

Kathryn BLAUER

6-28-1858 to 3-19-1936

and

Lewis WIEDERRECHT

11-12-1857 to 3-17-1944

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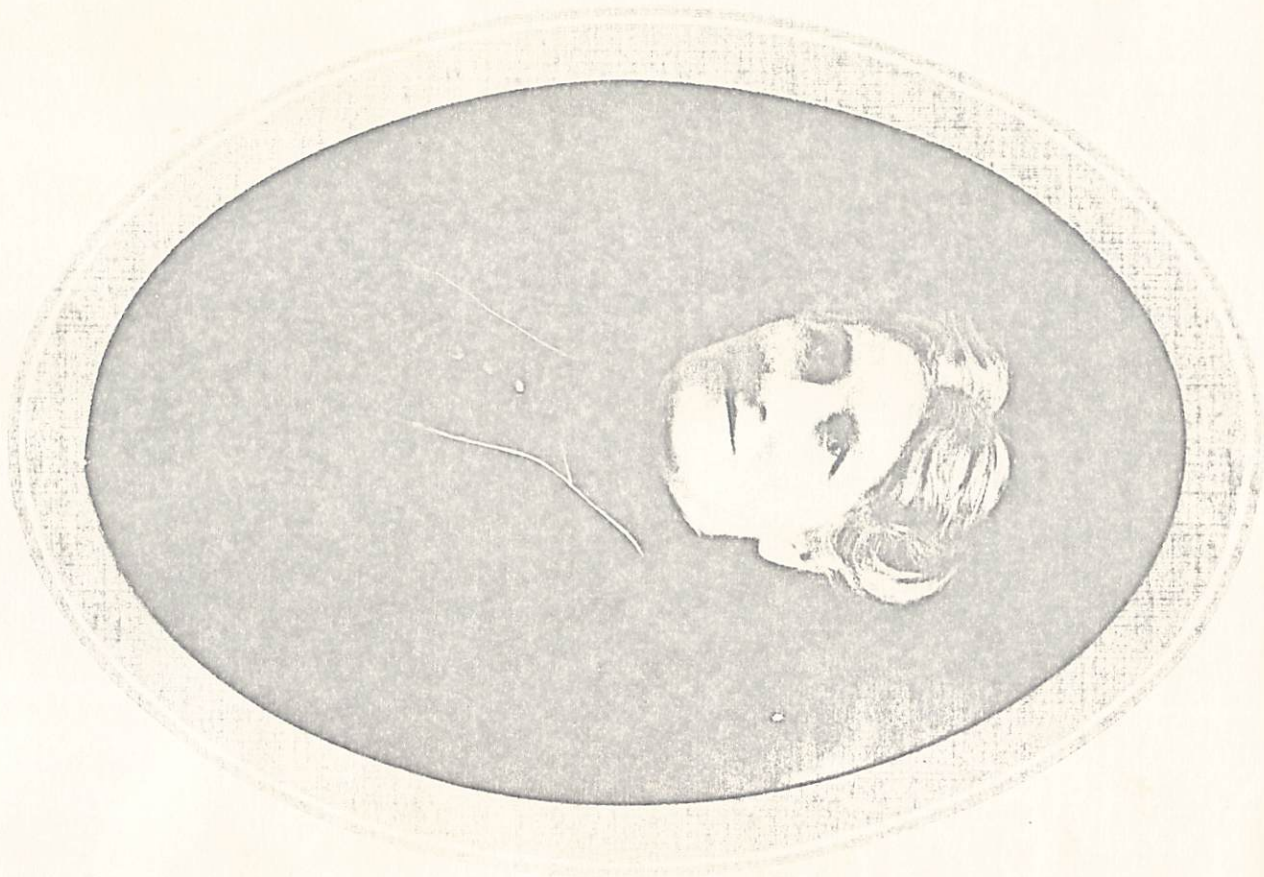
Their Descendants



Two photographs of
Kathryn Blauer Wunderlecht



KATHRYN BLAUER 1858 - 1936



Washington

THE MOUNTAIN

LEWIS WIEDERRECHT 1857-1944



Stockton

ELMWOOD, ILL.

In Memory of
Lewis Wiederrecht
 Born
 November 12th 1857,
 near Grandview, Louisa County, Ia
 Departed This Life
 Friday, March 17, 1944, 6:00 p. m.
 Home of Vernon Wiederrecht,
 Services From
 Wapello Methodist Church.
 Sunday, March 19, 1944, 2:30 p.m.
 Officiating Minister.
 Rev. Russell G. Nye.
 Interment
 Harrison Cemetery
 Bearers,
 Warren Wiederrecht,
 Kenneth Wiederrecht,
 Paul Schafer, Marion Schafer,
 Ernst Lieberknecht. Earl Kriner
 Ross Dudgeon. Funeral Director.

Lewis Wiederrecht, Prominent Farmer, Dies

Lewis Wiederrecht, son of George and Salome Wiederrecht, was born in Louisa county, near Grandview, Nov. 12, 1857, and died at the home of his son, Vernon, near Wapello, March 17, 1944, aged 86 years, 4 months, 5 days. During his last illness, which dated from Christmas Day, 1943, a daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Campbell, came from Phoenix, Arizona, to help care for him.

He grew to manhood in this community, attending the rural schools of the early days and becoming skilled through his own efforts and keen mind, in the arts and practices that pertained to his life-long occupation of farming.

On April 29, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Blauer of Grandview, who preceeded him in death on March 19, 1936. Their home was established in Jefferson township, where their four children were born. In 1907, they moved to the farm in Pt. Louisa township, which was his home during the remainder of his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Wapello and a number of winters spent with his daughters in the warmer climate of Phoenix, Ariz.

Early in life, he became a member of Congregational church in Grandview, later transferring his membership to the Grace Methodist church in Wapello. When a Brotherhood Gospel Team was organized in the Wapello churches, he became an active member, enjoying some of the richest religious experiences of his life through these associations. He rejoiced in the merger of the two Methodist congregations in Wapello and in the completion of the new place of worship.

Although quiet and unassuming, he had the faculty of making and keeping many good friends. He loved his home and family, having the best interests of each one on his heart. He prayed especially for the three of his grandsons who are in the armed services.

He was preceeded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Henry Lieberknecht and Mrs. George Kreiner and two brothers, George and Fred.

Among the survivors are his four children: James Vernon and Mrs. Walter Morris, of Wapello, and Mrs. Paul E. Lischer and Mrs. Charles B. Campbell of Phoenix Arizona; ten grandchildren, three of whom are in service, Robert Morris, in California; Jimmie Wiederrecht in Corsica and Harlan Wiederrecht in South America; two great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Sam Schafer of Wapello, a number of nieces and nephews, other relatives and a great host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church, Wapello, Sunday afternoon, March 19 at 2:30 by his pastor, Rev. Russell G. Nye. Music by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith. Accompanist, Mrs. B. L. Christie.

MRS. LEWIS WIEDERRECHT

Funeral services for Mrs. Louis Wiederrecht, who died Thursday morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Inez Campbell at Phoenix, Arizona, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Methodist church with Rev. T. Warren in charge. Burial was in the Harrison cemetery. The body arrived here Sunday. Mr. Wiederrecht accompanied the body and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lischer and Mrs. Inez Campbell came by automobile, arriving here late Sunday evening.

Kathryn Blauer, daughter of Frederick and Anna Ruby Blauer, was born in Grendelwald, Switzerland, June 28, 1858, and departed this life March 19, 1936, at the home of her daughter in Phoenix, Arizona, having reached the age of 77 years, 9 months and 9 days.

She came to America with her parents and a large family of brothers and sisters when she was four years of age. Her family reached New York in December, 1862, and came by way of St. Louis to Pt. Louisa and settled in Grandview township. Here she grew to womanhood and on April 28, 1886 was united in marriage with Lewis Wiederrecht of Wapello. They made their new home in Jefferson township and here their four children were born, one son, Vernon, of Wapello, and three daughters, Mrs. Walter Morris also of Wapello, Mrs. Paul Lischer and Mrs. Inez Campbell of Phoenix, Arizona. Beside the husband and children there are ten grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews who survive.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Wiederrecht moved to Wapello where they resided for a number of years until Mrs. Wiederrecht's failing health caused her to seek relief in a southern climate. During these last years of her life she suffered much physical pain from her affliction of arthritis, but she was always patient and cheerful.

In her girlhood she accepted the Christian faith and united with the German Congregational church of Grandview, but a few years after her marriage transferred her membership to the German M. E. church of Wapello.

By nature she was modest and unassuming, always thinking of the welfare and happiness of others and ready to make any sacrifice of self. This nature caused her to make many

true friends as she went thru life. Even in her last years of sickness she won the love and admiration of many new friends and neighbors. Truly it may be said that her life was one of humble service to her Lord and Saviour and her passing to her eternal reward is God's benediction upon that life.

Meet A Charter F. B. Member

J. V. Wiederrecht, 70, helped to start Farm Bureau in Louisa county in 1917 and has been active ever since. Vernon has been director in Port Louisa township



J. V. WIEDERRECHT

and worked as county secretary of the board. He has been active on the Resolutions and Legislative committees and has been on numerous membership drives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wiederrecht are the parents of Mrs. Annabel Hylbok, Des Moines; Mrs. Helen Johnson, Muscatine, whose husband is pastor of the Zeigler Memorial Lutheran church; Edwin W., Wilmington, Delaware, where he works for Du Pont; James and Glendora, California; and Harlan, who farms the home place and is one of our active Farm Bureau members.

Vernon graduated from Cornell College at Mt. Vernon in 1911 and taught school for several years. In 1913, he took over the farm from his father and farmed until 1957 when he retired in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Wiederrecht decided to retire in the country because they enjoy living there. They have a fine new home overlooking Lake Odessa, with one of the best views of the lake that anyone could find.

Women's Work

Mrs. Wiederrecht has been active in Women's work and has always enjoyed their meetings.

Wiederrecht said, "The biggest and best changes for farmers have been electricity the modern water systems and hard roads."

Vernon has always been interested in schools and served on the Wapello school board for over 10 years. The family has been very active in church and church school work, county-wide.

Wiederrecht said, "Farmers need to be



James Vernon Wiederrecht, Sr. and
Wife Hazel Graham at home of
Daughter Helen Louise & her husband
Leighland Johnson in Tacoma, Washington



1962 - Vernon & Hazel's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Edwin, Annabel, Vernon, Hazel,
James, Helen, and Harlan

Muscatine, Iowa, Journal — Monday, April 23, 1979

HAZEL WIEDERRECHT

WAPELLO — Hazel Dell Wiederrecht, 90, Rt. 1, died at noon Sunday in the Wapello Nursing Home.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Wapello United Methodist Church. Rev. John Beebout will officiate. Burial will be in the Harrison Cemetery. Visitation is Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dudgeon-McCulley Funeral Home, Wapello.

Hazel Weiderrecht was born July 18, 1888, in Brooklyn, Iowa, the daughter of Edwin and Minetta Rinard Graham.

Her marriage to James Vernon Wiederrecht Sr. took place Dec. 28, 1912, in Newton. She was a member of the Farm Bureau and had at one time taught at the Columbus City school.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, James F. Jr. of Sperry, and Edwin L. and Harlan F., both of Wapello; two daughters, Ann Hylbak of St. Louis Park, Minn. and Helen Johnson of Tacoma, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

J. Vernon Wiederrecht

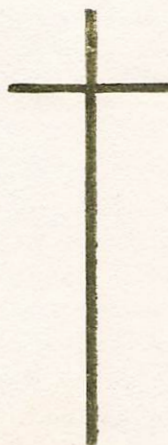
James Vernon Wiederrecht, 93, died in the Wapello nursing home at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, September 27.

He was born March 16, 1887, in Louisa county to Lewis and Kathryn Blauer Wiederrecht. He married Hazel Graham December 28, 1912, in Newton; she died April 22, 1979.

Mr. Wiederrecht was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Wapello United Methodist church.

Surviving: Three sons, Edwin and Harlan, both of Wapello, and James Vernon, Jr., Sperry; two daughters, Annabell Hylbak, St. Louis Park, Minn., and Helen Johnson, Tacoma, Wash.; sister Inez Campbell, Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral was 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, Wapello United Methodist church, the Rev. John Beebout; Harrison cemetery. A memorial to the church has been established at Dudgeon-McCulley funeral home.



**Dudgeon-McCulley
Funeral Home**

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

IN MEMORY OF

James Vernon Wiederrecht

BORN

March 16, 1887 in Louisa County

DIED

September 27, 1980

Wapello, Iowa

SERVICES FROM

Wapello United Methodist Church

2 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 1980

CLERGYMAN

The Rev. John Beebout

MUSIC

Elsie Corey, Organist

PALLBEARERS

John Morris

Marion Schafer

Robert Morris

Wm. C. Smith

Richard Morris

Ralph Lieberknecht

FLOWERS

Ruby Schafer

Linda Schafer

INTERMENT

Harrison Cemetery

Reflections



Edwin Wiederrecht

Edwin Lewis Wiederrecht, age 81, of Wapello, Iowa, died Thursday evening, December 28, 1995 at the Wapello Nursing & Care Center. The son of J. Vernon and Hazel Graham Wiederrecht, he was born April 23, 1914 at Wapello.

He married Helen Daeschner of Coffeyville, Kansas on September 19, 1942. She died May 30, 1973. On February 14, 1985 he married Mary Manz Fisher at Wapello.

Edwin graduated from Wapello High School in 1932 and then attended Muscatine Junior College for two years and in 1937 he received his B. A. degree from Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He received his M. A. degree from the University of Delaware in 1957.

During WW II he worked in civilian construction of war materials throughout the country and notably at Hanford, Wash. where the atomic bomb was constructed. After the war he became a personnel relations director for the DuPont Company of Wilmington, Delaware where he retired from in 1973. He then moved back to Wapello to care for his elderly parents.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church at Wapello. While serving as the Ex. Governor of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International in 1977 he organized and was a charter member of the Wapello Kiwanis Club for which he continued to serve as the program director for

17 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #5 A.F. & A.M. of Wapello and also a member of the Louisa County Historical Society of which he had served on the board of directors.

He enjoyed bird watching and world traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; three step-daughters, Barbara (Mrs. Harlan) Hayes of Wapello, Becky (Mrs. Robert) Romeo of Jonesboro, Georgia, and Lois (Mrs. Mike) Hagens of Muscatine; three step-sons, Lynn Fisher of Racine, Wisconsin, Raymond Fisher and Eddie Fisher, both of Wapello; ten step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Annabelle Hylbak of St. Louis Park, Minnesota and Helen (Mrs. Leigh) Johnson of Silverton, Oregon; two brothers, Harlan Wiederrecht of Sun City, Arizona and James V. Wiederrecht of Sperry, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 at the United Methodist Church of Wapello with Rev. John Ling officiating. Masonic rites were also conducted.

The burial of the cremated remains will be done at a later time at the Harrison Cemetery, rural Wapello.

The family met with friends at the Methodist Church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers a Memorial Fund has been established for the benefit of the Methodist Church.

Walter & Betty Woodworth
with Charles Frank & Joan
in 1972



Thomas Paul Weidewalt



Carol Ruth Weidewalt

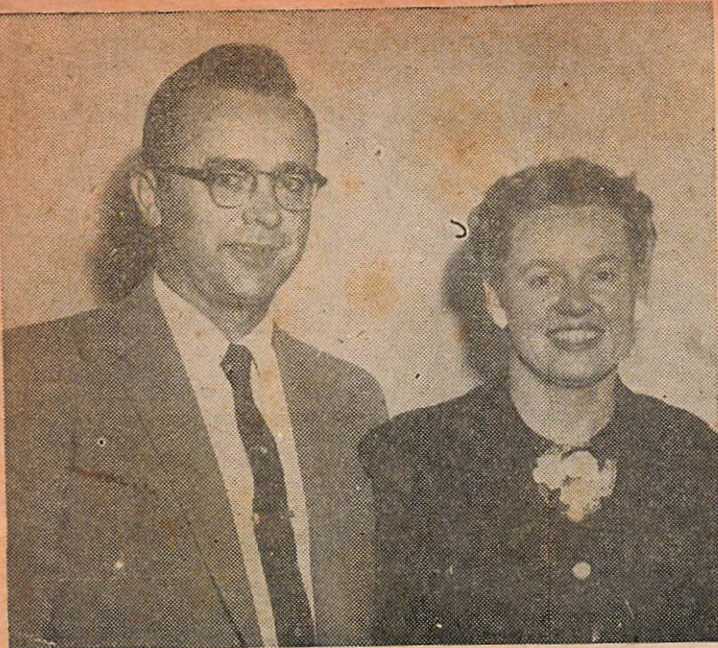


Daigland, Alex, Mattie & Philip Johnson



David, Ann, Karen & Kenneth Alsbake 1970.





REV. AND MRS. JOHNSON

A reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Leighland Johnson, who plan to become missionaries to Africa, was held Friday night, September 6, at the Ziegler Memorial Lutheran church, New Era. The Rev. Mr. Johnson delivered his final sermon at the church Sunday.

His letter of resignation was read at the congregational meeting Friday night. He and Mrs. Johnson will be attending the Maywood School of Missions, Chicago during the coming term to prepare themselves to go to Tanganyika, British East Africa.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson will be going as a missionary teacher and will be instructing African boys 17 to 19 years of age how to teach school. He

has been pastor of the Durant-New Era parish for the past four years, coming here directly from Augustana Theological seminary, Rock Island. He taught school at Columbus Junction high school from 1947 to 1949 before entering seminary.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Helen Wiederrecht of Wapello. She has a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the State University of Iowa. The Johnsons have one daughter, Martha Leigh.

They have been sent to Africa by the board of world missions of the Augustana Lutheran church for a term of four years.

—Photo Muscatine Journal

Former Teacher Here Pastor At New Era

The Rev. Leighland E. Johnson of Salem, South Dakota, a former instructor in the Columbus Schools,



REV. L. E. JOHNSON

who recently accepted a call as pastor of Ziegler Memorial Lutheran church at New Era and of the Gloria Dei Lutheran church at Durant, began his pastoral duties Sunday, July 12. The Rev. and Mrs. Johnson arrived Wednesday, July 8th to make their home at the New Era parsonage.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson's official installation as pastor of these churches will take place Sunday evening, August 2, with the president of the Illinois conference officiating.

His first sermons as pastor were preached at 9 a. m. Sunday in the Durant church and at the 10:45 a. m. service Sunday for the New Era congregation. On Monday, July 13, the vacation Bible school at New Era began with afternoon sessions from 1 to 4 o'clock daily for a two weeks period.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, who is a graduate of the Augustana Lutheran Theological Seminary at Rock Island, with the Bachelor of Divinity degree, was ordained by the Augustana Lutheran church in Chicago on June 13. He also is a graduate of the University of Iowa and has served three and one-half years in the United States Air Corps, principally in the South Atlantic, two years of which were in Brazil.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Miss Helen Wiederrecht of Wapello, was graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in nursing and has been nursing at the Lutheran hospital in Moline during the past year.

Photo, Muscatine Journal.

GOD BLESS YOU
GRANDPA

love Mark
"Child of God"

**Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for
Leighland E. Johnson**

Nov. 13, 1919 - March 16, 1997

**CHRISTIAN RENEWAL CENTER
Silverton, Oregon**

Prelude Leigh's favorites

Invocation Prayer Pastor Allan Hansen

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
According to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy
salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people;

**A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people
Israel.**

**GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

History of Leigh's Life Terry Yarbrough

Scripture Reading Terry Yarbrough

Special Music Lorna Peden

**"O How He Loves You and Me"
and "In His Time" Medley**

Congregational Hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee"

**Special Music "Devotions in Motion"
Kellie, Kristin and Kimberlee Shirkey**

Song: "Shine Jesus Shine"

Message Pastor Steve Mohr

**Special Music Larry & Barbara Anderson
"On Eagle's Wings"**

Congregational Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Sharing Rev. Bob Ward

Sharing Pastor Hansen

Sharing The Congregation

Benediction Pastor Allan Hansen

**Congregation "Praise, Praise, to the Father"
CRC Table Praise song loved and requested by Leigh.**

**Immediately following the service, you are invited to a reception at
the Main Lodge.**

Survived by:

His wife:

Helen L. Johnson, Silverton, Oregon

Children:

**Martha Leigh Ronning, Bothell, Washington
Philip Douglas Johnson, Tacoma, Washington**

Sister: Hazel Johnson, Brandon, South Dakota

Brother: Marvin Johnson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Grandchildren:

Joshua, Mark, John, Bradleigh, and Emily

**The family thanks all of you for your attendance today, for your
comfort, support and prayers. Join us now in the Main Lodge.**

**Memorials may be given to Christian Renewal Center, Silverton,
Oregon or Franklin Graham's Mission, "Samaritan's Purse,"
Boone, North Carolina.**

Internment is at Valley View Cemetery with a private service.

Helen L. Johnson
22442 No. Fork Rd. SE
Silverton, OR 97381

*Letter
of activities
by Helen*

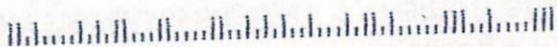


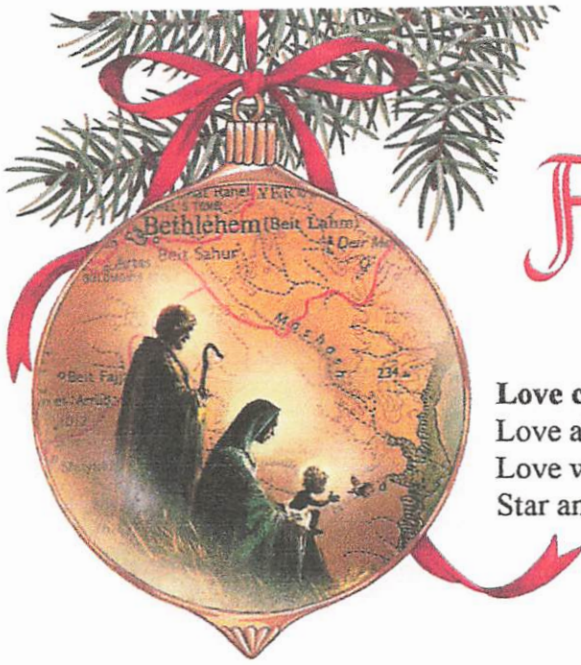
HAPPY
"WHO-LI"
from the
U.S. Postal



James Blauer
418 Pirate Rd.
Newport Beach, CA 92663-5829

92663-5829





FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine:
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-94

Christmas 1999

Dear Family and Friends,

I have been noticing lately how often the word "Love" comes up in my Bible reading. My concordance lists Love 539 times, 312 of them in the Old Testament. So it would seem God thought it was pretty important. Therefore I wish for you the best Christmas present of all---I wish you LOVE.

I feel very blessed and surrounded by Love here in my home at Christian Renewal Center. My children & grandchildren were here for Thanksgiving and I will go to their homes for Christmas week...I go on the train to Tacoma to be with Philip and family and then after I have been with Marty and family, I will take the bus back home on the 26th I want to get back for the dedication of our new Victory Chapel. The inside furnishings are in Leigh's memory. It is a lovely little white "church" close to my house. I like to look at it from my kitchen window.

Other than going to see my children, my only trip this year was to go to Minneapolis. From there my sister Ann drove me down to Iowa City for my 50th nursing class reunion. On the way we stopped to visit brother Harlan & Betty in Cedar Falls, IA. At the Univ. of Iowa hospital tour I realized just how much things have changed in 50 years including my classmates, but it was fun to get reacquainted.

A spur of the moment cousin's lunch at a restaurant in Muscatine , IA and then an afternoon together at cousin Robert & Frances Morris' was a highlight of that trip. Then on to my home town Wapello, IA for a couple of days with our sister-in-law Mary Wiederrecht and lots of visiting and touring of my old stomping grounds.

Summer was busy teaching crafts in my basement called the 4-C room (Creative Christian Craft Center). I brought Bradleigh home on the train with me after I went up to Bothell WA for his 9th birthday. He spent 10 days with me going to class and enjoying CRC in general.

Fall finds me back in the CRC kitchen 3 days a week. I lead a Bible study for senior friends at my church. Also go to a TOPS group every Fri. (without much success so far). I am feeling very well and am most thankful to God for healing me from depression.

In Oct. I flew back to Minn. To spend a couple of weeks with my sister. I found out how many leaves can fall off of a Maple tree. I'm glad I just have Evergreens. Speaking of green, our fields are all a beautiful green. The grass fields and others are all coming up so pretty now. Helicopters make trips over the Christmas tree fields snatching up a bundle of trees to carry to the waiting trucks. The trees are shipped to Hong Kong, Japan and Statewide. I trust they make a profit. It's lots of work.

On Nov. 27th I was privileged to be in on the home birth of Benjamin Shirkey. He is baby #9 for Julie so she spent a week at my house to enjoy peace and quiet while she got acquainted with this precious little one. I have a new addition to my household too, a gray and black striped cat named "Sassy." We like each other fine - in fact you might say she is the "cat's meow."

May your Christmas and New Millennium be filled —

With Love,

Helen

Christmas 2000

Victory Chapel

Christian Renewal Center
22444 N. Fork Rd. S.E.
Silverton, Or. 97381

Thanks be to God ! He gives us
the VICTORY through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

1Cor. 15:57



Dear Friends,

Victory chapel sits just above my house here at CRC & I enjoy it's benediction on my household. The memorials for Leigh that many of you sent went into it. The staff and many of our guests pray for victory in the lives of our children and loved ones, as well as ourselves.

Last spring it was good to fly to Minneapolis to visit my sister Ann and then to go to South Dakota with Pearl Edyth and spend time with each of Leigh's families. That was a joy.

Next was the trip to Lindsborg, Kansas with the Augustines and the 3 Overaa girls where I enjoyed visiting with so many of you at the East Africa reunion. So good to renew old friendships.

The seven weeks of family camp here at CRC went fast and it was fun to help the guests with making sand blasting plaques, stenciling leaves on T-shirts, rubber stamping or making Glory rings. I also read stories from "Touched by an African Soul " on Wed. afternoons.

I got a little braver this fall and drove to the coast by myself to stay with Bob & Bobby Johnson in their camping trailer. This was north of Tillamook and we enjoyed lovely walks and talks.

Then in Oct. I drove myself to Tacoma to spend a couple of days with Phil, Pasty, Emily and Elizabeth. Also got to see Josh & Darveena and John & Crystal.

John & Crystal will be having a baby soon. My first great-grandchild.

Then on through the traffic to Marty's. The reason I took my car, was Marty was having surgery and I wanted to be able to get back and forth from the hospital, run errands and etc. Marty did fine and so did I with the driving. I got to see Bradleigh in his 5th grade play about Columbus. I miss seeing the grandkids school plays, choirs and ballgames. I took Mark to work several days, and was happy to go with him to his church on Sun. night.

I had been up to see the kids in Aug. and Bradleigh came back with me on the train to spend a week at family camp. I also got to see him race his jr. dragster over at Woodburn. Both Marty and Phil were down in the summer.

I am not brave enough to drive up there in the winter so I will take the train on Dec. 20th. I will spend time with Phil and family and then go on up to Marty's on Dec. 23rd. til Christmas day. I will come home on the 26th in order to get ready to fly to Palm Springs, Cal. on New Years. Margaret Wickstrom a good friend from PLU days and I are renting a mobile home in Sky Valley, Desert Hot Springs, Cal. For the month of Jan. Then we will rent a car to drive over to Phoenix for a week.

I have joined Immanuel Lutheran in Silverton and I enjoy singing in the choir and singing hymns again.

May God grant you Victory in Him in the coming year!

Love, Helen

Have a Blessed Christmas

Letter from Helen Spencer

Bradleigh spent 2 weeks this summer with me here at CRC. He enjoys Family camp and playing with a good buddy.

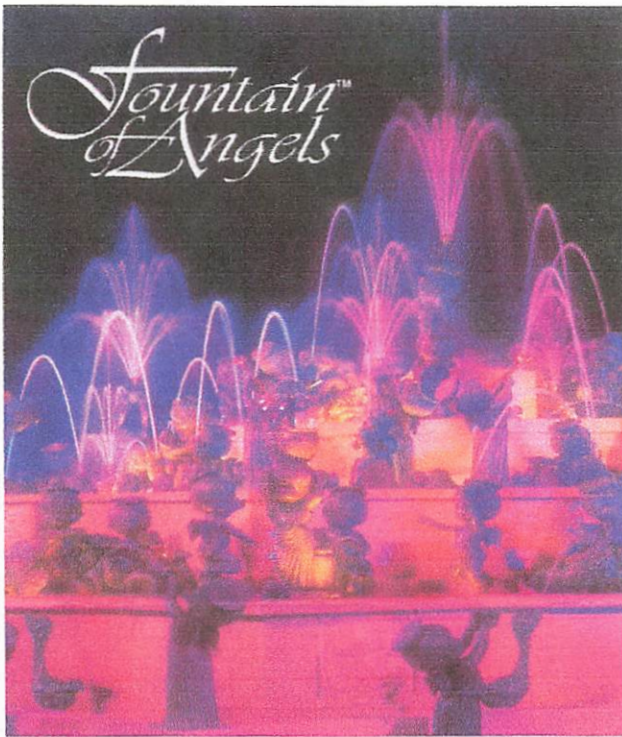
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I appreciate my home here so much and would love to have you come & enjoy it with me.

Have a Blessed Christmas & a Peaceful new year.

*Love,
Helen*





Christmas 2001

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the Angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the new born king.

Dear ones all,

My sister, Ann & I just returned from a great bus trip to Branson, MO. Our first stop was overnight in Carthage, MO where we were thrilled with a performance of the Fountain of Angels. This letter shows postcards of these Precious Moments. In Branson we saw 6 great shows in 5 days. The tour group we were with is a Christian group out of Minneapolis and they surely took good care of us GMAE (Greater Minneapolis Association of Evangelicals)

I started this year by spending 5 weeks at Sky Valley Resort Desert Hot Springs, CA. Margaret Wickstrom, a friend from PLU days and I rented a mobile

home there and enjoyed snow birding very much. I went over to Sun City, AZ the last week to stay with my brother, Jim & Leigh's Sister-in-law, Beth. Good visits with them and friends from Comm. Church of Joy.

Then in June my friend, Joyce Hanson & I went on a 10 day Prayer Cruise with Bjorn & Phyllis Pedersen. We did prayer walking in Stockholm, Helsinki, St Petersburg, Tallinn, Estonia, Gdansk, Poland And Oslo. It was a thrill to see the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. We only saw a few of the 3,000,000 art pieces there.

Besides these trips I did manage to get up to Tacoma & Bothell to see my kids & Grandkids. Josh, grandson # 1, got married to Darveena on July 7th so that was a highlight. John now has a little girl, Destiny. Her mother is Crystal.

I will go to Tacoma on the train on Dec. 20th and spend 2 days with Phil & Patsy, Emily (age 7) & Elizabeth (age 4). I will see the boys, Darveena, Crystal & Destiny. Marty will come to get me on Sat. and I'll spend Christmas with her, Mark and Bradleigh.

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Love,
Helen





John Marvie



Ruth Marvie



Richard Morris on his way to
a parade following the 1978
Blauer Family Reunion



Richard and John Morris
get into a conversation with
Howard Yerington at the 1978
Reunion.

Erny Campbell, sister of
Kinner Woodcock gave
Michael water in a
Communion at the 1978
Blount Family Reunion



Margaret Galt
used to make the
family directory
for 1979.



Paul Lischer, 76 Former Wapello Resident, Dies

Wapello— Paul Lischer, 76, former resident of Wapello, died Friday at his home at Phoenix, Ariz., of a heart attack, according to word received by relatives here.

Mr. Lischer was born at Columbus City, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lischer. He married Mabel Wiederrecht of Wapello, who survives, along with a daughter, Mrs. Jean Hempstead of Huston, Minn.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Martha, Sophia and Mrs. May Miner, a brother, Andrew, and his first wife, the former Nell Seeds of Mediapolis.

Mr. Lischer lived in Wapello for a number of years and was a member of the firm of Lischer Brothers, proprietors of a poultry and egg business. He had been a resident of Phoenix the past 20 years. Since living in Phoenix he owned and rented several apartment houses.

Funeral services and burial will be at Phoenix.

DECEMBER 27, 1951

Woods-Morris Vows Spoken At Wapello

Virginia Frances Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moore of Fulton, Missouri and Robert W. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris of Letts, were united in marriage Sunday, December 23, at 2:30 in the afternoon at the Methodist church in Wapello. The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. L. E. Tinker.

They were attended by Mrs. Marrian Williamson and Richard Morris, brother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. B. L. Christie at the organ played nuptial music and accompanied James Wiederrecht, cousin of the bridegroom who sang "O Perfect Love." The ushers were John D. Morris, Columbus Junction and Harlan Wiederrecht, brother and cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a suit of dusty rose, with matching accessories and a large purple orchid.

The matron of honor was attired in a grey suit with matching accessories. Her corsage was of pink and red roses.

A reception for one hundred guests was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The table was centered with a three tiered cake which was served by Mrs. Harlan Wiederrecht. Mrs. Kermit Campbell poured. Mrs. Marjorie Jack, sister of the bridegroom, was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. John Morris and Mrs. James Wiederrecht were in charge of the gifts.

The bride has been a resident of Wapello for several years. For some time she served as receptionist for Dr. H. E. Hoover, dentist, and the past 18 months has been employed in the State Bank of Wapello. The bridegroom has been engaged in farming since graduating from the Wapello high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris left later for a wedding trip to the south and for a visit with the parents of the bride at Fulton. They will reside next spring on a farm near Letts.



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Mr James Blauer
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Newport Beach CA.

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I don't know how one
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My brother Richard Morris
(we live together) Had operation
last March. Colon Cancer
He is now on Chemo-
is doing real well. Has
a Colostomy - gets on long
with that fine. He is out
and doing every day.

Glad your father is so
well.

The rest of us are

fine - I will be 85
in May - But think I'm
60 - altho I do go to
bed early - always do take
lots of sleep. 9⁰⁰ finds
me under the covers -

Merry Christmas

Cousin
Marjorie Jack



Christmas 99

Dear Cousin Jim.

It is always so
good to hear from you,
and here thank you for
all you have done
for the "TREE".

With Connie and Paul
Stamler gone - Jim is almost
wife Lucille is in a Nursing
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Christmas 79

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Dear my dear
My dear Peter an evening
from Manhattan to Burlington - about
50 miles with Horace K. Robbins
across a mountain - So it looks
like things aren't shape up
very good for year 2000
and the next generation
about taking much interest
of your things change -
This is different to your old
for lot of years that all in
the film

(I see I made another paper

think an other way of saying -

not having a lot in mind -

Postcards to you

and your father

My dear Frank

Christmas 2000

Dear Cousin Jim

I am sorry I haven't written to you sooner - I hope

is different for me now.

I am living out here on the farm

alone - My son Jerry comes every

day - and does anything to be alone

and as near the grass like every

year's sleep all summer. I drive

my car but only to town and

nothing else.

Back had had cancer

16 years - 1st Prostate - in 84

Took all radiation possible after

surgery - 10 back left in incision

He thought that very bad - was

on a jug every night - then 9 yrs

ago had colon cancer and a

colostomy - He took care of that

in a while - 18 mo of chemo -

quite that a yr ago in Nov. as

it wasn't doing any good any more

in the liver

He was really off his feet
the last 2 weeks - I even had
to have Morphine. Died here
at home. He got his wish
to die at home and not have
to suffer. He had lots of friends
and they were so good to come
visit.

We had a lovely service
the special music was by the
Mens Chorus of which he was
a Charter member. 17 singers - they
were really good.

I am very lonely - We
lived together all our lives.
I was 6 when he was born
I even named him. He died in
the same bed in the same room
my (our) Mother died 31 years before.
He had a very strong faith. I
wish every one knew Jesus like
he did.

Bless you for what you have done
for the Blauer family
Marjorie Jack

Richard L. Morris

Richard Lewis Morris, age 79, rural Wapello, died at his home Thursday morning, June 8, 2000, after a 16 year battle with cancer. He succeeded because of his manner of living a productive and upbeat life during this period and throughout his entire life. He was a friend to all, all were his friends.

He was born December 13, 1920, at Wapello, Iowa to G. W. and Lola Wiederrecht Morris. He graduated from Wapello High School in the class of 1941. He was a life-long farmer, retiring in 1995.

Richard was passionate in his love of life, of friends, of his fellow man. One of his passions was his love for music, singing with quartets and choruses. Another was his involvement in collecting, restoring and showing antique and classic automobiles; he did all of his own restoration work, and was awarded top honors in Iowa and national events. He was a member of the Southeast Iowa Antique Car Club and the National Antique Car Club, the Old Keck Theater Players and Men's Chorus of Wapello, the Old Threshers Reunion of Mt. Pleasant, and in earlier years the Louisa County Flying Club. He was a born again Christian of Protestant faith.

Survivors include his sister, Marjorie Morris Jack of Wapello; two brothers, John David and Ruth Morris of Washington and Robert W. and Frances Morris of Muscatine; two nephews,

Jerry Jack of Wapello and Davis Morris of Story City; three nieces, Marilyn Max of Hickory, North Carolina, Jennifer Jacobs of Sperry, and Sandra Hafner of Sperry; nine great-nieces and nephews; a great-great nephew; a great-great niece; plus many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin brother and sister.

The funeral ceremony for Richard Morris was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 2000, at the Dudgeon-McCulley Funeral Home at Wapello with the Rev. Harlan W. Winter officiating. John Morris presented a eulogy and memories written by Jeff Jack. Music included the Men's Chorus of Old Keck Players singing "Steal Away" and "The Lord's Prayer". Kathleen Hagele provided organ music and the congregation sang "Let's Just Praise The Lord". Burial followed at the Harrison Cemetery, rural Wapello. The casket bearers included Robert Hook, Dean Parish, Terry Gillette, Harlan Hayes, Maurice Schmeiser and Ed Yotter. Honorary bearers were Gale Singleton, L. E. Parish, Don Sorensen and John Dykstra.

Open visitation was Saturday afternoon and evening at the funeral home.

A Memorial Fund has been established for the Christina Moon Fund of 3071 Barkley Ave., Warrenville, Illinois 60555.

The Wapello Republican, Thursday, June 15, 2000

***I SAID A PRAYER
FOR YOU TODAY***

**I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard —
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind) —
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small —
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!**

Everyone is invited to join the family at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church following the committal service.

RICHARD LEWIS MORRIS

**December 13, 1920
Wapello, Iowa**

**June 8, 2000
Wapello, Iowa**

**79 years AGE
5 months 25 days**

FUNERAL CEREMONY

**Sunday June 11, 2000 3:00 PM
Dudgeon-McCulley Funeral Home
Wapello, Iowa**

**MINISTER ORGANIST
Rev. Harlan W. Winter Kathleen Hagele
EULOGY BY MEMORIES WRITTEN BY
John Morris Jeff Jack**

**SPECIAL MUSIC ✦
Old Keck Men's Chorus**

CASKET BEARERS

**Robert Hook Dean Parish
Terry Gillette Harlan Hayes
Maurice Schmeiser Ed Yotter**

HONORARY BEARERS

**Gale Singleton L.E. Parish
Don Sorensen John Dykstra
Raymond McCulley**

INTERMENT

**Harrison Cemetery
Wapello, Iowa**

We thank you for the love and support you have given to one another by your presence at the visitation and/or funeral ceremony.

At the time of grief, it is important for family and friends to be reassured that you care.

Dudgeon-McCulley Funeral Home

'Because We Care'

Since many vehicles now have automatic day lights, the State of Iowa wishes for all funeral procession vehicles to use the flasher warning lights for better identification and safety.

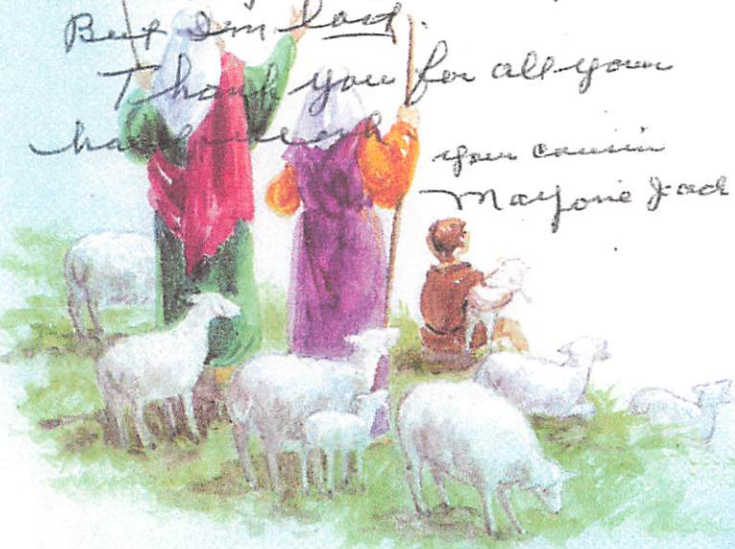
*Wishing you
and your loved ones
the blessings of this holy season!*

*Thank you for the good letter
and update*

*I was sure I sent you
about Dick passing anyway*

*He died 6/8/2000. I
miss him so much but he fought
cancer for 16 yrs one kind or another
took chemo 16 mos. Died here at
home only had fast 10 days - no pain
Rest in peace.*

*Thank you for all your
help and support
your cousin
Maryone Jack*



The Christmas Story according to Luke

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem...To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

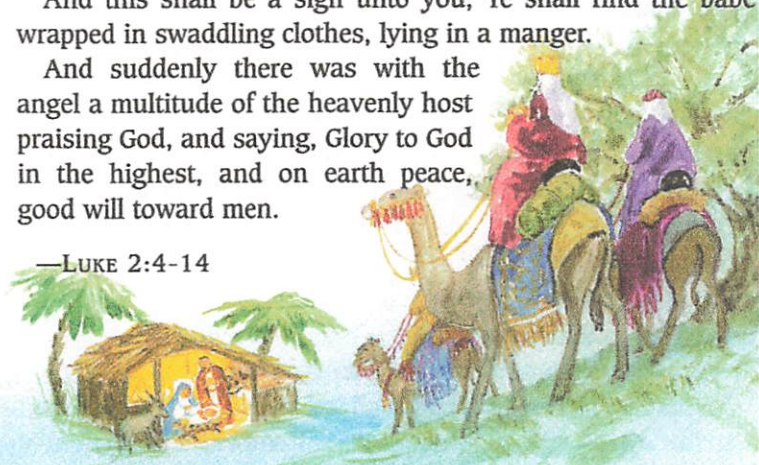
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—LUKE 2:4-14



Family #10

Richard L. Morris

born Dec 13 1920

died June 8 2000

6/9/00

One of the first things that comes to mind for many of us when we think of Richard was his life long love for the automobile and his great collection of old cars. I think many of us picture a man who was always grinning ear to ear as he drove one of his many cars around while waving at everyone. He enjoyed everything about cars from learning the history behind each and every one to working on them and driving them. Richard enjoyed a lot of things in life and they went hand in hand with each other. Naturally he enjoyed traveling since it would often involve driving, but he enjoyed traveling by other means as well. Boating was something that he always enjoyed through out his life from running on the river and lake in his Woody in his earlier years to the slower pace of his pontoon boats in the former years. And then there was flying which was yet another method of getting from place to place that he really enjoyed because it offered a whole different perspective of the world and looking at the beauty of nature. Richard was a nature lover, he always liked trees and animals, he liked spending time in the timber making trails and burning brush which was just a good excuse to have a cook out with family and friends. In the later years he had an opportunity to do some singing in some of the plays he was in which gave him an opportunity to once again enjoy something that he had enjoyed so much in his school days.

Richard farmed all of his life and lived within a two mile radius of where he started and finished life. Everything about his home and surroundings remained very constant through out his life. Not only did he tread on the same territory for life he lived under the same roof with his only sister for life. His older sister Marjorie watched after her youngest brother when he was a youngster and in his final days as well. They did life together from start to finish all seventy nine years.

I knew the man quite well because he was a grandfather figure to me. My father and I both grew up under his great influence through out our lives and the three of us worked together farming for a number of years. He was an uncle and a great uncle to my father and I. Often in my presents he would introduce himself as my great uncle then claim that I denied the part about him being so great, but it was all in fun. The truth of the matter is he was one of the greatest men I ever knew. I never met anyone more generous or concerned about the well being of others than Richard. He treated everyone he met as if they were a brother or sister and practically speaking I never heard a harsh word come from his mouth. I also viewed him as one of the most successful people I knew. He did his share of helping others when he had a chance but he also kept his life clean and free from getting to cluttered with busy work. He never got caught up in putting on a showy front that robbed him of opportunities to be available for others when he was needed. He seemed just as content to enjoy other peoples accomplishments as he did his own.

everlasting difference to anyone, but he sure hoped that sharing his need and acceptance of a personal savior might make an eternal difference to someone else as it did for him.

My Great Uncle Richard asked me to write about him and only briefly mention things like his cars. The number one thing he asked me to convey was the importance and value of his faith. Every aspect of who he was stemmed from that foundation of having a personal savior in Jesus Christ. Perhaps it could be equally important to share some of his steps he took coming to faith. I had heard the story several times of how he struggled at times trying to comprehend that salvation was a free gift for the asking and receiving. He always found himself stuck on the performance treadmill and never knowing if he had done enough or done it well enough to qualify. There was never any contentment to this because he never knew where he stood no matter how much he had done. After too much anguish over this unsettled issue he decided to end it once and for all. He was mowing the yard at the time when it all came clear to him. Struck and emotionally overwhelmed by the understanding of how simple it really could be he found himself knelled down in the grass crying like a baby, he had come to the point of willing to accept the free gift of salvation for the asking and willingness to receive it. From that day on he had an inner peace and contentment and never again found himself pondering over issues like "have I done enough or have I done it well enough". Now you know where that ear to ear grin really came from as he drove his car around waving at people.

I am sure going to miss my Great Uncle and life long friend but it will only be for a short period of time. He also taught me that all losses that mattered were only temporary and that the choice I made in life would validate that or void it. All of life comes down to saying one of two little words, yes or no and to ignore it implies a response of no.

In closing I wish to point out two very indisputable facts that should stir some serious thoughts in all of us and make us wonder about the claims in the Bible. Every one will pass in time, no exceptions. and we will be deceased for many many more years than we were alive. Doesn't this merit serious thought about what lies beyond the grave. There is one little phrase that we all have heard or used not knowing it actually held the one true secret to all of eternity, "Its not what you know but who you know" Do you know who Jesus Christ is? There is your "million dollar question" another phrase we all know.

*Written by Jeff Jack
Great Nephew of Richard*