

## CHAPTER – 4B

### *Joseph Adam & Maude “Young” Laux & Children’s Families*



**Joseph & Maude “Young” Laux Family:** Shown here, are Joseph & Maude Laux Family taken in front of their home in Havelock, Nebraska. Havelock is now part of Lincoln, Nebraska. Pictured here, in front are Joseph and Maude Laux, in back, from left to right, are Josephine, Grace, Mary, Sister Athanasia, Charlie, Frances and Rosa. This picture was taken around 1930.

Wedding Picture of Sam & Grace "Laux" Davis

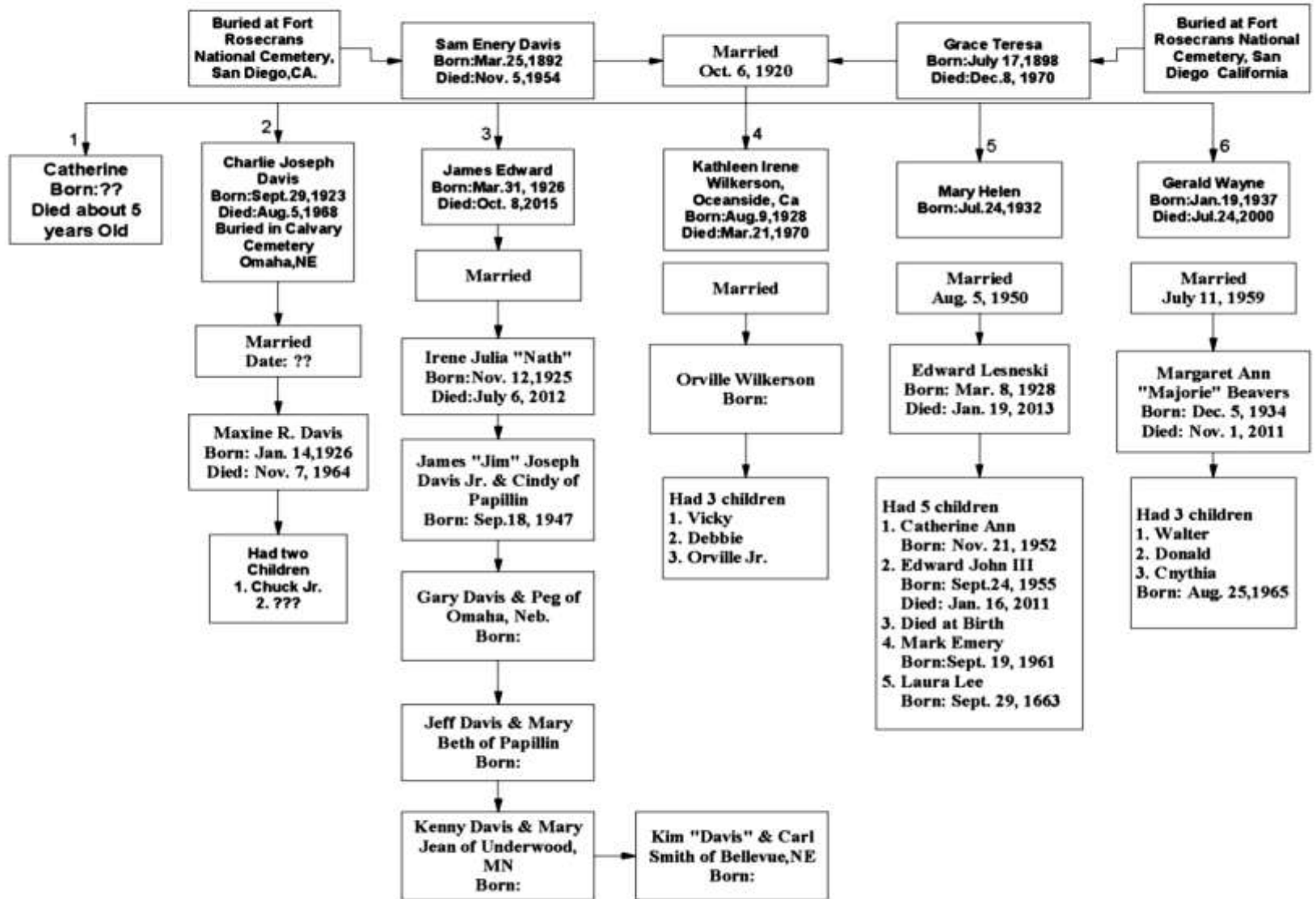


Shown above, is the wedding picture of Sam & Grace "Laux" Davis. (L-R) Sam & Grace are on the left and then Charlie Laux & Frances Laux. This picture was taken on Oct. 6, 1920. Charlie was a brother and Frances a sister to Grace.



**Picture of Grace "Laux" & Sam Davis** sometime around 1920. Sam and Grace were married on Oct. 6, 1920 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sam was from Texas and not sure how he transplanted to Lincoln, Nebraska.

## Decendants of Sam & Grace "Laux" Davis





Pictured here, are (back, L-R), Grace “Laux” Davis, Maude Laux, Frances “Laux” (**who was a nun for a time**), In Front, (L-R) Kathleen, Jim and Mary Helen Davis. All Three kids are children of Grace and Sam Davis. This is one of the few pictures we have seen with Frances Laux as a nun. We do not know when she entered the convent or how long she was a Nun. The picture may have been taken around 1938.



**Picture of Mary Helen “Davis” Lesneski** when she was about 3 years old. This picture would have been taken about 1935. Mary Helen was the daughter of Sam and Grace Davis and lived most of her life in California.



**Pictured left, are (L-R) Charles, Jim, Kathleen and Grace Davis.** This picture was taken about 1929-30 time frame. Grace “Laux” Davis was the daughter of Joseph and Maude Laux of Lincoln, Nebraska.

**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)**

1. SERIAL NUMBER <b>U 1665</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>SAMUEL EMERY DAVIS</b> (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <b>1715 HICKORY OMAHA DOUGLAS NEBR</b> (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS <b>1715 Hickory St., Omaha nebr.</b> (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE <b>None</b>	5. AGE IN YEARS <b>49</b> DATE OF BIRTH <b>Nov. 29 1892</b> (Month) (Day) (Year)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>El Paso, Texas</b> (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mrs. Samuel Davis, 1715 Hickory St., Omaha nebr.</b>		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <b>Metropolitan Utilities, Omaha Nebr.</b>		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>20th &amp; Center Omaha Nebr.</b> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (0907)		10-21430-2 <b>S. E. Davis</b> (Registrar's signature)

**Registration Card for Sam Davis:** It shows on this card that Sam was 49 years of age when he registered for the draft as all men were required to do at that time. He was too old to be called up but I am sure he had several sons that did have to go during WW II. Sam was married to Grace "Laux" Davis and they had 6 Children.

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INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS  
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local No. **338** File No. **70-044120**

PERMANENT IN THE STATE OF INDIANA

DECEASED: **Grace T. DAVIS** Fem **Dec 8, 1970**  
Race: **White** Date of Birth: **July 17, 1921** DAVISS  
Place of Birth: **Montgomery** NO R. Montgomery  
Marital Status: **Widowed** NONE

RESIDENCE: **Indiana** County: **Daviess** City, Town or Location: **Montgomery**

PARENTS: **Joseph LAUX** & **Maude R. Young**  
Address: **Route 1, Montgomery, Indiana**

CAUSE: **Coronary Artery Disease**  
ICD-9: **410.9** (Heart and Coronary Artery)

CERTIFY: **Donald H. Beeblosson** M.D., **Shoals, Indiana**  
**Henry S. East** M.D., **Shoals, Indiana**

BURIAL: **Dec 12, 1970** **Lee and York, Inc., 101 N. Gerilla St., Washington, Ind**  
Burial Place: **Fort Rosecrans, Vista, California**

Funeral Director: **Charles R. Johnson, MD** 12-11-70

EMERALD'S NAME: **R. M. P. COMPANY** LICENSE NO. **4607** FURNERAL DIRECTOR'S LICENSE NO. **1647**

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**Death Certificate for Grace "Laux" Davis:** Shown above is the Death Certificate for Grace Davis who passed away on Dec. 8, 1970, at the home of her niece, Elizabeth "Michaels" Kavanaugh in Montgomery, Indiana. There was a private viewing for the family the following night before the body was transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska for the funeral. After the funeral, it was shipped ahead to California for burial. Grace was buried with her husband in a Fort Rosecrans, National Cemetery near Vista, California. Grace was the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux.

DAVIS, Samuel E. REPORT OF INTERMENT					NAME OF CEMETERY FORT ROSECRANS NATIONAL									
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) DAVIS, Samuel E.					SERVICE DATA (Company, Regiment, Division, or other organization, and basic arm of service) Bty B 4th FA USA									
RANK PVT		SERIAL NUMBER 430082												
STATE Texas MASS.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WW I <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)												
DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF DEATH		DATE OF INTERMENT		GRAVE LOC.		DATES OF SERVICE						
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON Widow: Mrs. Grace Davis 702 - 4th St. Oceanside, Calif.										SHIPPING POINT FOR HEADSTONE NEAREST FREIGHT STATION San Diego, California				
SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY, OR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, OR QM OF POST CEMETERY R. L. FISCHETTI										POST OFFICE ADDRESS Point Loma Post San Diego 6, Calif.				
QMC FORM 14 REV. 1 JUL 50		PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE			SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE									

**Interment Card for Sam Davis**, who is buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery near San Diego, California. Sam Served in the military from May, 1917 to May 22, 1918. Grace Davis, his wife, is also buried there in the same plot. Sam died on Nov. 5, 1954 and Grace died on Dec. 8, 1970.



Pictured above, are Aunt Teresa, Maude Laux, Frances Laux, Grace "Laux" Davis and her Husband Sam Davis. Not sure when this picture was taken but we guess about 1918-20.



**Grace "Laux" Davis and two Children:** Pictured here, is Grace Davis as she holds her son, Charles while on the left is her first born which we think is Catherine, who died at a very early age. We don't know when Catherine was born or when she died or where she was buried. The story has been told of Catherine, when she narrowly missed being kidnapped. This story was told to us by Josephine "Laux" Michaels and verified by Mary Helen Lesneski, her sister. The story goes, Grace had sent her to the store just a block away for a small item and when she failed to come home, Grace, her mother, went looking for her and saw an older man leading her down the alley. When Grace shouted at him to stop, he started running away and let go of little Catherine. Grace chased him for a little while with Catherine at her side but lost him. Grace prevented what could have been a very tragic situation. Catherine died at a very early age, about 5 years old we think. This is the only picture we have of Catherine.



Picture of **Grace "Laux" Davis** (Back Row Left) and **three of her children**, Charlie and Mary Helen and in front is Jerry. Picture taken in the early 1940's.



Pictured right, are the **two Davis Girls, Mary Helen on the left and Kathleen on the right**. Mary Helen later married Ed Lesneski and Kathleen married Orville Wilkerson. They were the daughters of Sam and Grace Davis. They had three brothers, Charlie, James and Gerald and one sister who died when she was about 5 years old. The Family had lived in Lincoln, Nebraska before moving to Oceanside, California.



Picture of **Mary Helen Davis, Grace Davis and the youngest, son Jerry**. Picture taken around 1940.



This is a picture of **Sam Davis**, who was married to Grace "Laux" Davis, taken in the kitchen at the Tropical Court when they lived in California sometime in the 1940's. Sam & Grace had five children, Charlie, Jimmie, Kathleen, Mary Helen and Jerry. Sam passed away Nov. 5, 1954.



Picture of **Grace Davis** holding Michael Benes sometime late in 1952. Grace & Sam had lived in California.





Pictured (L-R), **Maude Laux, Sam and Grace Davis**. Picture was taken when Grace and Sam lived in California. Maude Laux was Grace's Mother.



**Picture of Grace "Laux" Davis:** We believe this picture was taken around 1968. It may have been the last formal picture of Grace, as she passed away on Dec. 8, 1970.



Picture of **Grace "Laux" Davis**: this is a picture of Aunt Grace taken around 1960. It may be Aunt Frances in the chair in back.



**Grace "Laux" Davis.** A picture of Grace Davis when she was in her 60's. Her family was raised and she lived in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her Husband, Sam Davis passed away on Nov. 5 of 1954. In 1969, she traveled to Indiana to visit her sister, Josephine and to babysit for her niece's little girl. She died suddenly on Dec. 8, 1970 at her Niece's House ("Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh) and her body was shipped back to Lincoln, Nebraska for the Funeral and on to burial in San Diego, California at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. She passed away at the age of 72.

## Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery



Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery rostrum.



**Shown here, are pictures of Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery** where Grace “Laux” and her husband, Sam Davis are buried. This cemetery is located near Naval Base Point Loma, California. This is a traditional military cemetery where all the tombstones are white stones.

Grace “Laux” was the daughter of Joseph & Maud “Young” Laux and they lived in Lincoln, Nebraska. Grace actually died suddenly in the home of her niece, Liz Kavanaugh, who was the daughter of Grace’s sister, Josephine Michaels. After a private viewing at Ed Lee Funeral Home in Washington, Indiana, her body was then flown to Lincoln, Nebraska for the Funeral Mass held at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church and then the Body was flown to California for burial.



Left, **Charles Davis:** This picture was taken from his college year book and is his freshman photo.



Right, **Charles Davis:** This picture is when Charles was in the Air Force. Charles died suddenly in 1968 at the age of 44. He married Margaret Beavers and they had 2 children.



**Gerald Wayne Davis:** This may be Gerald's Senior Picture. He was the youngest of 5 children of Sam and Grace Davis. He passed away in July of 2000 at the age of 63 years old.



This is a picture of **Kathleen Davis** from her Senior Year Book. Kathleen married Orville Wilkerson and she passed away on March 21 of 1970 at the young age of 41.

**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)**

SERIAL NUMBER N 439	1. NAME (Print) CHARLES Joseph DAVIS	ORDER NUMBER 12495
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1715 Hickory Str OMAHA Douglas NEbr		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS 1715 Hickory - Omaha		
4. TELEPHONE None	5. AGE IN YEARS 18 DATE OF BIRTH Sept 29 1923	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Lincoln Nebraska
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Grace Davis 1715 Hickory Str		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Omaha Steel Works		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 48th + Farming Omaha Douglas NEbr		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42)	(over)	216-21630-3 Charles Davis (Registrant's signature)

**Registration Card for Charles Joseph Davis:** In years past, every young man had to register for the draft at the age of 18 and that is what Charles (Charlie) Davis did when he turned 18. It does not show a date, but his date of birth is on the Registration Card as Sept. 23, 1923, so we presume he was 18 in Sept. of 1941 and about to get into WW II. Charlie was the son of Sam and Grace Davis.

**Wedding Picture for Kathleen & Orville Wilkerson:** Shown here, is the wedding picture for Kathleen Davis and Orville Wilkerson which took place in California. It is believed the wedding took place in 1948. Also Pictured here, right beside the bride, is Kathleen's Sister, Mary Helen Davis, who later married Ed Lesneski. Kathleen and Mary Helen were daughters of Sam and Grace "Laux" Davis. It is believed this picture was taken at the reception site.





**This is a picture of Ed and Mary Helen "Davis" Lesneski.** We believe the picture was taken in 1995 when they visited relatives.



**Ed & Mary Helen "Davis" Lesneski Family.** Shown here, are Ed and Mary Helen Lesneski and in front, son Ed (about 6) and daughter Cathy (about 8 or 9). The picture was taken at their home in Oceanside, California.



Shown here are, **Jim & Irene Davis** with Irene holding either Kenny or Kimberly. Picture was taken in the late 1940s.



Pictured here, are **Irene Davis with three of the children**, Jim on the left, Gary on the right and the baby is either Kenny or Kim, not sure which one. Picture was taken around 1950. Kimmy was the youngest.



This is a picture of **Jim and Irene Davis taken in Sept. of 1998** when Gus Michaels and his two daughters, Mary Jo Gaetano and Liz Kavanaugh, came to visit relatives in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jim's mother was Grace Davis and she was a sister to Gus's wife Josephine. Jim and Irene Davis lived in Omaha, Nebraska.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CHARLES J. DAVIS  
 SEPTEMBER 29, 1923  
 AUGUST 5, 1968

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.

DWORAK MORTUARY

**Funeral Cards for Charles Davis.** Charles Davis passed away on Aug. 5 of 1968 and Maxine died on Nov. 7, 1964. Charles was married to Maxine and she preceded him in death. They had two children. Charles was the son of Sam & Grace Davis.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart  
 make my heart like unto Thine.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 MAXINE R DAVIS  
 JANUARY 14 1926  
 NOVEMBER 7 1964

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.

**James “Jim” Davis was the Son of Grace “Laux” & Sam Davis, See below the  
Obituary for Jim Davis & His wife Irene**

**Davis, James E. Mar 31, 1926 - Oct 8, 2015**

Preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Irene, his parents Samuel and Grace, brother Charles Davis (Omaha), and sister Kathleen Wilkerson (Oceanside, CA). Survived by his sister Mary Helen Lesneski of San Clemente CA; sons, Jim Davis (Cindy) Papillion, Gary Davis (Peg) Omaha, Jeff Davis (Mary Beth) Papillion, Kenny Davis (Mary Jean) Underwood MN; daughter Kim Smith (Carl) Bellevue; 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Jim served in the United States Navy during WWII. He retired from the Postal Service in 1984 after 31 years of service. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd degree Council 6192, 4th degree Assembly 1854. His body has been donated to the Nebraska Anatomical Board Creighton/UNMC. MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated at 6pm on Friday, October 23 at St. Mary's, Bellevue. Honor Guard and presentation by Knights of Columbus Council 6192. The family will receive friends and relatives following the service in the church basement with "Jim's favorite desserts" and coffee. In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials to be directed to the Holy Family Church Lunch Program through the Knights of Columbus Council 6192, 205 Industrial Rd., Bellevue NE, 68005.

**Davis, Irene Julia (Nath)  
Nov 12, 1925 - Jul 6, 2012**

Preceded in death by her parents, Henry Nath and mother Julia, and step-mother Rose Nath; and brother Louis Nath. Survived by sisters, Rose Madsen, Jean Rose, Carol (Don) Roubinek, and Patty (Chip) Slaughter. Irene spent the majority of her life nurturing and caring for her surviving immediate family, husband of 66 years, James E. Davis of Bellevue, and sons, Jim (Sue), Gary (Peg), Jeff (Mary Beth), and Kenny (Mary); daughter, Kim (Carl) Smith, 12 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren; and a great many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Special Thanks to Alegent Health Hospice and the People of Richmond Village in Bellevue for their Loving Care. Remains donated to Creighton University with the hope and prayer that they may find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. MEMORIAL MASS to be Celebrated in August with notification in this space at the appropriate time to follow. Memorials to be directed to The Columban Fathers; Knights of Columbus 6192; or Saint Mary's, Bellevue. Published in Omaha World-Herald from July 7 to July 8, 2012

Charlie and Bernice "Yale" Laux



Shown here, are **Charlie Laux and Bernice Yale**. Charlie was a brother to Josephine "Laux" Michaels. We think this picture was taken close to the time they got married.



**Picture of Bernice & Charlie Laux and in the middle, Sister Athanasia Laux.** Charlie was Sister Athanasia's brother. This picture may have been taken at one of Sister's teaching assignments and her brother came for a visit.

**Funeral Cards for Charles Laux.** Charles Laux passed away on Oct. 13 of 1977. Charles had three children. Charles was the son of Joseph & Maude Laux. He had six sisters, Josephine Michaels, Frances Knopp, Grace Davis, Sister Athanasia, Rosa Fenton & Mary Benes.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."



In Memory of

**CHARLES A. LAUX**

3-27-1901 10-13-1977

LORD, make me an instrument of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

JOHN A. GENTLEMAN  
WESTSIDE CHAPEL



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**Tombstone for Charles and Bernice Laux:** Shown here, is the tombstone for Charles & Bernice Laux. Charles was born on March 27, 1901 and died on Oct. 13, 1977. Bernice was born on Nov. 19, 1909 and died on Dec. 18, 2005. They are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska. They lived their entire life in Lincoln and raised their family there.



**Tombstone for Richard J. Laux Sr.** Richard, who was nicknamed “Dicky,” was born on Oct. 21, 1932 and died on March 15, 1989. Richard Laux was the son of Charlie & Bernice Laux. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**This is the Obituary of Charles Laux,** who was a brother to Josephine “Laux” Michaels. Even though they spelled his name wrong on the Obituary, it was Charles Laux who was married to Bernice Laux. They had three Children, Dorothy “Laux” Roach, Charlene “Laux” Lauderbach and son Richard Laux, who was called “Dicky”.

**LAUX —** Charles, 76, Omaha, died Thursday. Formerly of Lincoln. Survivors: wife, Bernice, daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Roach, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Charlene Lauderbach, Omaha; son Richard, Omaha; 11 grandchildren; five sisters; Mrs. Francis Knopp; Mrs. Mary Benes, both of Lincoln; Sister Athanasia, Hastings; Mrs. Josephine Michaels, Montgomery, Ind; Mrs. Rosa Fenton, Denver, Colo.  
 Services: 10 a.m. Monday, St. Peters Church, Omaha. Calvary Cemetery, Lincoln.

## Burial Information on Dorothy “Laux” Roach and Son Tommy

### Dorothy “Laux” Roach

**Birth** 27 May 1931  
**Death** 10 May 2016 (aged 84)  
**Burial** [Calvary Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum](#)  
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, USA [Show Map](#)  
**Plot** Block B, Lot 27, Space 11  
**Memorial ID** 216074942 · [View Source](#)

### Thomas Gerald “Tommy” Roach (Dorothy’s Son)

**Birth** 25 Jun 1966  
**Death** 4 Sep 2010 (aged 44)  
**Burial** [Calvary Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum](#)  
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, USA [Show Map](#)  
**Plot** Section B, Lot 27, Space 11  
**Memorial ID** 216074975 · [View Source](#)

**Dorothy Roach & her son Tommy are buried in an unmarked grave next to her parents Charles/Bernice Laux in Calvary Cemetery, Lincoln Nebraska.**



This picture was taken of **Charles/Bernice tombstone** and to the left of that stone, is the burial site for **Dorothy Roach** and her son Tommy. It is in a plot owned by the O’Brian Family.

## Louis and Frances “Laux” Knopp



**Louis and Frances “Laux” Knopp:** Pictured are, Frances “Laux” Knopp with her Husband Louis Knopp as they stand in front of their home in Lincoln, Nebraska. Frances married Louis Knopp on June 10 in 1952 and she passed away in January of 1981. Louis Knopp lived on and passed away on Sept. 30 of 1994. They were married for 29 years before Frances passed away. Frances was a Dominican Nun for several years before she left the convent. She and Louis married when she was 49 years old. Louis lived for 13 years after Frances passed away. Frances was a sister to Josephine “Laux” Michaels.

**Picture of Frances “Laux”.** I am sure this is well before she got married, maybe some time in the 1920s. Frances got married later in life at the age of 49. Picture may have been taken at the Youngs’ home place as there are several pictures with Uncle Ed Young taken at the same place.



Here is a picture of **Frances “Laux”** in 1940 when she was about 37 years of age. She was a Dominican Nun for a while in her life but left the Convent and later married Louis Knopp in 1952. They did not have any children, but the nieces and nephews thought very highly of her and Uncle Louie.





**Wedding Picture for Louis & Frances “Laux” Knopp:** Shown here, are (L-R), Louis & Frances Knopp, Rosa “Laux” Fenton and Louie Knopp’s brother. Not sure of his first name. The little flower girl in front is Betty Kay, daughter of Rosa “Laux” Fenton. Louis and Frances were married on June 10, 1952 in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Pictured here, are **Aunt Frances “Laux” Knopp with her Niece, Mary Jo Michaels.** The picture was taken in the front yard of Mary Jo’s home place in Montgomery. Frances was visiting here in Indiana from Lincoln, Nebraska. The picture would have been taken around 1950s.



**Louis and Frances “Laux” Knopp:** Shown here, are Louis and France “Laux” Knopp holding Michael Benes, who was just a couple months old at the time. Michael was Frances Nephew and the son of her sister Mary “Laux” Benes. This picture was taken in 1952.



**Frances "Laux" Knopp:** Shown here, is Frances Knopp on one of her trips to see her sister, Josephine. This is taken in the front yard of Josephine's home along Hwy. 50 near Montgomery. The picture was taken in around Nov. of 1961.



**Louie & Frances Knopp:** We presume they were celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and that would have been in 1977. Frances died suddenly just 4 years later in 1981.

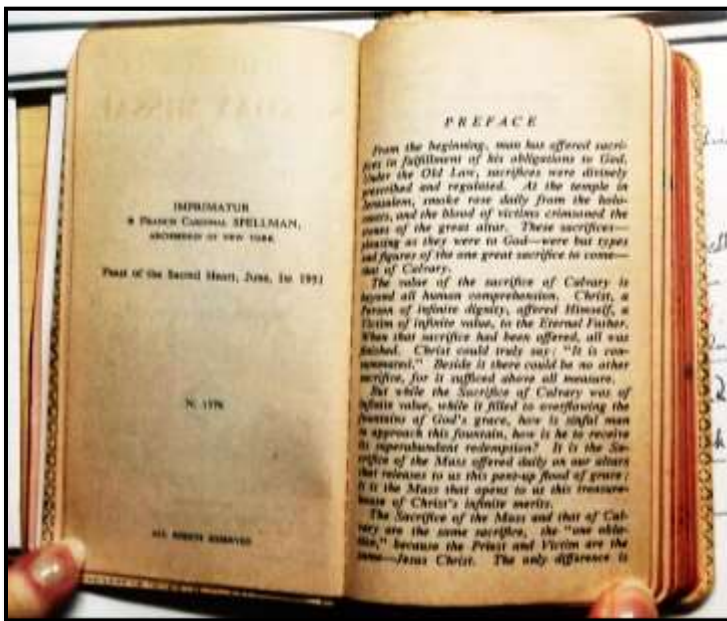


**Left:** This is a picture of the home where Louie & Frances Knopp lived in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is how the house looks presently and the outside of the house has not changed much since the years when Louie & Frances lived there. I am sure the inside of the house has changed somewhat but the outside has not. This home was close to St. Patrick's School and the next block is St. Patrick's Catholic Church, in which they were regular members.

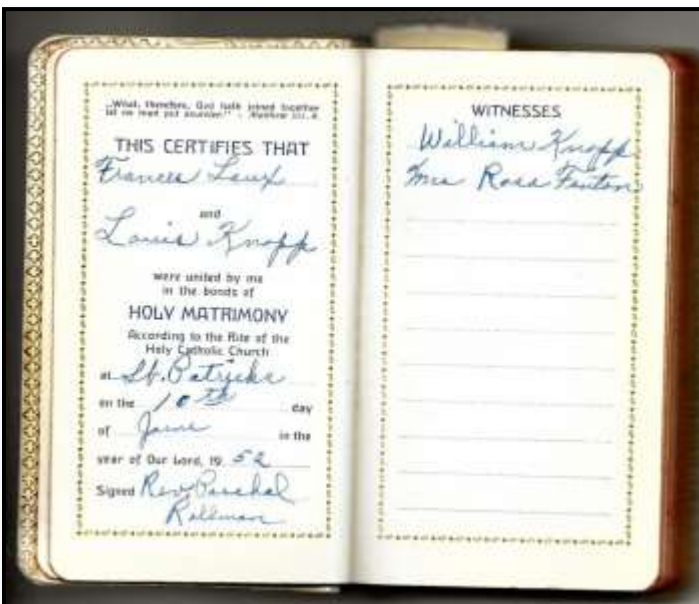


**Prayer Book for Frances “Laux” Knopp.**

The first view of the prayer book shows the outer cover of ivory. It is hard to see, but there is a cross in front cover of this ivory cover to this prayer book.



The second view shows the inside view as the Archbishop of New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman, with the Imprimatur for this prayer book. The date on this was June 1<sup>st</sup> of 1951.



The third view shows the date of Marriage of Frances “Laux” and Louis Knopp on June 10 of 1952.



Shown here, is the **tombstone for Louis F. Knopp** who was Married to Frances M. “Laux” Knopp. Louis was born on Mar. 31, 1896 and died on Sep. 30, 1994. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Shown here, is the **tombstone for Frances M. “Laux” Knopp** who was married to Louis Knopp and is the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux. Frances was born on July 11, 1903 and died on Jan. 17, 1981. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.



This is a picture of **Frances “Laux” Knopp** when she was a very young girl. Picture may have been taken around 1910.



## Sister Athanasia Laux



This is a picture of **Sister Athanasia sitting in the chair and her sisters, Josephine on the left and Mary on the right.** It appears this picture was taken at the Mother House at Dominican Sisters of Peace, St. Catharine Community, 2645 Bardstown Rd., St. Catharine, Kentucky. Sister Athanasia may be in her early years after becoming a Nun.

Picture of **Aunt Elizabeth or Sister Athanasia:** This picture was taken at the Farm House of Gus and Jo Michaels on County Road 650 East which is directly North of Montgomery. This was one of Sister's visits to her Sister and relatives in Indiana. It is estimated the picture was taken in the 1940s. She is shown here with the Family dog, "Champ".

## IN STAR—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER

### LEAVE TO BECOME DOMINICAN SISTERS.

Miss Marguerite Harrahill and Miss Elizabeth Laux of Havelock will leave Monday for Greenville, Ky., to become members of the Dominican sisterhood and will teach in the parochial school there. Miss Harrahill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrahill and Miss Laux is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laux.

**Elizabeth Laux Enters the Convent as a Dominican Nun.** Here is a Newspaper clipping stating that Elizabeth Laux is leaving for Greenville, Kentucky to enter the Dominican Order. She later entered the Convent there as a Nun and she took the name of Sister Athanasia Laux. Elizabeth entered the Academy in Feb. of 1922 and took her first vows on March 7 of 1924. She is the daughter of Joseph and Maude Laux of Lincoln Nebraska.







**Picture of Sister Athanasia Laux taken in 1934.** Sister would have been 29 at the time this picture was taken. She entered the Academy in Feb. of 1922 and professed her first vows on March 7, 1924. She taught schools across the country from New York to Arkansas to Nebraska. She passed away at the Mother House in St. Catharine, Kentucky in Nov. of 1997 at the age of 91. She was tough, but a good teacher and kids enjoyed her. She always had control of her classroom, no doubt about that.



Picture of **Sister Athanasia (Aunt Elizabeth)** and her uncle, **Ed Young**, in front of her. Picture may have been taken in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Shown here, is an **early picture of Elizabeth Laux** who as a Nun her name was Sister Athanasia. We believe this picture was taken in her early days, maybe before she took her final profession as a Nun.



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## **Eulogy that was given for Aunt Elizabeth “Laux”, Sister Athanasia:**

Today we gather to celebrate the life, death and Resurrection of Sister Athanasia Elizabeth Laux. Life as we all realize has many components, many age periods, many compartments marked "People who are important to me." The life of Sister Athanasia following the rule. Her life was a gift to many. She started out as an early Christmas present to Joseph and Maude Young Laux, bring **born on the 1st of December 1905 in Lincoln, Nebraska.**

She grew up in Havelock with brothers, **Charles and Joseph** and sisters, **Grace, Josephine, Mary, Rosa and Frances** who were also at one time part of the St. Catharine Community. All, no doubt, except Mary and Rosa were on hand to greet her last week as she entered the fullness of eternal life. Rosa still resides in Denver, and Mary in Lincoln. Athi's love for her family and great joy at being able to travel to visit them was well known. In fact, after 1975 the only thing she noted on her summer agenda was travel and visit relatives.

"It was not you who chose me, but it was I who chose you". As we hear these words in this morning's Gospel, we remember that it was early in life, that Jesus chose to call Elizabeth Laux into religious life. It was that same **Jesus, who chose Sister Athanasia Elizabeth Laux for eternal life on November 12, 1997**, the original feast of All Dominican Saints.

After only one year and a half at Cathedral High School in Lincoln, **Elizabeth transferred to St. Catharine Academy in February of 1922 at the age of sixteen.** In September of that year, she entered the Postulate at St. Catharine's and **made her first vows on March 7, 1924.** She obtained her high school diploma from St. Catharine's Academy, and a bachelor's degree from Siena College. **She also studied at Boston College and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Sister worked in the field of education in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Arkansas, and Kentucky.**

**Finally in 1947 she returned to Nebraska where she earned a Lifetime Teachers' Certificate and ministered until 1967.** (In 1967) Thirty years ago this fall, she moved to St. Catharine Convent in McCook and into an apostolate of prayer. **In 1991 after having open heart surgery, she came to reside in Sansbury Infirmary.**

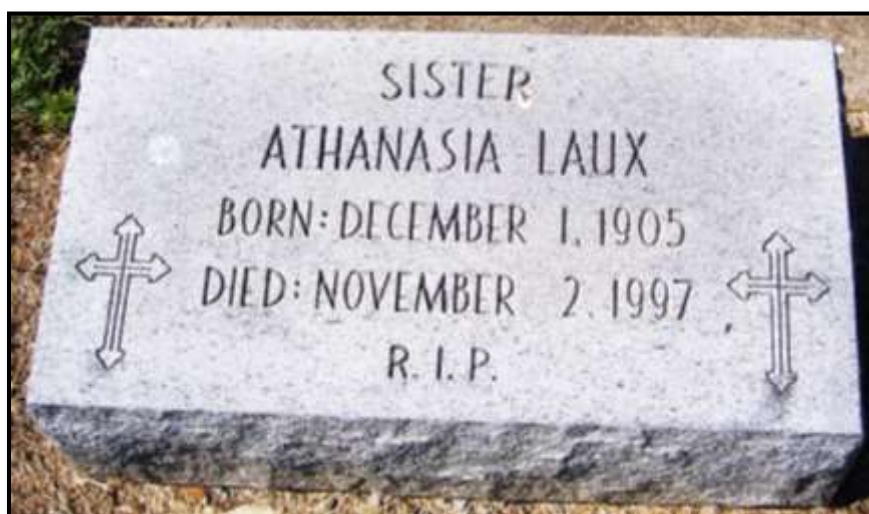
The entrance song of this liturgy was "Be not Afraid". The basis of this song is the Biblical citation from Isaiah 43, which will also be the first reading of today's liturgy. This reading had special meaning in the life of Sister Athanasia. She was an avid reader of the Bible and realistically would find here the help she needed to deal with her fears. Fear, as we know is simply an emotion. It is not something we ask for, plan for, have any control of possession. Athi had many fears. She was afraid of hospitals,

operations, illness, and death. However, how a person handles one's fear is most important. Sister Athanasia Laux was a master at dealing with her fears. First, to the consternation of some, she admitted her fears, and then she faced them. One night a few years ago, I visited her room. She had already lost one leg as a result of diabetes, and the doctors were trying to decide about the other leg. Forthrightly she said, "I don't want to lose my other leg. Pray that I don't lose my other leg." I prayed as did many others, and Athi lost her other leg. I think however, that our prayer was not unheard, for I have never known a person who could handle such a great loss so well.

There were of course, moments of self-pity and anger, but most often Sister Athanasius produced for us a happy smile and delightful giggle. She was in the words of some of her friends at Sansbury, a great example and an inspiration to us. Her ability to be joyous in the midst of great immobility and in the last moments of great pain has been a stimulus for us all.

As we pray, the responsorial psalm this morning, let us picture Sister Athanasius as she, at the moment of her death, realized the real truth behind these words that she had prayed so often. Let us picture our God leading her into the way of life eternal. As we hear the words of St. John's Gospel, let us marvel at God's unconditional love for each of us as we hear those words, "Live on in my love." But let us also be even more aware that Jesus is most serious in his mandate, "The command I give you is this, that you love one another."

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Shown here, is the **tombstone for Sister Athanasia Laux**, her given name was Elizabeth. Sister Athanasia is the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux. Sister Athanasia was born on Dec. 1, 1905 and died on Nov. 2, 1997. She is buried at St. Catharine, Kentucky.

## Richard & Mary “Laux” Benes



**Picture of Mary “Laux” and Henry Benes Wedding Day:** Pictured here, are (L-R) Frances “Laux” Knopp (Maid of Honor), Mary & Henry Benes, (Bride and Groom), and Henry’s Brother William (Bill), who was the Best Man. The Flower Girl in front was Charlene Laux. This picture was taken on May 13, 1950. Mary and Henry were married in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska. They chose this church as Mary and her Mom did cleaning and worked for the Priests in this parish. Also, the lady with the flowered dress on the left-hand side of the picture,<sup>1</sup> is Teresia Benes (Henry’s mom) and she is talking with her son, Andrew (Henry’s brother) and his wife Josephine (they are to her left – Josephine has the white coat). The lady on the right side of bridal party (dark dress holding her hat) was Bernice Laux, mother of the flower girl.



Pictured above, is **Henry Benes with son Michael** as a newborn baby. Picture was taken in their home on the farm in July of 1952.



**Richard & Mary "Laux" Benes Family:** Shown here, is Mary holding Mary Ellen, Michael, David and Henry holding Brian. The picture was taken about 1960.

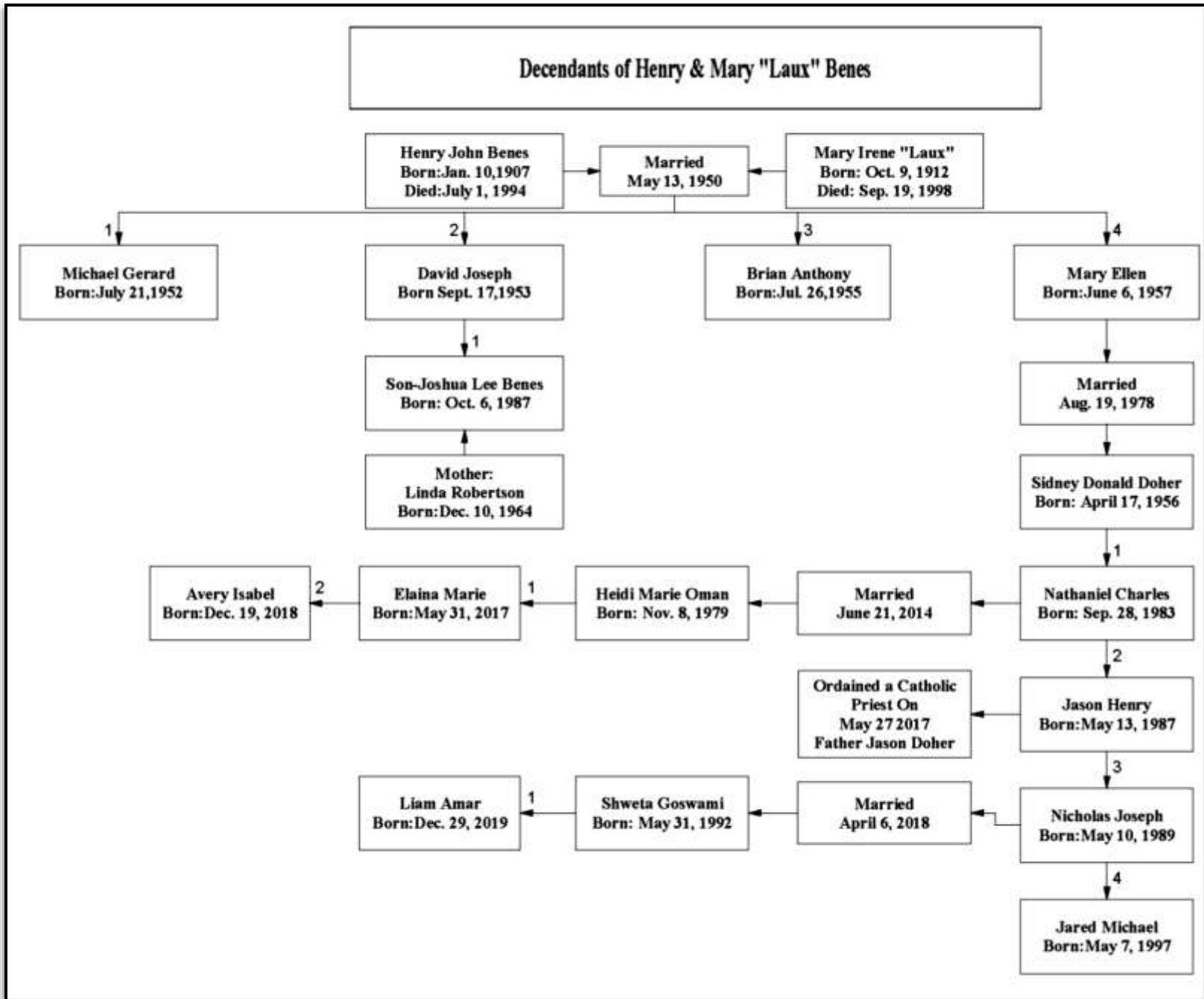


**Mary Ellen Benes, Daughter of Mary & Henry Benes.** This is Mary Ellen's First Communion Day in April of 1964. Mary Ellen Benes is the daughter of Mary "Laux" and Henry Benes of Nebraska.



Picture was taken probably at the same time as picture above, around 1960. Sister Athanasia (Aunt Elizabeth) and the Benes Family. Brian, David and Michael and Aunt Mary holding Mary Ellen.

Decendants of Henry & Mary "Laux" Benes





Shown here, are Mary's Mother, Maude Laux on the left and Henry's Mother, Teresia Benes on the right. Picture was taken in front of the Altar in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska.



**Wedding of Henry & Mary "Laux" Benes.** The Picture on the left is taken in front of the Altar in the Church where they were married. Picture on the right was taken at their wedding reception. Henry & Mary were married on May 13, 1950 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska.





**Wedding pictures of Henry & Mary “Laux” Benes.** The Picture at left, is of Mary in her Studio Wedding picture. The picture on the right is in front of the altar, but was probably a picture from the newspaper. Henry & Mary were married on May 13, 1950 in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

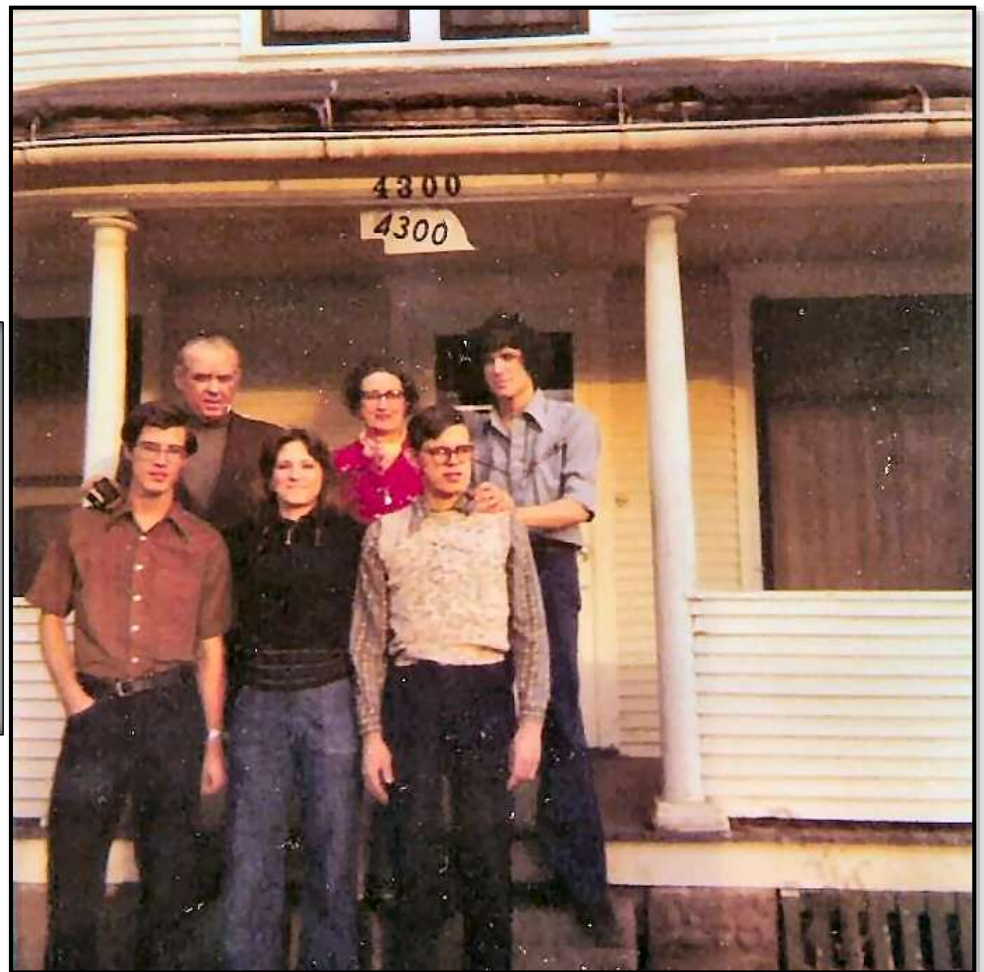


We think this picture of **Mary Benes** was taken before she was married in 1950.





**Henry & Mary “Laux” Benes Family:** Shown here are (L-R) front, Mary Ellen holding the family dog, Tico, Brian, In back: Michael, Henry, Mary and David. This picture was taken shortly after the family moved off the farm to the acreage on Hill Street in Lincoln, Nebraska around 1972.



**Henry and Mary Benes Family:** Pictured here in front, are Brian, Mary Ellen, Michael, Back is Henry, Mary and David. This picture was taken at aunt Frances and uncle Louie’s house in Havelock/ Lincoln, Nebraska. This picture was taken around 1976.

**Henry & Mary Benes/Michael Visit Indiana:** Shown here (L-R), are Henry & Mary Benes along with their oldest son are, Michael, Josephine & Gus Michaels. Mary Benes and Josephine Michaels were sisters as both grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. This picture was taken on the driveway of Gus & Josephine Michaels home in Montgomery when Henry and Mary came to Indiana on a visit. I believe this was the trip in which Michael, who was a big fan of the space program, was on his way to Cape Canaveral for a space launch. Not sure what was the occasion as all were dressed up and ready to go. We believe this picture was taken sometime in the late 1980s.



**Picture of Mary Benes and her Children:** Shown here (L-R), are Brian Benes, David Benes, Michael Benes and in the Chair is Mary “Laux” Benes and sitting on the floor is Mary Ellen “Benes” Doher. This picture was taken in the summer of 1998 just a few months before Mary Benes passed away. Gus Michaels and his two daughters, Mary Jo and Liz, went with him as he made the trip to Lincoln, Nebraska to visit his wife’s family. Gus’s wife are Josephine had passed away in Dec. of 1996 and they were making a final trip to Lincoln to visit Josephine’s family members. This picture was taken in Mary Benes’ home there on the edge of Lincoln, Nebraska.



Shown here, is the tombstone for **Henry J. Benes & Mary I. "Laux" Benes.** Mary was the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux. Henry was born on Jan. 10, 1907 and died on July 1, 1994. Mary Benes was Born on Oct. 9, 1912 and died on Sept. 19, 1998. Both are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In Loving Memory of  
**MARY I. BENES**  
 Born October 9, 1912  
 Died September 19, 1998


**THE MEMORARE**

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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother: To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

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**Funeral Cards for Mary "Laux" Benes.** Mary Benes passed away on Sept., 19 of 1998. Mary and Henry Benes had four children. Mary "Laux" Benes was the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux and Sister to Josephine Michaels, Frances Knopp, Grace Davis, Sister Athanasia and Rosa Fenton and a brother, Charles Laux.



**Wedding Picture of Mary Ellen “Benes” and Sid Dohr:** Pictured here (L-R), are Michael Benes, Henry Benes, Mary Ellen & Sid Dohr, Brian Benes and in Front, Mary Benes and David Benes. Michael, Brian and David were sons of Henry and Mary Benes, and Mary Ellen was their Daughter. The Wedding took place on August 19, 1978. Sid and Mary Ellen Dohr have 4 children.



**Sid & Mary Ellen Dohrer Family 1998:** Shown here are, (L-R), sitting on couch, Sid, Mary holding Jared, Nathan and in front, Jason (left) and Nicholas. This picture was taken at their home in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Shown here, is the **wedding picture of Nathan & Heidi Doher** taken on June 21, 2014



**Sid and Mary Ellen Family**; Pictured here (L-R), are Nicholas Doher, Sid & Mary Ellen Doher, Wedding Party, Nathan & Heidi Doher, Father Jason Doher. Picture was taken June 21, 2014.



Picture taken on Thanksgiving Day of 2017: Shown here (L-R), are Jared, Father Jason, Nicholas, Nathan holding daughter, Heidi) and Nathan's wife, Heidi Doher.



Pictured left, are the **four sons of Sid and Mary Ellen Doher** after the wedding of Nathan and Heidi. Shown here (L-R), are Nicholas, Nathan, Jared and Father Jason.

**Sid & Mary Ellen Doher 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 19, 2018.** Shown here, is the family of Sid and Mary Doher taken in St. Patrick's Church in Lincoln, Nebraska at the event of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pictured here (L-R), are Heidi holding daughter, Elaina, her husband Nathan, Sid & Mary Ellen Doher, Father Jason Doher and Jared Doher. In back are Shweta & Nicholas Doher. Sid and Mary had four sons, Nathan, Fr. Jason, Nicholas and Jared.



Pictured here, are **Shweta and Nicholas Doher** on his Graduation from College when he received his Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) medicine degree from KCUMB. Nicholas is the son of Mary Ellen Doher and Grandson of the late Mary "Laux" Benes of Lincoln, Nebraska. This picture was taken in May of 2019.



Shown here, is a picture taken at the wedding of **Nicholas & Shweta Doher** taken on **April 13, 2019** in **Lincoln, Nebraska**. Also pictured here, are Sid Doher on the left and Mary Ellen on the far right as the parents of the Groom Nicholas Doher.



Above, **Sid & Mary Ellen Family Picture.** This Picture was taken at the First Mass of Father Jason Henry Doherty on May 28, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Shown here (L-R), are Nicholas, Nathan and his wife, Heidi Doherty (Expecting Daughter Elaina), Father Jason Doherty, Mary Ellen & Sid Doherty and son Jared.

**The Example that Parents Set for their Children:** The information from the program for the First Mass of Father Jason Doherty details how his Great Grandparents moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and how their strong faith set the example for their children. It was passed on down to future generations and a great grandson was ordained to the Catholic Priesthood in May of 2017. It is truly a testament of great faith and this was so interesting, that Father Doherty included it in his First Mass program. One thing I did not know was that His Great Grandfather, Joseph Laux, suffered a massive heart attack and died while walking to church. Even though not in good health, he was not going to miss church. You can see why Father Doherty would include this.

Fr. Doherty's great grandparents, Joseph and Maude Laux became parishioners of St. Patrick's after moving to Havelock in the late 1890's. Maude was a convert to the faith and Joseph taught Maude how to pray the Rosary before she ever decided to convert to the Catholic faith. Joseph was known to say the Rosary several times a day, especially after he was forced to retire for health reasons from the railroad in the late 1930's. Joseph and Maude regularly walked together to daily Mass and it was on their way to Mass on a cold morning November 11th, 1940 that Joseph suffered a massive heart attack and died. Only God would have known that on May 28th, 2017, their great grandson, Jason, would be celebrating his First Mass of Thanksgiving at their very first Parish, St. Patrick's.



**First Solemn Mass Program for Father Jason Dohrer**  
 Father Dohrer was the son of Sid and Mary Ellen Dohrer, Mary Ellen was the daughter of Mary "Laux" Benes and Mary Benes was the daughter of Adam & Maude Laux.



**Special Thanks to:**

Knights of Columbus – Msgr. David R Hintz Council # 13576 and the Knights Honor Guard

St. Patrick's Altar Society

St. Patrick's Choir

Brother Priests that Concelebrated

+The chalice used by Fr. Dohrer at his First Mass was previously owned by Msgr. David Hintz.

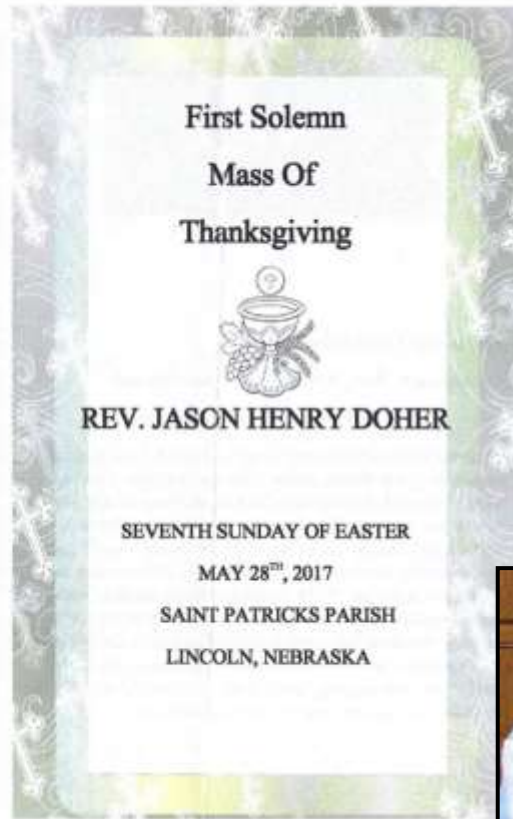


**Opportunity for an Indulgence**

Today presents an opportunity for an indulgence. An indulgence is "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven." They can be plenary or partial.

A plenary indulgence is granted to:

- A priest celebrating his first Mass before the people on a chosen day
  - The faithful who devoutly assist (or attend) at such a Mass.
- To gain a plenary indulgence, in addition to excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, it is necessary to perform the indulgenced work (above) and fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father (traditionally our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be).



**Parents:** Sid & Mary Dohrer

**Grandparents:** Henry & Mary (Laux) Benes (deceased)

Don & Winona (Batie) Dohrer (deceased)

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**Rosary:** George & MaryAnn Oberembt (Fr. Dohrer's Godparents)

**Prelude:** "Salve Regina" Solemn Tone

**Processional Hymn:** "Seventh Week of Easter-Simple English Propers" Chant

**Offertory Hymn:** "Here I Am Lord" #829

**Communion Hymn:** "We Remember" #691

**Meditation:** "Holy Is His Name"

**Recessional Hymn:** "Oh God Beyond All Praising" #937

**Postlude:** "Immaculate Mary"



**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Doug Daro

**Acolyte:** Mr. Tom Trumble

**Reader:** Mrs. Jen Goettmoeller

**Servers:** Mr. Dan LaDuc, Mr. James O'Neil, Mr. Santiago Itzquierdo, Mr. Matt Kovar

**Master of Ceremonies:** Mr. Tony Bedient

**Homilist:** Rev. Christopher Stoley

**Offertory Gifts:** Nathan & Heidi Dohrer; Nicholas Dohrer

**Cantor:** Mr. Brian Wirth



Dick and Rosa "Laux" Fenton



Left, Richard & Rosa "Laux" Fenton. Picture taken in 1930s.



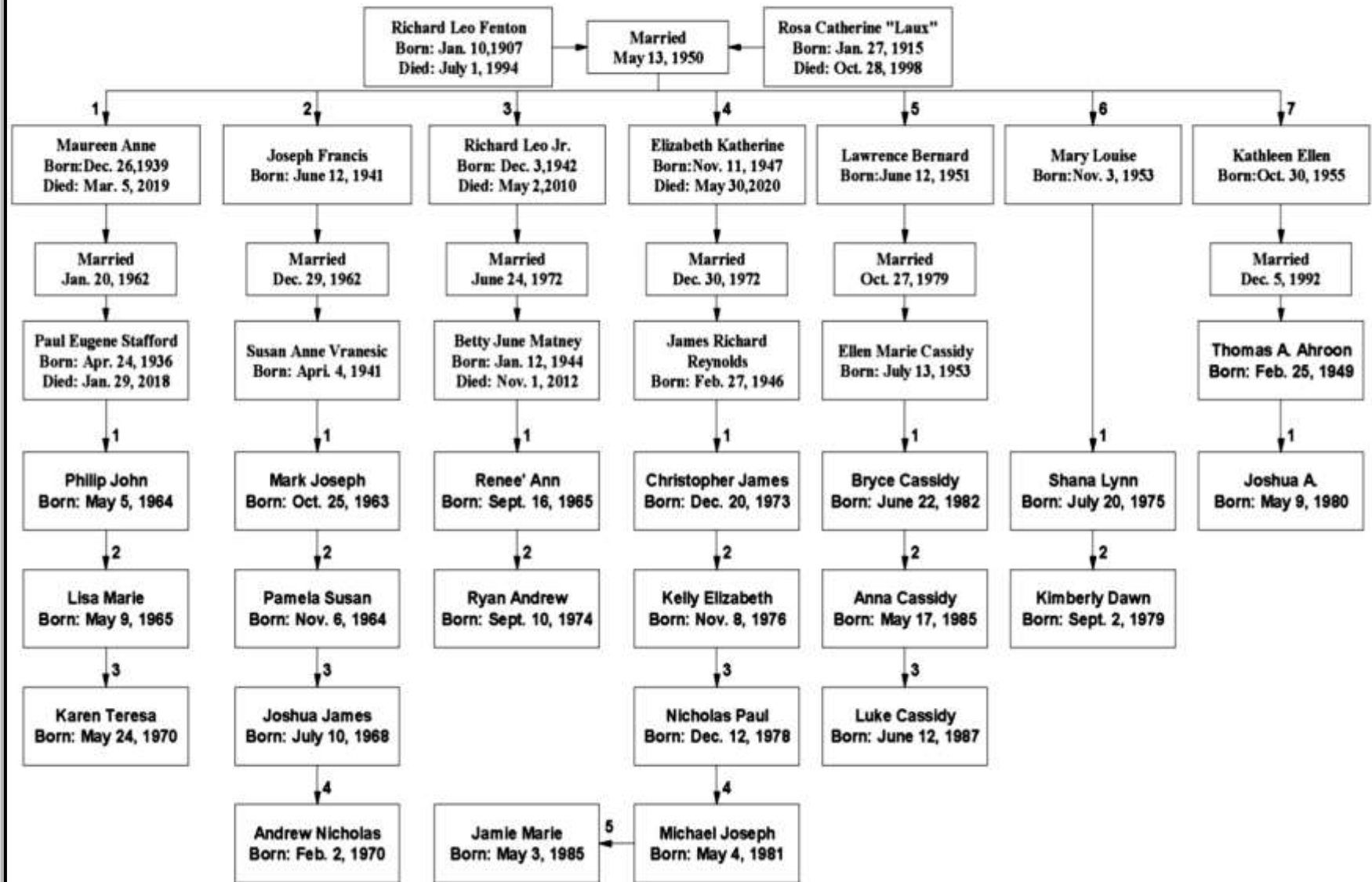
Right, Richard and Rosa "Laux" Fenton. This picture may have been taken in early 1940s in Colorado where they lived.

In Loving Memory Of  
 Rosa C. Fenton  
 January 27, 1915 - October 28, 1998  
 To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me  
 When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
 I have so many things to see and do.  
 You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
 Be happy that we had so many years.  
 I gave to you my love.  
 You can only guess  
 How much you gave to me in happiness.  
 I thank you for the love you  
 each have shown.  
 But now it's time I traveled on alone.  
 So grieve a while for me if grieve you must.  
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
 It's only for a while that we must part.  
 So bless the memories within your heart.  
 I won't be far away. For life goes on.  
 So if you need me, call and I will come.  
 Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
 And if you listen with your heart.  
 You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.  
 And then when you must come this way alone,  
 I'll greet you with a smile and say...  
 "Welcome Home".

**Funeral Cards for Rosa & Richard "Dick" Fenton.**  
 Richard passed away in Jan. of 1977 and Rosa passed away in Oct. of 1998. Richard and Rosa had seven children. Rosa "Laux" Fenton was the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux and Sister to Josephine Michaels, Frances Knopp, Grace Davis, Sister Athanasian and Mary Benes and a brother, Charles Laux.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 RICHARD L. FENTON, SR.  
 Sep. 29, 1914 Jan. 21, 1977  
 "We have loved him in life, let us not forget him after death."—St. Ambrose.  
 ☪ GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls, 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.  
 May Jesus grant eternal rest.

### Decendants of Richard & Rosa "Laux" Fenton





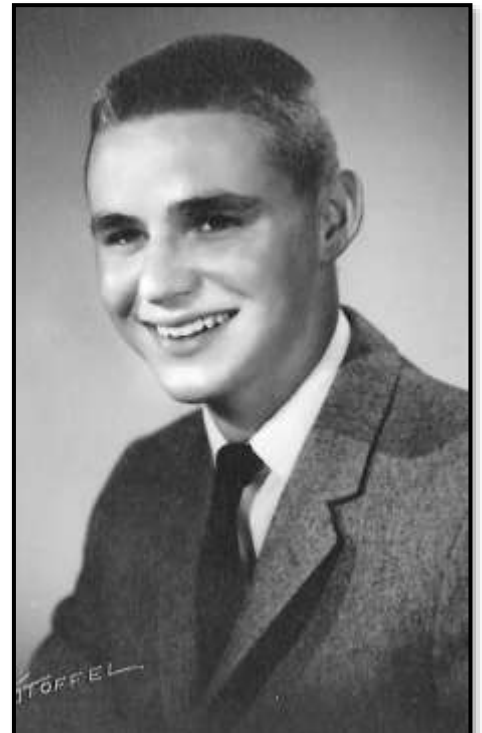
**Fenton Children:** Joseph, Maureen and Richard. Picture taken around 1945-46. The children's parents are Rosa "Laux" and Dick Fenton.



**Picture here are three daughters of Rosa and Richard Fenton and their daughter-in-law.** Shown here (L-R), are Kathy Fenton, sister-in-law, Betty Fenton (Richard's wife), Betty Fenton, and Mary Lou Fenton. Kathy, Betty and Mary Lou were daughters of Richard & Rosa Fenton.



**Picture here is Rosa "Laux" and Dick Fenton Family:** Seated in front, are Richard and Rosa, Standing: Mary Lou, Kathy, Dick, Richard and Betty. This photo was taken about 1973 at Dick and Rosa's home in Denver, Colorado. Missing from the photo are two children, Maureen and Joe.



**Maureen Ann Fenton:** This picture was taken in 1957 and was probably her High School Senior Picture. Maureen was the daughter of Richard and Rosa Fenton.

**Left, Picture of Joseph Fenton,** Son of Richard & Rosa “Laux” Fenton. We believe this is Joe’s Senior Class picture taken about 1959.

**Right, Picture of Richard Fenton,** Son of Richard & Rosa “Laux” Fenton. We believe this is Richard’s Senior Class. Picture taken about 1960.



**Richard Fenton with Bob Hope:** Shown here, are Richard Fenton in the middle of the picture with Bob Hope on the right. Richard was the Vice President of William Kostka & Associates Public Relations. He was able to get Bob Hope there for the opening Ceremonies in 1959.



**Richard & Rosa Fenton Family in 1990:** This family picture was taken in celebration of Rosa Fenton's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Oct. of 1990. Shown here sitting on floor, are Larry and Joe. Seated on Couch: Kathy, Rosa and Maureen, Back Row, standing (L-R), Richard, Betty and Mary Lou. This picture was taken at Kathy's condominium's clubhouse. Since this picture, Rosa passed away in 1998, Richard in 2010 and Maureen in 2019. Rosa was the Daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux.

**Picture of Betty 'Fenton' & Jim Reynolds Family.**

Shown here in front (L-R), are Kelly, Mike, and Nick, In the Middle row are Betty, holding Jamie and next to Jamie is Jim. In the very back is Chris Reynolds. Betty Fenton" Reynolds was the daughter of Rosa "Laux" and Richard Fenton. They lived in Colorado.





Picture of **Richard and Betty Fenton** at their wedding on June 24 of 1972



Pictured, here, are **Richard Fenton Jr.** and his wife **Betty**. This picture was taken around 1975. Richard passed away in May of 2010 and Betty passed away in 2012.



Pictured here, are **Richard and Betty Fenton** taken at Richard's Sister's wedding, Kathy & Andy Ahroon, on Dec. 5 of 1992.



This picture of **Richard Fenton** was taken for his real estate business cards. Picture was taken around 2005.



This is a picture **Richard and Betty Fenton** taken at their home around 1995. Richard Fenton was born on Dec. 3, 1942 and died on May 2, 2010. Betty was born in 1944 and died in 2012

**This was the Funeral Program for Elizabeth Catherine Reynolds or as she was known “Betty Kay.” This was a private funeral because of the Covid-19 Virus that was raging at the time.**



*John 1:51*

*He said to him, “Most certainly, I tell you, hereafter you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”*

*Opening Song: 10,000 Reasons ~  
Shana Fenton Johnson*

*Welcoming Message: Christopher Reynolds*

*Welcoming Prayer: Andy Ahroon*

*Scripture Reading: Jackson Reynolds*

*Eulogy: Michael Reynolds*

*Poem: “God Saw You” ~ Noah & Brady Archuleta*

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 91 – Bobbie Reynolds*

*Meditative Song: I Can Only Imagine ~  
Shana Fenton Johnson*

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Elizabeth Catherine Reynolds**

**Born**

*Tuesday, November 11, 1947*

**Entered into Eternal Life**

*Saturday, May 30, 2020*

**Service Date**

*Saturday, June 6, 2020*

**Funeral Services**

*Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Chapel  
12801 West 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue ~ Wheat Ridge, CO 80033*

**Visitation**

*Eight O'clock in the Morning*

**Scripture Celebration**

*Nine O'clock in the Morning*

**Interment - Mt. Olivet Cemetery**  
*following Celebration*

**Isaiah 40:31**

*But those who trust in the Lord will find strength,  
They will soar high on wings like eagles.  
They will run and not grow weary,*



**Pictured here, is the tombstone for Betty Kay “Fenton“ Reynolds. She was married to James Reynolds and they have 5 children, Christopher, Kelly, Nicholas, Michael & Jamie. Betty’s Kay given name was Elizabeth Catherine but she was called Betty Kay. Betty Kay is buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Betty Kay is the daughter of Rosa “Laux” & Dick Fenton.**

**This is the Obituary for Elizabeth “Fenton” Reynolds, who is the daughter of Richard & Rosa “Laux” Fenton. Elizabeth’s Mother, Rosa Fenton, is a sister to Josephine “Laux” Michaels so Elizabeth “Betty Kay” as she was referred to would have been a first cousin to Elizabeth “Michaels” Kavanaugh of Montgomery, Indiana. Betty Kay Reynolds was born on November 11 of 1947 and died on May 30, 2020 near Denver, Colorado where she lived all her life.**

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**Elizabeth Katherine Reynolds** was born November 11, 1947, in Denver CO, at Porter’s Hospital -- The fourth of seven children. She attended Catholic schools from the age of five until Graduation from St. Francis De Sales in 1965.

Elizabeth went to work right after graduating. Working at Household Finance doing office work. After a year or so, tired of taking two buses to and from work, she took the Federal Government Exam and was offered a job at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center. After three years, she took time off to travel a bit, then returned to Denver. Elizabeth was working downtown at the Denver Water Department as Secretary to the manager of public affairs.

During this time, she met and married James Reynolds on December 30, 1972 at St. Vincent De Paul Church. They had five children over the years -- Christopher, Kelly, Nicholas, Michael and Jamie. Grandma Rosa, who had suffered a heart attack, also became a part of their family during the years of 1986-1998.

Later on, Elizabeth worked at Riverview Christian Academy as Assistant to the Principal, Chubb Group of Insurance, The Arapahoe County Sheriff, and back to Orchard Road Christian Center as Assistant to the Pastor. In July of 2003 she turned a new page — her career of being an amazing grandmother, where she was the caretaker of her first grandchild. This began a legacy of love as she was a beloved example of faith and strength to her grandchildren that followed.

Faith and Family were guiding forces throughout Elizabeth’s life. If there was ever a time a friend or family member needed help, Elizabeth and her husband, Jim were always happy to open their home or provide assistance where needed. Elizabeth was often referred to as the “on call” family physician of sorts. Armed with stacks of health periodicals, physician desk references and her Bible, she always had a home remedy and a prayer/scripture to ward off any sort of illness. Even with the first mention of cancer, Elizabeth stood firm in her beliefs. Oftentimes preaching to the doctors about healing and God’s will. It was during those two years she battled with great Valor. Miraculously coming out of what were said to be the end of the road situations several times over. It was clear God had a purpose in Elizabeth’s life, and she was determined to see it through.

Elizabeth loved her family and was the proud Grandma of 12 Grandchildren, Finley, Jackson, Ethan, Grace, Caleb, Noah, Brady, Jacob, Lucas, Rowan, Quinnley and Harlow.



She is survived by her husband, Jim Reynolds, brothers, Joe Fenton, and Larry Fenton, sisters, Kathy Ahroon and Mary Lou Fenton, Sons, Chris Reynolds and his wife Bobbie Reynolds, Nick Reynolds and his wife, Rachel Reynolds, Mike Reynolds and his, wife Liv Reynolds, and daughters, Kelly Archuleta and Jamie Reynolds. In her passing, she joins in heaven her sister Maureen Stafford and her husband, Paul Stafford, brother, Richard Fenton and his wife, Betty Fenton.

Elizabeth was affectionately known by many names, Betty Kay, Betty, Liz, Mom, grandma, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and etc. However, she will always remain as a daughter of Christ Jesus, and a great servant and prayer warrior who lived life through the richness of her love for family and faith in her Lord and Savior.



**Tombstone for Richard and Rosa “Laux” Fenton.** Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Jefferson County. Richard Fenton was born on Sept. 29, 1914 and died on Jan. 21, 1977. Rosa “Laux” Fenton was born on Jan. 27, 1915 and died on Oct. 25, 1998.



**Tombstone for Richard Jr. & Betty Fenton:** Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Jefferson County. Richard Fenton was born on Dec. 3, 1942 and died on May 2, 2010. Betty was born in 1944 and died in 2012. They were married June 24, 1972.

**Paul and Maureen “Fenton” Stafford**



Here is a **wedding picture of Maureen “Fenton” and Paul Stafford** who were married on Jan. 20, 1962. They were married at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Denver.

**Maureen “Fenton” Stafford and her husband, Paul Stafford** were cremated and their ashes are interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in the Mausoleum. Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Jefferson County. Paul made the urns holding their ashes. He was a very talented wood turner and had his works in several galleries.

