passed away a few years before in Dec. of 1996. Grandpa would turn 97 years old in two weeks later on Sept. 9 and was in great shape for his age. He would pass away on Jan. 25, 2001 after sustaining injuries from a car accident on Jan. 10 of 2001. He lived just over two weeks after the accident.



Jim Michaels on the left and brother, Tom Michaels, on the right as they move the boiler that once belonged to their dad, Gus Michaels. It was once used to boil water on an old cook stove. When Gus passed away Tom got it and he turned it into a flower pot.



**Family gathering at Tom & Sharon Michaels House in the Summer of 1994:** Shown here in front, is (L-R) Denise and Teresa Michaels holding Jordan Michaels. Sitting in row-2, Sharon Michaels, Josephine & Gus Michaels, Liz & Louis Kavanaugh Jr.. Liz is holding Grand daughter Jessica Kavanaugh (Louie/Kris Daughter). In Back is (L-R) Tom Michaels, Son Tommy Michaels and his wife Robbyn, Tommy holding son Spencer, John Kavanaugh, Sheri Behme, Kris and Louie Kavanaugh III.



**Four Generation of Michaels:** Shown here, are Great Grandfather Gus Michaels (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Grandmother Liz “Michaels” Kavanaugh (Left), Mother Sheri “Kavanaugh” Behme holding her son Alex Behme who was about 6 months old in May of 1998. Picture was taken in Gus Michaels dining room at his home in Montgomery. Liz Kavanaugh was Gus’s Daughter and Sheri Behme is Liz’s Daughter.



**Picture of Gus Michaels/Daughters and Grandkids:** This picture was taken sometime in the August of 2000 in the backyard of Gus Michaels home. In front, sitting on the ground, (L-R) Taylor Kavanaugh, Ray Gundling, Zachary Pearlstein, Matt Kavanaugh, Jessica Kavanaugh, Sitting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row, is Liz Kavanaugh, Gus Michaels and Mary Jo Gaetano, Louis Kavanaugh Jr. is standing by his wife Liz. Standing in back is, (L-R), John Kavanaugh, Sheri Behme holding her son Alex Behme, Jim Kavanaugh, Heather Kavanaugh (Jim's First Wife) holding Son Christian, Jim and Debbie Gaetano, Louie III and his wife Kris Kavanaugh holding daughter Brooke, Gina Pearlstein holding daughter Nicole and in front of them, other daughter Alyssa, Linda Gundling and in front of her is daughter Danille. Mary Jo Gaetano and three of her children came from Chicago for a visit and all five of Liz Kavanaugh's children were there along with all of their children.

**Pictured here, is Gus Michaels** in the last formal picture taken for St. Peter's Church Directory in the year 2000. Gus was 98 years old at the time of the picture and he would pass away from injuries suffered in a car accident the following January of 2001.







Picture of Josephine "Laux" Michaels at the Family Farm north of Montgomery.



Mary Jo "Michaels" with her dad, Gus Michaels. Mary Jo was in High School with this picture was taken.



Picture of Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh when she was about 5 years old in 1952.



Picture of Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh when she was about 5 years old. Picture taken at the old farm house north of Montgomery.



Michaels Cousins: Pictured here, (L-R), Pat Michaels, Liz Michaels and Sarah Michaels. Pat and Sarah were daughters of Frank and Helen Michaels. Liz is the daughter of Gus and Josephine Michaels. Picture was taken about 1952.



**Laux Cousins:** Pictured here, are cousins on the Laux Side: Shown here, (L-R), Maureen Fenton, Mary Jo Michaels, Joe Fenton, Tom Michaels, Richard Fenton and Charleen Laux. Picture was taken about 1943. The Michaels traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to meet Richard/Rose Fenton family and Charlie/Bernice Laux Family.



**Mary Jo Michaels**

Miss Mary Jo Michaels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Michaels, Route 2, Montgomery, received a diploma in nursing at the formal commencement exercises of the St. Vincent's School of Nursing held in Indianapolis August 7th. Miss Michael is a graduate of Barr Township high school with the class of 1957. She has been a member of the C.D.A. S.N. for two years, Sodality for



Mary Jo "Michaels" with her 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dress and her brother, Jim Michaels getting ready for his Graduation from Montgomery High School. Picture taken in spring of 1953.

Pictured here, is the write up for Mary Jo "Michaels" when she graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing Training in May of 1960.