

CHAPTER – 3B

*Children of Louis & Mary Frances 'Matthews'
Michaels & Families*

John and Hope “Bryant” Michaels



Shown here, are **John Michaels and Hope “Bryant”**. This was around the time they got married in 1926.



Left, **John and Hope with their two children, Johnny Joe and Madonna** at John’s parent’s house North of Montgomery.



Picture of **Johnny Joe and Madonna** at a young age. The Picture was taken when Madonna was about two years old in 1936.

Pictured Right, is **Hope Michaels** as she holds Madonna by the hands & Johnny Joe on the right. Picture taken around 1935.



Decendants of John Joseph & Mary Hope "Bryant" Michaels

John Joseph Sr.
Born: Dec. 08, 1904
Died: Jan. 02, 1981

Married
May 22, 1926

Mary Hope "Bryant"
Born: Apr. 20, 1905
Died: Feb. 13, 1999

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2

John Joseph Jr.
Born: Sep. 27, 1932
Died: Mar. 30, 2004

**Madonna Hope
"Michaels" Wehner**
Born: Feb. 14, 1934
Died: Aug. 25, 2015

Married

Married
Oct. 29, 1966

Ruth M. "Janie"

Ed H. Wehner Sr.
Born: May 27, 1933
Died: May 8, 2020

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Children

**Robert (Butch)
& Wife Tammy
O'Brian**

1. Edward (Rosemary) Wehner
2. Mark (Ann) Wehner
3. John (Tanya) Wehner
4. Hope (Mark) Moore

Grandchildren

GrandChildren

**Grandsons
Thunder & Asa**

Grandchildren,
Ambur Grant,
Heather Markovich,
Jessica Moore,
Anastasia Wehner,
Christopher Wehner,
Kristen Wehner,
Kyle Wehner,
Caitlyn Wehner,
Nikisha Adams,
Bridgette Vasquez
Jose Vasquez.
She is also survived by
13 Great Grandchildren

**Information on
Madonna's
Children/Grandchildren
taken from her Obituary
in 2015.**



Picture Left, is John Michaels, who was the son of Louis and Mary Frances Michaels. John married Hope “Bryant” from Worthington, IN area. John and Hope had two children, Jonny Joe and Madonna. All made their homes in Dayton, Ohio. We believe this picture was taken sometime in the mid-1950s.



Pictured here, are **John and Hope Michaels at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration** in May of 1976. They were married on May 22, 1926 and had two Children, John (Jonnie Joe) and Madonna. They were living in Dayton, Ohio at the time of the Celebration.



In Loving Memory of

John J. Michaels

Born † Died
Dec. 8, 1904 Jan. 2, 1981

O gentlest Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy Judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames and do Thou O merciful Savior send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. AMEN.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN.

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Funeral Card for John Michaels Sr. Son of Louis & Mary Frances Michaels. John Sr. lived most of his life in Dayton, Ohio. John was a brother to Gus Michaels.



Above Tombstone for John & Hope “Bryant” Michaels: John was born on Dec. 8, 1904 and died suddenly on Jan. 2, 1981 at their winter home in Florida. Hope was born on Apr. 20, 1905 and died on Feb. 13, 1999. As you can see on the back side of this tombstone, the children names appear here. Even though John and Hope grew up in this area, they spent most of their adult life in Dayton, Ohio, but are buried in St. Peter’s Cemetery in Montgomery, Indiana near the plaza on the north section near John’s brothers.

Pictured on the Right, is the Obituary for John Michaels Sr. John was married to Hope Michaels and they made their home most of their lives in Dayton, Ohio. John was the son of Louis & Mary Frances Michaels and they had two Children, John Jr. and Madonna.

JOHN MICHAELS
 John J. Michaels, 76, 221 Lewiston Rd., Dayton, Ohio, died while on winter vacation at Daytona Beach, Fla. at approximately 1 a.m. Friday. He was born Dec. 8, 1904 in Barr Township to Louis J. and Mary Frances (Matthews) Michaels. He married Mary Hope Bryant May 22, 1926 and she survives.

Mr. Michaels was a member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Dayton, Ohio. He was a retired Prudential Insurance Agent having retired in 1962. He was a Prudential agent in the 1930's and early 1940's here in Washington. Mr. Michaels was educated in Barr Township Schools.

He leaves his wife and one son, John J. Michaels II, Dayton, Ohio, one daughter, Mrs. Edward (Madonna H.) Wehner, Cincinnati, Ohio, and five grandchildren, and four brothers, James A. Michaels, Montgomery, Ind., Charles Elmo Michaels, South Bend, Omer Michaels, Fort Wayne, and Matthew Michaels, Washington. Two brothers, Fred and Frank Michaels are deceased.

The funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Peter's Church, Montgomery, with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery. Friends may call at the Ed Lee Mortuary after 1 p.m. Monday. A rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. Monday.

MICHAELS, John Joseph Jr.

71 of Dayton; passed away Tues. 3/30/04 after a short illness. He graduated from Newport Catholic High School. After graduation, John joined the U.S. Air Force, and served honorably during the Korean War. While in the Air Force he attended New Mexico Western College for OSI training. John was a car salesman for Simons Cadillac for 24 yrs. and for many yrs. was a member of the Cadillac Crest Club; and has worked at Lewis RV for many years. He was also a lifetime member of the V.F.W. John was preceded in death by his parents, John & Hope Michaels, and his loving wife, Ruth M. (Janie) Michaels. John is survived by his son Robert (Butch) & his wife Tammy O'Brien; 2 grandsons, Thunder & Asa O'Brien; 1 sister, Madonna & Edward Wehner; numerous nieces, nephews, other family & friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew & loved him. Services will be 2 pm Friday 4/2/04 at Dayton Memorial Park Mausoleum. Family will receive visitors from 1 pm until time of services at the mausoleum. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to American Heart Association or The AmVets.

The Obituary for John Michaels Jr. John was the son of John & Hope Michaels and he made his home in Dayton, Ohio. John had two children and one sister, Madonna Wehner.

In Memory of
John Joseph Michaels Jr.
September 27, 1932
March 30, 2004

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over;
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

Funeral Card for John Michaels Jr.
Son of John & Hope Michaels Sr. of
Dayton, Ohio. John Sr. and Gus
Michaels were brothers.

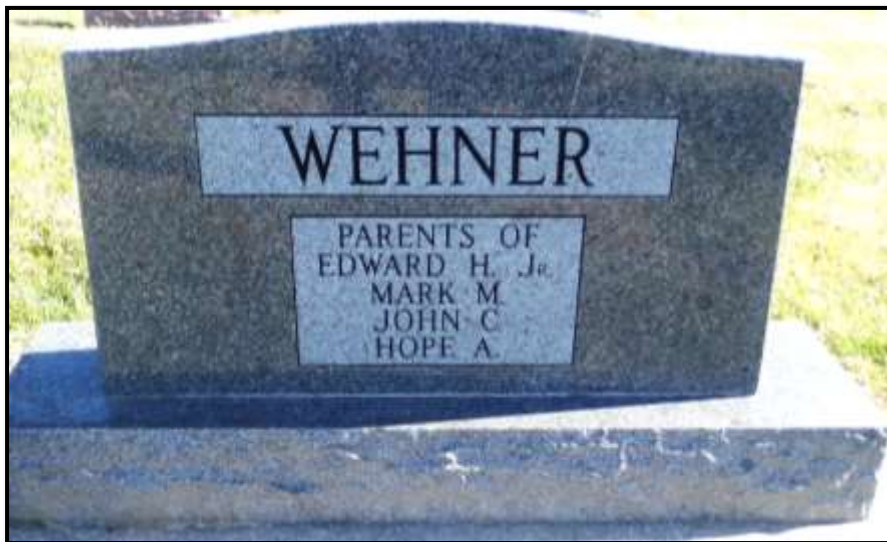


Madonna & Ed Wehner: Pictured here, are Madonna “Michaels” Wehner and her Husband Ed taken just after the Funeral of her Uncle, Omer Michaels. Madonna was the Daughter of John & Hope Michaels and she and her husband lived in Dayton, Ohio. They traveled to Fort Wayne for the Funeral of Omer Michaels in March of 2011. Picture was taken at her cousins’ home (Pat) in Fort, Wayne after the Funeral.



Tombstone for Edward “Ed” & Madonna “Michaels” Wehner:

Ed was born on Mar. 27, 1933 and died on May 8 of 2020. Madonna was born on Feb. 14, 1934 and died on Aug. 25, 2015. As you can see on the back side of this tombstone, the children names appear here. Even though Ed and Madonna spent most of their adult life in Dayton, Ohio and St. Louis, they are buried in St. Peter’s Cemetery in Montgomery, Indiana by the plaza on the north section near her Dad and Mom’s grave.





Wehner, Madonna H., age 81, of Beavercreek, OH, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at Kettering Memorial Hospital. She was born on February 14, 1934, the daughter of the late John J. and Mary Hope (Bryant) Michaels. She was also preceded in death by a brother, John J. Michaels, Jr. and a granddaughter, Alexis Wehner. Madonna is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Edward H. Wehner, Sr.; 4 children, Edward (Rosemary) Wehner, Jr., Mark (Ann) Wehner, John (Tanya) Wehner, and Hope (Mark) Moore; grandchildren, Ambur Grant, Heather Markovich, Jessica Moore, Anastasia Wehner, Christopher Wehner, Kristen Wehner, Kyle Wehner, Caitlyn Wehner, Nikisha Adams, Bridgette Vasquez and Jose Vasquez. She is also survived by 13 great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends. Madonna was a graduate of Julienne High School, Class of 1952, in Dayton, OH and received a BS Degree in Education from the University of Dayton in 1956. She

was a teacher in the Beavercreek School System, St. James School and St. Bartholomew School, both in Cincinnati. Madonna served as a librarian at Winter's Library in Bellbrook, OH and worked at The Westlake News in Cleveland, OH.

She was also an active member of The Church of the Ascension in Kettering, OH. Prayers will be said at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, August 31, 2015, at the TOBIAS FUNERAL HOME-BEAVERCREEK CHAPEL, 3970 Dayton-Xenia Road at Grange Hall Road. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 a.m. from The Church of the Ascension, 2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering, OH with Father Edward Pratt, celebrant. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2015. Graveside services and interment will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at St. Peter Cemetery in Montgomery, IN under the direction of the Edgar L. Lee Mortuary in Washington, IN. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.tobiasfuneralhome.com.

Funeral Card for Madonna "Michaels Wehner. Madonna was the daughter of John & Hope Michaels of Dayton, Ohio. Madonna married Ed Wehner and she & Ed lived in Dayton, Ohio.



In Memory
Madonna H.
Wehner

2/14/1934
to
8/25/2015

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin, Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother! To thee I come. Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the word incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

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Obituary for Edward Wehner Sr.

EDWARD WEHNER SR. May 27, 1933 - May 8, 2020
Edward H. Wehner Sr., 86, of Beavercreek Ohio, passed peacefully Friday, May 8, 2020. He was born May 27, 1933, the son of the late Clarence M. Wehner and Norma A. (Axmann) Wehner. He is also preceded in death by his loving wife Madonna (Michaels). Edward is survived by his four loving children, Edward (Rosemary), Mark (Ann), John (Tanya), and Hope (Mark); 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Edward graduated from Chaminade High School in 1951, University of Dayton in 1955 and Xavier University master's program in 1964. He retired from a 30-year career with General Electric in 1994. He was also a member of the U.D. Golden Flyers. The visitation and prayer will be streamed on the Tobias Funeral Homes Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Tobiasfuneralhomes/) Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 10:45 a.m. EST. Burial will be Saturday, May 16, 2020, at St. Peter's Cemetery in Montgomery, Indiana. There will be a celebration of his life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. Condolences can be made to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.



Ed Wehner Sr. Family: This is a picture of Ed Wehner Sr. Family on the day of his wife's funeral. Shown here, are (L-R) Ed Wehner Sr., Ed Wehner Jr., Mark Wehner, John Wehner and Hope "Wehner" Moore. This picture was taken on Aug. 31 of 2015 after the Funeral for Madonna Wehner.

Fred Louis and Virginia “Johnson” Michaels

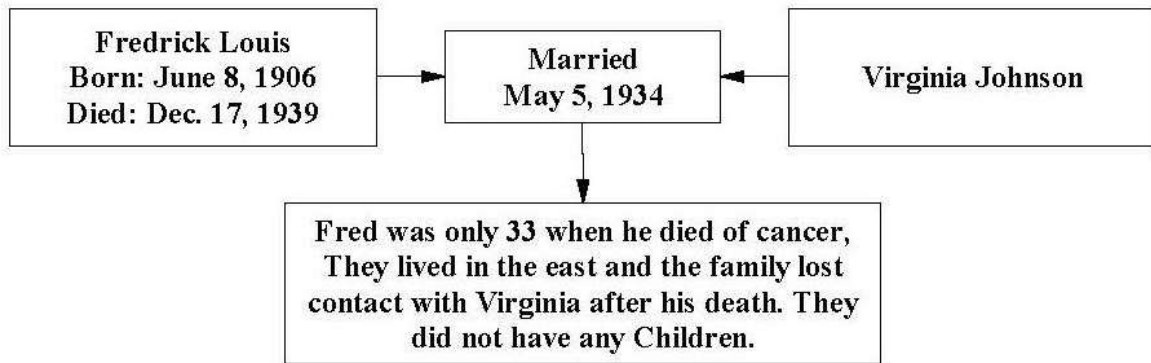


Shown here, is **Fred Michaels and his Wife Virginia “Johnson” Michaels**. This picture was taken sometime in the 1930’s. Fred died of cancer on Dec. 17, 1939 at the young age of 31 years of age. Story has it that his wife moved back east sometime after Fred died to some place in Virginia. The family lost track of her and never heard much from her after that. The little boy in this picture was Jim Michaels, the oldest child of Gus and Josephine Michaels. Fred and Virginia were married on May 5, 1934 and did not have any children when he passed away in 1939.

Picture of **Virginia “Johnson” Michaels**. She was married to Fred Michaels and he passed away at the young age of 31. We believe this picture was taken at Gus and Josephine’s home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. After Fred’s passing, Virginia moved back east and the family lost contact with her.



Decendants of Fredrick Louis & Virginia "Johnson"
Michaels



Picture of **Fred & Virginia Michaels**: Shown here, are Fred and his wife Virginia "Johnson" Michaels on the couch and young Jim Michaels on his toy in front of them. Young Jim Michaels was the son of Gus & Josephine Michaels. Fred and Virginia may have been visiting Gus and Josephine at this time. The picture was sometime around 1936.

Shown here, is **the tombstone for Fredrick "Fred" Michaels** who was born on June 8, 1907 and died on Dec. 17, 1939. According to the Zinkan Family History, it said Fred was born in 1906, but the tombstone said 1907 and the tombstone may be more accurate. Fred was buried in the Family plot at St. Peters Cemetery in the center section of the Cemetery.



Frank and Helen "Grannan" Michaels



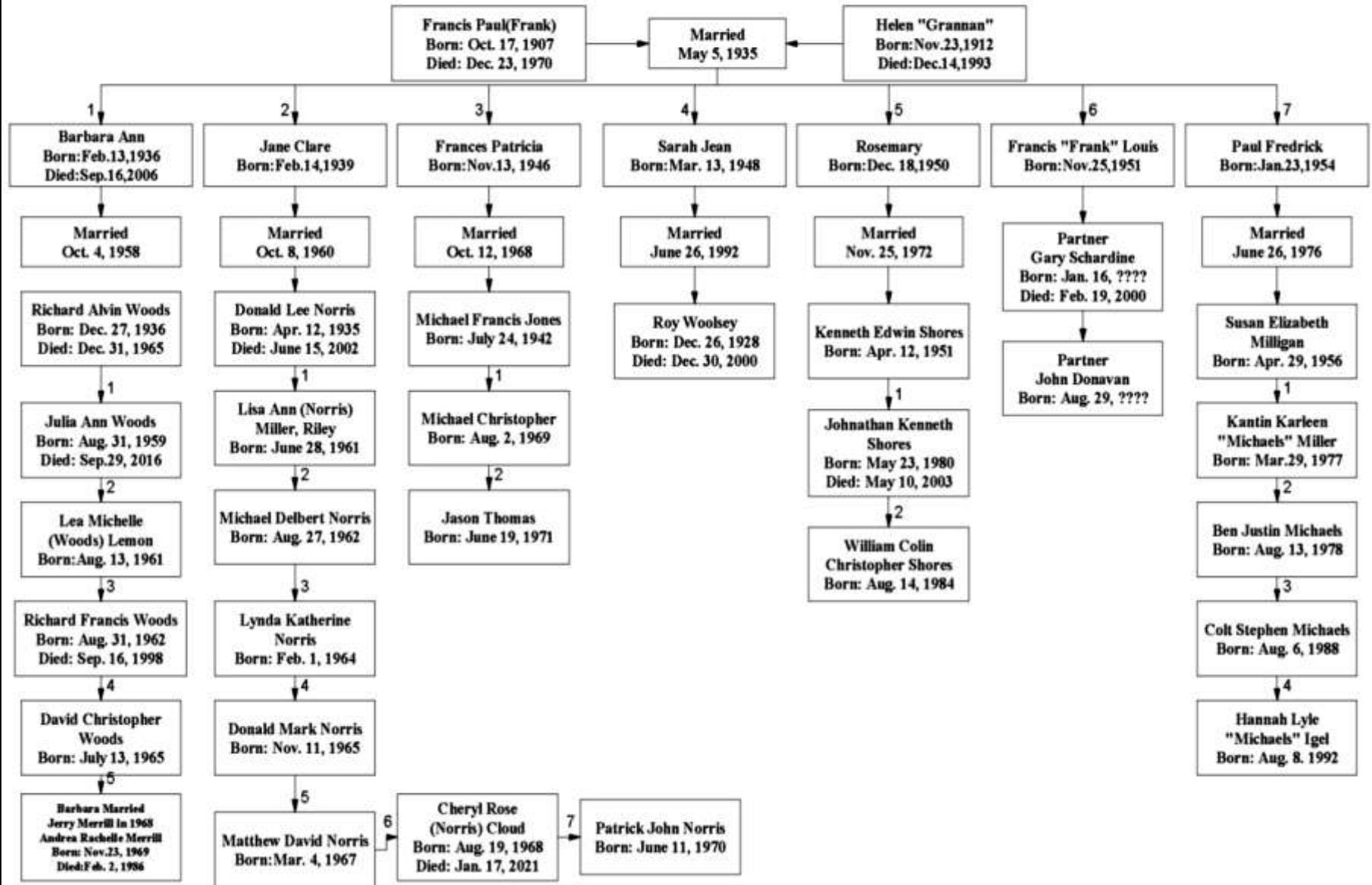
Frank Michaels Family: Frank was the son of Louis & Mary "Matthews" Michaels and Frank Married Helen "Grannan". In this picture, (Back standing) are Frank Jr., Sarah, Patty, Rosemary, Fred and in front standing, is Lea Woods, a Grandchild. Missing in this picture, are Ann "Michaels" Woods and Jane "Michaels Norris, who were married at the time. This picture would have been taken in the 1960s as Frank passed away suddenly in Dec. of 1970. I believe this was taken for a Church Directory.



The Picture on the left is of **Frank Michaels** when he was probably in his late 20s. The Picture on the right is also Frank Michaels probably on the same day. The small gentleman in this picture is Ed Young, who was an Uncle to Josephine "Laux" Michaels as Ed was a brother to Josephine's Mother Maude "Young" Laux. It is believed this picture may have been taken in Nebraska when Frank came to visit his brother Gus Michaels in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Decendants of Francis "Frank" & Helen "Grannan" Michaels





Wedding Picture of Frank and Helen Michaels taken on May 5, 1935. Shown here, are (L-R) Frank & Helen Michaels and Nell & Alvin Connaughton. This picture was taken at the Grannan home place which was on CR. Rd. 100 near what is the now the Montgomery Ruritan Park. Frank was the son of Louis and Mary Frances Michaels. Frank & Helen lived in Andy Doyles place by overhead bridge across from Ann Montgomery's home and then were in Scottsburg for a while. Later, they lived in the Grannan place before they built their home just north of Montgomery sometime around 1950 at the junction of Co. Rd. 200 north and 650 East. It was known as the Michaels Cross Roads. They had seven Children.



Frank & Helen Michaels and two Daughters. Pictured, are Jane and Ann Michaels in Front and Helen and Frank in back. This picture may have been taken at Frank's home place where he grew up (Louis & Mary Michaels Home). The picture was taken about 1945. Ann Was born in Feb. 13 of 1936 and Jane was born in Feb. 14, 1939. The next child to come into the world was Patty who was not born till 1946 and four more would be born after that to make 7 children in the family.

Funeral Card for Frank Michaels who was married to Helen "Grannan" Michaels. They had 7 children. Frank was the son of Louis & Mary Frances Michaels

In Loving Memory of

Frank P. Michaels

Born Oct. 17, 1907 † Died Dec. 23, 1970

☉ GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou, O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

— May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Tombstone for Frank and Helen “Grannan” Michaels:

Pictured right, is the tombstone for Frank and Helen Michaels which is located in St. Peter’s Cemetery, Montgomery, Indiana. The stone is located in the middle of the west section. Frank was born on Oct. 17, 1907 and died on Dec. 23, 1970. Helen “Grannan” Michaels was born on Nov. 23, 1912 and died on Dec. 14, 1993.



Frank & Helen “Grannan Daughters/Husbands, Nov., 2003.

Shown here, are four of the five daughters, Front (L-R) Sarah Woolsey, behind her is Jane Norris, Rosemary Shores & in back is her husband Kenneth, Pat Jones & in back her husband Mike Jones. Picture was taken at the wedding reception of Mike/Pat Jones Son’s in Frankfort, Indiana.



Frank & Helen “Grannan Daughters, Nov. 2003:

Shown here, are four of the five daughters, (L-R) Jane Norris from AZ, Pat Jones from Loogootee, Sarah Woolsey from Washington, Rosemary from Houston, Texas. This picture was taken at the wedding reception of Pat Jones Son’s in Frankfort, Indiana.



Children & Grand Children of Frank & Helen Michaels: Pictured, are in Front: (L-R) Sarah “Michaels” Woolsey, Lea Michelle Woods Lemon, Christopher. William Lemon (Lea’s son), Kantin Michaels Miller (Fred’s daughter), Row 2: Julia Ann Woods, Frances Patricia “Michaels” Jones, Rosemary “Michaels” Shores, Row 3: Christopher Shores.(Rosemary’s son), Ben Justin Michaels (Fred’s son), Michael Francis Jones (Patty’s Husband). Jane Clare “Michaels” Norris, Kenneth Edward Shores, (Rosemary’s Husband). This picture was taken at Pat and Mike Son’s wedding on Nov. 29, 2003.

Frank &-Helen Michaels Children: Pictured, are five of the seven children of Frank and Helen “Grannan” Michaels taken May 24, 2012. Shown here, are (L-R) Jane Norris, Pat Jones, Sarah Woolsey, Rosemary Shores and Fred Michaels. The picture was taken at Sarah’s house while she was recovering from a heart attack. Not pictured, was Frank Michaels. Ann passed away in Sept. of 2006.



BARBARA ANN WOODS

February 13, 1936 September 16, 2006

Funeral Services

September 22, 2006 10:00 AM St. Mary Church

Father Norbert Kieffe-celebrant

Interment

St. John Cemetery

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive

those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

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Barbara Ann “Michaels” Woods was the daughter of Frank and Helen “Grannan” Michaels. Ann, as she was known, was married to Richard Woods and he was killed in the Vietnam War on Dec. 31, 1965. They had 4 children.



In Loving Memory of



Julia Ann Woods

August 31, 1959 - September 29, 2016

Funeral Program for Julia Woods, daughter of Ann “Michaels” & Richard Woods



The family of Julia Ann Woods mourns her passing. Born August 31, 1959 at Newport, Rhode Island to Alvin Richard Woods, Jr. and Barbara Ann (Michaels) Woods. Entered eternal rest September 29, 2016 surrounded by loving family.

Her memory will be cherished by siblings, Lea Woods Lemon and David Woods; two nieces and four nephews.

She is reunited in the presence of our Heavenly Father with both parents; maternal grandparents, Frank Michaels and Helen (Grannon) Michaels; paternal grandparents, Alvin Richard Woods and Helen (Hopewell) Woods; siblings, Richard Woods and Andre Merrill; and brother-in-law, John Lemon.

Julia's generous, loving spirit guided her to become a Registered Nurse, retiring from Riley Hospital for Children, Pediatric Burn Unit. The Holy Spirit also guided her to the Convent of Little Sisters of the Poor, Indianapolis, where she began the process of progressively taking on the mind and heart of Christ and the spirit of Saint Jeanne Jugan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. Tuesday October 4, 2016 by Reverend Father Paul Ferguson, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Washington, Indiana.

Wake Vigil will be observed 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. concluding with recitation of the Rosary at the church. The Rite of Committal will immediately follow the Mass in the family plot of Saint John Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in honor of Julia may be directed to LittleSistersofthePoor.org or to RileyChildrens.org.



2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

Elmo and Marge Michaels Family



Picture of Charles “Elmo” and Margaret “Marge” Michaels: Picture was taken at their daughter’s wedding (Judy) on May 9, 1959. Elmo and Marge were married on Aug. 17, 1935. They had six Children: Marilyn, Judy, Sandra, Kathy and Michaels. One child died at birth, (Carolyn) when twin, (Marilyn), were born.

Elmo and Marge Michaels Family: Kids are (L-R) Judy, Sandra, Marilyn holding Michael, Kathryn. In Back, are Marge and Elmo. Picture was taken sometime around 1947.



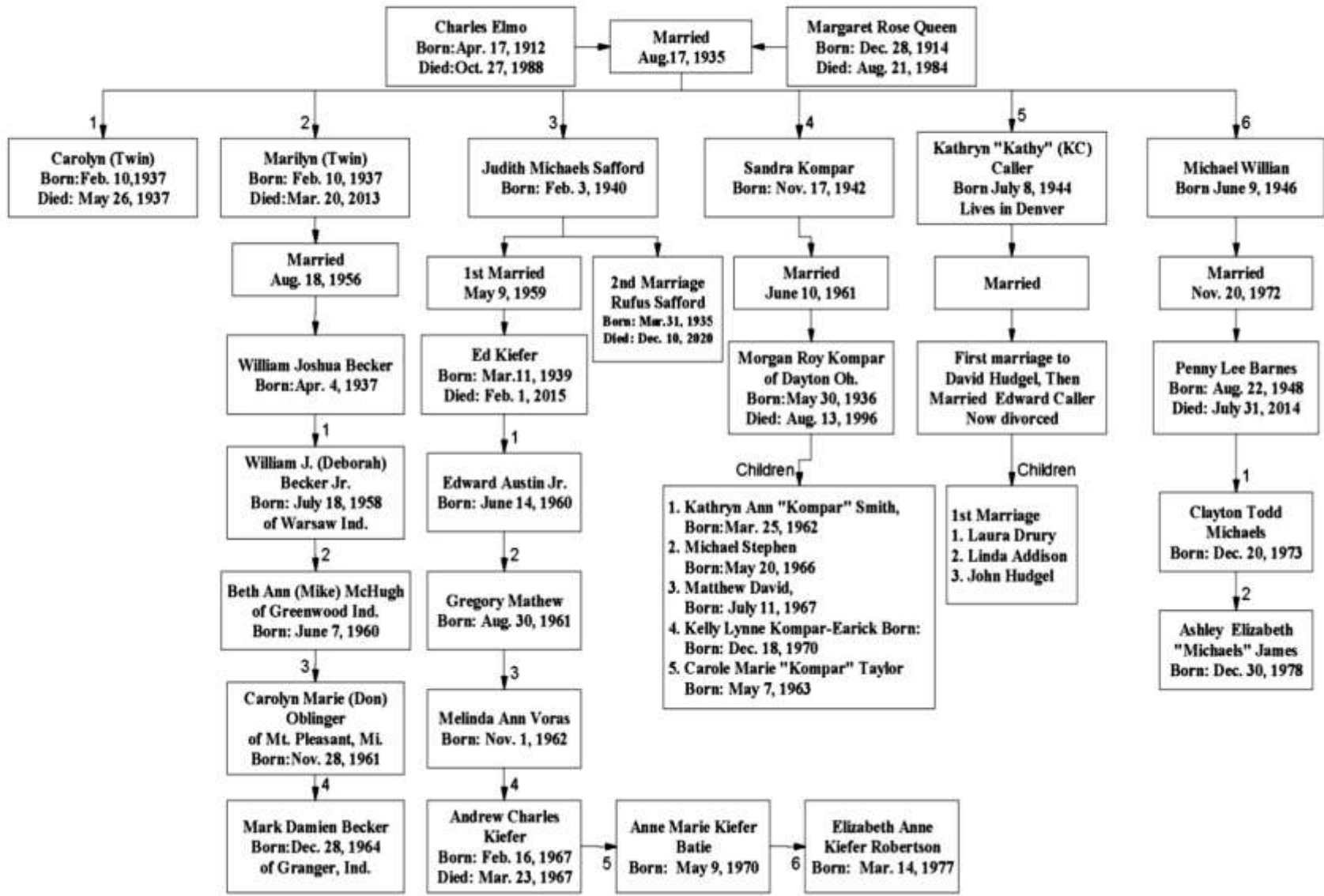


Pictured here, are (L-R) Ed Kiefer and Judy Kiefer along with Gus and Josephine Michaels. We believe this picture was taken in the 1950s and it may have been taken when Gus and Josephine visited Judy's parents Elmo and Marge Michaels in South Bend, Indiana. Gus and Elmo were brothers.



Picture of Marge "Queen" Michaels and her daughter Marilyn. Marge was married to Elmo Michaels. Marge is holding her daughter, Marilyn, who is about 2-3 months old. Marilyn was one of the twins, born on Feb. 10, 1937. Her twin Carolyn only lived to May 26, 1937 before she passed away. Marge and Elmo went on to have four more children. Judy, Sandra, Kathryn and Michael. We believe this picture was taken at Elmo's parent's home north of Montgomery.

**Decendants of Charles "Elmo" & Margaret "Marge"
Rose "Queen" Michaels**



My Jesus have mercy on the soul of
MARJORIE R. MICHAELS
Born December 28, 1914
Died August 2, 1984

PRAYER

O gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant.

Be not severe in Thy judgment, but let some drops of Thy precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames and do thou, O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Merciful Jesus grant eternal rest

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Funeral Card for Marge Michaels: Marge was married to Elmo Michaels. Together they had 5 children. They made their home in South Bend, Indiana.



Shown on left, are **Mindy “Stafford” Voras and her husband Ed** at Jim Michaels Sr. Funeral in May 6, 2019 in Sun City, AZ. Mindy was the daughter of Judy “Michaels” Stafford who was the daughter of Elmo & Marge Michaels of South Bend, Indiana.



Sandra “Michaels” Kompar: Shown here is Sandy “Michaels” Kompar who was a daughter of Elmo & Marge Michaels of South Bend, Indiana. Sandy now lives in assisted living in Ohio. This picture was taken in August of 2009 at the viewing for Katie Michaels at Lee Funeral Home in Washington.



Left, **Neil & Anne “Kiefer” Batie Family;** in back, are Anne “Kiefer” Batie, holding daughter Nicole and her husband Neil beside her. In front, (L-R) are daughter Katie and son Travis. The Batie Family traveled to Montgomery to attend the Funeral of Gus Michaels (Anne’s Great Uncle), on Jan. 27, 2001. Anne “Kiefer” was the granddaughter of Elmo Michaels who was the brother of Gus Michaels.

Marilyn (Michaels) Becker
February 10, 1937 – March 20, 2013



GRANGER, IN – Marilyn (Michaels) Becker, 76, of Granger, IN formerly of Mt. Pleasant, MI, passed away with her husband holding her hand, Wednesday at 11:05am at Hospice House, South Bend, IN.

Marilyn was born in Indianapolis, IN to the late Charles Elmo and Margaret Rose (Queen) Michaels on February 10, 1937. She attended St. Joe Academy to then be among the first graduation class of St. Joseph High School in 1955. She was the “Sweetheart” of 56 years to her husband William J. “Bill” Becker, who survives of Granger. They were married on August 18, 1956 in South Bend at St. Jude’s Catholic Church. She was a Medical Assistant and McDonald’s Restaurant Co-Franchisee along with her husband Bill and operated multiple locations together until their recent retirement.

Family members left to cherish her memory along with her husband are four children: William J. (Deborah) Becker, Jr. of Warsaw, IN, Beth (Mike) McHugh of Greenwood, IN, Carolyn (Don) Oblinger of Mt. Pleasant and Mark D. Becker of Granger; four siblings: Judy (Rufus) Safford of Glenwood, NM, Sandy (the late Mike) Kompar of Dayton, OH, Kathy Caller of Denver, CO and Mike W. (Penny) Michaels of Granger. Also surviving their “Mimi Sweetheart” are nine grandchildren: Michelle, Randy (Allie), Laura (Conner), Kevin, Ellen, Leena, Adam, Maggie and Marie.

She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church, The Christ Child Society, St. Joseph County Republican Party, North Ironwood Public Library Book Club, and the McDonald’s Operator’s Organization. Mimi loved reading, playing cards, decorating she would often say "oh, we can make that". As a talented gardener and landscaper she could even be seen tearing out bushes in her yard. She was known for her hospitality and was a welcoming hostess to all guests who visited her home. She loved to cook and liked entertaining, she was one of those ladies that would always make you think that you were “special.” She was quick to offer her opinion and advice. Her grandkids would often boast, “you can pick a word and my Mimi can sing a song with that word in it.”

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 11:30am with visitation one hour prior, 10:30-11:30am, at St. Pius X Parish, Fir Rd. at SR23, Granger, Msgr. William Schooler, Pastor, officiating. Friends may also call on Friday from 5-8pm with a Parish Vigil at 7pm at McGann Hay Funerals | Cremations | Gatherings, Granger Chapel, 13260 SR 23, enter off Cherry Rd.

To honor the memory of Marilyn the family has asked that you consider a donation to the Ronald McDonald Room at Memorial Children’s Hospital, 615 N. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601, in lieu of sending flowers.

To send condolences to the family or for directions log on to: www.McGannHay.com.

Omer & Olga Michaels



Pictured here, are **Olga & Omer Michaels** at they celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** in June of 1989.

Wedding Picture of Omer & Olga Michaels. Omer & Olga were married in Washington D.C. on June 24, 1939. They had three children: Jo Ann, Eileen and





Omer & Olga Michaels as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary and renew their vows at the St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The couple celebrated their 50th Anniversary in June of 1989. Omer & Olga were married on June 24, 1939



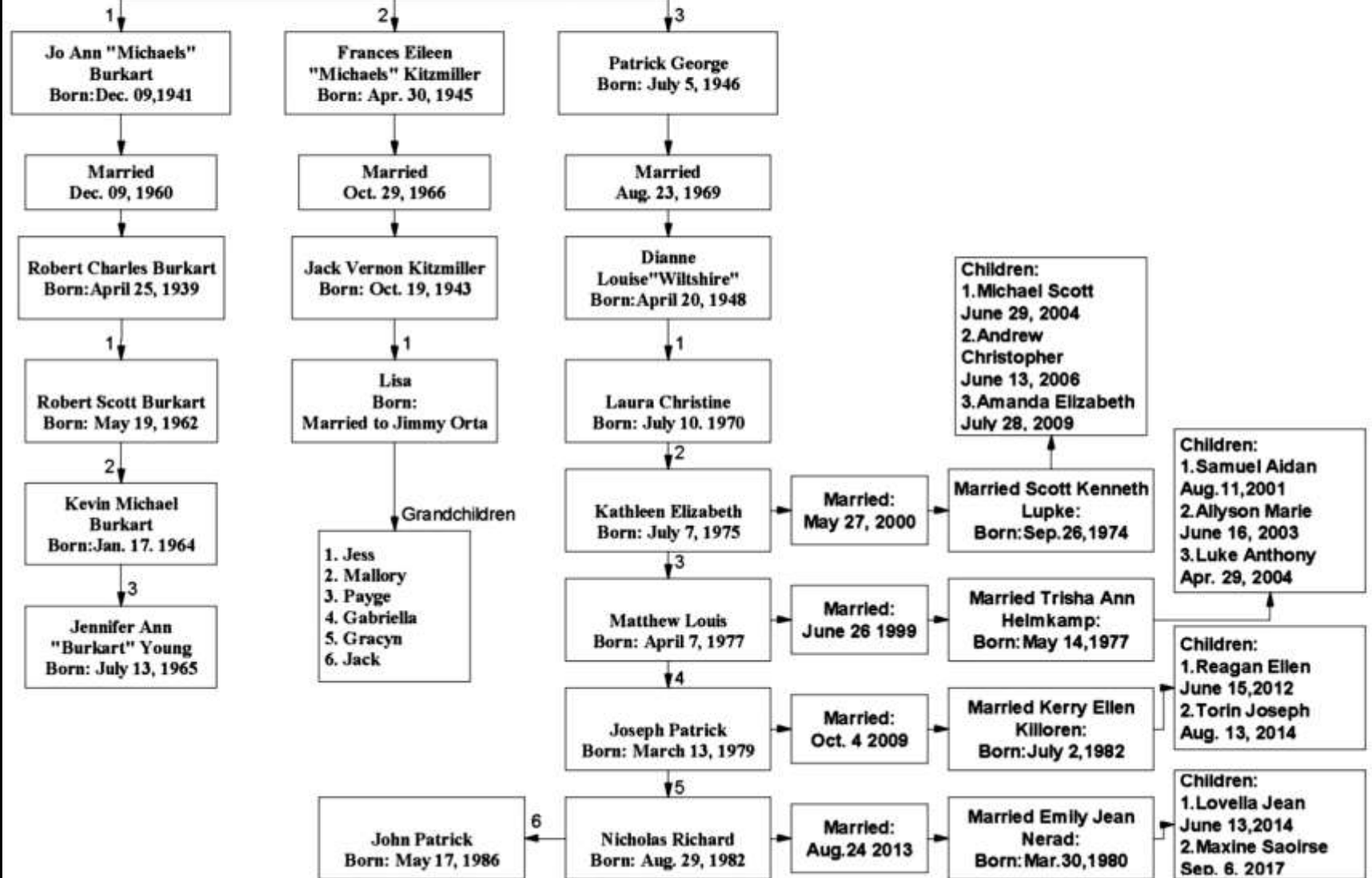
Shown here, are **Omer & Olga Michaels as they cut the cake at their 50th Anniversary Celebration.** Omer & Olga had three children: Jo Ann, Eileen and Patrick.

Decendants of Nicholas "Omer" & Olga "Massey" Michaels

Nicholas Omer
Born: Aug. 25, 1913
Died: Mar. 15, 2011

Married
June 24, 1939

Olga Massey
Born: Dec. 25, 1918
Died: Feb. 23, 2010



Celebrating the Life of
Nicholas O. Michaels
August 25, 1913 – March 15, 2011



Irish Prayer

*May the road rise to
meet you
May the wind be
always at your back
May the sun shine
warm upon your face
May the rains fall
soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you
in the palm of
His hand.*

IN MEMORY OF
Nicholas Omer "Mike" Michaels

DATE OF BIRTH
August 25, 1913

DATE OF DEATH
March 15, 2011

TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
*Saturday, March 19, 2011
11:00 am
St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church
1502 E. Wallen Road*

OFFICIATING
Msgr. John M. Kuzmich

INTERMENT
*Catholic Cemetery
Fort Wayne, IN*

*D.O. McComb and Sons
Pine Valley Park Funeral Home*

This was on the front page of the
Funeral Program for Omer Michaels
at his Funeral in Fort Wayne,
Indiana.

*In loving Memory of
Nicholas Omer "Mike" Michaels*

August 25, 1913

March 15, 2011

Fisherman's Prayer

*God grant that I may live to fish
For another shining day,
But when my final cast is made
I then most humbly pray,
When nestled in your landing net
As I lay peacefully asleep,
You'll smile at me and judge
That I'm "good enough to keep."*

*D.O. McComb and Sons
Pine Valley Park Funeral Home*

Above, a prayer Card from Omer Michaels Funeral
on March 19, 2011. Left, Funeral Card for Omer
Michaels, who was the son of Louis & Mary Frances
Michaels. Omer was married to Olga Massey and they
had three children. They lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Nicholas Omer "Mike" Michaels, 97, passed away
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at Parkview North Hospital in
Fort Wayne. Born in Montgomery, IN, Nicholas worked
as a supervisor with the Internal Revenue Services for 38
years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of Knights of
Columbus. Nicholas was an avid outdoorsman who
enjoyed fishing, hunting, and gardening. He was an avid
Notre Dame and Chicago Cubs fan. Nicholas had a big
loving heart and he loved his family and cherished his
grandchildren and great grandchildren along with
cooking pancakes for his family.

Surviving are his son, Patrick (Dianne) Michaels of Fort
Wayne, daughters, Eileen (Jack) Kitzmiller of Fort
Wayne, Jo Ann (Robert) Burkart of St. Petersburg, FL,
10 grandchildren and 19 great – *continued on next page*

grandchildren. Nicholas was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years, Olga Michaels, parents, Louis and Mary Frances Michaels, and 10 brothers and sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial is 11 am Saturday, March, 19, 2011 at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road Fort Wayne, IN. 46825, with calling one hour prior and with Msgr. John Kuzmich officiating. Calling at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road Friday, March 18, 2011 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm with a vigil and rosary service at 7:30 pm. Burial in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN. Memorials may be made to the League for the blind or Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne Scholarship Fund. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

OLGA A. MICHAELS, 91, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born in Washington, DC, she was a secretary with the Social Security Administration and a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and playing the piano.

Surviving are her husband of more than 70 years, Nicholas Michaels of Fort Wayne; daughter, Jo Ann (Robert) Burkart of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Eileen (Jack) Kitzmiller of Fort Wayne; son, Pat (Dianne) Michaels of Fort Wayne; sister, Olive Perry of Crofton, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with calling one hour prior. Msgr. John Kuzmich officiating. Calling also from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with vigil at 4:30 p.m. Burial in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials may be made to the League for the Blind.

**Celebrating the Life
of Olga Michaels**

December 25, 1918—February 23, 2010



**Cover of the Funeral Mass
Program
For Olga Michaels**



Tombstone for Nicholas “Omer” & Olga “Massey” Michaels: Omer was born on Aug. 25, 1913 and died on Mar. 15, 2011. Olga was born on Dec. 25, 1918 and Died on Feb. 23, 2010. Omer and Olga are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Omer and Olga were married on June 24, 1939. The Date of death for Omer was not on the stone when this picture was taken at the time of the Funeral.



Jack & Eileen Kitzmiller Family: Front Row: (L-R) Payge holding Jack, Gabriella and Gracyn. Back Row: (L-R) Mallory, Jessica & Jesse, Lisa & Jimmy, Jack & Eileen Kitzmiller. Jack & Eileen had one daughter Lisa who was married to Jimmy Orta and they had six children, Jesse, Mallory, Payge, Gabriella, Gracyn and Jack. In this picture, Jesse’s wife, Jessica, was also there that day.



Jack and Eileen Kitzmiller taken at the time of funeral of Eileen's Dad. Picture taken at her brother's home in Ft. Wayne,



Children of Omer & Olga Michaels: Pictured here, are the children of Omer and Olga Michaels of Fort Wayne Indiana. Shown here, (L-R) Joan Ann Burkhart, Patrick Michaels and Eileen Kitzmiller. This picture was taken in March of 2011 just after their Dad's Funeral at Pat's home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Bob & Jo Ann Burkhart Family: Pictured here, are (L-R) Bob Burkhart, Jo Ann Burkhart, Samantha Burkhart (Kevin's Daughter), Kevin Burkhart, Bobby Burkhart. Kevin and Bobby are sons of Bob and Jo Ann Burkhart. Bob and Jo Ann's Daughter, Jennifer was not there for the Funeral. Picture taken March of 2011 after the funeral of Jo Ann's Father, Omer Michaels.



Children of Pat and Dianna Michaels: Pictured here, (L-R) John, Nicholas, Joseph, Matthew, Kathleen “Michaels” Lupke and Laura Michaels and their Parents, Dianna & Patrick Michaels. This picture was taken in March of 2011 at Pat and Dianna’s home just after the funeral of Omer Michaels, Pat’s Dad.



Pat & Dianna Michaels standing in front of their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The picture was taken just after the Funeral of Pat’s dad, Omer Michaels in March of 2011. Pat’s Mom had died the year before in February of 2010.



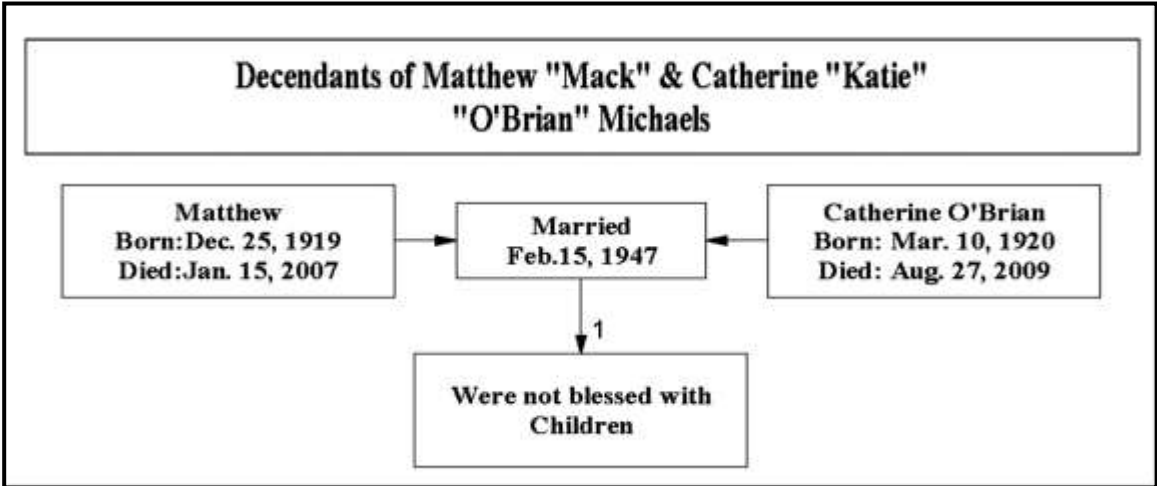
Bob & Jo Ann Burhart: Picture taken in March of 2011 after the Funeral of her father, Omer Michaels. Bob and Jo Ann live in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Matthew & Catherine 'O'Brian' Michaels



Pictured, are Catherine "Katie" "O'Brian" & Matthew "Mack" Michaels in their home in Washington. Mack and Katie lived on Hwy. 257 on Washington near the Hwy. bypass. They did not have any children. This picture would have been taken about 2003-04 time frame.

Pictured here, are **Katie & Mack Michaels** taken on the day of Mack's brother funeral (Gus Michaels) on Jan. 28, 2001. Also pictured, is the granddaughter of Mack's brother, Elmo Michaels, **Anne Kiefer-Batie**. Picture was taken at the Funeral Dinner for Gus Michaels, (Mack's Brother) at St. Peter's Cafeteria.



This is a picture of Matthew “Mack” Michaels dressed in his “Sunday Best”. Not sure what the Occasion was, but I believe he was wearing his knickers. It was not taken in the country where he lived but maybe in the city somewhere. Mack was the 10th of 11th children of Louis and Mary Frances Michaels. He was the youngest of the children as the last child died at birth and he was very special to the rest of the family. I remember Gus talking about when he went somewhere, he always brought something back for Mack.



Above: Pictured here, are Katie O’Brian on the left and on the right is Wilma Matthews, who was a cousin of Mack Michaels. Of course, Katie would only have been about 10-12 years old in this picture. Not sure where this picture was taken, but could have been at Vincent Matthews in Jasper.

Above: Picture of Catherine “Katie” O’Brian. Katie O’Brian when she would have been 16-18 years old.



Pictures of Catherine "Katie" O'Brian. Looks like a studio picture when she would have graduated from high school.



Pictured here, is **Mack Michaels with a niece, Mary Jo, & Nephew Jim Michaels.** Mary Jo and Jim are children of Gus and Josephine Michaels and Mack is Gus's youngest brother. This picture was taken in early 1940. Mack eventually would join the service and was a



Picture of Mack Michaels in his Air Force Uniform. Mack served in World War II and was a gunner on a bombing mission when he was shot down and was a Prisoner of War in Germany for several years before he was freed towards the end of the war. This picture may have been taken just after he returned home from the war.



Wedding Picture for Matthew “Mack” & Catherine “O’Brian” Michaels: This is the wedding picture for Katie and Mack Michaels who were married on Feb. 15, 1947 at St. Michaels Church in rural Montgomery. Mack and Katie made their home on Hwy. 257. South of Washington for many years. They did not have any children, but the nieces and nephews were like their extended family.



Mack & Katie Michaels Pose for Picture after the Wedding: I know this is not a very clear picture, but it shows Mack and Katie on the right as they pose for a picture just after their wedding on Feb. 15, 1947. On the left, are George Matthews (Cousin of Mack’s) and beside him is Margaret O’Brian (Sister of Katie). This picture was taken on the steps of St. Michaels Church north of Montgomery. Mack’s Parents were Louis & Mary Frances “Matthews” Michaels and George Matthews was the son of Vincent & Bernadette Matthews of Jasper. Mary Frances & Vincent Matthews were brother and sister. Mary Frances passed away nine years before Mack was married.



Picture of Mack and Katie Michaels after the wedding. Not sure where this picture was taken, but believed it may have been taken in front of the O’Brian Home place, which was just north of St. Michaels Church on CR 650 East where they were married. They were married on Feb. 15, 1947.



Pictured here, are (L-R) Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano, Mack & Katie Michaels, Liz and Louis Kavanaugh Jr. Mary Jo and Liz’s dad was a brother to Mack Michaels. This picture was taken in Mack and Katie’s home on Hwy. 257 just South of Washington. The picture was taken about 2004 or 2005 when Mary Jo was here from Chicago on a visit.



Picture of **Mack and Katie Michaels** sitting at the table and standing behind them, are Jim and Frances Michaels from Sun City, Az. This picture was taken at Louie and Liz Kavanaugh home in Montgomery in June of 2002 while Jim and Frances were visiting from Arizona.



Picture of Otis & Anastasia O’Brian Family: Pictured here, are L-R Front the O’Brian’s, Margaret, Patrick & Catherine, in back (L-R), Otis O’ Brian, his wife Anastasia “Kidwell” O’Brian & Mack Michaels. The date stamped on the back of this picture was August of 1948, one year after Mack and Katie were married. The O’Brian’s had one other son, Michael, who was not in this picture.

obituaries and funerals

MATTHEW 'MACK' MICHAELS

Matthew "Mack" Michaels, 87, died at 11:58 p.m. Monday at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Born Dec. 25, 1919, he was the son of Louis and Frances (Matthews) Michaels.

He attended St. Peter grade school and was a 1938 graduate of Montgomery High School and a graduate of Indiana University. He was a member of St. Simon Catholic Church, Washington American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

He entered the U.S. Air Corps (known as the Air Force today) in March 1942 and was honorably discharged from active duty in January 1946. He continued his military service in the reserves from 1949 to 1970. After 28 years total service, he retired as a major. He served as a bombardier with the 401st Squadron, 91st Group, Eighth Air Force in England. During World War II while on a bombing mission over Germany, the crew was shot down and captured on April 17, 1943, in Sagan, Germany. On April 29, 1945, two years and 12 days later, he was

released. After leaving active service he worked for the Indiana State Board of Accounts for 36 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine (O'Brian) Michaels, whom he married Feb. 15, 1947; a brother, Omer Michaels of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Simon Catholic Church, with Rev. Gordon Mann as celebrant. Burial will be in St. Peter Cemetery in Montgomery, with military graveside rites conducted by the Washington American Legion and V.F.W.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Ed Lee Mortuary, with a wake service at 4 p.m. and Knights of Columbus rosary at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Washington Catholic Endowment Fund.

Condolences may be may online at edleemortuary.com.
(Jan. 15, 2007)

Catherine O. "Katie" Michaels, 87, of Washington, died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Eastgate Manor Nursing Center.

Born March 10, 1920, in the St. Michaels community near Montgomery, she was the daughter of Ottis and Anastasia (Kidwell) O'Brian.

She graduated from Epsom High School in 1938. She retired after many years of service to Citizens Bank and Trust and then went on to volunteer at the gift shop at Daviess Community Hospital. She was a member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church and the Daughters of Isabella.

She is survived by two brothers, Michael A. O'Brian of Newark, Del., and Patrick E. O'Brian of Montgomery; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Matthew "Mack" Michaels, whom she married Feb. 15, 1947, died Jan. 15, 2007. Her parents and one sister, Margaret F. O'Brian, are also deceased.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, with Rev. Gordon Mann as celebrant. Burial will be in St. Peter Cemetery in Montgomery.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, with a Daughters of Isabella rosary at 5 p.m., at Ed Lee Mortuary.

Memorial donations may be made to Washington Catholic Education Endowment, P.O. Box 916, Washington, IN 47501.

Condolences may be sent online at www.edleemortuary.com.
(Aug. 27, 2009)

Obituary for Matthew "Mack" Michaels

Obituary for Catherine O. "Katie" Michaels



Matthew “Mack” Michaels in his Air Force Uniform. Mack fought in WWII and was shot down. He was captured and became a POW for over two years.

The Following is from two Newspaper Articles that reported on Lt. Matthew Michaels “missing in action” and his “liberation by the American Army”. The newspaper article that we took this from was very hard to read so it was retyped for better clarity and also to correct the dates and other information in the articles. It appears Mack Michaels left for England on March 3, 1942 and was shot down sometime around April 17. He was a POW for about 2 years and 3 months and was freed around July of 1944, when the U.S Forces arrived in Germany and freed all prisoners in Stalag Luft 3 where Mack was being held.

Lt. Michaels Is Missing in European Area Brings County’s Unofficial Total to 25: Was a Bombardier

Second Lt. Matthew (Mack) Michaels, age 23 of Montgomery, was added today to the list of Daviess County men “Missing in Action”.

A telegram from the secretary of war to Lt. Michaels’s Father Louis Michaels, of Montgomery announced that he was “missing in action” in the European area since April 17.

This brought to 25 the unofficial total kept by “The Herald” on Daviess County men killed, missing in action or prisoners of war. Lt. Michaels was a bombardier. He received his training, beginning in January, 1942 first at Santa Anna, California, then at Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona where he

graduated. He had later training at fields in Boise, Idaho, in New Mexica, Topeka and Salina, Kansas and at Palm Beach, Florida.

As far as relatives could determine, he had left the states about March 3. Letters home had indicated that he had made one trip from England to Africa and back, and in a personal letter home, he mentioned attending church in London.

His Mother is deceased. Relatives here include his father, his stepmother, and four brothers, John J. Michaels Insurance man of this city; Frank of Scottsburg, Augustine of Montgomery and Elmo of South Bend.

Lt. Michaels Is Liberated

A prisoner of the Germans for more than two years, Second Lt. Matthew Michaels, son of Louis J. Michaels of Montgomery, has been liberated and “will be seeing you soon” according to a cablegram received from him by his father this morning. The message said he is “O.K.”.

Lt. Michaels was first reported a prisoner of the Germans on April 23, 1943. His Father later learned that he was being held in Stalag Luft 3 in Germany. Prisoners in this camp were liberated by the American Forces.

Information on Stalag Luft 3

I remember once talking to Uncle Mack about the “Great Escape” and how the prisoners that did escape were recaptured and then shot. Mack talked briefly about it, but you could tell it pained him to talk about it. Below, is some research on this prison camp.

Although hundreds of attempts to escape from the camp have been undertaken, Stalag Luft 3 has become world famous because of the “Great Escape” in the night from March 24-25, 1944. It involved the construction of a 336 ft (102 m) long tunnel (“Harry”)- the longest ever built in Germany during World War Two. Seventy-six officers escaped. All but three were re-captured and of these, upon the order of Hitler, fifty were turned over to the Gestapo and were executed by shooting.

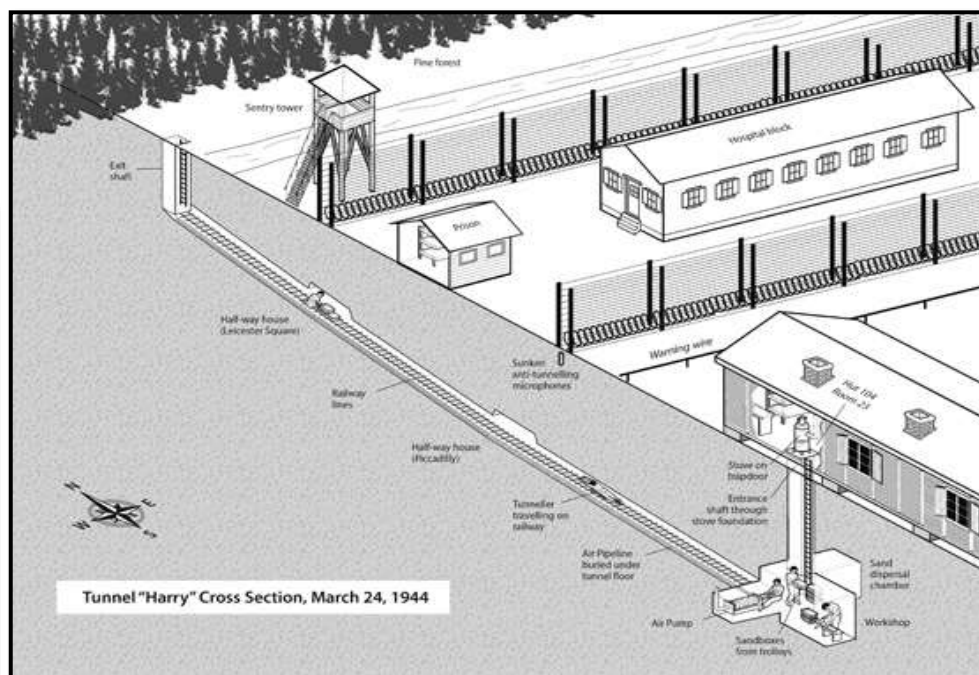
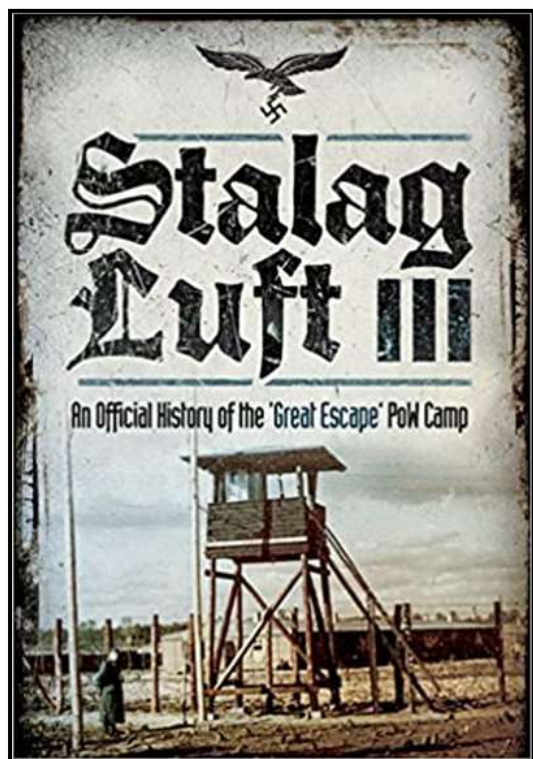
In due course, the ashes of all those who had died were returned to the camp at Sagan, each one bore the name of the victim and his date of execution. A Memorial of stone was built in the cemetery at Sagan by their brother officers in which their urns were entombed, but after the war were taken to the Old Garrison Cemetery at Poznan.

If you can look through the Hollywood style, the 1963 film “The Great Escape” with Steve McQueen, Charles Bronson, Richard Attenborough, Gordon Jackson and others, showed in great detail the preparations, the organization and the construction of the tunnel. The POW camp used in the film was named “Stalag Luft Nord” and was built amongst pine forests near Munich in Bavaria.

Memorial

In November 2000, a Great Escape Memorial Committee was formed with a mandate to establish a monument in Zagan to ensure the memory of the 50 who were executed. The committee commissioned the design of **a monument to mark the entrance and exit of the tunnel**. Working in conjunction with the local museum, it is expected that the monument will increase awareness of this historical event and also provide a location for family members to grieve and find closure. In November 2001, committee representatives traveled to Zagan and met with the Mayor, the Zagan Municipal Council and the Cultural

Minister to discuss the project. The community was excited about the opportunity of preserving this historical event and educating future generations.



Brief History on Matthew “Mack” Michaels

While Researching the Michaels Family History, we found a cassette tape of a recording that Matthew “Mack” Michaels made in his own words on what he did after high school and how he entered the work force. Uncle Mack would probably been in his early 80s when this tape was made sometime around the year 2000. I think this tape was made because some of his nieces wanted to hear about his life. He talked about how after high school what he did and later how he came to join the Air Force. It was amazing listening to this tape how he remembered every detail when he was on the road hitch hiking from California back to Indiana. It was disappointing that he did not expand on what his days were like as a POW during WWII, as he just glossed over that part. Anyway, this is what Uncle Mack related in this tape recording.

Mack began his story by saying he graduated from Montgomery High School, in the spring of 1938 when money was hard to come by. He said that while in high school he worked picking tomatoes for 50 cents a day and then took a job as what he called a "Flunky" at the Marin Cosgrow Coal Mine where he made \$25 a week. He worked at that job until early 1940. When he graduated from high school, he tried to join the Navy and they told him no, but he did not say what kept him out.

Mack then decided to head west to California along with Tom Cavanaugh, Joe Matthews, John Daily and John Woods from Shoals. They got a job of driving two new Dodge cars to Long Beach California for a Dealership out there. After they got there, they decided to find jobs there, but good jobs were hard to come by. Mack did talk about the time he spent driving the Good Humor Ice Cream truck through the neighborhoods and he said he even sold ice cream in Hollywood and other places around that area. Well after about a few months, Mack had enough and he, along with John Woods, decided they would head back to Indiana.

It was about April of 1940 and Mack would start back to Indiana and begin a very dangerous trip that would lead him on a very harrying experience. Mack states in this tape they started their trip back to Indiana hitchhiking sometime in April of 1940. When they were first picked up by truck, they told the driver they did not want to be left somewhere in the desert, but after they got on the road the driver decided they needed to go North to one of their oil rigs. About midnight, Mack and his traveling buddy were left at a dinner on the edge of the desert. After they got something to eat, they were told they could not stay there so they started walking and after walking for miles, they were able to get a ride, but had to get in a horse trailer with the horses. They were so glad to get a ride so it did not matter, so they climbed in with the horses. They got into Las Vegas the next day and found a cheap room to rest up.

Somewhere along this trip, Mack and his buddy from Shoals, John Woods, split up as it was hard to get a ride with two guys. Mack then met a guy who was going to Muncie Indiana so they traveled together and got a ride on the railroad box car. They decided to catch a train and try that means of transportation. He stated on this recording that there were several times when they jumped on or off trains that he was lucky to live through it. He said the reason to try the trains was they were having trouble getting rides and he and his friend were willing to try anything to get back home to Indiana. He even went to the hobo camps and dined with the hobos while traveling. They rode the trains and traveled to Flag Staff, AZ. It was there they stayed in Hobo jungle. Mack said they went to a local grocery store and got soup bone & potatoes and cooked them up and he said it was pretty good. He may not have had a good meal in a while.

The next morning, he got a ride into New Mexico and that is where his buddy got a chance to get a job for the day to earn some money so Mack set out on his own again. Mack got a ride with a family and some kids and he had to pay them a little money, but he was able to eat with them and it was a good ride and he rode with them all day as they ended up in Joplin, Missouri. He found a place to sleep at a used car lot and next morning was able to get cleaned up and was ready to hit the road again.

Mack recalls that just before he made the connection with the guy going to Indiana, he had gone to church on Holy Thursday, and that seemed to help as he finally made the connection that would take him on the last leg of his journey back home to Montgomery, Indiana.

That's when he ran into a traveling salesman and who just happened to be going to Indiana and he brought Mack right into his destination of Montgomery, Indiana. Mack remembers it was in May and it was primary election day in 1940 when he arrived in Montgomery. That was the end to his first trip to California. It was amazing how Mack remembered so many details of this trip back home as this tape was made when Mack was in his 80s.

On the next segment of the tape Mack talks about his second trip to California. He was low on funds and he went to the San Francisco Post Office and there was a letter from Gus Michaels (his brother) with a \$10 in it. Mack said he felt he was rich as he was low on funds and this was life saver.

Mack talked about how he was hired at the Bank of America in the bookkeeping department. When he was hired, he was given an advance of \$21 and he asked them if he would have to pay that back and they said he could work it out or just maybe that was a hiring bonus. Mack worked from 3PM till they he got his work done for the day. He worked in a department that processed foreign checks.

While working there, Mack started classes at a Jr. College there in Bakersfield near the airport, and one of the classes was rebuilding airplanes. He enjoyed that type of work and he said that was a preview for later when he would get into the Civil Air Patrol. After working at this job for a while, he found out that he had passed an exam that would get him a job in Washington D.C. So, Mack quit his job there in California and this time he rode the train in style in a passenger car all the way to Washington D.C. This trip, he rode in the passenger car and not on top, or in a boxcar. He had been able to save enough money for the full paid ride to D.C. While at this new job, he was able to stay with his brother, Omer, and his wife, Olga, who were living and working in the D.C. area. It worked out great for him.

He was still wanted to get into the Air Force so he decided to take the exam for an Air Force Cadet which would get him into the Air Force. Mack said he studied on his own as he needed physics and Trigonometry for the Civil Air Patrol. He took the exam in November of 1941 and passed the test for the Cadet program.

He was scheduled to be drafted in January of 1942, but Pearl Harbor was bombed in December of 1941, so things changed somewhat. He was scheduled to be sworn into the Air Force in January of 1942, but that was changed to March 3rd and it was 2-3 weeks later when he left for California to take his Basic Training. They classified him as a bombardier and sent Mack to training in various bases in the West coast.

After Mack's Training in California, he left for England in a B17 March 3rd of 1942. In this tape-recording, uncle Mack did not talk much about his days in the Air Force and when and where he was shot down. He did not elaborate about his capture as a Prisoner of War, but we have learned that he was a POW for 2 years and 3 months. Mack does not give any details of his days as a Prisoner of War on this tape, but we may be able to find out some information from other sources.

When Mack was honorably discharged from the service, he returned to civilian life and went to Indiana University in 1946 and earned his AS degree and then was hired by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. He worked at that job until he retired. He said he met Katie O'Brian and was married in February of 1947 and they lived happily ever after. He stated they did not have any children, but he said that maybe that was the way it was supposed to be.

Mack concluded this tape with I hope this is what you wanted to hear, but he did say he would not recommend you try some of the things such as hitchhiking, like he did. He said with the way the world has changed, he would not recommend it.



Tombstone for Matthew & Catherine ‘O’Brian” Michaels. Mack, as he was known, was born on Dec. 25, 1919 and died on Jan. 15, 2007. Katie, as she was known, was born on Mar. 10, 1920 and died on Aug. 27, 2009. Shown here, are both sides of the Tombstone, as Mack was a Veteran of WW II and was a Prisoner of War. They both are buried in St. Peter’s Cemetery in Montgomery, Indiana near the main plaza with the big Cross on the north section of the Cemetery.

CATHERINE O MICHAELS
 March 10, 1920 August 27, 2009

Funeral Services
 September 1, 2009 10:00 AM Our Lady of Hope
 Father Gordon Mann - Celebrant

Interment
 St. Peter Cemetery

Hail Mary, full of grace,
 the Lord is with thee: blessed
 art thou among women and
 blessed is the fruit of thy
 womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners now,
 and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

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MATTHEW MICHAELS
 December 25, 1919 January 15, 2007

Funeral Services
 January 19, 2007 10:00 AM St. Simon Church
 Father Gordon Mann-celebrant

Interment
 St. Peter Cemetery

O, God,
 The Creator and Redeemer
 Of all the Faithful
 Grant to the Souls
 Of Thy Servants departed
 The remission of all their sins;
 That through pious supplications
 They may obtain the pardon
 Which they have always desired
 who livest and reignest
 World without end.

Amen.

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Funeral Cards for Matthew “Mack” & Catherine “Katie” Michaels. Matthew Michaels passed away in Jan. of 2007 and over two years later, Catherine passed away in Aug. of 2009. Matthew was the son of Louis and Mary Frances “Matthews” Michaels.

Michaels Cousins



Michaels Cousins: Pictured here, are (L-R) Tom Michaels, Patty Michaels, Jane Michaels, Eileen Michaels, Jo Ann Michaels, Patrick Michaels, Ann Michaels, Mary Jo Michaels. In back, are Jim Michaels holding his sister, Liz. The picture was taken at Louis/Mary Frances Michaels' home North of Montgomery in the summer of 1947. Jim, Mary Jo, Tom and Liz Michaels were the children of Gus/Josephine Michaels. Eileen, Jo Ann and Patrick were the children of Omer/Olga Michaels, and Patty, Jane and Ann were the children of Frank/Helen Michaels.

Picture here, are three Michaels cousins, taken at their grandparents' home, Louis and Mary Frances Michaels farm, North of Montgomery. From left to right, Ann Michaels was the daughter of Frank and Helen Michaels of Montgomery, Marilyn Michaels was the daughter of Elmo and Marge Michaels of South Bend, Indiana and Jim Michaels was the son of Gus and Josephine Michaels, was living in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the time this picture was taken in the summer of 1938 or 1939.



Picture of **Jane Michaels**, daughter of Frank and Helen Michaels. Picture was taken when Jane was about a freshman in Montgomery High School. (1952 or 1953)



Michaels Get-Together: Pictured above, in front, are (L-R) Mike Jones, his wife Pat Jones, Sarah Woolsey her husband Roy Woolsey, In back, (L-R) Rosemary & John Mackell, Gus Michaels, Mack & Katie Michaels, Sharon & Tom Michaels. The picture was taken at Tom & Sharon Michaels' Home in rural Loogootee on June 11, 2000. The reason for the get-together was to meet John and Rosemary Mackell. John was a distant cousin of Gus and Mack Michaels and even though he spelled his name "Mackell," we found out that either his dad or grandfather changed it from Michaels to Mackell. There are several stories as to how that came about. Pat Jones and Sarah Woolsey are sisters and their dad was Frank Michaels who was a brother to Gus and Mack. Tom Michaels was Gus's son. Gus's wife had passed away in 1996 and Gus would pass away the following January from an auto accident and Roy Woolsey would pass away in Dec. of 2000 from cancer.

Michaels Cousins: Picture taken at Aunt Katie's Funeral. Shown here, in Front (L-R) Liz Kavanaugh, Madonna Wehner, Mary Jo Gaetano, Back Row (L-R) Tom Michaels, Patrick Michaels, Joann Burkhart, Sandy Kompar, Sarah Woolsey, Eileen Kitzmiller. Liz, Mary Jo and Tom were children of Gus Michaels, Madonna was the daughter of John Michaels, Joann, Eileen and Patrick were the children of Omer Michaels, Sandy was the daughter of Elmo Michaels, Sarah was the daughter of Frank Michaels.



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Shown here, (L-R) Eileen Kitzmiller, Madonna Wehner, Mary Jo Gaetano, Omer Michaels, Liz Kavanaugh, Joann Burkhart, Pat Michaels and Tom Michaels. Picture was taken after the Funeral of Omer's wife, Olga, in February of 2010.



Michaels Cousins: Shown here, are the Michaels Cousins that attended the Funeral of Omer Michaels. Shown, are (L-R) Eileen Kitzmiller, Pat Michaels, Joann Burkhart, Tom Michaels, Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh and Madonna "Michaels" Wehner". Eileen, Pat and Joann were children of Omer-Olga Michaels, Tom & Liz were children of Gus & Josephine Michaels and Madonna was the daughter of John & Hope Michaels. This picture was taken at the funeral of Omer Michaels, who was the last of the Michaels Brothers. The picture was taken in March of 2011 at Pat-Dianna Michaels Home.