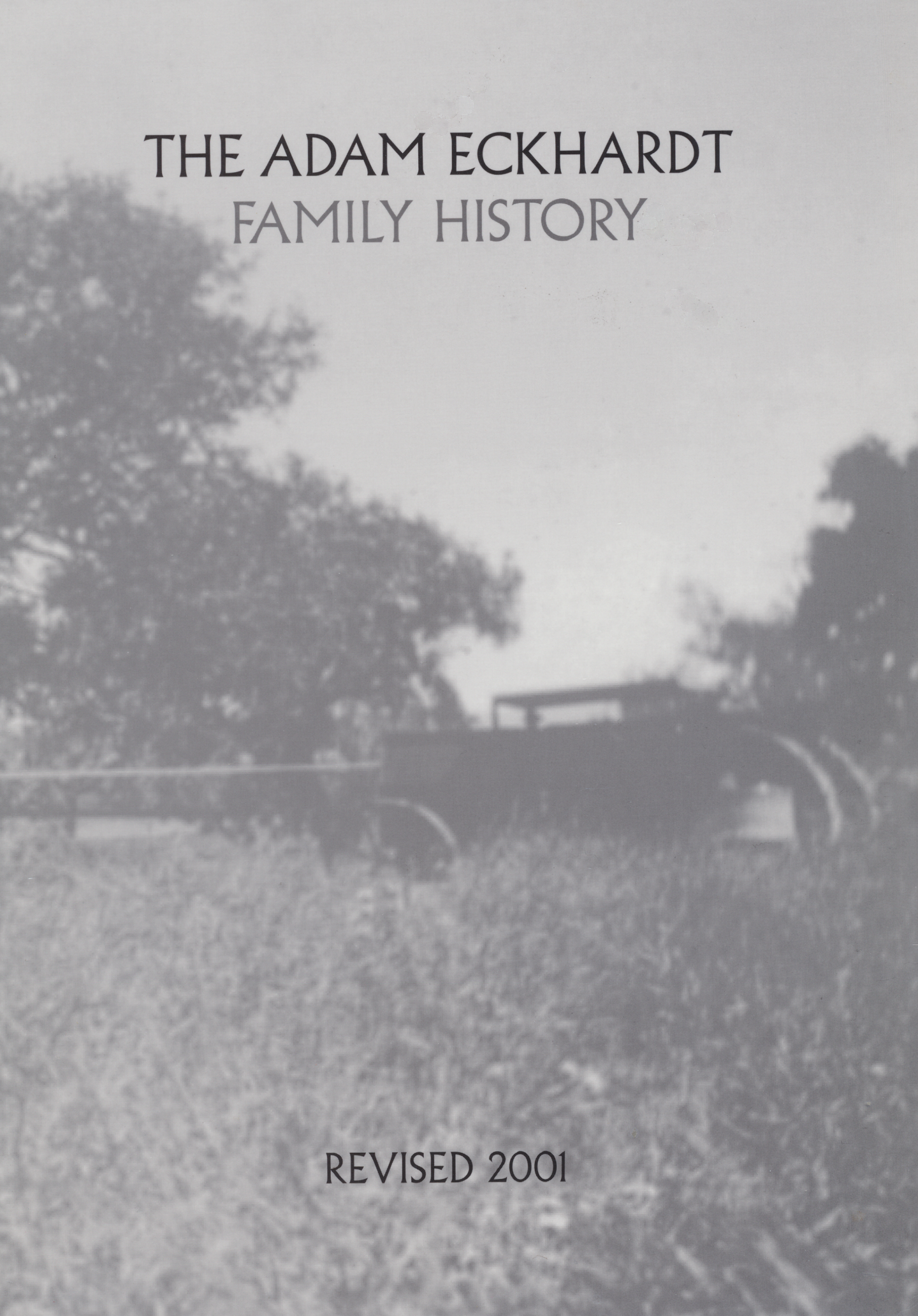




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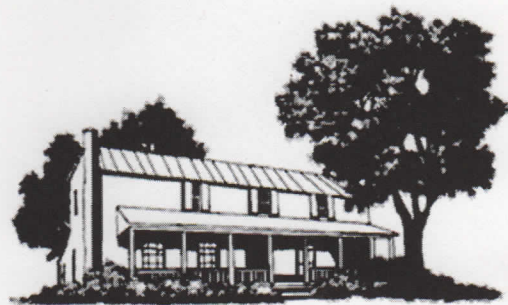


*Dedicated to  
the pioneering spirit that lives on in  
the descendants of  
Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt.*



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# Foreword

Fifty years ago, when the descendants of Adam Eckhardt first gathered beneath the oak trees in Fredericksburg to celebrate family, a tradition was born. Half a century later, we still gather beneath the oak trees in Fredericksburg to reunite with loved ones, tell stories, eat great food, and have fun. A lot has changed since that first reunion...or has it?

Pause for a moment and imagine what planning must have been like for the first one. Someone suggested, perhaps at a Sunday dinner, that it might be a good idea for the Adam Eckhardt families from everywhere to converge and celebrate their heritage. Next a place was needed. Only the tiny Texas town of Fredericksburg would do. There were plenty of picnic parks around and it was a "center point" on anyone's roadmap.

Next, the planners needed to choose a date. Four words describe the choice: Summer, August, Texas, Hot. Barring the heat, what better time for food and fun with family?

Next, food was needed and lots of it. The food of choice? Barbecue, of course. Many would argue that it wouldn't be a reunion without the barbecue, flies or no flies. Besides, what other food takes as long to prepare, giving its cookers (and tasters) ample time to sit and catch up, draws people in for miles around and fills them up?

And what would a reunion be without games? It was summertime, and the game of choice was horseshoes, usually early, so the shoes wouldn't get left to bake in the sun (ouch). This way, game strategies could be properly analyzed over the barbecue. (This "Eckhardt" certainly has his share of great memories of water balloon toss and seed-spitting contests. Then there was "Eckhardt Trivia", Bingo, "Who drove the farthest to get here?", and "Pick a door prize".)

After a few years of this "meeting, greeting, picture taking and story telling", it was time for someone to start writing all of this history down. Reuben Eckhardt was the first to take on this awesome responsibility. By 1959, with help from family and friends, he produced the first version of our Adam Eckhardt Family History. Nearly twenty years later, Alton and Jackie Eckhardt added more research and updated the "continuing story". It has been a great source of family history for many years and a coveted door prize at past reunions.

And now we have the 2001 edition of our family history. It is the next chapter in our rich and diverse story, filling in the new where the old left off. It is a snapshot in time, a labor of love, a work in progress.

Much has changed since that first reunion. We meet in October now, in a different pavilion, in another part of the park. We carry bottled water, talk on cell phones, own digital cameras, eat with plastic picnic-wear and discuss "the web". Stop for a moment, put down your barbecue plate, and take a look around. We still get together to celebrate our heritage. Perhaps it isn't so much the man, Adam, that we celebrate, but the simple way he lived and the value that he placed on family above all else. Auf Wiedersehen and enjoy the book.



# THE ADAM ECKHARDT FAMILY

**Adam ECKHARDT (29 Oct 1852 - 10 May 1913)**  
& Wilhelmina HABENICHT (ECKHARDT) (6 Aug 1852 - 9 Jan 1905)

**Amalia ECKHARDT (3 Nov 1877 - 11 Dec 1898)**

**Albert ECKHARDT (28 Jul 1879 - 23 Jan 1951)**  
& Barbara BAUER (ECKHARDT) (SPAIN) (13 Jun 1898 - 17 Mar 1988)

**Lina ECKHARDT (GARDNER) (11 May 1881 - 28 Jan 1963)**  
& John Charles GARDNER (17 Jan 1880 - 26 Oct 1947)

**Emil R. ECKHARDT (2 Oct 1883 - 10 Jun 1918)**  
& Anna ALTHAUS (ECKHARDT) (CLEMENS) (12 May 1887 - 12 Oct 1957)

**Reinhold Heinrich ECKHARDT (28 Oct 1885 - 17 Apr 1961)**  
& Lenora Clara GROBE (ECKHARDT) (17 Jan 1892 - 20 Dec 1976)

**Hugo A. ECKHARDT (7 Dec 1887 - 27 Jun 1954)**  
& Marie Clara FEUGE (ECKHARDT) (17 Apr 1895 - 27 Sep 1968)

**Meta R. ECKHARDT (HEIMANN) (14 Mar 1891 - 30 Apr 1950)**  
& Alfred C. HEIMANN (7 Dec 1890 - 12 Oct 1973)

**Emilie ECKHARDT (WILLMS) (30 Jan 1893 - 21 Jul 1973)**  
& Tobias (Toby) Emil WILLMS (25 May 1891 - 10 Oct 1985)

**Oswald ECKHARDT (6 Nov 1896 - 7 Oct 1968)**  
& Ernestine DUECKER (ECKHARDT) (19 Mar 1899 - 4 Aug 1985)



*Heinrich and Regina Eckhardt*



*Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt*

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE ECKHARDT FAMILY

Great excitement reigned in various sections of Germany during the years of 1830 to 1850, as glamorous reports came to the people telling of the wonders of this land of America and of the State of Texas. Many families packed their belongings and ventured to this new country to find relief from the oppression felt in Germany.

One German Nobleman, Prince Carl Solms-Braunfels, who was a first cousin of Queen Victoria of England and of Emperor William I of Germany, and a stepson of King George I of Hannover, was appointed Commissioner General of the colony which was to settle in Texas. Accordingly, the first of these immigrants came over with the Hamburg Ship 'Herschel' and landed in Galveston, Texas, in November 1844. They were transported to New Braunfels by oxen and ox-carts, and from there they moved on to another grant of land in and around the present town of Fredericksburg.

Prince Solms left these colonists after each had been given a tract of land for his own, and returned to Germany. His successor was John O. Meusebach, who worked tirelessly to help these colonists get settled and make a home for themselves in this wilderness.

John O. Meusebach appointed a Mr. Bene to help direct an expedition of thirty-six men from New Braunfels to open a temporary road to the newly picked site on the north side of the Pedernales River. For shelter they tried to build a log cabin, but before it was completed they ran out of food and had to go back to New Braunfels.

On April 23, 1846, a procession of twenty ox wagons and two-wheel carts proceeded to the present site of Fredericksburg. These carts and wagons were loaded with one hundred twenty men, women and children and their belongings as well as eight United States soldiers.

Their last camping ground before they were to arrive at their destination was about five miles from Fredericksburg on the Pedernales River. Here one of the members shot a big bear which was a big excitement for all and made everyone happy for now they knew a feast was in store.

This trip from New Braunfels to the present site of Fredericksburg lasted sixteen days. They arrived on Friday evening, May 8, 1846, where there was no sign of civilization except that unfinished log cabin. All was a dense forest of trees and brush.



Fredericksburg was named in honor of Prince Frederick from Prussia who was a member of an association protecting German immigrants going to Texas.

Heinrich Eckhardt, who was born June 13, 1821, in Herrzogtum Nassau in Amt-dielanburg in Steinbruk, Germany, was among these first colonists.

Regina Zimmer Gold, who was born September 29, 1820, in der Rhineprovince Greis Simmern in Gluthen-bath, Germany, and who was left a widow with two small sons, Peter Gold, Jr., and Jacob Gold, Jr., and an expectant mother, was married to Heinrich Eckhardt shortly after the arrival of little Adam. He was then baptized Eckhardt. Accordingly, Adam Eckhardt should have carried the name Gold.

Heinrich Eckhardt and his wife, Regina, made their home about two miles out of Fredericksburg where they were engaged in farming. Heinrich died at the age of seventy-nine years in 1900. His wife died several years earlier.

Adam Eckhardt was born October 29, 1852 in Fredericksburg, Texas, and was married to Miss Wilhelmina Habenicht February 6, 1877. Wilhelmina was born August 6, 1852, a daughter of Heinrich and Johanna Herbolt Habenicht.

Adam and Wilhelmina built their first home in the Rheingold settlement on the North Grape Creek. It was made of logs from the surrounding woods and lime and mud was daubed between the logs to keep out the cold and rain. Here they lived for twelve years and were blessed with six children. By this time more room was needed for the family. A nice two-story rock house was built in 1889 with two rooms and hall downstairs and two rooms upstairs, still using the old log cabin for a kitchen and dining room. As the family grew larger and her aged father Habenicht came to live with them, an additional long kitchen was added to the north side. This was, in later years, the home of his youngest son, Oswald Eckhardt.

Besides being a well-known farmer, Adam Eckhardt was a good musician. He owned a good accordion and could play it well. Young folks would often gather in their log cabin for a night of dancing, while he sat in a corner playing his accordion until one or two o'clock in the morning. Favorite numbers such as waltzes, polkas, schottishes, square dances and Herr Schmid were played. The concluding numbers were always "Home Sweet Home" and "Zum Kehr Aus", which everyone danced with his date. The sweetest music that Grandfather Eckhardt made was when Isaac Wiley, a neighbor, came on rainy days with his violin wrapped in a flour sack. He would play "Arkansas Traveler" on his violin while Grandfather Eckhardt took two knitting needles and would play the accompaniment on the same violin. A few wise-cracks that can be recalled are that Wiley would ask, "Why don't you put a roof on this house?" Grandpa would answer, "When it rains, I can't and when it doesn't rain I don't need it." Another one was, "How did your potatoes turn out?" The reply was, "They didn't turn out, I had to dig them out." Albert, Hugo, and Oswald were also good accordion players when they grew to manhood. Reinhold learned to play the violin while teaching school so he could teach his pupils singing.

The Eckhardts had nine children, five boys and four girls. The children were Amalia, born November 3, 1877 and died December 11, 1838; Albert, born July 28, 1879 and died January 23, 1951; Lina (Mrs. John Gardner), born May 11, 1881 and died January 28, 1863; Emil, born October 2, 1883 and died June 10, 1918; Reinhold, born October 28, 1885 and died April 17, 1961; Hugo, born December 7, 1887 and died June 27, 1954; Meta (Mrs. Alfred Heimann), born March 14, 1891 and died April 30, 1950; Emilie (Mrs. Toby Willms), born January 30, 1893 and died July 21, 1973; and Oswald, born November 6, 1896 and died October 7, 1968.





*Hugo, Albert, Meta, Lina, Emilie, Reinhold, Oswald*

Grief came to the happy family January 9, 1905, when Grandmother Eckhardt passed away suddenly. She had been in a good humor all morning and had talked fluently with visitors and her husband. At the dinner table she gave the blessing and as soon as she had said the word "Amen" she fell back. A heart attack had ended her life. She had reached the age of fifty-two years. She was buried in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg by Rev. Zettner.

The oldest girl being married and the smallest child only nine years old made it quite a burden for the other girls to carry on the household tasks. Being brave and willing, they always managed to prepare the meals, did the washing and ironing and helped with all other chores that had to be done around the farm homes in that day and time.

On May 10, 1913, Grandfather Eckhardt passed away at his home at the age of sixty years, six months, and thirteen days, after an illness of three weeks. His remains were also brought to Fredericksburg and buried next to his wife by Rev. Schliesser.

**NOTE :** *The above sketch of the Eckhardt Family was reprinted from the original version in "The Adam Eckhardt Family History" printed in 1959.*



*The following was researched by Patricia Dennis Witherspoon. Her source was The History of the German Settlements In Texas, 1831-1861, a doctoral dissertation written by R. L. Biesele in 1930 at the University of Texas.*

Heinrich Eckhardt and Heinrich Habenicht (the fathers of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt) were among the first settlers in Fredericksburg, arriving from New Braunfels on May 8, 1846. They were two of 120 men, women and children who immigrated to Texas and moved to Fredericksburg under the auspices of the Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in Texas. The Society, formed by a group of German noblemen, purchased land in Texas and publicized their efforts to send colonists to America.

One of the Society's announcements, published in the June 16, 1884 issue of the Mainzer Zeitung, listed reasons for increased German emigration: "the displacement of manual labor by machinery, the great periodic depressions which affect commerce, the increasing poverty, caused by overpopulation and the lack of employment, the reported productivity of the land in the new country, and the hope of improving one's condition across the seas." The announcement went on to say that "the Society wants to do its part to add to Germany's honor and welfare, to find a remunerative occupation for Germany's poor, to open new markets for German industry, and to expand the German overseas trade."

All colonists wishing to travel to Texas were guaranteed homes, and reduced prices on all tools, animals, seeds and other necessities upon their arrival. They were also promised schools, churches and a hospital. An unmarried emigrant paid the Society \$120.00 to travel to Texas; a small family paid \$240.00.

It took the early Fredericksburg settlers 16 days to travel from New Braunfels to their new home in late April and early March of 1846. A band of Delaware Indians quietly watched them as they crossed the Pedernales River early on the morning of May 8, 1846.

Other immigrants arrived in the summer of 1846 and lived within the stockade built for protection from the Indians. Though precautions were taken for the immigrants' safety, the Indians around Fredericksburg were generally friendly. As the town grew, lots were surveyed and distributed to the settlers, and many chose to live on Creek Street, because of the rich black soil found there. Others built homes on the settlement's main street. Not all the early colonists survived their first months in their new homes, however, for an epidemic swept through the town in the summer and fall of 1846 and 100-150 people died.

In the fall of 1846 a church was built on Fredericksburg's main street to serve all denominations. It was octagonal and was termed the "coffee mill church" (Vereins-Kirche). The first school

classes for the town's children were held there, and the building stood on main street until shortly after 1896.

The population of Fredericksburg grew during 1847. The first privately-owned store was established, a wagon road to Austin was opened, and an important treaty with the Indians was signed. The town was also suggested as a link between two trade centers, Houston and Chihuahua, Mexico. At the end of 1847 representatives of the people of Fredericksburg drew up a petition to organize a new county. Heinrich Habenicht was a signer of this petition. In February of 1848 the State Legislature acted on the petition and created Gillespie County, with Fredericksburg as the county seat. The following November Fort Martin Scott was built and provided employment for several of the town's citizens.

Considering the purchasing power of a dollar in 1848, food prices were very high. Examples of such prices include the following:

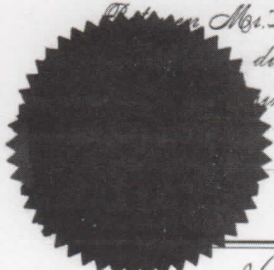
- Meat - 4 cents a pound
- Ham/bacon - 15-25 cents a pound
- Eggs - 25-37 cents a dozen
- Chickens - 37-50 cents each
- Butter - 37 cents a pound
- Flour - \$15-20 a barrel
- Coffee - 6-7 pounds for a dollar
- Sugar - 5-6 pounds for a dollar
- Rice - 5 pounds for a dollar
- Salt - 14-15 pounds for a dollar
- Corn - \$1.25 - 1.75 a bushel

In 1850 the population of Fredericksburg was 754; there were 1,235 people in Gillespie County. Each of the town's 274 families had its own home. In 1853, a year after Adam Eckhardt was born, 1,600 people lived in Gillespie County. The taxable property of the county was valued at a little over \$161,000. By 1860, when Adam Eckhardt and Wilhelmina Habenicht were both 8 years old, 2,800 people lived in the county and 1,000-2,000 were in Fredericksburg alone. 6,645 acres of land were in cultivation and almost 33,000 cattle, oxen and sheep were owned by area ranchers.

In 1860, 75% of Gillespie County was German and the children of German extraction born in Texas numbered about one-half as many as the foreign-born population. In 1877 Adam Eckhardt and Wilhelmina Habenicht were married and began a long line of native-born Americans.



 **State of Texas**  **Gillespie Co.** 

To any Judge of the County or District Court, Ordained Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, in and for said County,  
**Greeting:**  
*You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the*  
**rites of MATRIMONY,**  
*Between Mrs. Adam Eckhardt and Miss Minna Habernicht and make*  
*due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within*  
*thirty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.*  
 **Witness** my official Signature and Seal of office, at office in *Friedrichsburg* this  
*3* day of *February* A. D. 187*7*,  
*H. Binschwald*  
Deputy. Clerk Co. Court. *Gillespie Co.*

*Ch. Froch,* hereby certify, that on the *6* day of *Febr.*  
A. D. 187*7* I united in Marriage *Adam Eckhardt* and *Minna Habernicht* the  
parties above named.  
Witness my Hand, this *6* day of *Febr.* A. D. 187*7*,  
*Ch. Froch, Minister of the Gospel*

Adam and Whilhemina Eckhardt  
Marriage License  
February 6, 1877

### Mr. Adam Eckhardt.

Mr. Adam Eckhardt, a well known farmer and native of Gillespie county, died at his home at Gold on May 10th, at the age of 60 years, 6 months and 13 days, after an illness of three weeks. His remains were brought to Fredericksburg for burial, the funeral taking place Monday morning and was conducted by Rev. Schlessner.

Mr. Eckhardt is survived by eight children, namely Messrs. Albert, Emil, Reinhold, Hugo, Oswald, and Misses Meta and Emelie Eckhardt and Mrs. Lena Gardner. Also three brothers, Messrs. Henry, Louis and Adolf Eckhardt, and two half brothers, Messrs. Peter Gold Jr., and Jacob Gold Jr. The wife of the deceased gentleman died in 1905.

The funeral was largely attended, and the grave was covered with beautiful flowers by sympathetic friends. The Liederkrantz singing club sang several beautiful songs at the grave.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all those who assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved father and brother,

MR. ADAM ECKHARDT.

We especially thank Rev. H. Schlessner for the funeral service, the Liederkrantz Singing Club and all those who contributed the beautiful flowers.

THE FAMILY

*Obituary for Adam Eckhardt,  
May 10, 1913*





*Memorial for Wilhelmina Eckhardt  
January 9, 1905*

State of Texas  
County of Bexar To any person authorized by law to  
celebrate the Rites of Matrimony.

Be it known that I the undersigned  
Deputy Clerk of County Court of said County by virtue of  
the power vested in me by law do hereby grant license  
to any legally authorized person to join in matrimony  
Henry Habenicht and Johanna Harbart both of lawful  
age and residents of this County

Witness my hand and the seal of  
said County this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January  
A.D. 1848

Geo. Van Nop Deputy Clerk. S. C.

Heinrich and Johanna Habenicht  
Marriage License  
January 8, 1848



## THE HEINRICH HABENICHT FAMILY

Heinrich Habenicht was born In Gronau, Mannover, Germany on March 10, 1825. At the age of 20, he came with an organization of young men and women to America. They arrived at Indianola, Texas, in 1845 and from here went to New Braunfels. In April 1846, a number of these immigrants started out to establish a new community on the Pedernales River. They arrived and settled at the present site of Fredericksburg on May 8, 1846.

On January 8, 1848, Heinrich Habenicht and Johanna Herbort were married. Incidentally, they had to go to San Antonio to get their marriage license as Fredericksburg was at that time in Bexar County; Gillespie County was established later. Johanna Herbort was born in Germany and as a young woman came to Fredericksburg.

They purchased a farm at Luckenbach, Texas, where he engaged in farming and hauling of freight by oxen. They had five children; Christian, Elizabeth, Wilhelmina, one child died at an early age while the father was away hauling freight, and the mother died in childbirth with the fifth child.

The hardships were indeed great. Christian, as a small boy was stolen by the Indians, but was released within a few days and returned safely home.

They had been married six years when the mother died. The surviving children were cared for in the home of an uncle, Conrad Herbort.

On April 13, 1854, Heinrich Habenicht and Johanna Schultzer were married. This marriage was of short duration when she, too, died and the father was again left with his three small children.

On October 14, 1860, Heinrich Habenicht and Mrs. Johanna Kosotaska were married. To this union two children were born, Bertha and Rudolph. Mrs. Kosotaska had three children by a former marriage who were adopted into the family. They were Emma, Ernestine and Johanna. Grandmother Habenicht, as she was known to the children of Wilhelmina Eckhardt, died in 1890.

Heinrich Habenicht, who in his later years made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Eckhardt, died on August 9, 1903, at the age of 78.



**THE ORIGINAL ECKHARDT HOMESTEAD**

*Built around 1877*

*Note the elevator (ladder).*





*Photo of the original Eckhardt Homestead built in 1877  
from "The Adam Eckhardt Family History,"  
Revised Edition 1977*



*Photo of the Eckhardt Homestead built in 1889  
from "The Adam Eckhardt Family History,"  
Revised Edition 1977*

*Amalia Eckhardt*





Amalia Eckhardt

AMALIA ECKHARDT



**Amalia Eckhardt**, the first child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born on November 3, 1877, at Rheingold. She attended the Rheingold School. She was baptized on December 26, 1877 and confirmed on March 30, 1880 in Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg.

On December 11, 1898, Amalia Eckhardt died at the age of 21 years.

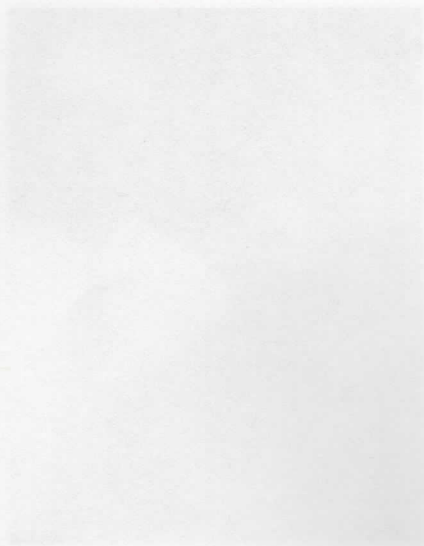


AMALIA RICHARDT



Amalia Richardt, born in 1817, was the daughter of Wilhelm Richardt, a  
merchant in Hamburg. She was educated at the Hamburg School for  
Girls and was married in 1840 to Heinrich Richardt, a  
merchant in Hamburg.

The Richardts lived in Hamburg until the year of 1848.



# *The Albert Eckhardt Family*



## THE ALBERT ECKHARDT FAMILY

Albert and Barbara Eckhardt



**Albert Lee Eckhardt**, the second child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born July 28, 1879, at Rheingold. He attended the Rheingold School and later attended Texas A & M College for one year. In his early years he was engaged in farming. He worked in a blacksmith shop for several years and later he was employed as a store clerk, bank clerk, insurance agent and salesman. He was a member of the Lutheran Church at Maxwell, Texas. He was a Mason in Johnson City, Texas.

On June 6, 1932, Albert L. Eckhardt and Barbara V. Bauer were married in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Max Heinrich from Maxwell, Texas. Rev. Heinrich and Albert were close personal friends. Albert and Barbara made their home in San Marcos, Texas, and then in Schertz.

In January 1951, Albert Eckhardt died from leukemia. He was buried in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg with Rev. Krueger of Cibolo officiating.

**Barbara Vater Bauer Eckhardt Spain**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Vater, was born on June 13, 1898 at Edenkoben, Germany. She came from Germany in 1910 to make her home with her father's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bauer at Pilot Point, Texas. She was legally adopted by them shortly after her arrival in the United States. She attended school at Edenkoben, Germany and, then Pilot Point elementary and high schools. She graduated from Pilot Point High School in 1918. After high school, she attended Teachers College at Denton, Texas, and Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas. She taught school for forty years, ten years at Post Oak; three years at Sandy; three years at Staples; nineteen years in Cibolo and Schertz, Texas, and three years in the Judson School District in Converse. She retired from teaching in 1963 and made her home in

San Antonio, Texas. She enjoyed pursuing many interests, traveling, and keeping in touch with family and friends. She loved music, playing the piano and singing. She compiled a small booklet of songs with German words that were used for community singing at Hermann Sons meetings. Barbara was a member of the Methodist Church since her childhood. She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and Eastern Star.

On February 28, 1968, Barbara Bauer Eckhardt and Alfred B. Spain were married at St. Mark's Methodist Church in San Antonio. They made their home in San Antonio.

*Alfred B. Spain* was born in Dallas, Texas on March 12, 1898. He was employed for most of his adult years with General Motors Corporation and retired from General Motors as a Senior Vice President. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and Oak Cliff Lodge No. 705, AP&AM.

Alfred passed away on March 18, 1974, at the age of 76. Funeral services were held on March 20 with Rev. W. S. Highsmith officiating. Pall bearers were Alton Haufler, Harvey Eckhardt, Alton Eckhardt, Wesley Eckhardt, Leroy Willms and Wildon Kimbrough. Entombment was in Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio.

Barbara Eckhardt Spain died at Four Seasons Nursing Home in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, March 17, 1988. Funeral services and burial were held on March 19, 1988, at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio, Texas.



San Antonio, Texas. She enjoyed pursuing her interests in traveling and keeping in touch with family and friends. She loved music, playing the piano and singing. She completed a small number of songs with German words that were used for community singing at Lutheran Home meetings. Barbara was a member of the Methodist Church since her childhood. She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and Lutheran Guild.

On February 28, 1964, Barbara passed away. She and Albert E. Eshen were married at St. Mark's Methodist Church in San Antonio. They made their home in San Antonio.

Albert E. Eshen was born in Dallas, Texas on March 12, 1904. He was educated for most of his adult years with Central Texas Corporation and served from 1928 to 1930 as a Senior Vice President. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and

United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

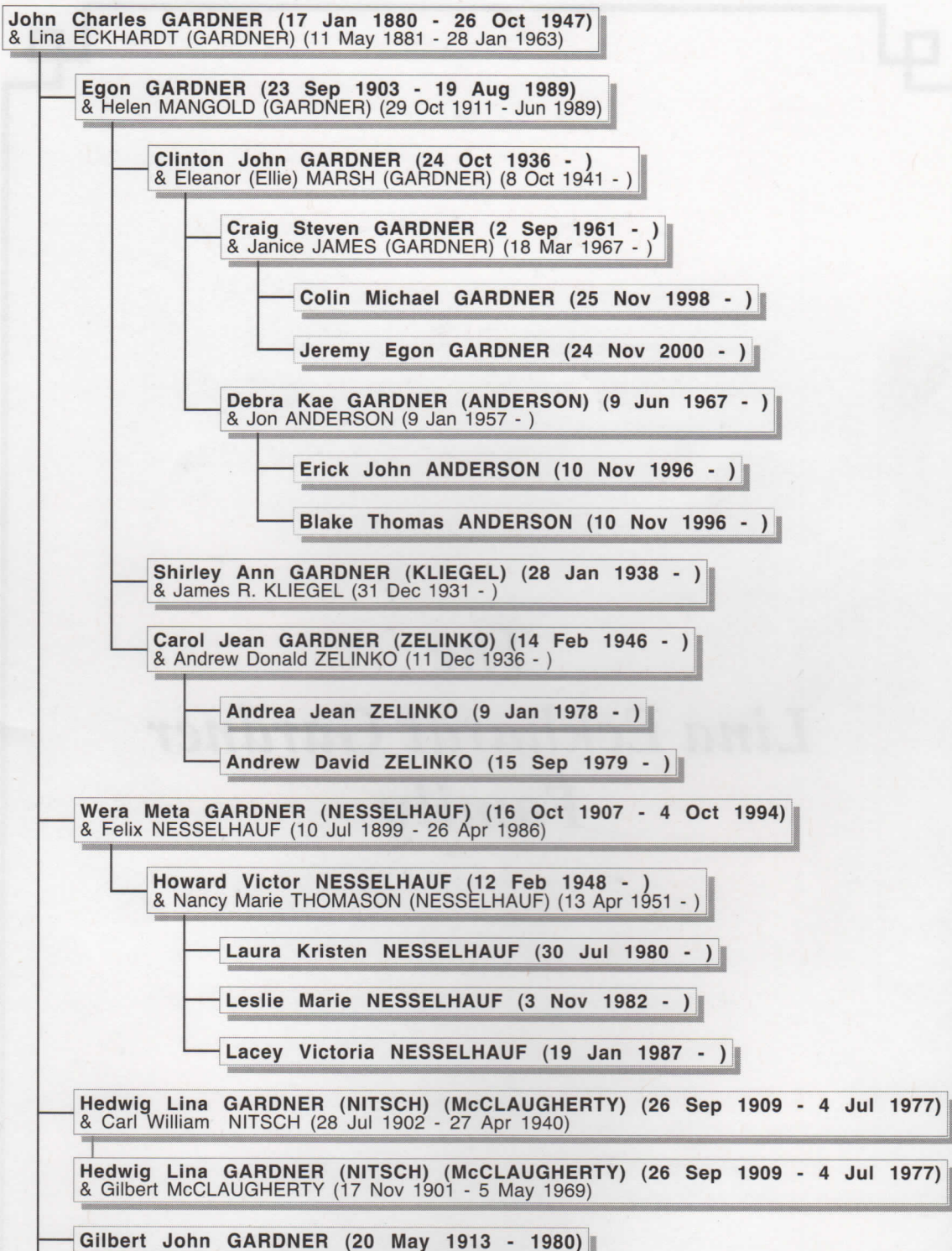
Albert Eshen was on March 12, 1904 at the age of 10. He received education from the University of Texas at Austin and the University of California at Berkeley. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

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*The  
Lina Eckhardt Gardner  
Family*





**Victor Tobias GARDNER (7 Jul 1922 - )**  
 & Ima Faye TIMMONS (GARDNER) (23 Jul 1927 - )

**Robert Victor GARDNER (24 Nov 1949 - )**  
 & Ingrid Maria Elizabeth STRIEGL (GARDNER) (2 Jul 1957 - )

**Steven James GARDNER (1 Sep 1983 - )**

**Michael Karl GARDNER (10 Sep 1984 - )**

**Phillip Victor GARDNER (10 Feb 1988 - )**

**Carol Ann GARDNER (RITTENOURE) (22 May 1951 - )**  
 & Dr. R. Lynn RITTENOURE (21 Nov 1943 - 24 Feb 1991)

**Corinne Carmel RITTENOURE (HATFIELD) (28 Apr 1977 - )**  
 & Steven Paul HATFIELD

**Ross Gardner RITTENOURE (26 Oct 1979 - )**

**David Warren GARDNER (17 Dec 1954 - )**  
 & Cathy STARZ (GARDNER) (28 Sep 1957 - )

**Jennifer Mary GARDNER (7 Jun 1984 - )**

**Brian David GARDNER (26 Nov 1986 - )**

**Janet Lynn GARDNER (GOFF) (3 Oct 1956 - )**  
 & John GOFF (26 Aug 1955 - )

**Sarah Elizabeth GOFF (6 Sep 1982 - )**

**Travis Gardner GOFF (12 Jul 1984 - )**

**Christopher Collins GOFF (15 Mar 1989 - )**

**Mark James GARDNER (21 May 1962 - )**



## THE JOHN GARDNER FAMILY

### John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner



**Lina Bertha Eckhardt Gardner**, the third child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on May 11, 1881, at Rheingold. She attended school at Rheingold.

On June 18, 1902, Lina Bertha Eckhardt and John Charles Gardner were married at Rheingold by Rev. Kuemmel. To this union five children were born: **Egon, Wera, Hedwig, Gilbert** and **Victor**. They lived at Rheingold, Johnson City and Stonewall. Lina was a member of the Stonewall Home Demonstration Club. They were members of Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

Lina Bertha Gardner died in Hill Crest Nursing Home, Fredericksburg, Texas on January 28, 1963. She was buried in the City Cemetery on January 30, 1963. Officiating was Rev. H. F. Treptow, Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas.

**John Charles Gardner**, son of Louis and Madelena Gardner, was born at Rheingold on January 17, 1880. He attended school at Rheingold. He was engaged in farming in the Rheingold community, later moving to Johnson City where he engaged in ranching. Later he moved to Stonewall where he operated his farm. He was a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, Eugene J. Hernandez Camp No. 1, San Antonio, Texas; member of Albert Singing Club and member of the Rheingold Brass Band.

On August 21, 1899, John enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Spanish-American War and Philippine insurrection. He took part in the Battle of San Jacinto, P. I., on November 11 and Tagnadan December 4, 1899, engagements at San Fabian, P.I., November 7, 1899; San Jose, P.I., 1899; Bangued, P. I., October 6, 1900; Quentin, P.I. October 25, 1900; Tagipas, P.I., December 8, 1900; Wheatonís expedition to Lingoyen Gulf, Luzon, November 5 to 26, 1899; Loganís expedition. to Santo Toman, P.I., November 8, 1899; Youngís operation in N.W. Luzon, November 27, 1899, to January 9, 1900. He received an honorable discharge from Company 1, 33rd Infantry, U.S.A. on April 17, 1901.

On October 26, 1947, John passed away suddenly of cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried on October 29, 1947, in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann.



## THE EGON GARDNER FAMILY

### Egon and Helen Gardner



**Egon A. Gardner**, first child of John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born at Rheingold on September 23, 1903. He attended school at Rheingold, Fredericksburg, Johnson City and Stonewall and in later years attended Bremerton High Night School, Long Beach California, Santa Ana Night School, and University of Southern California extension courses at Santa Ana, California.

In his early years he did farming and ranching at Rheingold, Johnson City and Stonewall. On September 9, 1930, he enlisted in the Navy and served on the U.S.S. Lexington. While in the Navy he sailed over 250,000 nautical miles and visited such interesting places as Panama, Hawaiian Islands, Canada, Tobigo Islands and several cities in Mexico. He also attended the Worlds Fair at San Diego, California, and the World's Fair at San Francisco, California.

Egon worked as a machinist at The U.S. Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, California; U.S. Naval Blimp Base; Santa Ana, California; U.S. Naval Yard, Long Beach, California; and as a Machinist Supervisor at U.S. Marine Air Base El Toro, Santa Ana, California. He enjoyed growing oranges as well. Upon retirement he took care of his own office building and restaurant. He enjoyed fishing in the High Sierras and Canada.

On November 24, 1935, Egon Gardner and Helen A. Mangold were married in St. John's Lutheran Church at Orange, California, by Rev. Boode. They made their home at Santa Ana, California. Later they lived in Vallejo for five years and finally in Tustin, California. To this union three children were born: **Clinton John**, **Shirley Ann** and **Carol Jean**.

Egon was a member of the Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg and Stonewall, Texas. In California, he and his family were members of the Lutheran Church at Vallejo and then were members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Orange, California.

Egon passed away in August of 1989 and is buried at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

**Helen A. Mangold Gardner**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mangold, was born on October 29, 1911, in California. She attended Parochial School in Orange, High School in Tustin and Orange County Business College at Santa Ana.

Helen passed away June 5, 1989, and is buried at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.



## THE CLINTON GARDNER FAMILY

### Clinton and Eleanor Gardner



**Clinton John Gardner**, first child of Egon and Helen Gardner, was born on October 24, 1936, in Orange, California. He attended Tustin Elementary School and graduated from Tustin Union School, Tustin, California. He later attended Orange Coast Junior College, Costa Mesa, California, and the University of Idaho where he received a B.S. in Business. While attending the University of Idaho he was elected president of his Fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and he also served as Treasurer for one year.

Upon graduation from the 8th grade, he received the American Legion Award and upon graduation from high school, he received the Elks Leading Knight Award. He was appointed an alternate for Naval Academy and passed the NROTC examination.

Clint retired from Farmers Insurance Group in Santa Ana, California, on February 1, 2001, after working there for 39 years. He enjoys raising Japanese Carp (fish) and is interested in WWII aircrafts. He also enjoys model trains with his grandsons.

On February 12, 1961, Clinton Gardner and Eleanor R. (Ellie) Marsh were married in Orange, California. To this union two children were born: **Craig Steven** and **Debra Kae**. They reside at 17631 Sherbrook drive, Tustin, California.

**Eleanor R. Marsh Gardner**, the daughter of Mrs. Frances Kisthart, was born on October 8, 1941, in Providence, Rhode Island. She attended Broadway Elementary School in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Rancho Alamitos High School in Garden Grove, California. She also attended Fullerton Junior College in California. She retired from State Farm Insurance in Santa Ana, California, on December 1, 2000. She enjoys spending her spare time with her four grandsons.

**Craig Steven Gardner**, first child of Clinton and Eleanor Marsh Gardner, was born September 2, 1961, in Santa Ana, California. He graduated from Tustin High School in 1978. While in high school, he played in the band and played football and baseball. He attended the University of California, Irvine and Cal State Fullerton majoring in Biological Sciences. He owns his own conference audio/video recording company.

On June 24, 1995, Craig Gardner married Janice James. They have two sons: **Colin Michael** and **Jeremy Egon**. Craig and Janice live in Costa Mesa, California.

**Janice James Gardner**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric James, was born on March 18, 1967, in Newport Beach, California. She attended Golden West College and worked as a bankruptcy administrator before becoming a stay at home mom.

**Colin Michael Gardner** was born November 25, 1998, in Irvine, California.

**Jeremy Egon Gardner** was born November 24, 2000, in Irvine, California.

**Debra Kae Gardner Anderson**, second child of Clinton and Eleanor Marsh Gardner, was born June 9, 1967, in Orange, California. She attended grades K-12 in Tustin Schools. She graduated from Cal State Fullerton in 1990. with a B.S. Degree in Child Development. She formerly worked for Farmer's Insurance, but now is a stay at home mom.

On October 9, 1993, Debra Gardner married Jon Anderson. They have twin boys, **Eric John** and **Blake Thomas**. They currently live in Tustin, California.

**Jon Anderson**, the son of Mrs. Thomas Anderson, was born on January 9, 1957, in Orange, California. He is employed as a supervisor with the County of Orange in Orange, California.

**Eric John Anderson** and **Blake Thomas Anderson**, twin sons of Jon and Debra Gardner Anderson, were born on November 10, 1996, in Orange, California.



## THE JAMES KLIEGEL FAMILY

James and Shirley Gardner Kliegel



**Shirley Ann Gardner Kliegel**, the second child of Egon and Helen Gardner, was born on January 28, 1938. She attended Tustin Elementary School, Tustin Union High School, the University of Southern California and University of California, Los Angeles. She also attended modeling and acting schools. Her hobbies and special interests are old movies, books, Japanese Haiku, Classical, Hawaiian and Japanese music, live theater, various arts, especially Oriental Art, things Japanese, and things Hawaiian.

On October 31, 1970, Shirley A. Gardner and James R. (Jim) Kliegel, Ph.D., were married in Hollywood, California. They are affiliated with Nondenominational Evangelical churches and reside at 12392 Country Lane, Santa Ana, California.

**James R. Kliegel**, son of Russell and Lucille Kliegel of Escondido, California, was born December 31, 1931, in El Centro, California. He attended elementary school in Burbank, California, and high school at Point Loma, San Diego, California. He received his B.S. in Applied Chemistry at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena in 1953, his M.S. in Chemical Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley in 1956, and his PhD in Mechanical Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley in 1959. He started and owned one of the first air pollution control companies in the United States (KVB, Inc.) Offices were located in California, New York, Texas, Florida, and Minnesota. They did air pollution control work all over the U.S. and other parts of the world. Now retired, he enjoys his hobbies, jazz music, books, old movies, Oriental and Hawaiian art and history, and doing work on his computer.

## THE ANDREW ZELINKO FAMILY

Andrew and Carol Gardner Zelinko.



**Carol Jean Gardner Zelinko**, the third child of Egon and Helen Gardner, was born on February 14, 1946. She attended Tustin Elementary School, Tustin Union High School, and Whittier College. She also attended Los Angeles College for Medical Assistants. She has worked for the State of California for over 32 years with the last 17 years being at the Department of Developmental services, Fairview Developmental Center in Costa Mesa, California.

On July 7, 1973, Carol Jean Gardner and Andrew Donald Zelinko were married at St. Joseph Church, Santa Ana, California, by Father John Sammon. To this union two children were born: **Andrea Jean** and **Andrew David**. Carol and Andy reside at 12 Morris Road, Irvine, California.

**Andrew Donald Zelinko**, the son of Andrew and Dorothy Zelinko, was born December 11, 1936, in Morris, Illinois. He attended Assumption Elementary School, Coal City Township High School, Joliet Junior College, and the University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the California National Guard. Andrew is retired from the State of California, the California Highway Patrol. He enjoys customizing both new and old vehicles.

**Andrea Jean Zelinko**, the first child of Carol and Andrew Zelinko, was born January 9, 1978, in Orange, California. She graduated from Irvine High School in 1996, and from the University of California, San Diego in La Jolla, California. She is currently attending Colorado State University to obtain her Master's Degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education. She enjoys reading in her spare time.

**Andrew David Zelinko**, the second child of Carol and Andrew Zelinko, was born September 15, 1979, in Orange, California. He graduated from Irvine High School in 1997. He attended Irvine Valley College and Rancho Santiago College. He also works at Volcom.



## THE FELIX NESSELHAUF FAMILY

Felix and Wera Gardner Nesselhauf



**Wera Gardner Nesselhauf**, the second child of John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born on October 16, 1907, at Rheingold. She attended Buffalo School, Johnson City, Junction School near Stonewall, and Stonewall School. She was baptized by Rev. G. J. Ida on December 8, 1907. Sponsors were Otilie Herber, Meta Eckhardt, Felix Eckhardt and Emil Eckhardt. She was confirmed in Fredericksburg on April 9, 1922, by Rev. K. Konzack in Bethany Lutheran Church.

From 1921 to 1939, she worked as a governess and did domestic work. Later, Wera was employed at Kelly Field as parachute rigger for two years and parachute inspector for three years. She then worked for 12 years as a cafeteria manager for the San Antonio School District. Wera was a very active member of the Women of the Church in Circle #5. She was presented the Women's Missionary Federation American Lutheran Church Life Membership pin for her work in Circle. She was a member of the Beethoven Damanchor for 30 years. She loved spending time at their Sunrise Beach lake home at Lake LBJ.

On September 22, 1945, Wera Meta Gardner and Felix A. Nesselhauf were married in St. John's Lutheran Church. To this union one son, **Howard**, was born. Wera and Felix were members of St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas.

**Felix Alvin Nesselhauf**, son of Leo and Louis Nesselhauf, was born at Boerne, Texas, on July 10, 1899. He was baptized on June 1, 1938, and confirmed on June 12, 1938. He attended Boerne School at Boerne, Collegeville School at Collegeville, Arkansas, No. 15 Smith School, #6 Lamar School, #7 Avenue E. School and Brackenridge High School at San Antonio, Texas. He repaired and serviced automobiles starting in 1917, with the exception of three years during which he was employed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, and Tinker Field, Oklahoma City. He was a member of the Beethoven Club. He loved to spend time at their Sunrise Beach lake home fishing and relaxing.

Felix died in San Antonio April 26, 1986, and Wera died in Fredericksburg on October 4, 1994. They were both buried at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio, Texas.

## THE HOWARD NESSELHAUF FAMILY

## Howard and Nancy Nesselhauf



**Howard Victor Nesselhauf**, son of Wera Gardner Nesselhauf and Felix Nesselhauf, was born February 12, 1948, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized on April 11, 1948, by Rev. Vernon Mohr. Sponsors were Hedwig McClaugherty, Helen Nesselhauf, Victor Gardner and Austin Whittle. He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School, Page Junior High and Highland High School where he played in the high school band. He was a member of St. John's Junior Choir and was a Cub Scout up through Eagle Scout. He also received his Pro deo et Patrio award from Troop 48, St. John's Lutheran Church. He attended A&M University, graduating in 1971, with a B.A. in Accounting. He was employed in financial management at the Texas Department of Health in Austin. He retired in September 1999, and has been involved with real estate investments and cattle in Jacksonville, Texas. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, water skiing and snow skiing.

On July 16, 1977, Howard Nesselhauf and Nancy Marie Thomason were married in Central Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas. Howard and Nancy have three daughters, **Laura, Leslie, and Lacey**.

**Nancy Marie Thomason Nesselhauf**, daughter of Mr. John Wylie and Irma Thomason of Jacksonville, Texas, was born April 13, 1951. She is a graduate of Jacksonville High School, Lon Morris College and St. Edwards University.

**Laura Kristen Nesselhauf** was born on July 30, 1980. She is a graduate of Austin High School, Austin, Texas, where she was a member of the band. She is currently attending Southwest Texas University studying elementary education.

**Leslie Marie Nesselhauf** was born November 3, 1982. She also is a graduate of Austin High School, Austin, Texas, where she was a member of the band. She is planning to attend the University of Texas School of Engineering.

**Lacey Victoria Nesselhauf** was born on January 19, 1987. She enjoys playing volleyball and is a member of the band. She is a freshman in high school.



## THE GILBERT McCLAUGHERTY FAMILY

Gilbert and Hedwig Gardner McCLaugherty



**Hedwig Lina Gardner McCLaugherty**, the third child of John and Lina Gardner, was born at Rheingold on September 26, 1909. She attended the Buffalo School at Johnson City, Junction School near Stonewall and the Stonewall School.

She was baptized on November 13, 1909, by Rev. G. J. Ida with the following sponsors: Mrs. Lina Herber, Mrs. Anna Eckhardt, Reinhold Eckhardt and Karl Mohr. She was confirmed on April 9, 1922, by Rev. K. Konzack in Bethany Lutheran Church.

In 1929, she started working in San Antonio as a governess. In June 1936, she was employed at Fort Sam Houston Post Quartermaster Laundry and in June 1942, was transferred to Kelly Field, Texas, in the Woodwing Section as Aircraft Woodworker and later as Pantograph Operator (Engraving) in the Machine Shop. She resigned in November 1952. During the war she took two short courses on Maintenance and repairs of airplanes at Beech Aircraft Service School, Wichita, Kansas, and Forest Product Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

On June 18, 1933, Hedwig Lina Gardner and *Pvt. Carl William Nitsch* were married by Rev. Theo. M. Haag. Mr. Nitsch was born in Morse, Wisconsin, on July 28, 1902, and was an airplane mechanic in the 68th Service Squadron. He died April 27, 1940, and was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

On December 31, 1947, Hedwig Nitsch and Gilbert Walter McCLaugherty were married at Seguin, Texas, by Justice of the Peace Herbert Forshage.

On July 4, 1977, Hedwig passed away. Funeral services were held at Zizik-Kearns-Downing McCLaugherty Funeral Home and internment was in Sunset Memorial Park.

*Gilbert Walter McClaugherty*, son of Lewis Clean and Helen McClaugherty, was born at York Creek, Texas, on November 17, 1901, and at age 6 moved with his parents to San Antonio. He attended John J. Pershing and Main Avenue High School in San Antonio. He was employed by Civil Service Commission, Post Quartermaster Laundry, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as Laundry Superintendent. He retired September 1951, after 31 years of service.

On September 29, 1919, *Gilbert McClaugherty* and *Erna Kappelmann* were married in Boerne, Texas. They were separated in October 1940.

Gilbert entered the United States Army on October 8, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and served for 24 months in the Central Pacific Area. He was discharged at Fort Bliss, Texas, on June 15, 1944.

Gilbert passed away May 5, 1969.



## GILBERT JOHN GARDNER



**Gilbert John Gardner**, the fourth child of John and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born on May 20, 1913, in the Rheingold Community. He attended the Buffalo School near Johnson City, Junction School near Stonewall, Stonewall School and the Fredericksburg High School. He was engaged in farming near Stonewall and also operated the threshing machine during the summer months. Later he was employed by the Seiberling Test Fleet in Fredericksburg. He was a member of the Albert Singing Club and the Stonewall Band. Gilbert passed away in the spring of 1980. He is buried in City Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Texas.

## THE VICTOR GARDNER FAMILY

### Victor and Faye Gardner



**Victor Tobias Gardner**, the fifth child of John C. and Lina Eckhardt Gardner, was born on July 7, 1922, at Stonewall, Texas. He attended the Stonewall Elementary School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. He later graduated from the University of Texas receiving his B.B.A. degree. Victor taught school for several years. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served at various bases in the States, and served with the troops in Germany. During the Korean War, he also served at various bases in the States and later, he and his family were stationed in Newfoundland. He was employed by the Civil Aeronautics in Fort Worth, Texas, as Staff Assistant to Regional Administrator and then at the Federal Administrator Chief Management System D.D. He retired from the Air Force as a Major in the reserves and from the FAA in 1979. After retirement they made several trips to Germany to visit Robert and his family. When home, they spend much of their time with family, especially their grandchildren.

On September 3, 1948, Victor T. Gardner and Ima Faye Timmons were married in the Presbyterian Church at Dallas, by Rev. Thomas F. Gailaher. To this union five children were born: **Robert, Ann, David, Janet, and Mark**. They live at 3913 Walton, Fort Worth, Texas, 76133. Victor and Faye are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ft. Worth.

**Ima Faye Timmons**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter James Timmons, of Throckmorton, Texas, was born July 23, 1927, at Elbert, Texas. She attended Elbert Elementary School and graduated from Throckmorton High School. Later she graduated from the University of Texas, with a B.B.A. degree.



## THE ROBERT GARDNER FAMILY

### Robert and Ingrid Gardner



**Robert Victor Gardner**, the first child of Victor and Ima Faye Gardner, was born on November 24, 1949, at Olney, Texas. He attended Crestwood Elementary School at Fort Worth, Texas; Lakeshore High School in Atlanta, Georgia; and the University of Texas, where he was enrolled in Architecture/Engineering. After graduating with an Engineering degree, he joined the U.S. Corps of Engineering. In the Corp, he worked in Construction and Appraisal Activities, and Natural Disaster Activities. He was on the honor roll at the University of Texas and a member of the National Honor Society at Lakeshore High School, Atlanta. Until recently, Robert worked for the U. S. Army as a civil engineer on the post in Bamberg, Germany. He enjoys hiking, sailing and gardening.

Robert Victor Gardner married Ingrid Maria Elizabeth Striegl on May 5, 1982, in Flossenbürg, Germany. To this union three sons were born: **Steven James**, **Michael Karl**, and **Philipp Victor**. Robert and Ingrid have lived in Bamberg, Germany, and currently live in New Jersey.

**Ingrid Maria Elizabeth Striegl Gardner**, daughter of Gustel and Emma Striegl, was born on July 2, 1957, in Germany. She likes hiking, gardening, baking and keeping up with the boys.

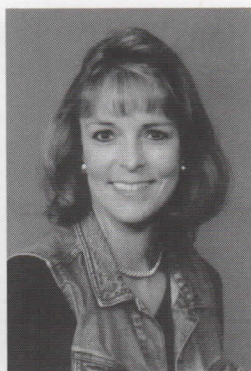
**Steven James Gardner** was born on September 1, 1983. He loves skiing and swimming.

**Michael Karl Gardner** was born on September 10, 1984. He loves to ride his bike and also enjoys swimming.

**Philipp Victor Gardner** was born on February 10, 1988. His favorite activities include swimming and soccer.

## CAROL ANN GARDNER RITTENOURE FAMILY

### Carol Ann Gardner Rittenoure



**Carol Ann Gardner Rittenoure**, the second child of Victor and Ima Faye Gardner, was born at Olney, Texas, on May 22, 1951. She attended Crestwood Elementary School and was in the National Honor Society at Lakeshore High School, Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Special Education. Ann lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is an elementary school teacher, currently teaching second grade. She enjoys snow skiing, golf, and gardening.

Carol Ann Gardner married Dr. R. Lynn Rittenoure in August 1975. Two children were born to this union: **Corina Carmel** and **Ross Gardner**.

**R. Lynn Rittenoure** was born on November 21, 1943. He died on February 24, 1991.

**Corina Carmel Rittenoure** was born on April 28, 1977, in Carmel, California. She recently earned her masters in social work at the University of Texas in Arlington, Texas. She married **Steven Paul Hatfield** on May 26, 2001. They are living in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Ross Gardner Rittenoure** was born on October 26, 1979, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is currently attending Tulsa University. He serves in the Marine Reserves.



## THE DAVID GARDNER FAMILY

### David and Cathy Gardner



**David Warren Gardner**, third child of Victor and Ima Faye Timmons Gardner, was born in Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada on December 17, 1954. He attended Elementary School in Georgia, and Southwest High School in Fort Worth, Texas. He was in the National Honor Society. He graduated from the University of Texas and received a B.B.A. in Accounting. He works in the Revenue Department at Burlington Resources. David enjoys hunting, basketball, and yard work.

On January 24, 1981, David Gardner married Cathy Starz. She is the daughter of William and Janice Starz of Fort Worth. David and Cathy have two children: **Jennifer** and **Brian**. They live in Ft. Worth and are active in Westcliff United Methodist Church.

**Cathy Starz Gardner** was born in Saddle Brook, New Jersey, on September 28, 1957. She enjoys being a homemaker, volunteering at school and at church, and gardening.

**Jennifer Mary Gardner** was born on June 7, 1984, in Fort Worth. She is a senior at Southwest High School. Jennifer is a member of the National Honor Society. She serves on the student council and is president of her church youth group. She is also a tutor for several 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. She enjoys being with her friends.

**Brian David Gardner** was born on November 26, 1986, in Fort Worth. He is a freshman at Southwest High School. Brian is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He was the middle school representative of his church youth group. He enjoys playing the trumpet and soccer.

## THE JOHN GOFF FAMILY

John and Janet Gardner Goff



**Janet Lynn Gardner Goff**, the fourth child of Victor and Ima Faye Timmons Gardner, was born on October 3, 1956, in Fort Worth, Texas. She attended Elementary School in Fort Worth and was in the National Honor Society at Southwest High School. She attended the University of Texas at Austin. Janet is a homemaker. She is involved with volunteer work at the schools her children attend and in the community.

On March 24, 1979, Janet Lynn Gardner and John Goff were married. They have three children: **Sarah Elizabeth**, **Travis Gardner**, and **Christopher Collins**. They lived in Houston, Texas, for three years and have lived in Fort Worth for the last nineteen years.

**John Goff** was born on August 26, 1955. His parents are Charlie and Janice Goff of Kerrville, Texas. John attended the University of Texas where he received his B.B.A. in Accounting. He is currently working at Crescent Real Estate as the Chief Executive Officer. He enjoys snow skiing, sailing and hunting.

**Sarah Elizabeth Goff** was born September 6, 1982. She graduated from All Saints Episcopal School. Sarah will attend the University of Georgia in Athens. She loves swimming, snowskiing, and creative endeavors.

**Travis Gardner Goff** was born on July 12, 1984. He attends Fort Worth Country Day School. His love is athletics, particularly, football, tennis, soccer, and golf.

**Christopher Collins Goff** was born on March 15, 1989. He attends Fort Worth Country Day School. He loves riding his scooter, playing tennis and soccer, and writing short stories.



MARK JAMES GARDNER



**Mark James Gardner**, the fifth child of Victor and Ima Faye Timmons Gardner, was born on May 21, 1962, in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended elementary school in Fort Worth. He graduated from Texas Wesleyan University. Currently he is the boy's varsity soccer coach at The Episcopal School of Dallas. He has also coached middle school boys' and girls' volleyball, baseball, and football. In his spare time he coaches club soccer teams for elementary children. He also enjoys hunting, golf, and attending sports events. He has lived in Dallas since 1994.

*The  
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Family*





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**Emil R. ECKHARDT (2 Oct 1883 - 10 Jun 1918)**  
 & Anna ALTHAUS (ECKHARDT) (CLEMENS) (12 May 1887 - 12 Oct 1957)

**Herman A. ECKHARDT (10 Apr 1906 - 17 Jul 1974)**  
 & Olivia IMMEL (ECKHARDT) (4 Apr 1905 - )

**Roland ECKHARDT (2 Nov 1935 - 28 Nov 1995)**  
 & Arlene Lilly LOCHTE (ECKHARDT) (3 Apr 1940 - )

**Debra Lynn ECKHARDT (CUNNINGHAM) (18 Jul 1962 - )**  
 & Michael CUNNINGHAM (5 Oct 1959 - )

**Don Adam CUNNINGHAM (2 Jun 1982 - )**

**Megan Lynn CUNNINGHAM (26 Nov 1985 - )**

**Amy Charlotte ECKHARDT (MONTGOMERY) (25 May 1969 - )**  
 & Erwin Paul MONTGOMERY (22 Mar 1966 - )

**Monica Marie MONTGOMERY (5 Apr 1996 - )**

**Christian Erwin MONTGOMERY (8 Dec 1997 - )**

**Ross Glen ECKHARDT (17 Mar 1973 - )**  
 & Katie WARD (ECKHARDT) (16 Mar 1973 - )

**Florine ECKHARDT (MITCHELL) (DAVIS) (26 Nov 1937 - )**  
 & John D. MITCHELL Jr. (25 May 1935 - Feb 1987)

**John D. MITCHELL III (19 Dec 1957 - )**  
 & Nancy MELLO (MITCHELL) (3 Nov 1947 - )

**Mark Steven MITCHELL (27 Aug 1959 - )**  
 & Harriet LACY (MITCHELL) (25 Mar 1959 - )

**William Matthew MITCHELL\*\* (31 Mar 1985 - )**

**Sarah Elizabeth MITCHELL\*\* (9 Oct 1987 - )**

**Mark Steven MITCHELL (27 Aug 1959 - )**  
 & Sherry CATO (MITCHELL) (9 May 1959 - )

**William Matthew MITCHELL\*\* (31 Mar 1985 - )**

**Sarah Elizabeth MITCHELL\*\* (9 Oct 1987 - )**

**Larry Neal MITCHELL (7 Dec 1960 - )**  
 & Tammy Lynn SORGS (MITCHELL) (9 Jan 1963 - )

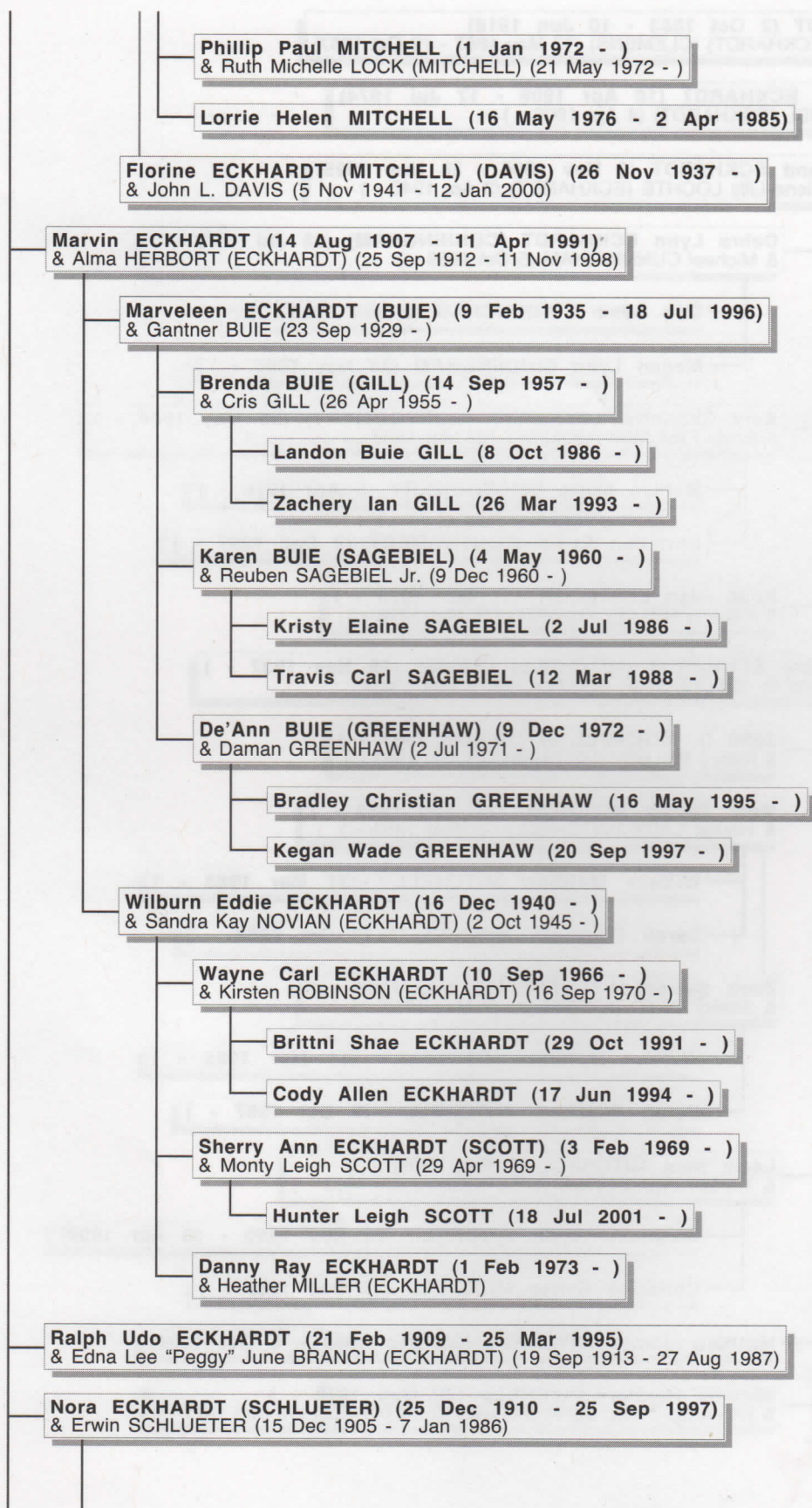
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**Christina Renee MITCHELL (13 Dec 1992 - )**

**Matthew James MITCHELL (28 Dec 1968 - 5 Oct 1984)**

**Michael Herman MITCHELL (26 May 1970 - )**  
 & Rebecca (Becky) JoAnn FLOWERS (MITCHELL) (13 Sep 1971 - )





**Roy Emil SCHLUETER (1 Nov 1931 - 3 Mar 1990)**  
& Mattie GREENE (SCHLUETER) ( - 1978)

**Connie Jean SCHLUETER (WOOD)(HORTON) (2 Apr 1953 - )**  
& William D. WOOD (26 Nov 1953 - )

**Connie Jean SCHLUETER (WOOD)(HORTON) (2 Apr 1953 - )**  
& William HORTON (17 Apr 1950 - )

**William Chad HORTON (26 Jan 1978 - )**

**Ty Allen HORTON (7 May 1980 - )**

**Cheryl Ann SCHLUETER (CANTER) (12 Jul 1955 - )**  
& Gerald William (Jerry) CANTER (21 May 1955 - )

**Cené Ann CANTER (CLEATON) (2 Oct 1979 - )**  
& Damon Patrick CLEATON (26 Feb 1973 - )

**Emma Lorine CLEATON (10 May 2001 - )**

**Andrew Michael CANTER (11 May 1986 - )**

**Chase J. (CJ) CANTER (6 Sep 1994 - )**

**Roy Emil SCHLUETER (1 Nov 1931 - 3 Mar 1990)**  
& Carolyn PATTERSON (SCHLUETER)

**Keith Kole SCHLUETER (3 Mar 1960 - )**

**Roy Emil SCHLUETER (1 Nov 1931 - 3 Mar 1990)**  
& Lucille WHITE (SCHLUETER) (13 Apr 1943 - )

**Christie Leigh SCHLUETER (1 Dec 1970 - )**

**Bradley Scott JOHNSON (30 Aug 1995 - )**

**Haleigh BROOK (19 Dec 1996 - )**

**Roy Emil SCHLUETER (1 Nov 1931 - 3 Mar 1990)**  
& Donetta PACE (McLEMORE) (SCHLUETER)

**Janet**

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**Alfred ECKHARDT (22 Sep 1912 - 12 Jul 1981)**  
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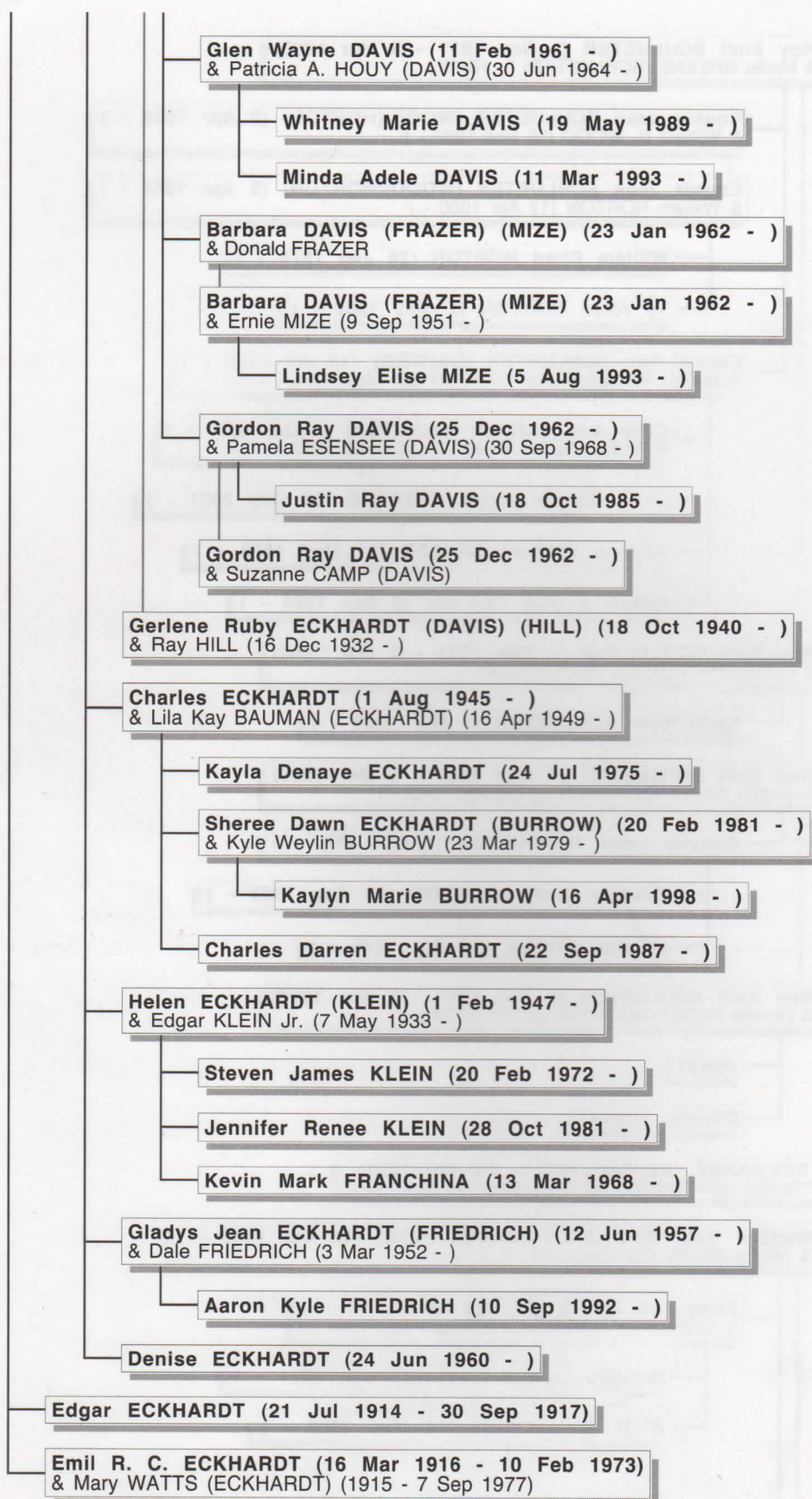
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& Merlin DAVIS (25 Mar 1937 - )

**Kirby Lee DAVIS (31 Dec 1958 - )**  
& Sharon Kay TREIBS (DAVIS) (29 Sep 1961 - )

**Bridget Suzette DAVIS (7 Jan 1981 - )**

**Brett Allen DAVIS (13 May 1983 - )**





## THE EMIL ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Emil and Anna Eckhardt



**Emil R. Eckhardt**, the fourth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born on October 2, 1883, at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold. He was engaged in farming and ranching in the Rheingold and Hye communities.

On October 24, 1904, Emil R. Eckhardt and Anna Althaus were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cave Creek by Rev. C. Ermish. To this union seven children were born: **Herman, Marvin, Ralph Udo, Nora, Alfred, Edgar** and **Emil**. They were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church at Cave Creek.

**Emil R. Eckhardt** died of pneumonia on June 10, 1918, and was buried in the Cave Creek Cemetery with Rev. E. Hanneman officiating.

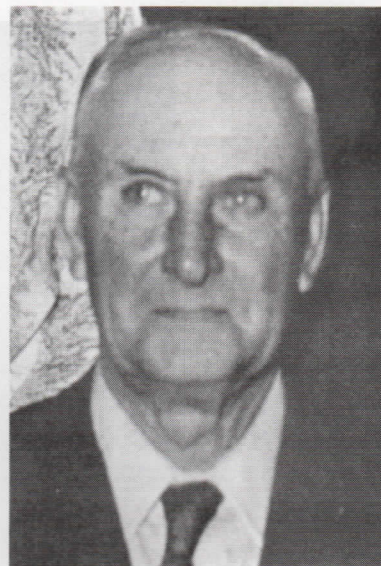
**Anna Althaus Eckhardt Clemens**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Althaus, was born on May 12, 1887, at Rheingold. She attended school at Rheingold.

On October 12, 1957, Anna Althaus Eckhardt Clemens passed away. She was buried on October 13, 1957, in the Cave Creek Cemetery with Rev. O. Lindenberg officiating.



## THE HERMAN ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Herman and Olivia Eckhardt



**Herman A. Eckhardt**, the first child of Emil R. and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on April 10, 1906, at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold and Junction. He was engaged in farming and ranching in the Hye and Albert communities, and later turkey raising and peach farming near Stonewall.

On January 14, 1934, Herman Eckhardt and Olivia Immel were married in Trinity Lutheran Church by Rev. P. Leonard. To this union two children were born, **Roland** and **Florine**.

They were members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Stonewall. Herman was very active in church work and was a church councilman for many years.

Herman A. Eckhardt passed away on July 17, 1974, of a heart attack and was buried in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery at Stonewall.

**Olivia Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Immel, was born April 4, 1905, in Hye, Texas. She attended school at Towhead. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid and was very active in church work. She currently lives in Eagle Apartments in Fredericksburg, Texas.



## THE ROLAND ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Roland and Arlene Eckhardt

**Roland H. Eckhardt**, first child of Herman and Olivia Immel Eckhardt, was born November 2, 1935, in Fredericksburg. He attended school in Albert and Stonewall and graduated from Fredericksburg High School.

Roland was in the U. S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959, and received schooling in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He served two years in Hawaii, and six months in Taiwan. He was employed as truck driver for Sunday House Foods of Fredericksburg. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and going out to the ranch.

On September 2, 1961, Roland Eckhardt and Arlene Lilly Lochte were married at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. T. J. Durkop. To this union three children were born: **Debra Lynn**, **Amy Charlotte** and **Ross Glen**.

Roland passed away on November 28, 1995. He was buried in City Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Texas.

**Arlene Lilly Lochte Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lochte, was born on April 3, 1940, in Fredericksburg. She attended school at Bear Creek and Wrede and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. Later she attended Kerrville Business College. She has enjoyed being a homemaker and caring for her family. She enjoys gardening.

**Debra Lynn Eckhardt Cunningham**, the first child of Roland and Arlene Lochte Eckhardt, was born July 18, 1962, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School. Currently Debra works in a bank in Seguin, Texas.

On May 2, 1981, Debra Eckhardt married Michael Cunningham in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union two children were born: **Don Adam** and **Megan Lynn**. They are living in Seguin, Texas.

**Michael Cunningham** was born October 5, 1959, in San Antonio, Texas. He attended schools in San Antonio and graduated from Churchill High School. After attending college he went to work as an electrician for Alterman Electric Company in San Antonio. He has an interest in aircrafts and things related to space.

**Don Adam Cunningham**, son of Michael and Debra Eckhardt Cunningham, was born on June 2, 1982, in San Antonio, Texas. He attended elementary and middle school in Geronimo and graduated from Navarro High School. He was active in the band and was a drum major. He attended Stephen F. Austin University and then transferred to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He has an interest in dramatic arts.

**Megan Lynn Cunningham**, daughter of Michael and Debra Eckhardt Cunningham, was born on November 26, 1985, in San Antonio, Texas. She attended elementary and middle school in Geronimo and is now a sophomore at Navarro High School. She is active in the band and the church youth group. She enjoys babysitting.

**Amy Charlotte Eckhardt Montgomery**, the second child of Roland and Arlene Lochte Eckhardt, was born May 25, 1969, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended schools in Fredericksburg. Amy currently works as a Registered Nurse in the Methodist Hospital System in San Antonio, Texas. She works with diagnostic equipment.

On December 5, 1992, Amy Eckhardt married Erwin Paul Montgomery in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. They have two children: **Monica Marie** and **Christian Erwin**. Amy and Erwin make their home in Boerne, Texas. They like to



travel as a family to New Mexico to do snow skiing.

**Erwin Paul Montgomery** was born March 22, 1966. As a child he lived in and traveled to many countries because his parents were in the foreign service. He graduated from Texas A&M University as a CPA. Erwin works out of his home as an insurance adjuster. He likes to hunt and do the home projects and repairs.

**Monica Marie Montgomery**, daughter of Erwin and Amy Eckhardt Montgomery, was born April 5, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas. She attends kindergarten in Boerne. She likes to travel to New Mexico with her family to go snow skiing.

**Christian Erwin Montgomery**, son of Erwin Montgomery and Amy Eckhardt Montgomery, was born December 8, 1997, in San Antonio, Texas. He participates in a pre-school program in Boerne, Texas

**Ross Glen Eckhardt**, the third child of Roland and Arlene Lochte Eckhardt, was born March 17, 1973, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended schools in Fredericksburg and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. He attended college at San Angelo State and graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a degree in Wildlife Biology. After graduation he worked in Pearsall and managed a ranch. Ross owns and operates Mueller's Feed Store in La Grange, Texas.

Ross Eckhardt married Katie Ward on October 13, 2000, in Las Vegas. They live in Bastrop, Texas.

**Katie Ward Eckhardt** was born March 16, 1973. She grew up in Missouri and later moved to San Antonio, Texas, with her sisters. Her oldest sister lives in Fredericksburg, Texas. Katie works at Talbot's at the Arboretum in Austin, Texas.

## THE FLORINE ECKHARDT MITCHELL DAVIS FAMILY

**Florine Eckhardt Mitchell Davis**, the second child of Herman and Olivia Eckhardt, was born November 26, 1937, at Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school at Albert and Stonewall. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School. Later, she attended Nixon Clay Business College in Austin and then worked as a secretary in Austin and Fredericksburg, Texas. Florine has been the Financial Manager for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce for the past 24 years. Her address is 203 East Angela Circle, Gulfport, Mississippi 39503.

On January 28, 1957, Florine Eckhardt and John D. Mitchell, Jr., were married in St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas, by Rev. Donald Saylor. To this union seven children were born: **John D., III, Mark Stephen, Larry Neal, Matthew James, Michael Herman, Phillip Paul** and **Lorrie Helen**.

**John D. Mitchell, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, was born May 25, 1935, at Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Austin High School and St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. John was with the Maritime and Marine Service. John Mitchell passed away in February 1987.

**John D. Mitchell, III**, the first child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born December 19, 1957, in Corpus Christi, Texas. John worked in the boating industry from 1977 to 1995 and is currently in the trucking industry.

John D. Mitchell, III married Nancy Melloy on October 29, 1989 in Paducah, Kentucky by Rev. Gregory Waldrop. John and Nancy reside at 31 Jill Drive, Benton, Kentucky 42025.

**Nancy Melloy Mitchell** was born November 3, 1947.

**Mark Stephen Mitchell**, the second child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born August 27, 1959, in Austin, Texas. Mark received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from South Alabama University, Mobile, Alabama, in 1983. He has been employed as a chemical engineer with a government contracting firm since 1984.

Mark Stephen Mitchell married Harriett Lacy on August 23, 1980. at Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. To this union were born two children: **William Matthew**, and **Sarah Elizabeth**. Mark & Harriett Mitchell were divorced in July 1994.

**Harriett Lacy Mitchell** was born March 25, 1959.

**William Matthew Mitchell**, son of Mark and Harriett Lacy Mitchell, was born on March 31, 1985, in Tallahassee, Florida.

**Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell**, daughter of Mark and Harriett Lacy Mitchell, was born on October 9, 1987, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On May 27, 1995, Mark Mitchell and Sherry Cato were married in St. Petersburg, Florida, by Rev. T. J. Thompson, of the First Presbyterian Church of Clearwater, Florida. This wedding was unique in that the ceremony was performed by the sea at sunrise at Binoy Park, St. Petersburg, Florida. The particular time and place was chosen to celebrate the "Dawn of a New Beginning". Mark and his family reside at 320 Tallahassee Dr., St Petersburg, Florida, 33702.

**Sherry Cato Mitchell** was born May 9, 1959.

**Larry Neal Mitchell**, the third child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born December 7, 1960, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Larry received his degree in



Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1984, and has been employed as such since then.

On October 24, 1987, Larry Mitchell married Tammy Lynn Sorgs in the Sharonville United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. Two children were born to this union: **Stephanie Lynn**, and **Christina Renee**. Larry and his family reside at 106 Rock Court, Aledo, Texas.

*Tammy Lynn Sorgs Mitchell* was born January 9, 1963.

**Stephanie Lynn Mitchell**, daughter of Larry and Tammy Sorgs Mitchell, was born on November 23, 1990, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She died on April 18, 1997 in Waco, Texas.

**Christina Renee Mitchell**, daughter of Larry and Tammy Sorgs Mitchell, was born December 13, 1992 in Waco, Texas. She attends school in Aledo, Texas.

**Matthew James Mitchell**, the fourth child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born December 28, 1968, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He died at the age of 15 on October 5, 1984, in Gulfport, Mississippi, as the result of an automobile accident.

**Michael Herman Mitchell** the fifth child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born May 26, 1970, in Many, Louisiana. Michael received an Associates Degree in Electronic Technology from Phillips College, Gulfport, Mississippi. He is employed as a telecommunications technician in Atlanta, Georgia.

Michael Herman Mitchell was married to Rebecca (Becky) JoAnn Flowers on October 23, 1993, by Rev. Randy Owen, Ramsay United Methodist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi. Mike and Becky currently reside at 2105 Mesa Valley Way, #316, Austell, Georgia 30106.

*Rebecca (Becky) JoAnn Flowers Mitchell* was born on September 13, 1971.

**Phillip Paul Mitchell**, the sixth child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born January 1, 1972, in Phoenix, Arizona.

On October 17, 1998, Phillip Paul Mitchell married Ruth Michelle Lock. They were married by Ruth's father, Howard Lock, a minister in the Congressional Methodist Church. They were married in the Missionary Baptist Church, Cades Cove, Tennessee; an historic church in the Smokey Mountains, built in 1839. Phillip and Ruth are both in the food preparation and management careers at the Cherokee Country Club, Knoxville, Tennessee. They reside at 1737 Lenland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920.

*Ruth Michelle Lock Mitchell* was born May 21, 1972.

**Lorrie Helen Mitchell**, the seventh child of John D. and Florine Eckhardt Mitchell, was born May 16, 1976, in Mobile, Alabama. She died April 2, 1985, in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Florine Eckhardt Mitchell married John L. Davis on December 28, 1988. John Davis was born November 5, 1941, in Circleville, Ohio. He was a firefighter. After his retirement from his career in firefighting, he was a salesman. John Davis passed away January 12, 2000.

## THE MARVIN ECKHARDT FAMILY

## Marvin and Alma Eckhardt



**Marvin Eckhardt**, the second child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on August 14, 1907, at Rheingold. He attended the Rheingold School and later attended the Junction School close to the Albert Church. He worked at different ranches in Gillespie County. Marvin's hobbies were hunting and fishing.

On October 5, 1930, Marvin Eckhardt and Alma Herbort were married in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church by Rev. E. A. Koerner. To this union two children were born: **Marveleen** and **Wilburn**. They moved to a farm and ranch near Fredericksburg, Texas. They were members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg

**Alma Herbort Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Herbort, was born September 25, 1912, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg. She lived all of her life on a ranch south of Fredericksburg where they made their home. Her hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Marvin Eckhardt passed away on April 11, 1991. Alma Eckhardt passed away on November 11, 1998. They are buried in Meusebach Creek Cemetery.



## THE GANTNER BUIE FAMILY

### Gantner and Marveleen Eckhardt Buie

**Marveleen Eckhardt Buie**, first child of Marvin and Alma Herbolt Eckhardt, was born February 9, 1935, in Fredericksburg. She attended school in Fredericksburg and graduated from Comfort High School. She worked at Western Auto Store in Fredericksburg. She was an adult 4-H Leader for several years.

Marveleen Eckhardt and Gantner Buie were married October 1, 1955, at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church by Rev. Durkop. They lived on a ranch in Llano Co. They were members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg. To this union three children were born: **Brenda, Karen and DeíAnn**.

Marveleen Buie died on July 18, 1996, of injuries received in a one-car automobile accident. Funeral services were held on July 21, 1996. Burial was in the Llano City Cemetery.

**Gantner Buie**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Buie, was born September 23, 1929. He attended Legion Valley School and graduated from Llano High School. Since his graduation he has been living on a ranch in Llano County. His address is Fredericksburg Rt., Llano, Texas 78643.

**Brenda Sue Buie Gill**, first child of Gantner and Marveleen Eckhardt Buie, was born September 14, 1957, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She graduated from Llano High School in 1976. She graduated from Texas Wesleyan University in 1989, with a double major in finance and economics and a minor in accounting. She works for CBS Employer Services as Accounts Payable Manager. Brenda is active in Boy Scout and Cub Scout leadership activities. She is the treasurer of the Boy Scout Troop and an assistant den leader for the Cub Scout Pack. In her spare time she enjoys reading and visiting friends and relatives in Fredericksburg. Brenda lives in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Brenda Buie married Cris Gill on October 30, 1982, at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union two children were born: **Landon and Zachery**. Brenda and Cris made their home in Fort Worth. They are divorced.

**Cris Gill**, son of John and Wilma Gill, was born April 26, 1955, in Silverton, Texas. He graduated from Silverton High School in Silverton, Texas. He received his bachelor degree from West Texas State University and his Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from UT Arlington. He is employed at Lockheed.

**Landon Buie Gill** was born on October 8, 1986, in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended private school during his elementary and middle school years. He is a freshman at North Crowley High School, Fort Worth. Landon is a Life Scout and is actively working toward becoming an Eagle Scout. He is interested in computers and has helped design the web-site for his Boy Scout troop. The web site address is: [www.troop14.org](http://www.troop14.org). He has his brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. He likes rock climbing, hiking, and scuba diving.

**Zachery Ian Gill** was born March 27, 1993, in Fort Worth. He is in the second grade at Meadowcreek Elementary School in Fort Worth. He is active in Cub Scouts and has met the requirements for the Bear badge. He likes camping, swimming, playing soccer and baseball.

**Karen Buie Sagebiel**, second child of Gantner and Marveleen Eckhardt Buie, was born May 4, 1960, in Fredericksburg, Texas, and was baptized at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School. She works for

the James Avery Company in Fredericksburg, Texas. Karen is actively involved in her children's 4H and FFA projects.

On May 17, 1980, Karen Buie married Reuben Sagebiel, Jr. at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union two children were born: **Kristy Elaine** and **Travis Carl**. They live in Fredericksburg, Texas. The family is actively involved in showing steers and in 4H and FFA activities.

**Reuben Sagebiel, Jr.**, son of Reuben and Oline Sagebiel, was born on December 9, 1960, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Fredericksburg Schools. Reuben is self-employed and works at Honey Creek Angus Farm.

**Kristy Elaine Sagebiel** was born July 2, 1986, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She is a sophomore at Fredericksburg High School.

**Travis Carl Sagebiel** was born March 12, 1988, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attends Fredericksburg Middle School.

**De'Ann Buie Greenhaw**, third child of Gantner and Marveleen Eckhardt Buie, was born December 9, 1972, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1991. De'Ann works for Razz Exotic Livestock in Harper.

On March 12, 1994, De'Ann Buie married Daman Greenhaw. To this union two children were born: **Bradley Christian** and **Kegan Wade**. They live in Bandera. They enjoy horseback riding, hunting and fishing as a family.

**Daman Greenhaw**, son of James and Zoe Greenhaw, was born July 2, 1971. He is the grandson of Chester Daman. He grew up in Blanco and graduated from Blanco High School in 1991. Daman works for the Exotic Game Hunting Ranch.

**Bradley Christian Greenhaw**, first child of Daman and De'Ann Buie Greenhaw, was born on May 16, 1995, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attends kindergarten in Medina.

**Kegan Wade Greenhaw**, second child of Daman and De'Ann Buie Greenhaw, born September 20, 1997.



## THE WILBURN ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Wilburn and Sandra Eckhardt

**Wilburn Eddie Eckhardt**, second child of Marvin and Alma Herbolt Eckhardt, was born on December 16, 1940, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended school in Comfort, Texas, and served in the Air National Guard. He has been employed at North Park Lincoln Mercury in San Antonio for 24 years. His hobbies are scuba diving and boating.

Wilburn Eckhardt and Sandra Novian were married June 6, 1964, in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas, by Rev. Durkop. To this union three children were born: **Wayne Carl**, **Sherry Ann** and **Danny Ray**. Wilburn and Sandra are members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. Their address is 10821 South US Hwy 87, Fredericksburg, Texas.

**Sandra Kay Novian Eckhardt**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Egon Novian, of San Antonio, Texas, was born October 2, 1945. She attended Scheh Elementary and Harlendale High School in San Antonio. From 1964 to 1966, she was employed at Trinity University Library. She is currently the cafeteria manager at Stinson Middle School in the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio. She enjoys scuba diving and boating.

**Wayne Carl Eckhardt**, the first child of Wilburn and Sandra Novian Eckhardt, was born September 10, 1966, in San Antonio, Texas. He attended San Antonio schools. Wayne works for Roberts Group Advertising and does graphic design.

On May 25, 1991, Wayne Carl Eckhardt married Kirsten Robinson at the family ranch. To this union two children were born: **Brittini Shae** and **Cody Allen**. They live in San Antonio, Texas.

**Kirsten Robinson Eckhardt** was born September 16, 1970. She grew up in Bandera and graduated from Bandera High School. She works at University Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

**Brittini Shae Eckhardt**, daughter of Wayne and Kirsten Robinson Eckhardt, was born on October 29, 1991, in San Antonio, Texas.

**Cody Allen Eckhardt**, son of Wayne and Kirsten Robinson Eckhardt, was born June 17, 1994, in San Antonio, Texas.

**Sherry Ann Eckhardt Scott**, the second child of Wilburn and Sandra Novian Eckhardt, was born February 3, 1969, in San Antonio, Texas. Sherry works for Triangle Steel and Fabricating in Houston, Texas.

On May 20, 1995, Sherry Ann Eckhardt married Monty Leigh Scott in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union one child was born: **Hunter Leigh**. Sherry and Monty live in Jersey Village near Houston, Texas.

**Monty Leigh Scott** was born on April 19, 1969. He is a civil engineer in Houston,

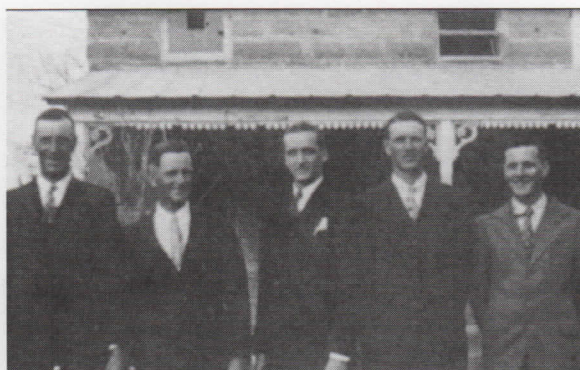
**Hunter Leigh Scott**, child of Monty and Sherry Eckhardt, was born July 18, 2001, in Houston, Texas.

**Danny Ray Eckhardt**, the third child of Wilburn and Sandra Novian Eckhardt, was born February 1, 1973, in San Antonio, Texas. He likes fishing, hunting, and water sports. He is the District Sales Manager for Q.C. Architectural Concrete in San Antonio, Texas. The company deals with colored concrete. Danny lives in San Antonio, Texas.

On August 19, 1995, Danny Eckhardt married **Heather Miller**. They are divorced.

## THE RALPH ECKHARDT FAMILY

Ralph (center) and Peggy June Eckhardt



**Ralph Udo Eckhardt**, the third child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on February 21, 1909, at Rheingold. He was baptized on April 11, 1909, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cave Creek by Pastor Billnitzer. He was confirmed in 1923, by Pastor Leonard at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stonewall, Texas. He attended Junction, Stonewall and Cave Creek Schools. In 1929, he attended San Antonio Business College. He worked in San Antonio as a baker, a drug clerk and later in show business. On January 12, 1934 he went to New Orleans and worked as a mixologist and manager of night clubs. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1944 to 1945, as a ship's cook and baker. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On February 14, 1936, Ralph Eckhardt and Peggy June Branch were married in First Baptist Church of New Orleans by Rev. Grey. They made their home in Louisiana.

**Peggy June Branch Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. J. C. Branch, was born September 19, 1913, at Hammond, Louisiana. She attended South Eastern School. She was employed as a nurse in Hammond and New Orleans. She was a member of First Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. She died on August 27, 1987.

In 1989, Ralph Eckhardt retired and returned to Fredericksburg. He lived at the Luckenbach Apartments. He enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends. He enjoyed horse racing and loved working with the public. He worked as a bartender at the Gallery Restaurant (The Blue Room) until his illness. Ralph died on March 25, 1995, at the age of 86 years. Funeral services were held on March 27, 1995, with Rev. James C. Bouzard of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fredericksburg, Texas, officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.



## THE ERWIN SCHLUETER FAMILY

### Erwin and Nora Eckhardt Schlueter



**Nora Wilhelmine Dora Eckhardt Schlueter**, fourth child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born December 25, 1910, at Rheingold. She attended school at Junction and Cave Creek. Her hobbies were sewing and gardening.

On December 9, 1928, Nora Eckhardt and Erwin Schlueter were married in Trinity Lutheran Church at Albert by Rev. Paul Leonard. To this union one son, **Roy**, was born. They were members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

**Erwin Schlueter**, son of Emil and Hulda Schlueter, was born on December 15, 1905, at Cave Creek, Texas. He attended school at Cave Creek. He was engaged in farming and ranching in Gillespie County. He spent many years taking care of a polio victim in San Antonio.

Erwin Schlueter passed away January 7, 1986. Nora Schlueter passed away September 25, 1997. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Texas.

## THE ROY SCHLUETER FAMILY

**Roy Emil Schlueter**, son of Erwin and Nora Eckhardt Schlueter, was born on November 1, 1931, at Cave Creek. He attended South San Antonio Schools. He was employed as truck driver. Roy Schlueter suffered a heart attack and died on March 3, 1990. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Texas.

On May 16, 1952, Roy Emil Schlueter and **Mattie Greene** were married in Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Eden, Wyoming, by Rev. Edward Jeffries . To this union two children were born: **Connie Jean** and **Cheryl Ann**. Roy and Mattie were divorced in 1959. Mattie Greene passed away in 1978.

Roy Schlueter and **Carolyn Patterson** were married. Their child, **Keith Kole Schlueter**, was born March 3, 1960.

On November 20, 1964, Roy Emil Schlueter married Lucille White at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Temple, Texas. They have one adopted daughter, **Christie Leigh Schlueter**,

**Lucille White Schlueter** was born April 13, 1943, in Holland, Texas. She attended Academy Schools.

**Christie Leigh Schlueter**, adopted daughter of Roy and Lucille White Schlueter, was born on December 1, 1970, in Harris County, Houston, Texas. She attended Academy Schools.

**Bradley Scott Johnson**, child of Christie Leigh Schlueter, was born August 30, 1995, in Temple, Texas.

**Haleigh Brook**, child of Christie Leigh Schlueter, was born December 19, 1996, in Temple, Texas.

On July 30, 1975, Roy Schlueter and **Donetta Pace** were married at Valley Mills Baptist Church, Valley Mills, Texas. Donetta has two children, a daughter, *Janet*, and a son, *Darwin (Lynn)*.



## THE WILLIAM HORTON FAMILY

### William and Connie Jean Schlueter Horton

**Connie Jean Schlueter Wood Horton**, first child of Roy and Mattie Greene Schlueter, was born on April 2, 1953, in Farmington, New Mexico. She attended school in San Antonio and graduated from Temple High School in 1971. She attended Temple Junior College. Connie has been employed as a legal assistant for her entire working career.

On March 3, 1973, Connie Jean Schlueter and William D. Wood were married at Taylor Valley Baptist Church at Temple. They are divorced.

*William D. Wood*, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wood, was born on November 26, 1953. He attended school in Troy, Texas.

Connie Schlueter Wood married William Horton on April 16, 1977, at Taylor Valley Baptist Church at Temple. To this union two children were born: **William Chad Horton** and **Ty Allen Horton**. Connie and William currently reside at 211 W. Welton, Temple, Texas, 76501.

**William Horton**, son of Robert and Rosalee Bartek Horton, was born April 17, 1950, in Temple, Texas. He attended Temple schools and graduated from Temple High School in 1968. William is currently employed as a Computer Systems Analyst at the Temple Daily Telegram.

**William Chad Horton**, son of William and Connie Schlueter Horton, was born on January 26, 1978, in Temple. He attended Temple schools and graduated from Temple High School in 1997.

**Ty Allen Horton**, son of William and Connie Schlueter Horton, was born on May 7, 1980, in Temple. He attended school in Temple, Texas.

## THE JERRY CANTER FAMILY

## Jerry and Cheryl Ann Schlueter Canter

**Cheryl Ann Schlueter Canter**, second child of Roy and Mattie Greene Schlueter, was born July 12, 1955, in San Antonio, Texas. She attended school in San Antonio and Temple, Texas. She graduated from Temple High School in 1973. Cheryl enjoys being a homemaker.

Cheryl Ann Schlueter married Gerald William (Jerry) Canter on April 15, 1978, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, Temple, Texas, by Fr. Jordan. To this union three children were born: **Cené Ann**, **Andrew Michael** and **Chase J. (CJ)**. Jerry and Cheryl live in Centerville, Pennsylvania.

**Gerald William (Jerry) Canter**, son of Jack and Ann Canter of Girard, Ohio, was born May 21, 1955, in Youngstown, Ohio. He attended school in Girard, Ohio. He graduated from Girard High School in 1973. Jerry is currently a Union Allied Craftsman in Pennsylvania.

**Cené Ann Canter Cleaton**, daughter of Jerry and Cheryl Ann Schlueter Canter, was born October 2, 1979, in Temple, Texas. She graduated from Titusville High School, Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1998. She is currently attending the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas, with pharmacy intentions.

Cené Ann Canter married Damon Patrick Cleaton on September 21, 2000, in Copperas Cove, Texas, by Justice of the Peace, Bill Price. To this union one child was born: **Emma Lorine Cleaton**. They live at 495 CR 4744, Kempner, Texas, 76539.

**Damon Patrick Cleaton**, the son of Tracy and Patricia Bruns Cleaton, was born on February 26, 1973, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Boerne schools. He graduated from Boerne High School in 1991. He graduated from UTSA in 1995, with a degree in Anthropology. He is currently serving as a Captain in the US Army, stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

**Emma Lorine Cleaton**, daughter of Damon and Cené Ann Cleaton, was born on May 10, 2001, at Darnall Army Community Hospital at Ft. Hood, Texas.

**Andrew Michael Canter**, son of Jerry and Cheryl Ann Schlueter Canter, was born May 11, 1986, in Temple, Texas. He is attending school in the Titusville, Pennsylvania, area.

**Chase J. (CJ) Canter**, son of Jerry and Cheryl Ann Schlueter Canter, was born on September 6, 1994, in Titusville, Pennsylvania. He is attending school in the Titusville area.



## THE ALFRED ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Alfred and Elisa Eckhardt



**Alfred Eckhardt**, the fifth child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born September 22, 1912, at Rheingold. He attended Junction School in Gillespie County. He was engaged in farming, worked at Market Produce in Fredericksburg for a number of years, and also at the Sunday House Foods Turkey Plant.

On July 3, 1940, Alfred Eckhardt and Elisa Priess were married at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, by Rev. O. Lindenberg. To this union five children were born: **Gerlene, Charles, Helen, Gladys** and **Denise**. They were members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

**Elisa Priess Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Priess, was born December 27, 1919, in Luckenbach, Texas. She attended school at Luckenbach.

Alfred Eckhardt passed away on July 12, 1981, in Fredericksburg. Elisa Eckhardt passed away on November 18, 1998, in Fredericksburg. Alfred and Elisa were buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fredericksburg.



## THE GERLENE ECKHARDT FAMILY

**Gerlene Ruby Eckhardt Davis Hill**, the first child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on October 18, 1940, at Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended Wrede School. Gerlene is employed at Knopp Nursing Home.

On September 20, 1958, Gerlene Eckhardt and Merlin Davis were married in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mason, Texas. To this union four children were born: **Kirby, Glen, Barbara**, and **Gordon**. They are now divorced.

**Merlin Davis**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, was born on March 25, 1937, at Llano, Texas. He attended school at Pontotoc and Mason.

**Kirby Lee Davis**, first child of Merlin and Gerlene Eckhardt Davis, was born December 31, 1958, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Fredericksburg Schools. He served in the National Guard for over 24 years. He has been employed by Central Texas Electric Co-Op for 15 years. His hobbies are traveling, hunting, fishing, dancing, and coaching Little League baseball.

On July 12, 1980, Kirby Davis and Sharon Kay Treibs were married in St. Anthony's Catholic Church by Father Gitter. To this union two children were born: **Bridget** and **Brett**. They are now divorced. Kirby's address is 353 Northwest Dr., Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624.

**Sharon Kay Treibs Davis**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Treibs, was born September 29, 1961, in Corpus Christi, Texas. She attended Fredericksburg schools.

**Bridget Suzette Davis**, first child of Kirby and Sharon Treibs Davis, was born January 7, 1981, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School and Fredericksburg Middle and High Schools. Bridget has recently graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and is currently enrolled in graduate school at UTSA. Her hobbies are traveling, genealogy, and reading.

**Brett Allen Davis**, second child of Kirby and Sharon Treibs Davis, was born, May 13, 1983, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School and Fredericksburg High School. He is currently enrolled in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University. His hobbies are running and traveling.

**Glen Wayne Davis**, second child of Merlin and Gerlene Eckhardt Davis, was born February 11, 1961, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Fredericksburg schools. He is working for Central Texas Electric Co-Op. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Glen Davis and Patricia Houy were married on December 7, 1985, in Fredericksburg United Methodist Church by Rev. Rick Waters. To this union two children were born: **Whitney** and **Minda**.

**Patricia Ann Houy Davis**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Newton Houy, was born June 30, 1964, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg. She has been employed by Shearer Publishing Company for five years. Her hobbies include embroidery and reading. Their address is 705 Kristofer St., Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624.

**Whitney Marie Davis**, first child of Glen and Patricia Houy Davis, was born May 19, 1989, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She currently attends Fredericksburg Middle School.

**Minda Adele Davis**, second child of Glen and Patricia Houy Davis, was born March 11, 1993, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She is currently attending Fredericksburg Elementary School.

**Barbara Jean Davis Mize**, third child of Merlin and Gerlene Eckhardt Davis, was born January 23, 1962, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg. She is a real estate agent.



In December 1981, Barbara Davis married *Donald Frazer*. They are now divorced. Then Barbara married Ernie Mize. To this union one daughter, **Lindsey**, was born.

**Ernie Mize**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Mize, was born September 9, 1951, in Sayre, Oklahoma. He attended school in Sayre, Oklahoma, and graduated from Southwestern State Oklahoma University with a business degree. Currently he is employed by Medina Children's Home as Business Operations Manager. His hobbies include golf, traveling and reading. Their address is 213-A Manor Dr., Kerrville, Texas, 78028.

**Lindsey Elise Mize**, first child of Ernie and Barbara Davis Frazer Mize, was born August 5, 1993, in Kerrville, Texas. She currently attends Starkey Elementary School in Kerrville.

**Gordon Ray Davis**, the fourth child of Merlin and Gerlene Eckhardt Davis, was born December 25, 1962, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Fredericksburg schools. He is working for Napa Auto Parts.

Gordon Davis married Pamela Esensee at the home of Kirby and Sharon Treibs Davis in Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union one son, **Justin**, was born. They are now divorced.

**Pamela Esensee**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Esensee, was born September 30, 1968. She attended Fredericksburg schools.

**Justin Ray Davis**, son of Gordon and Pamela Esensee Davis, was born October 18, 1985. He is currently attending Fredericksburg High School.

In June 1997, Gordon Davis and *Suzanne Camp* were married at the MarketPlatz in Fredericksburg.

On February 13, 1999, Gerlene Eckhardt Davis and Ray Hill were married at the DAV Hall in Fredericksburg by Rev. Dale Friedrich. Their address is 321 West Mullberry, Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624.

*Ray Hill* was born December 16, 1932.

## THE CHARLES ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Charles and Lila Eckhardt



**Charles Eckhardt**, the second child of Alfred and Elisa Prtess Eckhardt, was born on August 1, 1945, at Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Wrede and Fredericksburg Schools. He was in the National Guard for seven years and was self-employed as a distributor for Tom's Toasted Peanuts for 22 years, and is currently employed at H-E-B. His hobbies are hunting, traveling, and watching sports.

On June 24, 1967, Charles Eckhardt and Lila Kay Bauman were married at the home of the bride's parents in Llano, Texas. To this union three children were born: **Kayla Denaye, Sheree Dawn, and Charles Darren.**

**Lila Kay Bauman Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bauman, was born April 16, 1949, in Llano, Texas. She attended school in Llano. She was Band Sweetheart and Lion's Queen in her senior year. She was Manager of Merle Norman Studio for four years. She is currently employed at the Grasshopper and Wild Honey Gift Shop, where she has been for eight years. Their present address is 327 West Nimitz, Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624.

**Kayla Denaye Eckhardt**, first child of Charles and Kay Eckhardt, was born July 24, 1975, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg. She has been employed at H-E-B food store for nine years. Her hobbies are travelling, reading, and crafting. Kayla's address is 327 W. Nimitz, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

**Sheree Dawn Eckhardt Burrow**, second child of Charles and Kay Bauman Eckhardt, was born February 20, 1981, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg and was active in many school clubs. Sheree has been employed as a secretary for the Fredericksburg Independent School District for three years and is currently enrolled at Schreiner University and Austin Community College. Her hobbies are travel,



crafts, genealogy, and outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and hunting.

On August 1, 1998, Sheree Eckhardt and Kyle Weylin Burrow were married in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg (Cave Creek Community) by Pastor Gary Mayer. To this union one daughter, **Kaylyn**, was born. They are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cave Creek. Their address is 371 Burrow Rd, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

**Kyle Weylin Burrow**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Burrow, was born March 23, 1979, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended school in Fredericksburg and was active in many school clubs. He is currently employed with Burrow Construction. His hobbies include farming, outdoors, "four-wheeling", and skeet shooting.

**Kaylyn Marie Burrow**, first child of Kyle and Sheree Eckhardt Burrow, was born April 16, 1998 in Fredericksburg, Texas. She currently attends Bethany Preschool.

**Charles Darren Eckhardt**, third child of Charles and Kay Bauman Eckhardt, was born September 22, 1987, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Darren is currently attending Fredericksburg Middle School. His hobbies are sports and playing video games.

## THE HELEN ECKHARDT FAMILY



**Helen Louise Eckhardt Klein**, third child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on February 1, 1947, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended Wrede School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. She is self-employed as a Cleaning Service and Caregiver for the Elderly. Her hobbies are gardening, walking and traveling. Helen has a son, **Kevin Mark Franchina**.

**Kevin Mark Franchina** was born March 13, 1968, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended Catholic schools and graduated from high school in New Orleans. He is a member of St. Rita Catholic Church. He is currently employed by Konica Photo Imaging. His hobbies are car racing, running, biking, and traveling. He is living in Harahan, Louisiana, 70123.

On November 20, 1971, Helen Eckhardt and Edgar Klein, Jr., were married at Holy Ghost Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. Ernest Arhelger. To this union two children were born: **Steven James** and **Jennifer Renee**. They are divorced. Helen's address is 503 Sunset, Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624-3253.

**Edgar Klein, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Klein, Sr., was born on May 7, 1933, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended school in Tivydale and Fredericksburg. He was employed with Texas Highway Department. In addition to farming, he enjoys shooting clubs and sports.

**Steven James Klein**, son of Edgar and Helen Eckhardt Klein, was born on February 20, 1972, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He graduated from John Jay High School in San Antonio and a graduate of the Nellie M. Reddix Center of the Northside Vocational Transition Program of San Antonio. He lives in Llano, Texas, and works at the Recycle Center. His hobbies are walking, traveling, and sports.

**Jennifer Renee Klein**, daughter of Edgar and Helen Eckhardt Klein, was born on October 28, 1981, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She is attending Fredericksburg High School. Her hobbies are walking, reading, sightseeing, and listening to favorite music.



## THE DALE FRIEDRICH FAMILY

### Dale and Gladys Eckhardt Friedrich

**Gladys Jean Eckhardt Friedrich**, the fourth child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born on June 12, 1957, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg. After graduation she attended L.V.N. School at Hill Country Memorial Hospital. She is an LVN at Kerrville State Hospital.

On February 20, 1988, Gladys Jean Eckhardt and Dale Friedrich. To this union one child was born: **Aaron Kyle**. Their address is 1503 Ridgemont Lane, Kerrville, Texas, 78028.

**Dale Friedrich**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Friedrich, was born March 3, 1952, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Dale is the minister of Four Square Gospel Church in Kerrville, Texas. He is a gospel songwriter and has produced a gospel tape, "He is the Rock".

**Aaron Kyle Friedrich**, son of Dale and Gladys Jean Eckhardt Friedrich, was born September 10, 1992, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He currently attends Starkey Elementary.

## DENISE ECKHARDT

**Denise Kay Eckhardt**, the fifth child of Alfred and Elisa Priess Eckhardt, was born June 24, 1960, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school in Fredericksburg. Denise is currently employed by Mooney Aircraft. Her hobbies are traveling and going on cruises. She is a member of Conquest Christian Church. Denise's address is 405 Ranchero Rd., Apt #5, Kerrville, Texas.



EDGAR ECKHARDT

**Edgar Eckhardt**, sixth child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born July 21, 1914. He died September 30, 1917, and was buried in the Cave Creek Cemetery with Rev. E. Hanneman officiating.

EMIL ECKHARDT (right)



**Emil R. C. Eckhardt**, the seventh child of Emil and Anna Althaus Eckhardt, was born on March 19, 1916, at Rheingold. He attended school at Cave Creek and was employed at Sunday House Foods Turkey Plant for 17 years.

Emil R.C. Eckhardt married Mary Watts December 11, 1961.

**Mary Watts Eckhardt** was born in 1915. She lived in Fredericksburg after moving from New York. She had a son, *Bill Watts*, who is believed to be living in New Mexico with his wife and children. Bill's wife is a native of Fredericksburg.

Mary Watts Eckhardt died of a heart attack on September 7, 1977, in Fredericksburg, Texas, at the age of 62. Memorial services were held on September 9, 1977, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. Her body was donated to the University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas.

Emil passed away suddenly of a heart attack on February 10, 1973, and was buried at Cave Creek Cemetery.





# *The Reinhold Eckhardt Family*



**Reinhold Heinrich ECKHARDT (28 Oct 1885 - 17 Apr 1961)**  
& Lenora Clara GROBE (ECKHARDT) (17 Jan 1892 - 20 Dec 1976)

**Dora Wilhelmina Clara ECKHARDT (MOGFORD) (17 Jan 1914 - 5 Jul 2000)**  
& Ike T. Pryor MOGFORD (20 Oct 1908 - 1 Jan 1992)

**Joyce Kay MOGFORD (RICHEY) (21 May 1952 - )**  
& Charles Ray RICHEY (23 May 1950 - )

**Christine (Christy) Renee RICHEY (22 Dec 1973 - )**

**Brian Michael RICHEY (7 Feb 1978 - )**

**Reuben Hugo ECKHARDT (13 Mar 1916 - 21 Nov 1990)**  
& Irene BERGMANN (HOLCOMB) (ECKHARDT) (14 Oct 1925 - )

**Rodney Blane ECKHARDT (22 Jun 1954 - )**  
& Joan Yvonne CRENWELGE (ECKHARDT) (30 Oct 1958 - )

**Matthew Robert ECKHARDT (9 Aug 1987 - )**

**Emily Nicole ECKHARDT (2 Aug 1990 - )**

**Steve Duane ECKHARDT (5 Sep 1957 - )**

**Denise Elaine ECKHARDT (ECKERT) (29 Nov 1958 - )**  
& Rodney Wheeler ECKERT (15 Mar 1952 - )

**Louis Scott ECKERT (23 Dec 1983 - )**

**Erin Gayle ECKERT (10 Jul 1987 - )**

**Tara Lyn ECKERT (GALLASPY) (7 Nov 1976 - )**  
& Christopher Stuart GALLASPY (12 May 1977 - )

**Russell Wayne ECKHARDT (3 Mar 1964 - )**  
& Kelly CALKINS (McINTOSH) (ECKHARDT) (17 Nov 1963 - )

**Jacob Adam ECKHARDT (4 Sep 1997 - )**

**Abbey Elise ECKHARDT (22 Apr 2000 - )**

**William Hunter McIntOSH (15 Dec 1990 - )**

**Margaret Lenora ECKHARDT (PALAFOX) (27 Nov 1922 - )**  
 & **Albert PALAFOX (14 Nov 1916 - )**

**Sharon Annette PALAFOX (ST. PETER) (30 Nov 1945 - )**  
 & **Allen Charles ST. PETER (18 Sep 1937 - )**

**Timothy Allan ST. PETER (9 Mar 1968 - )**  
 & **Cynthia Ann MORENO (ST. PETER) (24 Jun 1968 - )**

**Gilbert-Allan ST. PETER (2 Sep 1995 - )**

**Gary Andrew ST. PETER (20 Jul 1998 - )**

**Cozette Raye ST. PETER (DAVILA) (17 Jun 1973 - )**  
 & **Joe Daniel DAVILA (18 Aug 1967 - )**

**Tyler Daniel DAVILA (29 Jul 1993 - )**

**Courtney Dene DAVILA (12 Feb 1996 - )**

**Gary Wayne PALAFOX (26 Dec 1951 - )**  
 & **Debra Lea MYERS (PALAFOX) (13 Jun 1952 - )**

**Jeremy Matthew PALAFOX (10 May 1980 - )**

**Ashlea Michele PALAFOX (19 Apr 1984 - )**

**Karen Lynnette PALAFOX (10 Aug 1955 - )**

**Cheryl Jannette PALAFOX (SWANTNER) (29 Mar 1957 - )**  
 & **William Arthur SWANTNER (6 Feb 1955 - )**

**Albert Wilson SWANTNER (30 Apr 1985 - )**

**Tiffanie Cheryl SWANTNER (19 Jun 1987 - )**

**Kermit R. ECKHARDT (26 Nov 1926 - )**  
 & **Irene KETRON (ECKHARDT) (8 Aug 1930 - )**

**Dana Marie ECKHARDT (PYKA) (6 May 1957 - )**  
 & **Bruce "Nehi" PYKA**

**Ryan Andrew PYKA (3 Mar 1985 - )**

**Shaun Kyle PYKA (28 Feb 1989 - )**

**Dylan Anthony PYKA (12 Mar 1992 - )**

**Lauren Ashley PYKA (12 Mar 1992 - )**

**Mark David ECKHARDT (13 May 1961 - )**  
 & **Rosalinda RAMERIZ (ECKHARDT)**

**Clarissa**





## THE REINHOLD ECKHARDT FAMILY

## Reinhold and Lenora Eckhardt



**Reinhold Heinrich Eckhardt**, the fifth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born on October 28, 1885, in Rheingold, Texas. He attended school in Rheingold. On September 12, 1886, he was baptized. On April 8, 1900, he was confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg where he was a life long member. At the age of 18, he attended the Sam Houston Normal Institute in Huntsville, Texas, from 1904 to 1906. He taught in the public schools in Gillespie County for eight years, three years at Meusebach and five years at Rheingold.

Because he enjoyed singing, he joined the Rheinhold Liederkrantz in 1903, and joined the Arion choir group in Fredericksburg where he was a life long member and served as secretary, vice-president, and president. In October 1954, he was elected honorary delegate to all meetings of the Texischer Gebirgs Saengerbundes to promote the German songs in Texas. He was also a member of Bethany Men's Choir for 35 years.

He worked as a rural mail carrier from 1914 to 1956. After completing 41 years of service, he received a citation from Postmaster Robert W. Klingelhoef for meritorious accomplishment and devotion to duty.

While a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, he served as councilman and vice-president of the church council. He was a member as the church changed locations and served as treasurer of the building fund. He also served as chairman of the building committee until the new building was completed and dedicated on August 18, 1954.

On August 17, 1911, Reinhold Heinrich Eckhardt and Lenora Clara Grobe were married in the Albert Lutheran Church by Rev. Max Heinrich. To this union were born four children: **Dora, Reuben, Margaret, and Kermit**. They lived in Rheingold for three years and then moved to Fredericksburg and resided at 516 St. Mary's Street.



Reinhold passed away on April 17, 1961, in Fredericksburg Hospital after a severe heart attack. Funeral services were held at Bethany Lutheran Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

**Lenora Clara Grobe Eckhardt**, daughter of William and Clara Jacoby Grobe, was born on January 17, 1892, in the Cave Creek Community. She attended the Stonewall school. She was baptized in Lutheran Church at Cave Creek and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert, Texas, on April 23, 1905. Her hobbies included flowers, gardening, fishing, and playing cards.

Lenora passed away on December 20, 1976, in Hill Country Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack. Rev. Lawrence Bade and Rev. G. Wolf conducted funeral services. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

## THE PRYOR MOGFORD FAMILY

Pryor and Dora Eckhardt Mogford



**Dora Wilhelmina Clara Eckhardt Mogford**, the first child of Reinhold and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born on January 17, 1914, in Rheingold, Texas. On March 8, 1914, Dora was baptized in Cave Creek Lutheran Church. On April 1, 1928, she was confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1931.

Dora was employed at Dooley's Store in Fredericksburg from October 1931 to June 1935. From June 1935 to January 1944, she was employed at the Palace Theater. In July 1944, while her husband was overseas, she accepted a civil service position at San Antonio General Depot as typist, file clerk, and then clerk-typist. From October 1948 to November 1951, she worked as a sales clerk at Kendall-Hodges Department Store. In October 1964, she opened a Montgomery Ward Catalog Sales Agency. She operated the store for 10 years. She enjoyed her grandchildren, fishing, playing cards, dominoes, and gardening.

On January 15, 1944, Dora Eckhardt and Ike T. Pryor Mogford were married in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. G.A. Poehlmann. To this union one daughter, **Joyce Kay**, was born. They were members of Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg. In 1947, they purchased and extensively remodeled their home at 302 E. Travis in Fredericksburg.

Dora passed away on July 5, 2000, in Hill Country Memorial Hospital. Rev. Casey Zesch and Rev. Bill Swantner held funeral services July 7, 2000, in Bethany Lutheran Church. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery.



*Ike T. Pryor Mogford*, son of Henry and Meta Kusenberger Mogford, was born October 20, 1908, in the Rocky Hill Community in Gillespie County. He attended the Rocky Hill School and later the Veterans Vocational School in Fredericksburg. On December 8, 1946, he was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

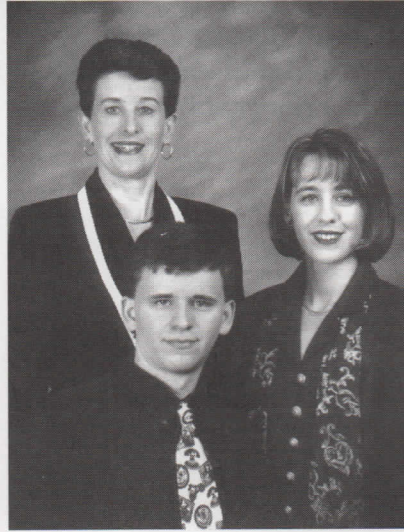
On March 17, 1942, Pryor entered military service and was placed in the 90th Inf. Division. He was stationed at Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas; Camp Stoneman, California; and Fort Dix, New Jersey. On March 22, 1944, he left the States for England. On June 8, 1944, the 358th Inf. Regiment of the 90th Division, of which Pryor was a member, moved on the beachhead into France. While on combat duty in France he was wounded twice. On February 9, 1945, he returned to the States. On October 3, 1945, he received his honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, and was entitled to wear the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Star.

Pryor worked for the San Antonio Express Publishing Company in the advertising department beginning in June 1946. In April 1947, he began work as a sales clerk with the National Home and Auto Store in Fredericksburg. In 1953, he worked at Crenwelge Food Market as a sales clerk. In September 1966, he joined his wife in the Montgomery Ward Catalog Store until their retirement in 1974. His hobbies were taking care of his ranch, hunting, fishing, and playing "42".

Pryor passed away on January 1, 1992, in Hill Country Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Alan Kethan and Rev. Paul Appel. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

## THE JOYCE RICHEY FAMILY

Joyce Mogford Richey



**Joyce Kay Mogford Richey**, daughter of Pryor and Dora Eckhardt Mogford, was born May 21, 1952, in Fredericksburg. She was baptized in Bethany Lutheran Church on July 27, 1952. On April 3, 1966, she was confirmed by Rev. H. Treptow and Rev. G. Wolf. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1970. She attended Texas Lutheran College for two years and majored in Business Administration. In 1972, she attended Massey Business College in Houston and received her certificate in Fashion Merchandising.

On June 18, 1972, she was married to **Charles Ray Richey** in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. John Stern, and they moved to Houston. In July 1974, they purchased the Montgomery Ward Catalog Sales Agency in Fredericksburg. They had two children: **Christine Renee** and **Brian Michael**. They are members of Bethany Lutheran Church. Joyce and Charles divorced in 1993.

Joyce is living at 302 E. Travis in Fredericksburg. She is the office manager for Arthur Clements, MD. She enjoys gardening, traveling, and fishing.

**Christine Renee Richey** was born December 22, 1973, in Houston, Texas. She was baptized March 10, 1974, in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Lawrence Bade, with Larry and Debbie Page and Jim and Beverly Helmke as sponsors. She graduated with honors from Fredericksburg High School in 1992, and was active in the band program and yearbook staff. She attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on a music scholarship and majored in Music Education.

In 1995, she transferred to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, and



majored in Elementary Music Education. She is currently living in Houston, Texas, and is working at Coastal Securities in the accounting department. She enjoys traveling, cooking, gardening, and genealogy.

**Brian Michael Richey** was born February 7, 1978, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He was baptized on May 21, 1978, in Bethany Lutheran Church, with Randy and Donna Cox, Denise Eckhardt, and Steve Eckhardt as sponsors. He attended Fredericksburg High School. He is living in Austin, Texas, and attending Austin Community College where he is majoring in Criminal Justice and pursuing a career in law enforcement. He enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, and working with computers.

## THE REUBEN ECKHARDT FAMILY

Reuben and Irene Eckhardt



**Reuben H. Eckhardt**, the second child of Reinhold and Lenore Grobe Eckhardt, was born in Fredericksburg on March 13, 1916. He attended school in Fredericksburg, graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1932. He attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1937.

After graduation from college, he accepted a position as principal and teacher at the Willow City Independent School. After teaching for three years, he resigned and accepted a position with Fred Mathisen and Fredericksburg Savings and Loan Association. In 1941, he began work as a government auditor at the North American Aviation Plant at Dallas.

On April 3, 1942, Reuben enlisted in the United States Air Force. In April 1943, after being stationed at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, primary school at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, basic and advanced flying school at Waco, Texas, he received his wings as pilot and commissioned as Second Lieutenant. In October 1943, after receiving training as a B-2 Pilot at Pyote and Dalhart, Texas, he was transferred to England. On December 30, 1943, while flying his third mission over Ludwigs-Raven, Germany, his plane was hit by a shell from an enemy aircraft; the crew was forced to bail out over Northern France. The co-pilot was killed in the plane. With the assistance of the underground, he made his way through enemy territory back to England. After returning to the states in April 1944, he instructed pilots in B-2 bombers at Roswell, New Mexico, and later was Civilian Personnel Officer at Fort Worth. He was an active member of the Air Force Reserve and on January 1, 1956, was promoted to the rank of Major.



After his discharge from the Air Force on March 3, 1946, he opened the National Home and Auto Store in Fredericksburg. Later, he accepted a position as teacher in the Veteran's Vocational School night classes. In February 1953, he accepted a position as office manager with Fred Mathisen and Fredericksburg Savings and Loan Association, which later became Community Savings and Loan. He was at Community Savings and Loan until 1980, when he retired after 30 years of service having served in all positions, including as president and on the Board of Directors. He received a Caribbean cruise as part of his retirement gift, which he greatly enjoyed.

He served as President of the Hermann Sons State Bowling Association, was on the Board of Directors at Hill Country Memorial Hospital, and was a council member at Bethany Lutheran Church for many years. His hobbies were bowling, hunting, ranching and playing skat.

On October 11, 1952, Reuben Eckhardt and Irene Bergmann Holcomb were married in St. John's Lutheran Church, Boerne, Texas, by Rev. Theo Winter. To this union four children were born: **Rodney Blane**, **Steve Duane**, **Denise Elaine** and **Russell Wayne**. Irene resides at 705 North Elk Street, Fredericksburg, Texas.

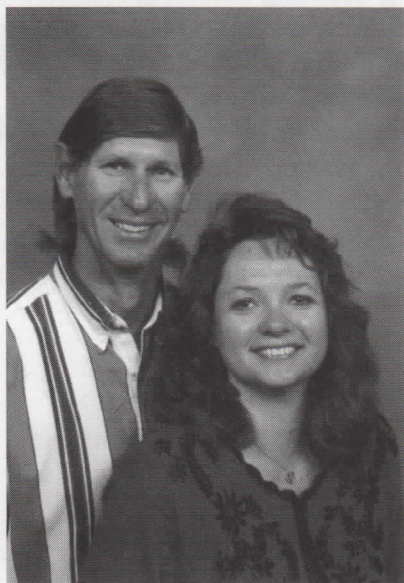
Reuben passed away at the age of 74 in Seton Hospital in Austin, Texas, on November 21, 1990, after bravely battling cancer and numerous surgeries over 20 years, never complaining. Services were held at Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Paul Appel. Reuben was interred at Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors.

*Irene Bergmann Eckhardt*, daughter of Louis and Ida Minnich Bergmann, was born on October 14, 1925, in Boerne, Texas. She attended and graduated from Boerne High School in 1943. While in grade school and high school she was a piano student and in later years was pianist for the Boerne Choral Club. While in high school she played saxophone in the Boerne High School band and was a member of a group who played at military bases in San Antonio.

After graduation she attended Draughan's Business College in San Antonio. Later she accepted a position with the H. L. Davis Insurance Company in San Antonio and was employed there for seven years, advancing from file clerk to assistant auditor. In 1975, she was the second woman to be elected to the Bethany Lutheran Church Council and served as the first woman secretary in that organization. She also is a member of the altar guild. In 1995, she became a volunteer with the Hill Country Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoys bowling, hunting in Colorado, all sports and her grandchildren.

## THE RODNEY ECKHARDT FAMILY

Rodney and Joan Eckhardt



**Rodney Blane Eckhardt**, the first child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt, was born on June 22, 1954. He was baptized in Bethany Lutheran Church September 26, 1954, by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann. After finishing high school in 1973, in Fredericksburg, Rodney attended Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, taking the Mechanics/Front End Specialist Course. He used these skills as a front-end technician employed with Standard Service in Fredericksburg. Rodney also worked a number of years at bricklaying, oil and gas drilling, and in 1977, started his career in powerline construction. Rodney was employed with Universal Electric Construction, Inc. in the Austin area from 1977 to 1994, starting as ground help and after three years advancing to foreman. Rodney enjoys hunting, camping, snow skiing, and going to the lake.

Rodney married Joan Yvonne Crenwelge on July 16, 1983, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. They have two children, **Matthew** and **Emily**. They live in Cedar Park, Texas, in a house that they designed and built themselves. In 1994, Rodney and Joan started their own business, Eckhardt Electric Construction, Inc., and currently work as powerline contractors for Pedernales Electric Co-op.

**Joan Yvonne Crenwelge Eckhardt**, daughter of Arlin and Margaret Crenwelge, was born on October 30, 1958, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Joan graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1977, and moved to Austin, Texas. While in Austin, she was employed at Austin Municipal Federal Credit Union for eleven years, starting in the cash department and then transferring to the accounting department where she worked for seven years. She has also taken several accounting courses at Austin Community College. Joan enjoys gardening, camping, fishing, and snow skiing.



**Matthew Robert Eckhardt** was born on August 9, 1987, in Austin, Texas. He was baptized on November 7, 1987, by Rev. William Benish at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Cedar Park. Kathy Crenwelge and Russell Eckhardt are Matthew's sponsors. Matthew is currently attending Running Brushing Middle School in Cedar Park. Matthew played baseball for a number of years and was on the All Stars team in 1996. He also enjoys basketball, soccer, snow skiing, hunting, fishing, and camping. Matthew is an Altar Server at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church.

**Emily Nicole Eckhardt** was born on August 2, 1990, in Austin, Texas. She was baptized on July 12, 1992, at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Cedar Park by Rev. William Benish. Dennis and Susan Pehl are Emily's sponsors. Emily currently attends C.C. Mason Elementary School in Cedar Park. She is enrolled in Acrotex Gymnastics and takes piano lessons. Emily collects TY Beanie Babies and likes snow skiing, camping, swimming, and fishing.

## STEVE DUANE ECKHARDT



**Steve Duane Eckhardt**, the second child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt, was born on September 5, 1957. He was baptized in Bethany Lutheran Church on May 4, 1958, by Rev. H. F. Treptow with Mrs. Albert Palafox, Mrs. Edgar Bergmann, Pryor Mogford, and Walter Bergmann as sponsors. He graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1976, and attended Southwest Texas State University. Steve is presently working as a surveyor technician with Bonn Surveying in Fredericksburg. He has been a director of the Gillespie County Fair Association since 1984, and is currently serving as secretary. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and ranching.



## THE RODNEY ECKERT FAMILY

Rodney and Denise Eckhardt Eckert



**Denise Elaine Eckhardt Eckert**, the third child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt, was born on November 29, 1958. She was baptized on July 19, 1959, in the Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. H. F. Treptow, with Mrs. Walter Bergmann, Mrs. Kermit Eckhardt, Albert Palafox and Elmer Bergmann as sponsors. She attended Bethany Lutheran Sunday school and Fredericksburg Public School. She was a member of the marching band and took part in the marching contest in Mexico City, where they won first place. She lettered two years in track, played basketball and was a member of the local women's fast pitch baseball team, called the Night Owls, where she has won many trophies. Denise graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1977.

After graduation she attended Durham's Business College in Austin, Texas, and graduated in 1978, with a degree in Automation Secretary and Computer Operator. While in Austin she was employed with Ralph Harris Surveyors until 1981, when she returned to Fredericksburg.

On October 9, 1982, Denise married Rodney Wheeler Eckert in Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. They were members of Bethany Lutheran Church for several years and then transferred their membership to Trinity Lutheran Church in Stonewall where they reside. To this union there are three children, **Tara Lyn Eckert**, **Louis Scott Eckert**, and **Erin Gayle Eckert**.

**Rodney Wheeler Eckert** was born on March 15, 1952. He was baptized in May, 1952, at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended Stonewall Elementary School and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1970. He attended Arizona Automotive Institute and Texas A&M Fireman Training. He is a Certified Emergency Medical Technician. Rodney is employed as an auto mechanic by Eckert and Son



in Stonewall, Texas. During the hunting season, he works at the Stonewall Smokehouse, a deer processing business, which was acquired by Rodney and Denise in 1998. Rodney is a member of the Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department, the Stonewall Chamber of commerce and Stonewall First responders. He holds the record for having the ugliest beard at the Stonewall 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**Tara Lyn Eckert** was born November 7, 1976, to Rodney W. Eckert and *Peggy Schuch Eckert*. Tara attended the Fredericksburg Public Schools and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1995. She was active in track and basketball. She attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and studied physical education. She is a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Currently she is employed by Inverness State Farm in Inverness, Florida.

On October 15, 2000, Tara Lyn Eckert married Christopher Stuart Gallaspy. They live in Inverness, Florida.

**Christopher Stuart Gallaspy**, son of Donald S. Jr. and Lynn Gallaspy, was born on May 12, 1977, in Houston, Texas. He was baptized in Houston. He attended Fredericksburg Elementary School and Gulf Breeze Middle and High School in Pensacola, Florida. He returned to Fredericksburg and graduated from Fredericksburg High School. He was active in high school basketball. He attended Austin Community College and received a certificate in travel and tourism from Gulf Coast Technical Institute in Australia. He is currently employed by the United States Coast Guard and is stationed in Yankeetown, Florida.

**Louis Scott Eckert**, the first child of Rodney and Denise Eckhardt Eckert, was born on December 23, 1983. He was baptized on February 12, 1984, in Bethany Lutheran Church. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School. He attended Stonewall Primary Head Start, Fredericksburg Learning Center, and Stonewall Elementary School. While in middle school he was enrolled in all honors courses. In his first year of high school he made the varsity soccer team and received Honorable Mention. In his second year of high school, he received First Team All-District honors in soccer. He is currently in the eleventh grade at Fredericksburg High School and plays soccer and football. He is currently playing soccer in a San Antonio summer league and enjoys playing all sports.

**Erin Gayle Eckert**, the second child of Rodney and Denise Eckhardt Eckert, was born July 10, 1987. She was baptized on October 25, 1987, in Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. Jeff Thompson with Stephanie Stahl, Joan Eckhardt, Jimmy Eckert, Pat Slovacek, and Barry Kaiser as sponsors. She attends Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School. She attended Stonewall Primary Head Start, Stonewall Elementary School, and now attends Fredericksburg Junior High and is in the eighth grade. She is involved in basketball, volleyball, track, and soccer. Currently, she is on a soccer traveling tournament team and hopes to play in high school. She enjoys horseback riding, hunting, and attends Hermann Sons Youth Camp in Comfort, Texas, and Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville, Texas.



## THE RUSSELL ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Russell and Kelly Eckhardt

**Russell Wayne Eckhardt**, the fourth child of Reuben and Irene Bergmann Eckhardt, was born on March 3, 1964. He was baptized on July 26, 1964, in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Henry F. Treptow. He graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1982, and went on to graduate from Southwest Texas State University in 1986, with a B.B.A. Degree in Finance. He went to work for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as a bank examiner and is still enjoying a long-time career with the corporation.

Russell married Kelley Calkins McIntosh on November 11, 1995, in Austin, Texas, where they resided until 2000. In the fall of 2000, Russell and Kelley moved back to Fredericksburg to enjoy the small town life with their kids.

**Kelley Calkins McIntosh Eckhardt** was born in Houston, Texas, on November 17, 1963, to John and Mary Calkins. Her family moved to Raymondville, Texas, in 1965, where she resided until 1982, when she graduated from Raymondville High School. Kelley went on to graduate from the University of Texas in 1985, with a B.B.A. in Accounting. She went to work as a bank examiner for the Texas Department of Banking until 1995, when she left the banking department to become the Vice President of First Texas Bank in Round Rock, Texas. After the birth of Abbey Elise in April 2000, Kelley retired from banking and became a full time mom.

Russell and Kelley have three children. *William Hunter McIntosh*, born December 15, 1990, in Austin, Texas, **Jacob Adam Eckhardt**, born September 4, 1997, in Austin, Texas, and **Abbey Elise Eckhardt** born April 22, 2000, in Austin, Texas.

Russell and Kelley enjoy all types of outdoor activities like water and snow skiing, running, and hiking in Colorado.

## THE ALBERT PALAFOX FAMILY

## Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox



**Margaret Lenora Eckhardt Palafox**, the third child of Reinhold H. and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born on November 27, 1922, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She was baptized on December 31, 1922, in Bethany Lutheran Church, by Rev. K. Konzack, and confirmed in the same church on March 28, 1937, by Rev. Theo Haag. She graduated from high school in 1940. She then attended Draughan's Business College in San Antonio, Texas, after which she accepted a position with Fredericksburg Savings and Loan Association as a secretary and bookkeeper. In March 1942, she was employed by the Office of Censorship in San Antonio, Texas, until October 1945. Later she was employed at Brook Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from July 1947 until July 1951.

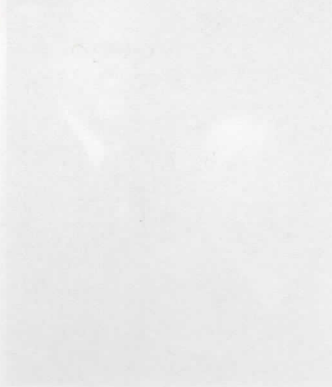
On September 18, 1944, Margaret Eckhardt and Albert Palafox were married at Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann. To this union four children were born: **Sharon Annette**, **Gary Wayne**, **Karen Lynnette**, and **Cheryl Janette**. They became members of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas, and later transferred their membership to Hope Lutheran Church, in San Antonio, Texas, in 1958. In 1965, they transferred to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Antonio, where they are now members. Since 1957, they have made their home at 115 Northaven Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

**Albert Palafox**, son of Joe and Clara Palafox, was born on November 14, 1916, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized in San Fernando Cathedral, August 26, 1917. He was confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, on March 25, 1945. He graduated from San Antonio Tech High School in 1936. Later he attended San Antonio College and St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, in September 1957. He was employed by the Office of Censorship, and as a Quartermaster at Kelly Field and Brooks Field. He worked at Guardian Title Guaranty Company in San Antonio; Stewart Title Company, Houston, Texas; and has



served as Vice-President and President of Texas Title Guaranty Company, San Antonio, Texas. Albert retired from Texas Title Guaranty Company in January 1981.

Margaret was a homemaker after their second child was born. She and Albert enjoyed fishing and traveling with their children during the summer months. Since Albert's retirement, they still enjoy traveling, fishing, and visiting in the homes of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Margaret also enjoys sewing.



## THE ALLAN ST. PETER FAMILY

## Allen and Sharon Palafox St. Peter

**Sharon Annette Palafox**, the first child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born on November 30, 1945, in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized January 20, 1946, in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Vernon Mohr. She was confirmed April 10, 1960, in Hope Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Harold Wernecke. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1963. She attended Trinity University, San Antonio Texas, and majored in elementary education and music.

Sharon plays the accordion, piano, and organ. She is presently the music teacher at First Baptist School, teaches piano lessons, and plays the organ for South Shore Christian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

On July 30, 1965, Sharon Annette Palafox and Allan Charles St. Peter were married in Shepherd King Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Marvin Huth. They have two children, **Timothy Allan** and **Cozette Raye**.

**Allan Charles St. Peter**, son of Simon and Delia Demars St. Peter, was born September 18, 1937, in Uxbridge, Massachusetts. He attended the Uxbridge Elementary and High Schools and graduated in 1954. Following his Honorable Discharge in February 1961 from the Navy, Allan made his home in San Antonio, Texas. Since 1994, Allan and Sharon have enjoyed living in Corpus Christi, Texas, where Allan can go fishing anytime.

**Timothy Allan St. Peter**, the first child of Allan and Sharon Palafox St. Peter, was born March 9, 1968, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized April 21, 1968, in Hope Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1986. He attended the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management and Disaster Planning.

On July 4, 1993, Tim married **Cynthia Ann Moreno** in Hope Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. They have two sons, **Gilbert-Allan St. Peter** born September 2, 1995, and **Gary Andrew St. Peter** born July 20, 1998.

**Cozette Raye St. Peter**, the second child of Allan and Sharon Palafox St. Peter, was born June 17, 1973, in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized July 15, 1973, in Hope Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1991.

Cozette married **Joe D. Davila** on August 1, 1992, in Hope Lutheran Church, San Antonio. They have two children, **Tyler Daniel** born July 29, 1993, and **Courtney Dene** born February 12, 1996. She is currently attending Palo Alto College and working toward a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.



## THE GARY PALAFOX FAMILY

Gary and Debra Palafox



**Gary Wayne Palafox**, the second child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born December 26, 1951, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized March 23, 1952, in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, and confirmed March 27, 1966, in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Clarence Oestreich. He attended Baskin Elementary School, Longfellow Junior High School, and Thomas Jefferson High School, from which he graduated in 1970. In high school, he was a member of the Sophomore Scholastic Society, the National Honor Society, and participated in several campus clubs. Most notably, Gary was a trumpet player in both the Jefferson Mustang Band, and Orchestra, as well as the San Antonio Youth Symphony Orchestra. He received All-District and All-Regional Band honors, and an Optimist Club Music Award.

Gary then attended the University of Texas at Austin and majored in Aerospace Engineering, receiving his degree in May 1975. While at UT, Gary made the Engineering Dean's Honor List, was a member of the Longhorn Marching Band, Kappa Kappa Psi (an honorary band fraternity) and was active in the Student Branch of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Upon graduation, Gary accepted a position with General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas, as an Aerodynamics Engineer. After working within the Advanced Design area for several years, Gary has since worked in managerial roles within Business Development and Strategic Planning. Currently, Gary is part of the General Counsel's Office, working as Director of Export Compliance at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company (which includes the former General Dynamics aircraft operations). Gary is active in several parental support organizations, including the local PTA (past



president), the Western Hills High School Band Boosters (past president), is serving as a member of two local School-Based Management Teams, and on the Fort Worth ISD's Human Relations Committee. Gary has also been an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1980.

On June 14, 1975, Gary Wayne Palafox and Debra Lea Myers were married in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Roald Braulick. They have two children: **Jeremy Matthew Palafox** and **Ashlea Michele Palafox**. Gary and Debra are currently living at 3908 Snow Creek Drive, Aledo, Texas, 76008.

*Debra Lea Myers Palafox*, daughter of Erwin R. and Betty Jean Myers, was born June 13, 1952, in San Antonio, Texas. She attended Woodlawn Hills Elementary School, Longfellow Junior High School, and Thomas Jefferson High School, from which she graduated in 1970. In high school, she was a member of the Sophomore Scholastic Society, the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the Martha Skelton Social Club, and other groups. She was a clarinet section leader in the Jefferson Mustang Band, and won chairs in the All-District and All-Regional Bands, and received an Optimist Club Music Award. After high school, Debra attended San Antonio College for two years and then transferred to the University of Texas at Austin. She received her degree in Elementary Education with Honors in January 1975. She did student teaching in both Austin and San Antonio, before accepting a full-time teaching position in San Antonio.

After her marriage to Gary and move to Fort Worth, she accepted a position as Assistant Counselor with the Tarrant County Metropolitan Chapter of the United Way. A year later, she accepted an elementary teaching position with the Castleberry Independent School District, where she remained for 23 years. During that time, Debra was awarded the highest accolade a teacher can receive when, in 1995, she was recognized as the Castleberry ISD's "Teacher of the Year." In 1999, Debra accepted a first grade teaching position with the Fort Worth Independent School District and is now starting her second year at Waverly Park Elementary School, a long-time "Exemplary" campus within the Fort Worth district. Debra has been certified as a "Model Teacher" by the FWISD as is currently helping to pioneer a new reading program. Outside of school, Debra is active with parent support groups, including the local PTA and booster organizations. Debra is also active at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she and Gary have been members since 1980.

**Jeremy Matthew Palafox**, the first child of Gary and Debra Myers Palafox, was born May 10, 1980, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was baptized on July 27, 1980, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Jeremy attended Waverly Park Elementary School, Leonard Middle School, and Western Hills High School, graduating in May 1998, as Class Salutatorian. Jeremy was extremely involved in high school activities, including the Key Club, Natural Helpers, French Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. He served as the Senior Class President, and President of the Senior Steering Committee. Jeremy was also a trombone player in WHHS Cougar Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands, and served as Band Council Representative, Drill Instructor, and Drum Major (Junior and Senior years).

Jeremy received many awards: Tandy Scholar Award (four times), All-City Band (three times), Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore, USAA All-American Scholar (three times), Homecoming Court Prince (three times), Homecoming King (1998), Lockheed Academic Award, American Legion Boys State Award, Fort Worth Jaycees Youth Salute Finalist, FWISD Board of Education Award of Merit, Optimist Club Texan Award, FBLA State Computer Applications Competition 4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner, UIL District Computer Applications Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner, WHHS Outstanding Senior, the "Mr. WHHS" Award, the USAA National Leadership Award, and the "Who's Who in American High Schools"



Award. Jeremy worked as an Elementary School Tutor and Volunteer and as a Fort Worth Growth Center Volunteer. He was also active at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Youth Organization and the High School Youth Group. After high school, Jeremy enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin, where he is pursuing a degree in Public Relations in the College of Communications. At UT, Jeremy has been a member of the Longhorn Basketball Band and a member of the Texas Exes Student Chapter. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity and the Texas Union Council. Jeremy has been elected to the College of Communication Student Council and is the elected Communication Representative to the UT Student Government. He is currently working as a Camp Texas Counselor and as a Dormitory Resident Assistant. During the summer of 2000, Jeremy worked as a college intern for the Stuart Bacon Public Relations and Advertising Agency in Fort Worth.

**Ashlea Michele Palafox**, the second child of Gary and Debra Lea Myers Palafox, was born on April 14, 1984, in Fort Worth, Texas. She was baptized on June 24, 1984, at Hope Lutheran Church, in San Antonio, Texas. She attended Waverly Park Elementary School, Leonard Middle School, and is currently a junior at Western Hills High School in Fort Worth. At three years of age, Ashlea began dance lessons at Caron Moore Dance Productions. Since that time, she has routinely competed in tap, jazz, and lyrical dance in the duet and group dance categories and frequently wins high point recognition. Her dance troupe has performed across the country including Universal Studios in Hollywood, the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, and Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She still performs, today, with the Caron Moore Showtime Dancers.

Her dance interest has also developed into an interest in cheerleading, something she has been doing since middle school. Ashlea was selected as Team Captain of the WHHS Freshman Squad in 1998, as well as Team Captain of the Junior Varsity Squad in 1999. This year, she is a member of the Varsity Squad. She is a two-time All-American Cheerleading Nominee and her WHHS Varsity Squad was recently named Outstanding Team of the National Cheerleading Association North Texas 2000 Regional Cheerleading Camp. Ashlea is also an honor student, a member of the Key Club, and a member of the National Honor Society. She is in her third year on the WHHS Student Council, where she is currently serving as Vice President. Ashlea also has interests in the theatre arts and is a member of the International Thespian Society. Ashlea's biggest acting accomplishment was being part of her school's production of the "Beggar's Opera" which won UIL District, City, and Area competitions in the spring of 2000. Ashlea is also active at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Youth Organization and the High School Youth Group.

## KAREN LYNETTE PALAFOX



**Karen Lynnette Palafox**, the third child of Albert and Margaret Eckhardt Palafox, was born August 10, 1955, in Houston, Texas. She was baptized March 11, 1956, in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, and confirmed March 30, 1969, by Rev. Raymond Durst, in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Karen attended Baskin Elementary School, Longfellow Junior High School, and Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas. During her years in school, Karen enjoyed taking dancing lessons as well as lessons on various musical instruments. Her favorite activities in high school included Marching, Concert, and Stage Bands, as well as membership in the National Honor Society and the Martha Skelton Social Club. The highlight of Karen's senior year was being awarded the John Phillip Sousa Award, a national award recognizing Karen for her outstanding achievement and interests in band.

Karen pursued her interest in music and earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Houston, and Master of Music degree in Music Education from East Texas State University. Entering the field of teaching, Karen taught in Edgewood I.S.D., Pleasanton I.S.D., and is in her sixteenth year of teaching in Northside I.S.D., as band director at E.M. Pease Middle School. Her professional affiliations include Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and Sigma Alpha Iota. In addition to her teaching, Karen enjoys active membership at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, where she serves as choir director.



## THE WILLIAM SWANTNER FAMILY

### William and Cheryl Palafox Swantner

**Cheryl Jannette Palafox**, the fourth child of Albert and Margaret Palafox, was born March 29, 1957, in Houston, Texas. She was baptized August 4, 1957, in Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, by Rev. G.A. Poehlmann. She was confirmed May 2, 1971, in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Raymond Durst. Cheryl graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1975. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in December 1978, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She also received certification in Special Education. Cheryl has taught a variety of Special Needs children in her thirteen years as a teacher. She is presently teaching Emotionally Disturbed children at Timberwilde Elementary in San Antonio, Texas.

On June 24, 1978, Cheryl Palafox and William Swantner were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. They are presently living in San Antonio at 8507 Skye Heights. They have two children: **Albert** and **Tiffanie**.

**William Arthur Swantner**, son of George and Annabelle Swantner, was born on February 6, 1955, in Tacoma, Washington. William has lived in San Antonio since 1959. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1973. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1977, with a Bachelor of Music. William then received his Master of Music Degree from the University of Texas, San Antonio in 1986. In 1990, William graduated from St. Mary's University with a Master of Arts in Biblical Theology. He also graduated from the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest in 1990, with a Master of Divinity Degree. William taught band in the public schools for thirteen years, and he is currently serving as Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas.

**Albert Wilson Swantner** was born April 30, 1985, in San Antonio, Texas. He became an Eagle Scout at the age of 12. He is currently attending John Marshall High School, where he is a member of the Ram Band. He is also a member of the Latin Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. Albert has won numerous awards in both academics and music.

**Tiffanie Cheryl Swantner** was born on June 19, 1987, in San Antonio, Texas. She attends Stevenson Middle School where she is historian of the National Junior Honor Society and in the choir. She enjoys dancing and is a member of the competition group at TJ's Dance Factory. She has won many awards in the field of dancing and music.

## THE KERMIT ECKHARDT FAMILY

Kermit and Irene Eckhardt



**Kermit R. Eckhardt**, the fourth child of Reinhold and Lenora Grobe Eckhardt, was born on November 26, 1926, in Fredericksburg. He graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1945. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church.

In November 1945, he entered the United States Army. He served as military policeman in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of operation from June 1946 to January 1947, with the 51st Military Police Battalion. He was a member of a team that patrolled the dock area and in time of disturbances directed traffic in the area.

After his discharge from the army he was employed by the Texas Company wholesale warehouse at Fredericksburg. In 1959, he was a partner in the Reed Butane Company of Harper. Kermit lives on his ranch, the former Ernest Althaus place. He enjoys hunting, traveling, and restoring old cars.

On July 31, 1954, Kermit Eckhardt and Irene Ketron were married in the Edison Street Methodist Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, by Rev. George Flicker. To this union two children were born: **Dana Marie** and **Mark David**. They are members of Cave Creek Lutheran Church. Their address is 1444 Koennecke-Eckhardt Road, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

**Irene Ketron Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ketron, was born on August 8, 1930, at Fredericksburg. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1947. She was employed by the United Telephone Company and General Telephone Company in Fredericksburg. She has been working as a certified dispatcher for Gillespie County Law Enforcement since June 1987.



## THE BRUCE PYKA FAMILY

### Bruce and Dana Eckhardt Pyka

**Dana Marie Eckhardt**, the first child of Kermit and Irene Ketron Eckhardt, was born May 6, 1957. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1975. After graduation, she attended Durham's Business College and then worked for the Texas Water Commission. She then moved back to Fredericksburg, began working for the accounting firm of Geistweidt, Neffendorf, Klein & Knopp, P.C., and has been employed there since December 1978.

On April 19, 1980, Dana married **Bruce "Nehi" Pyka** in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg. He is currently the Superintendent of Lady Bird Johnson Park in Fredericksburg. They have four children: **Ryan Andrew** born March 3, 1985, **Shaun Kyle** born February 28, 1989, and twins **Dylan Anthony** and **Lauren Ashley** born March 12, 1992.

## THE MARK ECKHARDT FAMILY

## Mark and Rosalinda Eckhardt

**Mark David Eckhardt**, the second child of Kermit and Irene Ketron Eckhardt, was born on May 13, 1961. He attended school in Fredericksburg and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1979. He attended Texas Lutheran University and graduated with degrees in Marketing and Management. Upon graduation, he began working for Conoco Inc., where he is still employed. In 1994, Mark graduated from Sul Ross University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and motorcycling.

On December 25, 1995, Mark married *Rosalinda Rameriz* from Laredo, Texas. Rosalinda graduated from Merrin High School in Laredo, Texas, in 1979. She then attended Laredo College and graduated in 1983, with a major in Import/Export Management. She is a certified fitness trainer and is also a volunteer for the Laredo Disabled Parking Enforcement Division. She enjoys body building, aerobics, and motorcycling. Mark and Rosalinda live in Laredo, Texas.

Rosalinda has one daughter, *Clarissa*, who is Mark's stepdaughter. She is a junior at the University of Texas.



# THE MARK ECKHARDT FAMILY

## Mark and Rosalind Eckhardt

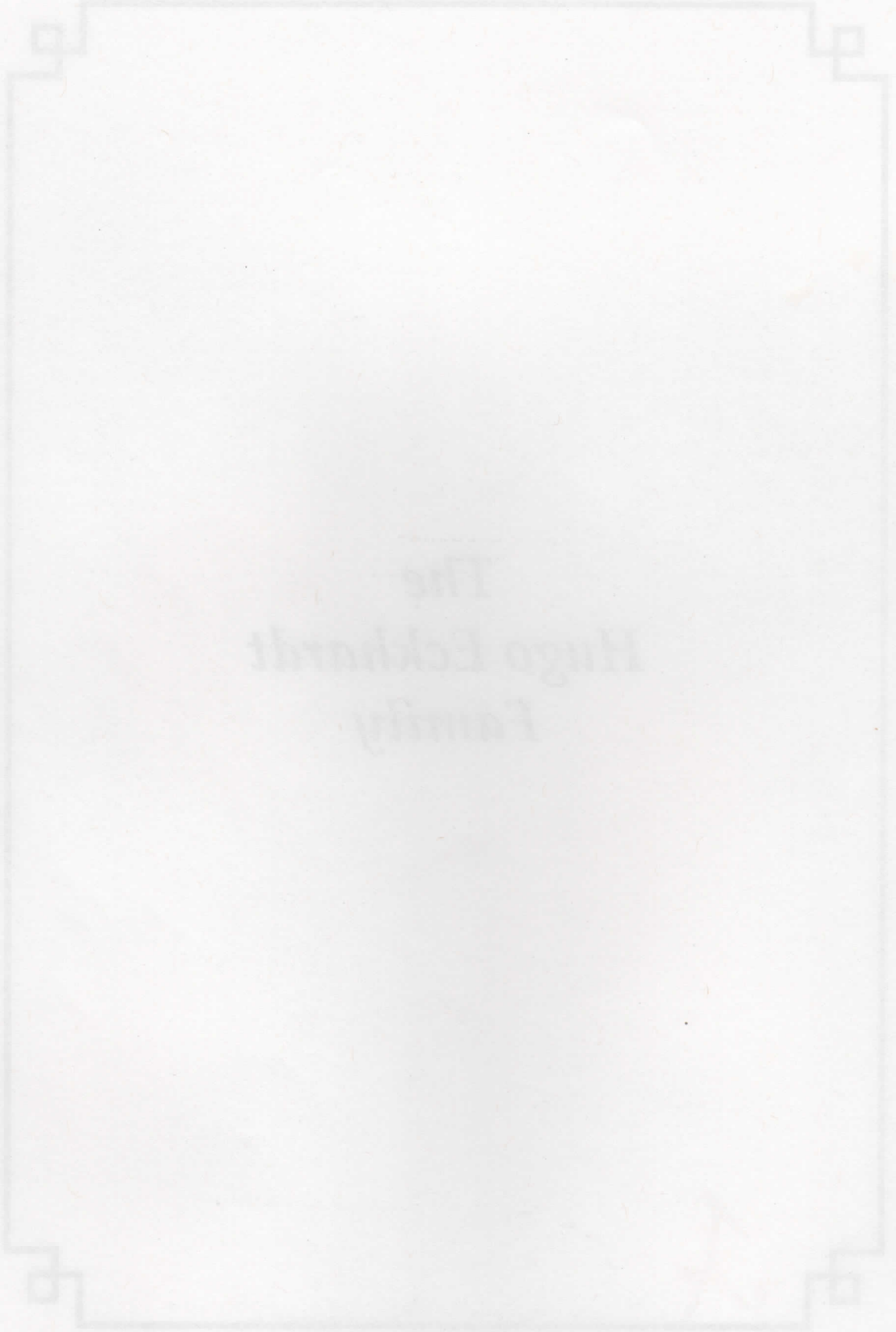
Mark David Eckhardt, the second child of Reinhold and Rose Eckhardt, was born on May 13, 1951. He attended school in Paderborn and graduated from Paderborn High School in 1970. He attended Texas Lutheran University and graduated with degrees in Marketing and Management. Upon graduation he began working for (company not specified) where he is still employed in 1988. Mark married Rosalind (company not specified) in 1978. Mark and Rosalind have three children: David, born in 1979, and two daughters, Rosalind and Rebecca, born in 1981 and 1983 respectively.

The Eckhardt family is a devout Christian family. Mark and Rosalind are members of the Lutheran Church. Mark is a member of the Paderborn Lutheran Church and Rosalind is a member of the Paderborn Lutheran Church. The Eckhardt family is a close-knit family and they spend a great deal of time together. Mark and Rosalind are very active in their church and community. Mark is a member of the Paderborn Lutheran Church and Rosalind is a member of the Paderborn Lutheran Church. The Eckhardt family is a close-knit family and they spend a great deal of time together. Mark and Rosalind are very active in their church and community.

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**Hugo A. ECKHARDT (7 Dec 1887 - 27 Jun 1954)**  
 & Marie Clara FEUGE (ECKHARDT) (17 Apr 1895 - 27 Sep 1968)

**Harvey Albert ECKHARDT (12 Oct 1920 - )**  
 & Martina Katherina JACOBY (ECKHARDT) (28 Jan 1922 - )

**Shirley Marie ECKHARDT (BOHMANN) (17 Nov 1942 - )**  
 & Nick Roberts BOHMANN (10 Mar 1939 - )

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**Jonathan Andrew BOHMANN (21 Jan 1969 - )**  
 & Amy Kristine DICKE (BOHMANN) (19 Dec 1969 - )

**David Mark BOHMANN (20 Sep 1972 - )**  
 & Wendolyn Elizabeth (Wendy) FLATT (BOHMANN) (22 Apr 1976 - )

**Cletus Harvey ECKHARDT (2 Feb 1944 - )**  
 & Lillian Vera AHRENS (ECKHARDT) (17 Mar 1946 - )

**Rhonda Kay ECKHARDT (3 Jul 1972 - )**

**Brian Jason ECKHARDT (4 Dec 1976 - )**

**Sylvia Bertha (Sibi) ECKHARDT (KRAEMER) (29 Apr 1945 - )**  
 & Donald Loyd KRAEMER (18 May 1945 - )

**Brett Alan KRAEMER (31 Mar 1970 - )**  
 & Rachel MAHLER (KRAEMER) (27 May 1969 - )

**Andrew Trevor KRAEMER (4 Mar 1999 - )**

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 & Timothy Dean KAUFMAN (17 Sep 1974 - )

**Dennis Lee ECKHARDT (22 Aug 1950 - )**

**Elgin Reinhold ECKHARDT (8 Apr 1923 - )**  
 & Estella DUECKER (ECKHARDT) (10 Aug 1927 - )

**Larry Allen ECKHARDT (25 Apr 1949 - )**  
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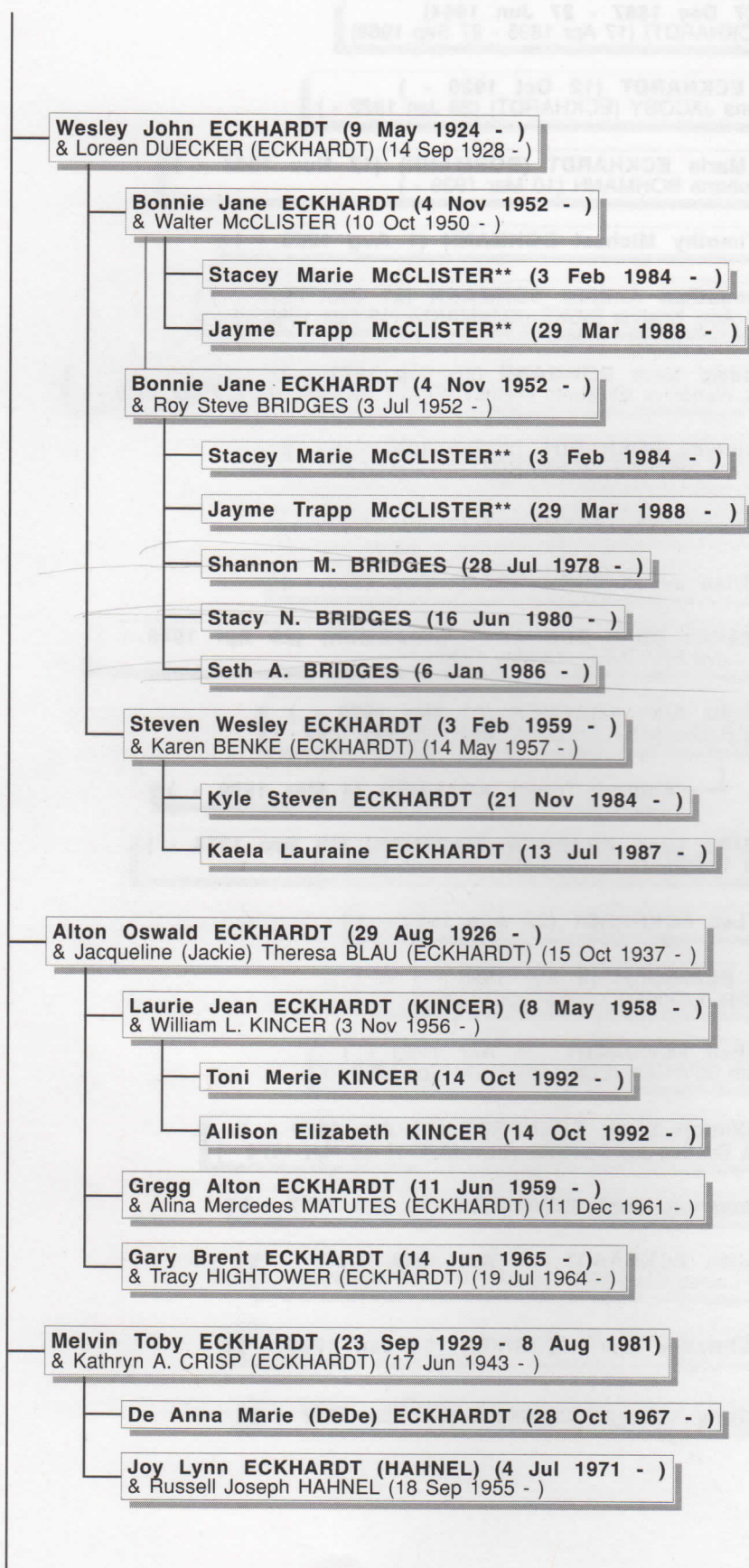
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**Carly Michelle CURRIER (30 Jun 1987 - )**





**Opal Marie ECKHARDT (HAUFLER) (12 Oct 1931 - 18 Jul 1976)**  
& Alton Joe HAUFLER (10 Nov 1928 - 5 Oct 1990)

**Hubert Gilbert ECKHARDT (28 Aug 1933 - )**  
& Gladys JENSCHKE (ECKHARDT) (2 May 1937 - )

**Becky Kay ECKHARDT (MORAN) (5 Jan 1966 - )**  
& Patrick Brian MORAN (21 May 1964 - )

**Colby Douglas MORAN (30 Dec 1990 - )**

**Casey Dalton MORAN (27 Oct 1997 - )**

**Allen Wade ECKHARDT (27 Jan 1968 - )**  
& Margaret (Margie) Ann ZAIONTZ (ECKHARDT) (13 Apr 1966 - )

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## THE HUGO ECKHARDT FAMILY

Hugo and Marie Eckhardt



**Hugo Adam Eckhardt**, the sixth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on December 7, 1887, at Rheingold. He attended the Rheingold School and later attended Draughan's Business College. He was at first an automobile dealer, having a dealership for the Overland car in Fredericksburg. He was later engaged in farming and ranching in the Post Oak Community at Stonewall, and then later at Harper. They later moved to Fredericksburg where he was employed at Lochte Storage and Commission Company.

He was baptized on December 26, 1887, in Bethany Lutheran Church and confirmed on April 6, 1902, in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. J. Kuemmel. Hugo was a member of the Rheingold Band, Rheingold Liederkrantz and later a member of the Arion Maennerchor of Fredericksburg.

On February 17, 1920, Hugo A. Eckhardt and Marie Clara Feuge were married at Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. K. Konzack. To this union seven children were born: **Harvey, Elgin, Wesley, Alton, Melvin, Opal and Hubert.**

On Sunday, June 27, 1954, Hugo Eckhardt passed away suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 66. He was buried in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg with Rev. G. A. Poehlmann officiating.



**Marie Clara Feuge Eckhardt**, daughter of Henry and Johanna Lindig Feuge, Sr., was born on April 17, 1895, in the Kleinfrankreich Community. She attended the Kleinfrankreich School. She was baptized on October 11, 1895, in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. W. Steinmann and confirmed on April 12, 1908, in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. G. I. Ide.

In 1949, she suffered a stroke, but continued to live in Fredericksburg until 1959, when she moved to San Antonio to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Marie Feuge Eckhardt passed away on September 27, 1968, at the age of 73 years. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 29, in the Beckmann Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Will Rotter, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in the City Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Pallbearers were: Cletus Eckhardt, Dennis Eckhardt, Larry Eckhardt, Curtis Feuge, Don Smith and Eugene Feuge.

## THE HARVEY ECKHARDT FAMILY

Harvey and Martina Eckhardt



**Harvey Albert Eckhardt**, the first child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on October 12, 1920, at Fredericksburg. He attended the Post Oak School in Blanco County and later the Lower South Grape Creek School in Gillespie County. In his early years Harvey farmed in Blanco and Gillespie County, and in 1940, started in the carpentry trade in San Antonio. He was a building contractor, Eckhardt Brothers Builders, in partnership with his brothers, Elgin and Wesley. He retired in 1989. He enjoyed fishing and hunting in his younger years. Now he enjoys tending to his pecan trees, fruit trees and garden at their property on Lake LBJ. During pecan season, he cracks pecans and sells shelled pecans to his faithful customers.

On February 15, 1942, Harvey Eckhardt and Martina Katherina Jacoby were married in Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg by Rev. Theo M. Haag. To this union four children were born: **Shirley**, **Cletus**, **Sylvia** and **Dennis**. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. They enjoy playing "42" with many friends. Their present address is 135 Renner, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

**Martina Katherina Jacoby Eckhardt**, daughter of Edmund and Bertha Peese Jacoby, was born on January 28, 1922, in the Nebgen Community in Gillespie County. She attended the Nebgen School. Martina is a homemaker. She continues to enjoy oil painting, sewing, gardening, and playing "42". Her homemade baked goods are enjoyed by her children and grandchildren. She is a longtime member of the Women of the Church at St. John's, having served in various offices. She is also a member of the Cradle Roll Workers at St. John's, where she participates in contacting the families of the youngest members of the church.



THE NICK BOHMANN FAMILY

Nick and Shirley Eckhardt Bohmann



Back Row (l to r): Jon & Amy Bohmann, Wendy & David Bohmann, Tim Bohmann  
Seated in front: Shirley & Nick Bohmann



**Shirley Marie Eckhardt Bohmann**, first child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born November 17, 1942, in San Antonio. She attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and Thomas A. Edison High School in San Antonio. She received a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Texas Lutheran College and a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She is also a certified Reading Specialist, and a trained Reading Recovery teacher. She taught for several years at St. John's Lutheran School in Austin before returning to the public school system where she has been ever since. Shirley now teaches first grade at Boone Elementary School in Austin, Texas. Her other interests are sewing and crafts. She is looking forward to retirement and travel in a few years.

On June 15, 1963, Shirley Marie Eckhardt and Nick Roberts Bohmann were married in St. John's Lutheran Church by Dr. Roald Braulick. To this union three sons were born: **Timothy Michael**, **Jonathan Andrew**, and **David Mark**. Shirley and Nick are active members of Abiding Love Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. Their current address is 2023 Coats Circle, Austin, Texas, 78748.

**Nick Roberts Bohmann**, son of Elmo and Elza Lawhon Browder Bohmann, was born on March 10, 1939, in Crystal City, Texas. He attended Collings Gardens Elementary School and Sam Houston High School in San Antonio. He received his B.A. Degree from Texas Lutheran College. Nick also attended the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He is presently employed by New England Financial. His hobbies are model railroading and fishing. One of his favorite activities is to do volunteer work with the Austin and Texas Central Railroad. He assists in many ways, but one of his most enjoyable jobs is to serve as crew chief on the Hill Country Flyer that runs between Cedar Park and Burnet.

**Timothy Michael Bohmann**, the first child of Nick and Shirley Eckhardt Bohmann, was born in Austin, Texas, on August 1, 1966. He attended Cunningham Elementary, Porter Junior High, and Crockett High School in Austin. Tim played the trumpet in the band at both Porter Junior High and at Crockett HS. He was also active in the youth group at church. After graduation from Crockett in 1984, he attended the University of Texas. Later he attended Texas Lutheran University and graduated in 1991, with a BA degree in Finance. Tim is currently employed by Verizon Wireless in Austin, Texas. He provides technical support for the offices and retail outlets. He enjoys working with computers. He likes to do cycling for exercise. His current address is 722 Viola St., San Marcos, TX 78666.

**Jonathan Andrew Bohmann**, the second child of Nick and Shirley Eckhardt Bohmann, was born in Bryan, Texas, on January 21, 1969. He attended Cunningham Elementary School, Porter Junior High School and Crockett High School in Austin. He was active in the band program in all three schools. He played the trombone. He was active in Boy Scouts and achieved the Eagle Scout award. After graduating from Crockett in 1987, Jon attended Texas Lutheran University and received his B.S. in Chemistry in 1991. He then attended The University of Wisconsin earning his PhD in Chemistry in 1996. Currently, Jon is an assistant professor of physical chemistry at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. His hobbies include photography, sailing, gardening, and antique radios.

On December 18, 1999, Jonathan Andrew Bohmann and Amy Kristine Dicke were married in the Chapel of the Abiding Presence, on the campus of Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas, by the Rev. M. David Fetter, Jr. Their current address is 955 Sowell, Seguin, Texas, 78155. Amy and Jon are members and sing in the choir at Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin.



**Amy Kristine Dicke Bohmann**, daughter of David W. and Kathryn I. Dicke, of Wildwood, Missouri, was born on December 19, 1969, in Lincoln, Nebraska. She attended elementary school in Saginaw, Michigan (McBright), Carmel, Indiana (Woodbrook), and Geneva, Illinois (Fourth Street); junior high in Geneva, Illinois (Coultrap), Houston, Texas (Strack), and Shreveport, Louisiana (Caddo Middle Magnet), and high school in Shreveport (Caddo Magnet High), and St. Louis (Parkway West), where she graduated in 1988. Amy attended Texas Lutheran College (now University), where she was active in the Beta Alpha Sigma sorority and Campus Ministry. She graduated in 1992, with a B.A. in psychology and Spanish. She received her M.A. (1994) and Ph.D. (1997) in Experimental Social Psychology from Texas Tech University. After teaching for one year in Farmington Hills, Michigan, she has settled in Seguin, Texas, and is on the psychology faculty at Texas Lutheran University. She has one sister, Susan Jennifer Dicke Bradshaw, who lives in St. Charles, Missouri. Amy's hobbies include cooking, reading, and her cat, Hayley.

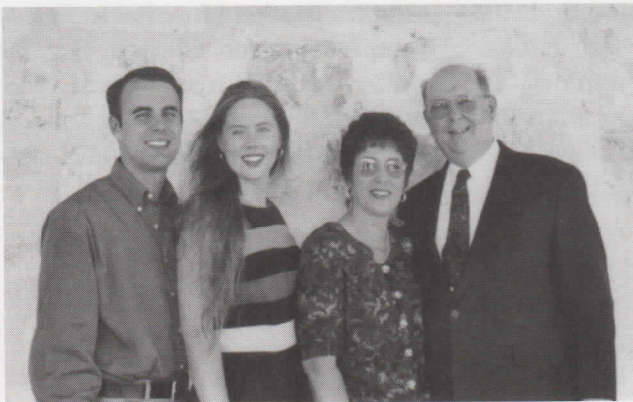
**David Mark Bohmann**, the third child of Nick and Shirley Eckhardt Bohmann, was born in McAllen, Texas, on September 20, 1972. After returning to Austin with his family in 1973, David attended St. John's Lutheran School for several years (right down the hall from Mom). He later attended Cunningham Elementary, Bedichek Junior High and Crockett High School in Austin. Throughout school David was active in the school band as a percussionist, church youth group and Boy Scouts, where he achieved the Eagle Scout award. After graduating from Crockett in 1991, David went on to receive his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Texas Lutheran College in 1995. After spending a year in the graduate program at Texas A&M, David went to Houston, Texas, to pursue a career in industrial chemistry. He began work at Fina Oil & Chemical's Research Center in La Porte, Texas. He is currently employed at Boeing near Clear Lake, Texas. His hobbies are computers, digital photography and woodworking.

On July 18, 1998, David Mark Bohmann and Wendolyn Elizabeth Flatt were married at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood, Texas, by Revs. Cliff Akermann and M. David Fetter, Jr. Their current address is 3850 FM 518 E. #1202, League City, Texas 77573.

**Wendolyn Elizabeth Flatt Bohmann**, daughter of Biff and Melinda Flatt of Kingwood, Texas, was born on April 22, 1976, in Arlington, Texas. Wendy attended Scarborough Elementary in Olathe, Kansas. After moving to Kingwood, Texas, with her family in 1986, she attended Woodland Hills Elementary, Kingwood Middle School and graduated from Kingwood High School in 1994. Wendy received her B.A. in Multidisciplinary Studies (Education) from Texas Lutheran University in 1998. After teaching for one year in the Alvin, Texas school district, she is currently employed at the Galloway School in the Clear Lake area. Her hobbies are baking and reading.

## THE CLETUS ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Cletus and Lillian Eckhardt



(l to r) Brian, Rhonda, Lillian, and Cletus



**Cletus Harvey Eckhardt**, the second child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born on February 2, 1944, in San Antonio. Cletus was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, and was confirmed at St John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas. He attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and graduated from Thomas A. Edison High School in San Antonio, Texas. Cletus is employed by San Antonio Belt in San Antonio. He enjoys hunting, fishing, travel and camping.

On October 30, 1965, Cletus Harvey Eckhardt and Lillian Vera Ahrens were married in Christ Lutheran Church in Cherry Springs, Texas, by the Rev. William Lange. To this union two children, **Rhonda Kay** and **Brian Jason**, were born. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas. Their present addresses is 8616 Noble Lark, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas 78015.

**Lillian Vera Ahrens Eckhardt**, daughter of Sylvester and Wanda Crenwelge Ahrens, was born on March 17, 1946, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Lillian was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church, Cherry Springs, Texas. She attended Cherry Springs School in Cherry Springs, Texas, and graduated from Fredericksburg High School, Fredericksburg, Texas.

**Rhonda Kay Eckhardt**, daughter of Cletus Harvey and Lillian Ahrens Eckhardt, was born on July 3, 1972, at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Rhonda was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio. Rhonda attended Arnold Elementary School in San Antonio and graduated from Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas. She received a B.A. Degree in Marketing from Texas Lutheran College. She has worked for Dillard's Inc. in San Antonio and Fort Worth. She is currently working in the Product Development Department at Dillard's corporate office in Little Rock, Arkansas. In her spare time, Rhonda enjoys outdoor activity.

**Brian Jason Eckhardt**, the second child of Cletus Harvey and Lillian Ahrens Eckhardt, was born December 4, 1976, at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Brian was baptized and confirmed at St John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas. Brian attended Boerne Elementary School and graduated from Boerne High School. Brian lives in Bryan, Texas. He is attending Blinn College and working for Capital Bearing. Brian received an Associate Degree in Science from Blinn College. In his spare time, Brian enjoys hunting, water sports, fishing, and outdoor activities.

THE DONALD KRAEMER FAMILY

Don and Sylvia Eckhardt Kraemer



Back Row (left to right): Tim Kaufman, Sibi & Don Kraemer, Brett Kraemer  
Seated in front: Erika Kaufman, Rachel Kramer w/ son Trevor



**Sylvia Bertha Eckhardt Kraemer**, the third child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born on April 29, 1945, at Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized on July 8, 1945, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, TX by Rev. G.A. Poehlmann. She attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Elma Neal Elementary and graduated from Edison High School in San Antonio in 1962. She attended San Antonio College and in May of 1966, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and a minor in German from Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas. Sylvia taught 5th grade at Juan Seguin Elementary in Seguin, Texas, for one year, 3rd and 4th grade at Molly Dawson Elementary School in Austin ISD for 4 years and 6th grade Language Arts/English at Scott Johnson Elementary School in Huntsville, Texas, for 2 years. When their second child, Erika, was born, Sylvia was a "stay at home" mom until her children were in Junior High. She then became the part time secretary at Faith Lutheran Church in Huntsville. When Faith opened their pre-school in 1987, she became a teacher of 3 year olds and held that position, as well as being part time secretary, for 13 years. She is currently a part time secretary at Faith.

Being active in the life of her congregation keeps her busy. She serves at present on the Boards of Christian Education, Finance, Building, and Evangelism, as well as the Camping Committee. She has served as president of the Faith Lutheran Women and Circle of Love. In past years she has been involved in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teaching. She is a nursery volunteer, usher and Adult Choir member. Her hobbies include reading, yard work, needlework, camping and cooking. The Kraemers love the outdoors and take many vacations camping with friends and family. In addition, Sylvia also now enjoys spending time with grandson, Andrew, who is 18 months.

On November 24, 1966, Sylvia Bertha Eckhardt and Donald Loyd Kraemer were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio by Dr. Roald Braulick and Rev. Delmar Ray Kraemer. To this union two children were born: **Brett Alan** and **Erika Lynn**. Sylvia and Don are members of Faith Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Texas. Their present address is 104 Oakview Circle, Huntsville, Texas, 77340-8936. Their phone is 936-295-3885; e-mail is [kraemer@lcc.net](mailto:kraemer@lcc.net).

**Donald Loyd Kraemer**, son of Benard and Ethel Kraemer, was born May 18, 1945, in Rosebud, Texas. He was baptized on June 17, 1945, at Salem Lutheran Church, Terry's Chapel, Rosebud, Texas, by Rev. Louis Kramer. In May of 1963, he was valedictorian of Rosebud High School and in May of 1967, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and a minor in Government from Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas. In May of 1972 he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

From June of 1969 to May of 1971, Donald served in the U.S. Army. During this period he served 10 months in Vietnam with the 199th Infantry and AMERICAL Division. In July of 1972, Donald accepted a position as inmate Staff Attorney with the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville, Texas. He served in this capacity until August of 1974. He then became Deputy District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District. In 1976, Donald became affiliated with the law firm of Colley, Haney and Kraemer in Huntsville. In 1978, Haney and Kraemer, Attorneys at Law, was established and that partnership still exists at this time. Don has been an active member of the Huntsville community for almost 30 years, having served twice (1982 and 1997) as President and Chairman of the Board of the Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce. In addition to the chamber, Don has served on the Huntsville ISD school board for 6 years, is a board member of East Texas National Bank of Palestine and is the chair of Tri-County MHMR board. He currently serves his church, Faith Lutheran, as head elder, usher, and member of Board of Evangelism and vice president of the congregation. In his spare time he still enjoys hunt-



ing, camping, raising tomatoes, reading and playing "42". Added to this list now is enjoying time with grandson, Andrew, who is 2 years old.

**Brett Alan Kraemer**, first child of Donald and Sylvia Eckhardt Kraemer, was born on March 31, 1970, at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized at First English Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas, on June 14, 1972, by Rev. Merle Franke.

During Brett's first year he lived in San Antonio with his mom and grandparents while his dad was away serving in Vietnam. In June of 1971, the Kraemer family moved to Austin so that Don could finish law school. In June of 1972, Brett moved with his mom and dad to Huntsville, Texas. Brett went to preschool at Little Red School House and Gibbs Elementary School through fifth grade. He attended Mance Park Junior High and in 1988, graduated from Huntsville High School. Brett was a member of the Hornet band, Mock Trial Team, Tennis Team, a Texas Scholar, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Brett attended Texas Lutheran College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree (with Honors) in Political Science/Pre-Law in May of 1992. He attended St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Texas, and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence (with Honors) in May of 1995. Brett is currently a corporate lawyer for Kinetic Concepts, Inc. in San Antonio, Texas. In his spare time he enjoys camping, hunting, walking, working in the yard, playing with his dog, Summer, and hanging out with friends and family. Most of all, he enjoys spending his spare time with his son, Andrew, and wife, Rachel.

On December 18, 1993, Brett Alan Kraemer and Rachel Mahler were married at Shepherd King Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas by, Rev. Dr. John Braulick and Rev. Larry Wagner. To this union one child has been born: **Andrew Trevor**. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church, Helotes, Texas. Their current address is 11126 Quail Pass, San Antonio, Texas 78249. Their phone is 210/558-9829; e-mail is kraemer@stic.net.

**Rachel Mahler Kraemer**, daughter of Jim and LaNell Mahler, was born on May 27, 1969, in Westwood, New Jersey. During Rachel's first year, she and her parents and older sister moved to Maywood, Illinois. Rachel attended St. Paul's Lutheran School for kindergarten through fourth grade. During the summer of 1978, Rachel and her family moved to Thousand Oaks, California. She attended Lareda Elementary School for fifth and sixth grades. She attended Los Cerritos Intermediate School and graduated from Thousand Oaks High School in 1987. Rachel was a basketball statistician, a member of the Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleading teams, and an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church's youth group.

Rachel attended Texas Lutheran College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Spanish in May of 1991. She attended Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and received her Master of Arts degree in School Psychology in May of 1993. She is currently working part-time as a school psychologist for the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. In her spare time, Rachel enjoys walking, camping, playing with their dog, Summer, and most of all taking care of and playing with Andrew.

**Andrew Trevor Kraemer**, son of Brett Alan and Rachel Mahler Kraemer, was born on March 4, 1999, at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. In his spare time, Andrew enjoys playing with his dog, Summer, taking walks with mom and dad, going to SeaWorld, cleaning the house, playing outside, helping dad take out the garbage and looking for trucks, dozers, garbage trucks and airplanes.

**Erika Lynn Kraemer**, second child of Sylvia Eckhardt Kraemer and Donald Loyd Kraemer, was born on September 18, 1974, at Doctor's Hospital in Conroe, Texas. Erika was baptized on October 27, 1974, at Faith Lutheran Church, Huntsville, TX by Rev. Donald L. Kaspar. She attended Little Red School House for preschool, Kindergarten and



First Grade. She attended Gibbs Elementary in 2nd and 3rd grade; Samuel Houston Elementary School in 4th and 5th grade; Scott Johnson Intermediate for 6th grade; Mance Park Junior High for 7th and 8th grade and graduated from Huntsville High School in May of 1992. Erika was a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society, a Texas Scholar, on the staff of the high school yearbook, student council, Who's Who and on the Varsity tennis team.

Erika attended Texas Lutheran University and graduated in December of 1996, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in the Secondary Education Program with a second field of study in Political Science. In 1997, she attended Southwest Texas State University and received a Certificate in Legal Studies. Erika is currently employed as Executive Assistant/Market Researcher for Walton Enterprises, LTD., in San Antonio, Texas.

On May 30, 1998, Erika Lynn Kraemer and Timothy Dean Kaufman were married at Faith Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Texas. They are members of Peace Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, Texas. Their current address is 1627 Sunshine Peak, New Braunfels, Texas. Their phone number is 830/606-1987.

**Timothy Dean Kaufman**, son of Roger and Pat Kaufman, was born on September 17, 1974, at Russel County Hospital in Russel, Kansas. He attended Kindergarten and First Grade at Pumfrey Elementary in Baytown, Texas. He attended Leader Elementary in 2nd through 5th grade, Watkins Jr. High in 6th through 8th grade and graduated from Langham Creek High School in May of 1993, in Katy, Texas. Tim was a member of Senior Men, Sadd and the Varsity Soccer Team. Tim attended Texas Lutheran University where he worked toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing. Tim is currently employed as an Advertising Consultant for Alliance Media in San Antonio, Texas.

## DENNIS LEE ECKHARDT



**Dennis Lee Eckhardt**, fourth child of Harvey and Martina Jacoby Eckhardt, was born on August 22, 1950, in San Antonio. He attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and Edison High School in San Antonio. He attended Texas Lutheran College for two years. Dennis was formerly employed as a carpenter for Eckhardt Bros. Building Contractors. Presently, he is employed with San Antonio Belting and Pulley Company. His hobbies are hunting and camping. He refurbishes International Harvester Scouts and collects Scout parts. He is learning to use the computer. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio. His address is 214 Latch Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78213.



## THE ELGIN ECKHARDT FAMILY

Elgin and Estella Eckhardt



**Elgin R. Eckhardt**, the second child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born April 8, 1923, in the Post Oak Community in Blanco County. The courthouse birth records show his place of birth as Mohair, Texas, which was a Post Office at that time. He was baptized May 20, 1923, by Rev. K. Konzak and confirmed by Rev. Theo Haag on March 21, 1937, in Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Elgin attended school at Post Oak in Blanco County and Lower South Grape Creek in Gillespie County. Later he was engaged in ranching and farming. He was inducted into the Army during World War II on Feb 1, 1943, and discharged on Feb. 2, 1946. He received his basic training at Ft. Custer, Michigan as a Military Policeman to transport, guard, and be a language interpreter for German war prisoners. His first overseas trip was to bring prisoners to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, from Oran, Algeria, which is in North-west Africa. He was later trained for Co. A, the 1285<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers and served in England, France, Germany, Holland, and Belgium. He was on his way to Japan on a troop ship when news came that the atomic bomb had been dropped in Hiroshima in August 1945. They anchored and waited until finally news came that the war was over. After his discharge, he joined his brothers in a building contractor partnership known as "Eckhardt Bros." which lasted for forty-three years. Elgin and Wesley still do carpentry part-time.

Elgin loves the outdoors, cattle ranching, hunting, and fishing. Elgin and Estella switch from city living to fresh country air nearly every weekend to take care of these interests on land they acquired in 1963.

On March 30, 1947, Elgin and Estella Duecker were married in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, by the Rev. Otto Lindenberg. To this union one son was born on April 25, 1949, named **Larry Allen**.

Elgin and Estella are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rheingold School "42" Club, and a couples "42" club in San Antonio. They are past members of the Nebgen School "42" Club, the Stonewall Dance Club, and the Fredericksburg Reunion Association in San Antonio.

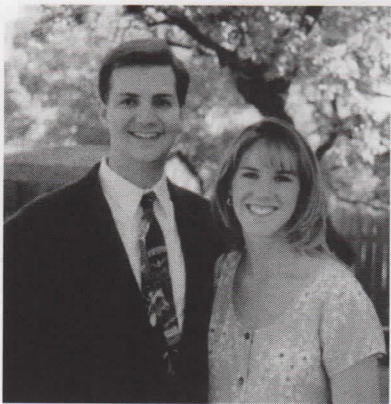
*Estella Duecker Eckhardt*, daughter of Edmund and Alice Franz Duecker, was born August 10, 1927, in the Rheingold community. She was baptized October 23, 1927, by Rev. Arthur Koerner and confirmed April 6, 1941, by Rev. Otto Lindenberg in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school at Rheingold, Nebgen, Stonewall, and Blanco.

Estella loves the role of homemaking and all that this entails and reading is a favorite pastime. She was a Sales Associate for Rhodes Department Store at Crossroads Mall for eleven years.

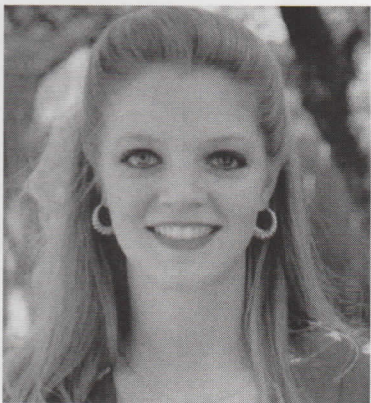


THE LARRY ECKHARDT FAMILY

Larry and Stacey Eckhardt



Clint and Cindi Eckhardt



Mandy Eckhardt



**Larry Allen Eckhardt**, son of Elgin and Estella Duecker Eckhardt, was born on April 25, 1949, in San Antonio. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church on June 19, 1949, by Dr. Vernon Mohr, and was confirmed April 7, 1963, by Pastor Arthur Holm. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1967. While at Jefferson, he played on the Varsity basketball team. He also enjoyed the game of baseball. Starting at age seven he played Church League, then Little League, and later YMCA baseball.

Larry attended Texas Lutheran College, San Antonio College and received his B.S. Degree in Industrial Arts from Southwest Texas State University in 1971. After graduation, Larry worked in the Farm Machinery industry until 1979, initially as a service representative with White Farm Equipment, and later as a partner in Haufler Equipment Company. In 1980, he joined Southwest Research Institute as a Project Leader in the Fleet Laboratory. During his career he has managed projects that have evaluated the performance of lubricants, fuels, and components. He is the author of three SAE Technical Papers that he presented to the heavy duty trucking industry at National SAE Conferences. Larry was promoted to Manager of the Fleet and Field Evaluations section in 1995.

Larry has always enjoyed outdoor activities. These have ranged from hunting, flying, tractor pulling, motorcycling, and boating. He is an avid Gulf Coast fisherman.

Larry Allen and Sarabeth Bowren were married at St. John's Lutheran Church on June 26, 1970, by Dr. Roald Braulick. To this union two children were born: **Clinton Larry** and **Amanda Leigh** in San Antonio.

**Sarabeth Bowren Eckhardt**, daughter of Ewell and Sara Bowren, was born September 11, 1950, in San Antonio. She graduated from Edison High School and received a B.S. degree in Home Economics from Southwest Texas State University. Larry and Sarabeth were divorced on May 18, 1998.

Larry Allen and Stacey Louise Currier were married by Reverend David Trawick on March 23, 2000, in San Antonio, Texas.

**Stacey Louise Currier Eckhardt**, daughter of Richard and Jacqueline Thomas MacLeod, was born March 18, 1958, in Washington, D.C. She was baptized at East Main Methodist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on August 10, 1958, by Reverend Don War-mouth. She graduated from John Jay High School in 1976. Stacey is the mother of *Christina Marie Currier* born January 24, 1983, and *Carly Michelle Currier* born June 30, 1987. Both children were born in San Antonio.

Upon graduation from high school, Stacey worked in the Insurance Industry. In 1992, she joined Southwest Research Institute where she is currently an Administrative Coordinator in the Signal Exploitation and Geolocation Division.

**Clinton Larry Eckhardt** was born January 11, 1974, to Larry Allen Eckhardt and Sarabeth Bowren Eckhardt in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church February 7, 1974, by Dr. Roald Braulick. He attended St. George Episcopal School, Zachry Middle School, and graduated from Taft High School. He sang in the Taft Chorale club all of his high school years and was chosen to sing with the "Barbershop Quartet" on special occasions.

Clinton was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church and through their youth organizations he traveled to Oregon, Canada, and Massachusetts to help restore housing for the needy. He also was privileged to be included on a trip to the Holy Land. Upon graduation from high school, he was awarded a four year scholarship to Texas A&M University. He graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering and accepted a position with Intel in Albuquerque. In September 1999, he transferred to the Intel Plant in Boston. While at A&M, he was a member of the esteemed Singing Cadets, "The Voice of Aggieland". He is presently studying for a double Masters Degree in Chemical Engineer-



ing and Business Administration at M.I.T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

Clinton Larry and Cynthia Joy Peters were married in Los Alamos, New Mexico, on April 25, 1998, by Reverend Henry Fernandez at First Methodist Church.

**Cynthia Joy Peters Eckhardt**, daughter of Richard and Diane Peters, was born November 30, 1974, in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Cindi was the Captain of the High School cheerleaders. She was an honor student and received a four year scholarship to Texas A&M University and received her degree in Industrial Engineering. She was employed at Intel in Los Alamos and at the present time is at the Intel Plant in Boston.

**Amanda Leigh Eckhardt** was born in San Antonio, Texas, June 29, 1977, to Larry Allen Eckhardt and Sarabeth Bowren Eckhardt. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church on August 28, 1977, by Dr. Roald Braulick. She attended St. George Episcopal School, Zachry Middle School, and graduated from Taft High School. She played the flute in the Zachry Middle School Band, sang with the Taft Chorale Club, and was on the Dance Team.

At age five, Amanda started twirling classes and performed for relatives and the public. Later, she participated in competitions throughout the state. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Texas at San Antonio. She decided to finish her education at Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business and Marketing in December 1999. She is currently employed at Target in College Station. During the summer before her graduation from A&M, Mandy worked in Connecticut. While there she was able to travel through Vermont, New Hampshire, New York City, and Boston.

## THE WESLEY ECKHARDT FAMILY

## Wesley and Loreen Eckhardt



**Wesley John Eckhardt**, the third child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on May 9, 1924, in the Post Oak Community in Blanco County. He was baptized on July 6, 1924, by Rev. K. Konzack at Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, and confirmed on April 21, 1939, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas.

He attended school at Post Oak, Lower South Grape Creek and Stonewall High School. As a youth he farmed in the Post Oak and Stonewall communities.

Wesley served three years with the United States Army in the 75th Infantry Division, 289th Reg. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant and served 18 months in the E.T.O., seeing action in three major battles. Upon his discharge from military service he joined his brothers in a building contractor partnership. In 1988, Wesley semi-retired from the home building business in which he had worked for 40 years. He and his brother, Elgin, continue to do home repairs. He is a gifted wood craftsman and has made numerous furniture pieces for family and friends. He continues to pursue the passion for both hunting and fishing. A favorite spot is the North 50 where he taught both his children how to hunt whitetail deer and other Texas wildlife. It is still the favorite spot for the family to gather on the opening weekend of deer season. Wesley's interest in the outdoors has remained a strong influence in his life.

On September 26, 1948, Wesley married Loreen Duecker at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, with Rev. O. Lindenberg officiating. To this union two children were born: **Bonnie Jane** and **Steven Wesley**. They are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio. They continue to make their home at 603 Freiling Drive, San Antonio, Texas.



*Loreen Duecker Eckhardt*, daughter of Alonzo and Thekla Duecker, was born on September 14, 1928, at Rheingold, Texas. She was baptized on October 28, 1928, by Rev. Arthur Koerner, Fredericksburg, Texas, and was confirmed on April 6, 1941, at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended the Nebgen Elementary School and St. Mary's High School in Fredericksburg, Texas. Before her marriage, Loreen taught school for two years in the Nebgen Community. She continued teaching for 30 years. Her favorite assignment was as a reading teacher at the elementary level. She retired in May 1995 from the San Antonio Independent School District. Her retirement has allowed her to become more active in the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America at St. John's Lutheran Church. She enjoys serving on a variety of program initiatives and as president.

Loreen continues to work with her pot plants in her leisure time. She also spends as much time as possible in the Hill Country on the Duecker homestead. The property is eight miles north of Stonewall on the North Grape Creek Road. Loreen and Wesley own the farmhouse built in 1886, along with 103 adjoining acres. The Texas Historical Commission dedicated the home to six generations of German family heritage on May 13, 1995. Together they have continued to use the land for raising cattle and crops. As a result of its continuous agriculture by the same family, Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Mr. Rick Perry, recognized the farm during the 1996 Family Land Heritage Program held in the state capitol.

## THE BONNIE JANE ECKHARDT FAMILY



**Bonnie Jane Eckhardt** was born to Wesley and Loreen Eckhardt on November 4, 1952, in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized on January 18, 1953, and confirmed on April 3, 1966, at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

Bonnie attended Thomas Edison High School and participated in the Honey Bear pep squad, cheerleading and drill team. She also served as a class officer during both her sophomore and junior year. Following graduation in May 1971, she attended Southwest Texas State University. While at SWTSU she was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and SWTSU Strutters. She was selected Miss Chilympiad in 1974, and Miss Canyon Lake in 1975. She graduated from SWTSU in 1975, with a degree in Home Economics. She accepted her first teaching assignment in July 1975, at Oliver Wendell Holmes High School in the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. During her tenure in NISD, she participated in both Home Economics and Future Homemakers of America programs at the county, state and national levels. In 1980, she completed her Masters Degree in Education from Texas A&M University. In 1994, Bonnie moved from Holmes High School to John Marshall High School to pilot new employment programs for Home Economics in the hospitality industry. During this time she completed a mid-management certification in education administration at the University of Texas and an administrative internship with NISD. In June of 1998 she was invited to join the administrative team at Sandra Day O'Connor High School as an assistant principal. This new campus would be the agriculture center for the NISD.

Bonnie is a volunteer and Life Member at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and has served on a variety of committees including Calf Scramble, Family Fair, School Tours and Special Days. In 1989, she coordinated the Future Homemakers of America



interactive exhibit and has continued to encourage students to participate as competitors, tour guides and volunteers throughout the SALE activities. Bonnie has also served as Scholarship committee co-chair for the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant Association 1994-1999. As a member of the Texas AgriFood Masters since 1992, Bonnie has had the opportunity to help introduce agriculture to thousands of Texas youth. In 1999, the OHS campus hosted the largest Ag Fair held in the state. The week long fair touched over 2300 fourth graders and involved 300 high school students as presenters and tour guides. It is considered to be the largest interdisciplinary program of its kind in the state. In addition to her agriculture and education endeavors, Bonnie has served as a 4-H leader and district 4H Food Show coordinator. Her church activities have included Vacation Bible School, Sunday school teacher and Youth Board representative.

Bonnie Jane Eckhardt married Walter Cecil "Dub" McClister on October 10, 1980, in San Antonio, Texas, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

*Walter Cecil "Dub" McClister* was born in Nettleton, Mississippi, on October 10, 1950. He graduated from Thomas Edison High School in San Antonio, Texas, and then served two years in the United States Army. Upon completion of his active duty he attended and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Meat Science. Together they co-chaired the concession committee for the 1981 and 1982 Texas Open Golf Tournaments held at Oak Hills Country Club. In June of 1984, Bonnie and Dub opened McClister Meats. The portion controlled meat products were sold throughout the south-west Texas area until it was closed in 1990. Two children were born to this marriage: **Stacey Marie McClister** and **Jayme Trapp McClister**. They were divorced in October of 1992.

**Stacey Marie McClister** was born February 3, 1984, in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized on June 10, 1984, at St. John's Lutheran Church and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church on April 11, 1999. Stacey was a Girl Scout throughout elementary school and played volleyball throughout middle school. She participated in the Helotes 4H Club beginning in 1992. Stacey competed at district level Food Shows and served as a club officer. She is active in the local livestock programs through 4H and FFA showing rabbits and lambs. Her volunteer participation includes the San Antonio Livestock Exposition on both the School Tours and Family Fair committees. Stacey began at O'Connor High School as a freshman participating in the Star Duster pep squad and cheerleading competition at national levels. She enjoys outdoor sports such as volleyball, fishing and swimming. She enjoys the sport of rodeo and has competed in poles, barrels, straight-away and goat tying.

**Jayme Trapp McClister** was born on March 29, 1988, in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized at Trinity Methodist Church on June 12, 1988. Jayme has participated in the Girl Scout program throughout elementary school and began her 4H activities in 1996, as a third grader. She has competed in the 4H Food Shows and won at the District level. She also enjoys the livestock program where she, along with her sister, shows rabbits. Her hobbies include horseback riding, participating in Western Pleasure Horse Shows and junior rodeo events including barrels, straight-away and poles. Other hobbies include swimming and swim team competition as well as volleyball.

Bonnie Jane Eckhardt and Roy Steven Bridges were married on June 10, 1995, by Pastor Peter Manfred from Zion Lutheran Church, Helotes, Texas. The wedding took place under a huge oak tree on the Gallagher Ranch just north of Helotes, Texas. Steven is the father of three children, *Shannon Michelle Bridges*, *Stacy Nicole Bridges* and *Seth Aaron Bridges*. They were divorced June 5, 2001.

**Roy Steven Bridges** was born on July 3, 1952, in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Highlands High School in 1970. He continued his education at Southwest Texas State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology in May, 1974. Steven was employed by the H.B. Zachry Construction Company and worked for the Zachry Power Division until 1997. He is an avid hunter and enjoys serving as a guide on various exotic game ranches across the state with both clients and friends.

**Shannon Michelle Bridges** was born on July 28, 1978. She is a 1996 graduate of John Marshall High School where she participated in pep squad and dance team. She is a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M university with a degree in Economics.

**Stacy Nicole Bridges** was born June 16, 1980. She is a 1998 graduate of John Marshall High School where she enjoyed pep squad and served as a cheerleader. Stacy attends Incarnate Word College in San Antonio and hopes to pursue a career in fashion.

**Seth Aaron Bridges** was born on January 6, 1986, in San Antonio, Texas. He is attending Communication Arts High School.



## THE STEVEN ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Steven and Karen Eckhardt



**Steven Wesley Eckhardt**, son of Wesley and Loreen Duecker Eckhardt, was born on February 3, 1959, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized on April 26, 1959, by Rev. Herbert Brokering at St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio. He was confirmed on April 15, 1973, in St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas. Steven graduated from Edison High School. While in high school, Steven was a member of the German Club and was a letterman on the Varsity football team.

Steven is a master electrician in San Antonio. He is a director in the Helotes 4-H, Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop in Helotes and recently was elected Director in the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. He is involved in various committees through their church, Zion Lutheran Church in Helotes. Steve enjoys working with the 4-H and FFA youth, as well as fishing and livestock shows.

On September 20, 1980, Steven Eckhardt and Karen Lynn Benke were married at Zion Lutheran Church, Helotes, Texas. They have two children: **Kyle Steven Eckhardt**, and **Kaela Lauraine Eckhardt**.

**Karen Lynn Benke** was born May 14, 1957, in San Antonio, Texas. Her parents are Lloyd and Betty Benke of Helotes. Karen attended John Marshall High School and Southwest Texas State University. She is employed by LabCorp as a managed care sales representative. She enjoys fishing trips to the coast, livestock shows, antique shopping, and shopping with Kaela.

**Kyle Steven Eckhardt**, son of Steven and Karen Benke Eckhardt, was born November 21, 1984, in San Antonio, Texas. Kyle is a sophomore at Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Helotes. He plays football, raises steers, pigs and chickens for his FFA projects, and participates in livestock judging in Helotes 4-H and O'Connor FFA. Kyle also enjoys hunting, saltwater fishing, fly fishing and his new red truck.

**Kaela Lauraine Eckhardt**, daughter of Steven and Karen Benke Eckhardt, was born July 13, 1987, in San Antonio, Texas. Karen is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Connally Middle School. She participates in volleyball and track and plays softball for Helotes Little League. She raises New Zealand and Californian rabbits through Helotes 4-H. Kaela is eager to join her brother at O'Connor High School next year as a freshman.

## THE ALTON ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Alton and Jacqueline (Jackie) Eckhardt



**Alton Oswald Eckhardt**, the fourth child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on August 29, 1926, in Blanco County. He was baptized on October 17, 1926, in the Evangelical Church of Fredericksburg by Rev. K. Konzack and was confirmed on April 16, 1941, in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Theo Haag.

In his early years he did farm and ranch work. On January 8, 1949, he enlisted in the United States Air Force at Austin, Texas. He received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and was then transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois, for technical training. In August 1949, he completed his training there and was transferred to Elmen-dorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska. Here he was assigned to the 54th Troop Carrier Squadron, which had participated in the Berlin Air Lift prior to being moved to Alaska. He was stationed here about 24 months during which time he was promoted to Staff Sergeant. On November 15, 1951, he was reassigned to the 26th Air Division at Roslyn, Long Island, New York, where he served as Organization Supply Supervisor for a period of four years. In August 1955, he was promoted to Technical Sergeant. On December 1, 1955, he was assigned to an Inspector General's Office with the 37th Air Division at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin.

In August 1959, Alton and his family were re-assigned and flew to Alconbury, England, for three years. While there they visited Scotland, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, and the Vatican at Rome, Italy. In December 1961, Alton was promoted to Master Sergeant.



In August 1962, Alton was reassigned to Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California, for three years with the Air Force Systems Command. While there he contributed direct mission support for Outer Space Programs which placed the man on the moon. In April 1966, he was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant, and transferred to Saigon, Vietnam, for 12 months.

Upon his return from Vietnam, Alton and his family were transferred to Edwards Air Force Base, California, and was assigned to the Air Force Flight Test Center Base Supply. He provided direct supply support on the F-111 and C-5A aircraft as well as the Space Pilot Training Center. In July, he was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant, the highest Noncommissioned Officer rank attainable and he and his family transferred to Clark Air Base, Luzon, Republic of the Philippines. They lived on base for three years while providing combat supply support for the war effort in Vietnam.

In January 1971, while in the Philippines, he was called for another three-month duty in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force Supply System.

In July 1972, Alton and his family experienced the highlight of his career when he was chosen to return by ship to the United States on the SS President Wilson. The luxury trip was by way of Yokohama, Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii. They docked in San Francisco after three weeks at sea, with several day layovers in each port.

In August 1972, Alton arrived in San Antonio and was assigned to Security Service Headquarters at Kelly Air Force Base. While assigned there he traveled to England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey and the Island of Crete, performing logistic staff visits. After 18 months at Kelly, Alton retired from the United States Air Force on December 31, 1973, with twenty-five years of honorable service.

Among other awards he received the Bronze Star, The Air Force Commendation Medal (3 times), The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (3 times), The Army and Air Force Good Conduct Medal, The National Defense Medal, The Noncommissioned Officers Graduate Award, The Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Campaign Stars.

Alton and Jackie owned and operated A&J Printing & Secretarial Service in San Antonio from 1974 to 1978. They compiled, edited and printed the 1977 Adam Eckhardt Family History Book.

In 1978, Alton and Jackie sold their small business, A&J Printing Company. Alton then worked for several years (from 1979 through 1988) for the American Sportsman's Club, overseeing the leasing and operation of ranches for hunting and fishing by the club members.

In 1992, after the birth of his twin granddaughters, Toni Merie and Allison Kincer, Alton became a full-time caretaker for the girls while their mother and father worked. From the time they were approximately three months of age until they were two and one-half years old, Alton devoted every weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. tending to his granddaughters' daily needs. Now that they are in school, he still loves to have them spend time with him after school lets out for the day and during the summertime.

In 1991, Alton and Jackie built a weekend home at 616 E. Briarway, Granite Shoals, Texas, on Lake LBJ. He spends much of his time at the lake house pursuing his love of boating, fishing and hunting. He travels to Maine every September and goes bear hunting with friends who live in Maine. In 1999, he successfully bagged a black Maine bear, weighing 300 lbs.

Alton and Jackie like to travel and in the past few years have traveled to British Columbia, Canada, Prague, Germany, England, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Hawaii. Some of their favorite spots in the United States are the National



Parks and visits there include the Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Desert Mt. in Maine, as well as Big Bend in Texas. They also travel a couple of times a year to Wisconsin to visit Jackie's family and friends there, as well as taking trips to Florida, California, Louisiana, Branson, Nashville, etc.

On June 1, 1957, Alton O. Eckhardt and Jacqueline (Jackie) Theresa Blau were married in St. Luke's Catholic Church at Plain, Wisconsin, by Rev. Clement W. Haines. To this union three children were born: **Laurie Jean, Gregg Alton** and **Gary Brent**. They are members of St. Matthews Catholic Church in San Antonio. They live at 3022 Oneida, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

*Jacqueline Blau Eckhardt*, daughter of Anton and Merie Mohelnitzky Blau of Plain, Wisconsin, was born on October 15, 1937, in Plain, Wisconsin. She was baptized in St. Luke's Catholic Church on October 24, 1937, received her First Holy Communion on May 15, 1944, and was confirmed in 1949.

Jackie attended St. Luke's Elementary and High School in Plain, Wisconsin. She later took various secretarial and business courses in Madison, Wisconsin and the Philippines. While in high school she was a member of the band and choir, and also played in her family's band.

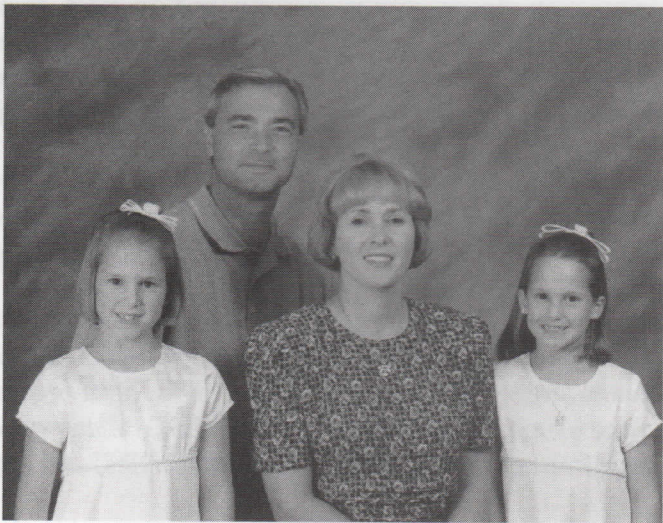
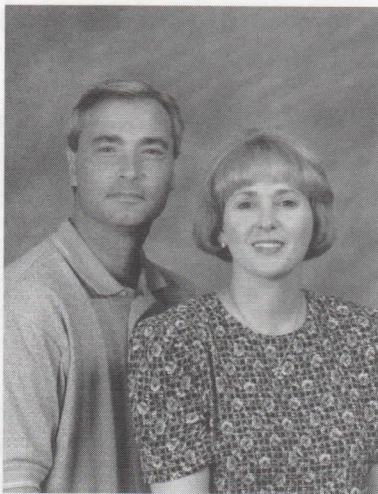
Jackie was employed as Secretary at the Ray-0-Vac Company in Madison, Wisconsin; Secretary to the Commander, 1961 Communications Group, Clark Air Base, Philippines; Executive Secretary to the Project Manager, Henry C. Beck Company, San Antonio, Texas. In 1974, she and Alton bought their own business, A&J Printing Company. In 1978, after Alton and Jackie sold their small business, A&J Printing Company, Jackie began working for a small two-person project management consulting firm in San Antonio, Texas. The business grew to be very successful and, in 1984, Jackie and three other members of the firm established Project Control of Texas, Inc. This firm oversees the construction of large office buildings, hospitals, theme parks, arenas, shopping centers, and schools, etc., in many states as well as overseas. Local construction projects for which project management was provided are Fiesta Texas Theme Park, the new Spurs Arena (SBC Center), USAA, Valero, St. Mary's University, Security Services Credit Union, Frost Bank, etc. The company has grown to 26 employees, some of whom are located at job site offices at construction project sites in the United States and overseas. Jackie's position in the company is Treasurer/Office Manager. She is also a partner and Treasurer in the general partnership in two medical office buildings, Stone Oak Medical Office Building and Remington Oaks Medical Office Building, and for one office building, all in San Antonio.

Retirement plans are underway, beginning with semi-retirement in 2002. She hopes to have more time to spend with her grandchildren, at their weekend home on Lake LBJ, and time to pursue her hobbies of travel, reading, movies, and cross stitching.



THE WILLIAM KINCER FAMILY

William (Bird) and Laurie Eckhardt Kincer



(l to r) ToniMerie, "Bird", Laurie, and Allison



**Laurie Jean Eckhardt Kincer**, the first child of Alton and Jacqueline Blau Eckhardt, was born on May 8, 1958, in Madison, Wisconsin. She was baptized in the Truax Air Force Chapel at Madison, Wisconsin, on May 18, 1958. She received her First Holy Communion in Sacred Heart Church in Redlands, California, on May 1, 1966, and was confirmed at Edwards Air Force Chapel on March 9, 1969, by Bishop Timothy J. Manning.

At the age of 14 months she flew to Europe with her parents and lived in England until she was four years old.

Laurie attended Smiley Kindergarten and Sacred Heart School in Redlands, California, and Irving L. Branch School at Edwards, California. At the age of 11 she flew to the Philippine Islands with her parents and lived there for three years. While there she attended Wagner Middle School.

Laurie graduated from John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas, in May 1976. She took some time to travel to Disneyworld in Florida and abroad to England and France. She attended Mim's Beauty School where she obtained a cosmetology license (which she still holds). She worked at this profession for 10 years.

On June 12, 1982, she married William Louis Kincer at St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas, with Monsignor John Flynn officiating. To this union twin girls were born: **ToniMerie** and **Allison Elizabeth Kincer**. They are active members of St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas. Laurie, William (Bird), ToniMerie and Allison reside at 98 Shavano Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78231. Their phone number is 210-493-3952. Their email address is [kincer@ev1.net](mailto:kincer@ev1.net)

After her marriage to William, Laurie was employed by Benefit Planners, Inc. a local insurance agency as an Administrative Assistant. She went on to help start Cisneros Benefit Group, Inc. another insurance company, which was formed by Henry Cisneros, former Mayor of San Antonio and former Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary. At Cisneros Benefit Group, Inc., she was the Office Manager and Corporate Secretary. At that time she obtained her Group I License and is still a licensed Life and Medical Insurance Agent in the state of Texas. After her children were born in 1992, she worked part time until January 1995, when she became a full time homemaker. Her time is now spent doing volunteer work at her daughters' school, Girl Scout leader for the past 3 years to 18 little Girl Scouts, and general chauffeur of her daughters and their friends. She also helps out one day a week during the school year when her children are in school at the Steven Stoli Playhouse.

**William Louis Kincer** was born to Alfred Lemuel Kincer and Elizabeth (Lucas) Kincer on November 3, 1956, in Massapequa, New York. His father was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, and his mother was a homemaker. After William was born he lived in New York, Italy, Fort Leonardwood, Missouri and finally settled in 1962, in San Antonio, Texas, where his father retired. He graduated from John Marshall High School in 1975. He attended Angelina College, in Lufkin, Texas, on a baseball scholarship and Southwest Texas State University. He joined the travel industry in 1982, and worked as a Leisure Travel Agent and then as a Corporate Sales Agent. During the time he was involved in the travel industry he and Laurie traveled to Italy, Switzerland, New York City, England, Puerto Vallarta, a Caribbean Cruise, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Grand Cayman Islands, Florida, New Orleans, Chicago, Germany, and many times to their favorite vacation spot, Disneyland in California. He changed careers in 1993, and is currently the Corporate Sales Manager of Commserve, Inc., a telecommunications company located in Universal City, Texas. William (known since infancy as "Bird" or "Birdy") enjoys tending to his home and 2 acres located at 98 Shavano Drive, which was his boyhood home, swimming, and bike riding with his daughters.



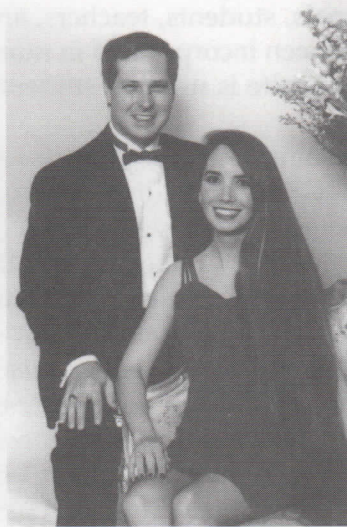
**ToniMerie Kincer and Allison Elizabeth Kincer**, twin daughters of William and Laurie Eckhardt Kincer, were born on October 14, 1992, in San Antonio, Texas. At 3 months of age, their Opa, Alton Eckhardt, became their favorite daycare provider. Later, ToniMerie and Allison attended Oak Dell Montessori School and Joyland Day School part time. They began Pre-Kindergarten in August of 1995, at St. Matthew Catholic School in San Antonio. They are currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at St. Matthew Catholic School.

ToniMerie and Allison were baptized on March 14, 1993, in a private ceremony at the home of their grandparents, Alton and Jackie Eckhardt, by Father Eddie Bernal who was a priest at St. John Berchman's in San Antonio. On December 2, 2000, they received First Reconciliation at St. Matthew Catholic Church with Monsignor Mike Yarbrough officiating. On April 21, 2001, they received their First Holy Communion at St. Matthews Church with Monsignor Mike Yarbrough officiating.

They have taken ballet and tap lessons from Toots Johnson since they were 4 years old. They also take piano lessons from Anna Loudermilk. They have been in Girl Scouts since Kindergarten when they joined as Daisy Girl Scouts. Mother, Laurie, is their Troop Leader. They have completed 2 years of Brownie Girl Scouts, again with their mother as Troop Leader. During the past 3 summers they have attending acting camp at the Steven Stoli Playhouse. They enjoy spending Wednesday nights with their Oma and Opa Eckhardt playing with their cats and rabbits, swimming, riding bikes, fishing, and going to their Oma and Opa's lake house at Lake LBJ in Marble Falls, Texas.

## THE GREGG ECKHARDT FAMILY

## Gregg and Alina Eckhardt



**Gregg Alton Eckhardt**, the second child of Alton and Jacqueline Blau Eckhardt, was born June 11, 1959, in Madison, Wisconsin. He was baptized in the Truax Air Force Chapel in Madison, Wisconsin, on June 28, 1959. He received his First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church in Redlands, California, in May 1967.

He traveled with his parents at age 10 weeks to England where his father Alton was stationed with the United States Air Force. From England the family moved to San Bernardino, California (1962), then to Edwards Air Force Base (1967), and then to the Republic of the Philippines (1967). During his father's active military career, Gregg was fortunate to travel to many states in the U.S. and to several sites overseas, including Scotland, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Corregidor Island, and Hawaii. The family settled in San Antonio, Texas in 1972, just prior to Alton Eckhardt's retirement from the US Air Force.

Gregg attended Smiley Kindergarten and Sacred Heart School in Redlands, California, and Bailey School and Irving L. Branch School at Edwards, California. He graduated from John Marshall High School in 1977. He received degrees in English (B.A., 1985), Geography (B.A., 1988), and Natural Resources (M.S., 1991) from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He spent five years working with a consulting firm on water issues and then moved on to the San Antonio Water System, where he is the Senior Analyst for the Water Treatment Division. He holds national certification as a Registered Environmental Manager and state licenses in water treatment. Gregg's interest in water extends far beyond his work. South Texas is at the edge of the Chihuahuan desert, and water availabil-

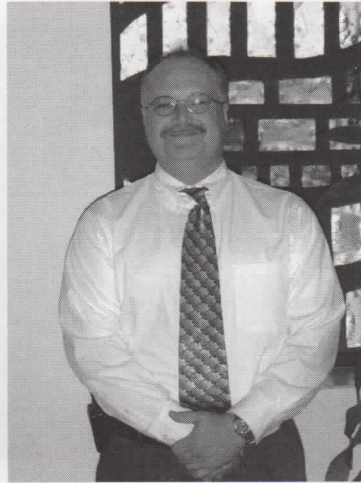


ity has been an issue here for hundreds of years. During the 1990's the use of the World Wide Web for communicating knowledge and information exploded. At the same time, water issues became critical in south Texas. In 1995, Gregg realized the lack of non-biased information available to the public about the Edward's Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for San Antonio and surrounding communities. He used his talents and varied educational background to create a non-profit website ([edwardsaquifer.net](http://edwardsaquifer.net)) that became widely used by water professionals, students, teachers, and local citizens to learn about the Aquifer. Gregg's material has been incorporated in numerous educational curricula at schools all over the world. His website is used by students doing research as well as by professionals in their daily work.

Gregg Eckhardt married Alina Mercedes Matutes-Abella in 1983, at Shearer Hills Baptist church on May 28, 1983. Gregg and Alina built a replica of the 1889 Adam Eckhardt homestead in 1997, in Helotes, Texas, where they live with their two dogs; Shih-Tzu Koko and Yorkshire Terrier Zuki. They enjoy time with their families, and have been known to vacation with the entire Eckhardt clan. Their 8 and a half year old twin nieces ToniMerie and Allison Kincer are a source of pride and joy. As a couple they enjoy running, hiking, and live music concerts. They have seen most major artists from the last 40 years as well as many of the new musicians. While this hobby has had its negative impact on their hearing, they can still be found jamming to tunes on most weekends.

*Alina Matutes-Eckhardt* was born in Havana, Cuba, on December 11, 1961. Her family received political asylum in the United States in 1968, and relocated to San Antonio, Texas, where her mother's two sisters lived. Alina graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1980. She received degrees in Nursing (B.S., 1987; M.S.N., 1993; F.N.P., 1996) from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Alina worked in critical care nursing at Methodist Hospital from 1987, until she finished her Master's Degree in Critical Care Nursing in 1993. She then worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in a cardiology practice. She returned to school for advanced preparation as a Nurse Practitioner. Alina has been involved in community health care since completing her course work in 1996. Health care in the United States at the turn of the 21st century is experiencing convulsive changes and challenges as the population ages and chronic diseases overtake infectious diseases as the primary reasons people seek health care. Alina provides physical exams and treatment of chronic and acute illnesses at the Centro del Barrio Community Health Center in the South Side of San Antonio. The population is 80% Hispanic, with incomes well below the poverty level. Part of her work involves the Children's Shelter of San Antonio, where she cares for children who are in state custody because of parental abuse or neglect.

## GARY BRENT ECKHARDT



**Gary Brent Eckhardt**, the third child of Alton and Jacqueline Blau Eckhardt, was born June 14, 1965, in Redlands, California. He was baptized on June 27, 1965, in Sacred Heart Church in Redlands, California. He received his First Holy Communion on May 13, 1973, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in San Antonio.

Gary traveled with his parents and siblings at age 3 years to the Republic of the Philippines, where his father Alton was stationed with the United States Air Force on Clark Air Base. The family then settled in San Antonio, Texas in 1972, just prior to Alton Eckhardt's retirement from the US Air Force. While overseas Gary had the opportunity to visit many exotic places, including many cities in the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Hawaii.

Gary graduated from Tom C. Clark High School in 1983, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1989. He has been working in the computer consulting field ever since, specializing in the administration of Oracle relational databases.

On June 2, 1990, Gary married Tracy Lyn Hightower at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas. They were divorced in 1994.

Gary's interests outside of work also include computers, as evidenced by the many computers strewn around his house. His website can be viewed at <http://www.garyeckhardt.com>. Other interests include Digital Photography, Spherical Panorama Photography, homebrewing beer, collecting Disney memorabilia, visiting Disney theme parks worldwide, and playing music on his several guitars.



THE MELVIN ECKHARDT FAMILY

Melvin and Kathryn Eckhardt



**Melvin Toby Eckhardt**, the fifth child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on September 23, 1929, at Post Oak. He attended the Post Oak and Nebgen School and in 1947, graduated from the Harper High School.

He was confirmed on May 28, 1944, in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann.

On July 16, 1966, Melvin T. Eckhardt and Kathryn A. Crisp were married in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in San Antonio. To this union two children were born: **De' Anna Marie** and **Joy Lynn**. They resided in Sisterdale, and they owned the Sisterdale Store. They sold the store in August 1971. They were active in the Sisterdale Chamber of Commerce and the Sisterdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Melvin passed away August 8, 1981. Funeral services were held in Comfort, Texas, with burial in Sisterdale Cemetery.

**Kathryn A. Crisp Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Crisp, was born on June 17, 1943, at Fort Sill Oklahoma. She graduated from Highlands High School, San Antonio, in 1962. Kathy worked at Town and Country Manor Nursing Home in Boerne, Texas, for 21 years. She is now retired and lives in San Antonio, Texas. She enjoys hand crafts, reading and sewing.



DE ANNA MARIE (DEDE) ECKHARDT



**De' Anna Marie Eckhardt**, first child of Melvin and Kathryn Crisp Eckhardt, was born on October 28, 1967, in Comfort, Texas. She attended school in Comfort, Texas, and graduated from Boerne High School in 1986. She lives in San Antonio, Texas, and works for S.B.C. Communications. She likes to do some handcrafts and enjoys photography. She is a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

## THE RUSSELL HAHNEL FAMILY

Russell and Joy Lynn Eckhardt Hahnel



**Joy Lynn Eckhardt Hahnel**, second child of Melvin and Kathryn Crisp Eckhardt, was born on July 4, 1971, in San Antonio, Texas. She attended school in Comfort, Texas, and graduated from Boerne High School in 1989. She works at Dynapac in Selma, Texas. Joy enjoys handcrafts, cooking and baking.

Joy Lynn Eckhardt and Russell Joseph Hahnel were married on May 15, 1999, at St. Gerard's Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas. They reside in San Antonio, Texas.

**Russell Joseph Hahnel**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott F. Hahnel, was born on September 18, 1955, in San Antonio, Texas. He is a graduate of St. Gerard's Catholic High School, San Antonio, Texas. He works for Texana Machinery in San Antonio, Texas, as a heavy equipment mechanic. Russell enjoys hunting and fishing.



## THE ALTON HAUFLER FAMILY

### Alton and Opal Eckhardt Haufler



**Opal Marie Eckhardt Haufler**, the sixth child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on October 12, 1931, at Johnson City. She attended Post Oak School and Nebgen School and graduated from Harper High School. Later she attended Draughan's Business College and San Antonio Junior College. While attending Harper High School she was chosen Class Favorite of the Sophomore and Junior Class and FFA Sweetheart. She was Drum Major for three years and was Salutatorian of the Graduating Class of 1949. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at Fredericksburg and a member of Louise Scheutze Lodge No. 3. Her major hobby was traveling. She visited over 42 states, Hawaii, Cuba, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Nassau, and the Bahama Islands. While in Europe she was in England, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy. While on a tour to Hawaii, she was a candidate for "Miss Lurline -Voyage 161"

Opal was an outstanding softball player. She made the Outstanding Player Trophy Award of the Devine Softball Tournament in 1954 and made the All-Star Team as short-stop in the Hondo Tournament in 1955. She was chosen as a candidate from San Antonio for the "Miss. Softball Contest" in Houston in 1957, and was awarded a wristwatch for runner-up, "Miss Softball USA". Opal also was a member of the Amateur Bowling Association of Texas and awarded a trophy by the Women's International Bowling Congress for high average. She was employed by Civil Service for 24 years.

On September 1, 1957, Opal Eckhardt and Alton Joe Haufler were married in Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Rev. G. A. Poehlmann.

Opal passed away suddenly of a heart attack on Sunday, July 18, 1976, in San Antonio, Texas. She was 44 years old. Funeral services were held July 21, 1976, at Oak Hills Chapel in San Antonio with Rev. Arthur Holm officiating. Internment followed in Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio. Pallbearers were Cletus Eckhardt, Dennis Eckhardt, Larry Eckhardt, Steven Eckhardt, Gregg Eckhardt, and Mike Saur.

**Alton Joe Haufler**, son of Rudolph and Alice Haufler, was born on November 10, 1928, in Comfort, Texas. He attended Comfort Grammar School and graduated from Comfort High School. Later he attended Mechanical Engineer School, Peoria, Illinois; Diesel Mechanics School, Schebeville, Illinois; and Automotive School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was employed by Haufler Implement Company, Comfort; Oliver Corporation, Dallas; Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio; and Express Publishing Company, San Antonio. He owned and operated Haufler Equipment Co. in San Antonio, Texas.

He entered the United States Army on July 9, 1951, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He received his basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and later served at the following places: Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Ft. Bliss, Texas; Exercise Longhorn; Ft. Hood, Texas; Camp Polk, Louisiana; Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; Atomic Bomb Test Camp; Desert Rock, Nevada; and on July 9, 1953, received his honorable discharge at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, with rank of Sergeant in charge of Heavy Equipment. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman Badge, Sharpshooter and Machine Gun Medals.

For many years Alton was a member of the Tuesday Tophand Bowling League in San Antonio. He has traveled in 40 states and in Nassau.

On July 6, 1978, Alton Haufler married *Berniece Uecker Miller* in San Antonio. They lived at 3831 Canaveral Street in San Antonio.

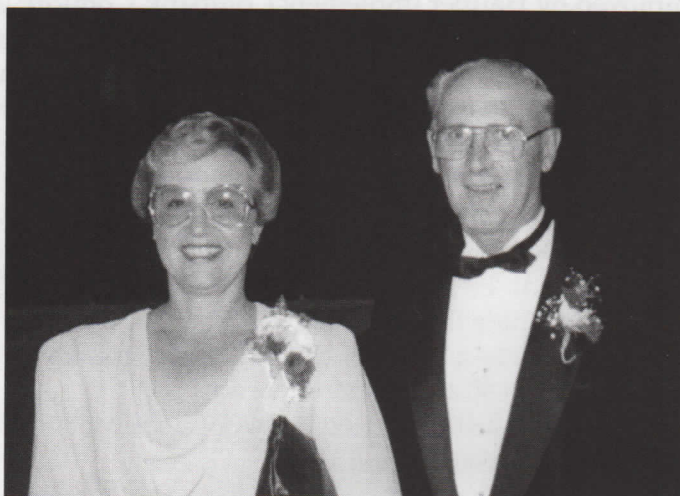
After selling Haufler Equipment Co., he opened a small equipment repair shop in Wetmore and also continued to do some farming. He and Berniece spent many of their weekends working on their weekend home in Rockport, where he enjoyed fishing.

Alton died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home in San Antonio on October 5, 1990, at the age of 61. He was a member of the Rockport Lodge of the Sons of Hermann. His funeral service was at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 1990, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with entombment in Sunset Mausoleum No. 2, San Antonio, Texas.



## THE HUBERT ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Hubert and Gladys Eckhardt



**Hubert Gilbert Eckhardt**, the seventh child of Hugo and Marie Feuge Eckhardt, was born on August 28, 1933, in Blanco County. He attended the Nebgen School and Harper High School.

Hubert was engaged in farming and ranching at Harper and later as carpenter at San Antonio. He was employed at Scrivener's Inc., from 1955 to 2000. At present time he is engaged in farming and ranching full time.

He was baptized on October 22, 1933, and confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church by Rev. Theo. M. Haag. He is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at the present time. He is also a member of Hermann Sons Lodge No. 1 at San Antonio.

In 1953, he entered the United States Army and received his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. After 16 weeks he was transferred to Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, where he completed a 12-week course in Construction Engineering. From here he was transferred to Europe being stationed near Stuttgart, Germany, and later near Metz, France. While in Europe he toured Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy and Holland. He received his honorable discharge in 1955.

On September 24, 1960, Hubert G. Eckhardt and Gladys Jenschke were married in St. Mary's Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union two children were born: **Becky Kay** and **Allen Wade**. Hubert and Gladys make their home at 28950 Smithson Vally RD 1, San Antonio Texas, 78261.

**Gladys Jenschke Eckhardt**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Jenschke of Fredericksburg, was born on May 2, 1937, in Fredericksburg. She attended Lower South Grape Creek School and St. Mary's High School in Fredericksburg. Her hobby is gardening.

## THE PATRICK MARON FAMILY

### Patrick and Becky Eckhardt Maron



**Becky Kay Eckhardt Maron**, the first child of Hubert and Gladys Eckhardt, was born January 5, 1966, in San Antonio, Texas. Becky was baptized January 16, 1966, in the Church of St. Gregory the Great in San Antonio. She received First Holy Communion in 1973, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Stonewall, Texas. Becky attended the Bulverde schools and graduated from Smithson Valley High School in 1984. She received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science Education in August of 1988, from Southwest Texas State University. Becky has worn many hats in the workplace but has now settled in as the owner/operator of Critter Cuts, a pet grooming service as of May 30, 2000. Her interests and hobbies include horses, hunting, camping, taking road trips and visiting museums and parks. She also enjoys watching her children grow.

On November 16, 1985, Becky Kay Eckhardt and Patrick Brian Maron were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Honey Creek, Texas. To this marriage two sons were born: **Colby Douglas** and **Casey Dalton**. The Maron family resides at 401 Farrell Road, Dripping Springs, Texas.

**Patrick Brian Maron**, the son of Emerence and Richard Maron, Jr., was born on May 21, 1964, in San Antonio, Texas. Patrick was baptized on May 30, 1964, at the Church of Blessed Sacrament in San Antonio. He received First Holy Communion on April 18, 1971, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in San Antonio. Patrick attended the Holy Spirit private school through the eighth grade and graduated from Winston Churchill High School in 1982. Patrick has been employed at Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. since 1985. He is currently a serviceman. His interests and hobbies include bird hunting and fishing.

**Colby Douglas Maron** was born on December 30, 1990, in Austin, Texas. He was baptized February 24, 1991, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wimberly, Texas. Colby

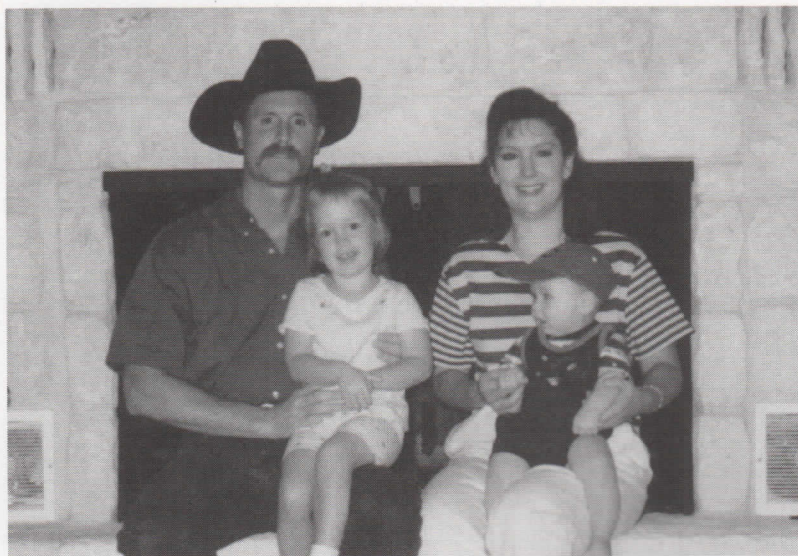


received First Holy Communion on April 11, 1999, at St. Martin dePorres Catholic Church in Dripping Springs, Texas. Colby's interests and hobbies include fishing, hunting, paleontology, outdoor science, horseback riding, swimming, and 4-H animal projects.

**Casey Dalton Maron** was born on October 27, 1997, in Austin, Texas. He was baptized on January 18, 1998, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wimberly, Texas. Casey's interests and hobbies include fishing, boating, horseback riding, and swimming.

## THE ALLEN ECKHARDT FAMILY

Allen and Margaret Eckhardt



**Allen Wade Eckhardt**, the second child of Hubert and Gladys Jenscke Eckhardt, was born on January 27, 1968, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized on February 11, 1968, at The Holy Sprit Church in San Antonio Texas. Allen took his First Communion on June 8, 1975, at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Stonewall, Texas. Allen attended the Bulverde schools and graduated from Smithson Valley High School in 1986. He attended college at ITT Technical Institute in Austin, Texas and graduated in 1988, with an Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. Allen is currently employed by Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas. Allen is a member of the Germania Farmers Verein, Anhalt Texas. His hobbies and interests are farming, ranching, hunting and fishing.

On April 29, 1995, Allen W. Eckhardt and Margaret Ann Zaiontz were married in St. Joseph's Church in Honey Creek, Texas. To this union, two children were born: **Megan Elaine** and **Clayton Allen**. Allen and Margaret have made their home at 3600 Rebecca Creek Road, New Braunfels, Texas.

**Margaret Ann Zaiontz Eckhardt**, daughter of Thomas and Elaine Zaiontz of Adkins, Texas, was born on April 13, 1966, in Floresville, Texas. She was baptized on April 24, 1966, at San Jose Mission Church, First Communion on May 13, 1973, at St. Teresa Academy, San Antonio, Texas. Margaret attended LaVernia ISD, grades 3-12, graduating in 1984. She has attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and University of the Incarnate Word, working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Sciences. Margaret is currently employed by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care. Her hobbies and interests are cooking, baking, sewing and crocheting.

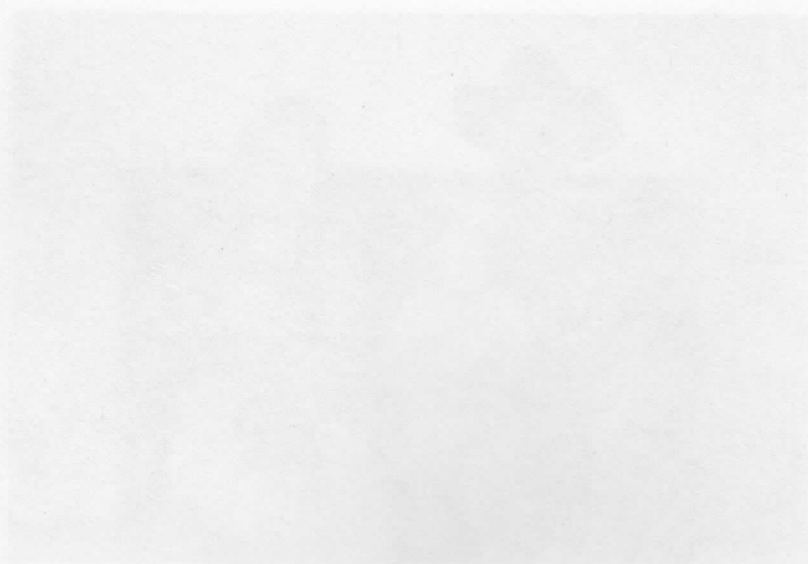
**Megan Elaine Eckhardt**, daughter of Allen and Margaret Zaiontz Eckhardt, was born on April 4, 1998.

**Clayton Allen Eckhardt**, son of Allen and Margaret Zaiontz Eckhardt, was born on January 5, 2001.



# THE ALLEN DEKORANT FAMILY

Allen and Margaret Richard



Allen and Margaret Richard were married on May 12, 1917, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richard, in the city of New York. Allen was born on May 12, 1917, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richard, in the city of New York. Margaret was born on May 12, 1917, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richard, in the city of New York. They were both educated in the public schools of New York City. Allen is currently employed by the Allen Richard Company, a firm engaged in the business of manufacturing and distributing various types of machinery and equipment. Margaret is currently employed by the Allen Richard Company, a firm engaged in the business of manufacturing and distributing various types of machinery and equipment.

The Allen Richard family consists of Allen and Margaret, their two children, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richard. Allen and Margaret are both active members of the Allen Richard family, and they are both dedicated to the well-being of their family and the success of their business. They are both also active members of the community, and they are both dedicated to the betterment of their city and their country.

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**Alfred C. HEIMANN (7 Dec 1890 - 12 Oct 1973)**  
 & Meta R. ECKHARDT (HEIMANN) (14 Mar 1891 - 30 Apr 1950)

**Raymond Alfred HEIMANN (26 May 1915 - 15 Jan 2000)**  
 & Eleanora Mary Bertha ARMKE (HEIMANN) (26 Dec 1920 - 26 Oct 1982)

**Marilyn Jane HEIMANN (MAGUIRK) (17 May 1941 - )**  
 & Jack Norman MAGUIRK (22 Oct 1935 - )

**Brian Norman MAGUIRK (6 Jul 1968 - )**  
 & Victoria LINTON (MAGUIRK) (22 Nov 1971 - )

**Andrew Taylor MAGUIRK (23 Feb 1999 - )**

**Jason Wiley MAGUIRK (3 Jun 1974 - )**  
 & Susan Sara MRAZ (MAGUIRK) (12 Jul 1975 - )

**Daniel Jesse MAGUIRK (17 Dec 1998 - )**

**Marissa Ruth MAGUIRK (20 Jul 2000 - )**

**David Ray HEIMANN (22 Mar 1943 - 6 Apr 1975)**  
 & Frances PRESSLER (HEIMANN) (5 Aug 1947 - )

**Dale Randolph HEIMANN (6 Sep 1970 - )**

**Myrtle HEIMANN (DITTMAR) (24 Dec 1920 - 10 Nov 1991)**  
 & Arnold Harry DITTMAR (9 Mar 1920 - 7 Jan 1999)

**Sherrie Denise DITTMAR (BYERS) (31 Oct 1952 - )**  
 & George BYERS (23 Oct 1943 - )

**Michele BYERS (FENTON)**  
 & Art FENTON

**Kourtney May BYERS**

**Hannah Nicole WEDGEWOOD**

**Jenny BYERS (BRAZILLE)**  
 & Antone BRAZILLE

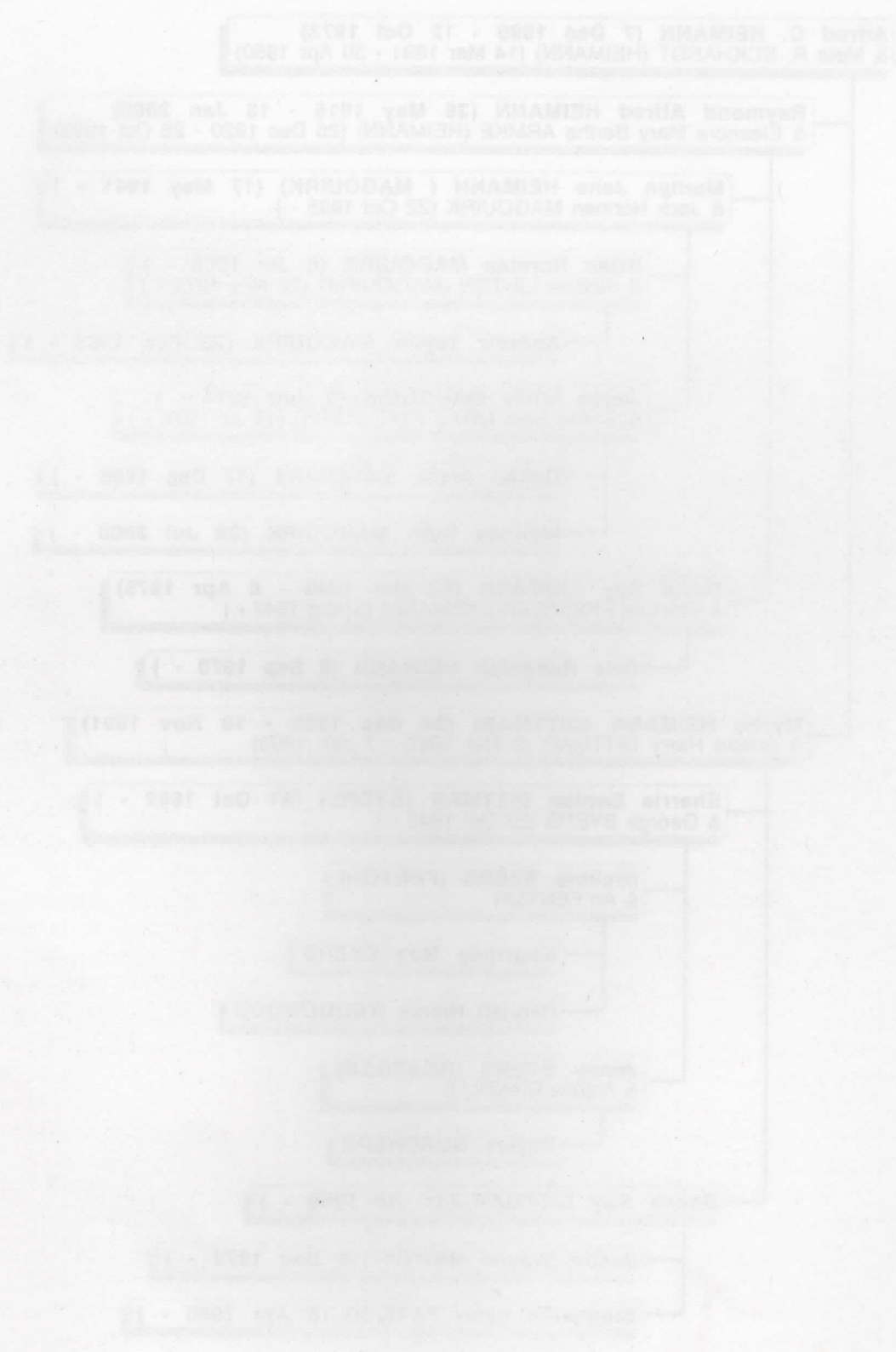
**Baylee BORCHERS**

**Donna Kay DITTMAR (31 Jul 1959 - )**

**Justin Wayne BARTH (19 Dec 1979 - )**

**Stephanie Lynn PATILLO (8 Apr 1985 - )**





## THE ALFRED HEIMANN FAMILY

### Alfred and Meta Eckhardt Heimann



**Meta R. Eckhardt Heimann**, the seventh child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on March 14, 1891, at Rheingold. She attended school at Rheingold and was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg.

On August 12, 1913, Meta R. Eckhardt and Alfred C. Heimann were married in Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by Reverend H. Schliesser. To this union two children were born: **Raymond** and **Myrtle**.

Alfred and Meta were members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg and later transferred their membership to St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio. They lived at Gold, Meusebach, Morris Ranch, Fredericksburg, Doss, and later made their home in San Antonio. Meta was a member of the Community Clubs at Morris Ranch and Doss and a member of the Ladies Aid in Fredericksburg.

On April 30, 1950, Meta passed away suddenly of acute indigestion and heart failure. She was buried on May 1, 1950, in the City Cemetery at Fredericksburg with Reverend Otto Lindenberg officiating.

**Alfred Charles Heimann**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Heimann, was born in Fredericksburg on December 7, 1890. He attended school at Meusebach, and later attended Summer Normal School at Fredericksburg and The University of Texas. In later years, while teaching school, he attended summer courses at Southwest Texas Teachers College at San Marcos and Schreiner Institute at Kerrville. He taught school at Stonewall, Meusebach, Morris Ranch, Squaw Creek, Klein Frankreich, Wolf Creek and Doss. From 1943 to 1946, he was employed at Kelly Field. In 1946, he was employed by Texas Prudential Insurance Company in the San Antonio District. He retired in 1957. Alfred was a member of the Fredericksburg Reunion Association, of which he was a former president, and a member of the Association of Texas Pioneers in San Antonio.

On May 5, 1956, Alfred C. Heimann and Helen Wilson were married in St. John's Lutheran Church by Reverend John E. Meyer.

Alfred Heimann passed away on October 12, 1973. Funeral services were conducted at Beckmann Funeral Home and burial was in City Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

**Helen Wilson Heimann** remained active in her church activities until moving to a retirement center in New Braunfels. She kept active while living there, participating in group activities. Helen Heimann passed away in New Braunfels on June 17, 1993. She is buried in the San Jose Cemetery in San Antonio.



## THE RAYMOND HEIMANN FAMILY

### Raymond and Eleanora Heimann



**Raymond Alfred Heimann**, the first child of Alfred and Meta Eckhardt Heimann, was born on May 26, 1915, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He attended school at Meusebach and Fredericksburg, graduating from Fredericksburg High School. In later years he attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos and Schreiner Institute in Kerrville.

Raymond began his career as a schoolteacher, holding positions at Kendalia, Sisterdale, Crabapple and Knopp Schools. Later, he was employed by the Post Exchange Service at Randolph Field, Fort Bliss (El Paso), and Clovis, New Mexico. In 1953, he went to work for the Williams Drug Company of Waco, Texas, as Comptroller. In 1959, he moved to Austin where he managed the Austin Hotel Drug Store. He was employed by the State of Texas at the Water Development Board until his retirement.

Raymond served in the U.S. Army from January 1945 to August 1946, completing duty as Technical Sergeant, 971st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment. He was stationed in the Philippines, Japan and Korea. He was a member of the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce in Clovis, New Mexico. His special interests were history, reading, writing and gardening. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling around the Hill Country and visiting his family.

Raymond passed away on January 15, 2000, in Bryan and was buried in Der Stadt Friedhof (City Cemetery) in Fredericksburg.

On August 19, 1939, Raymond A. Heimann and Eleanora Mary Bertha Armke were married at the First Protestant Church in New Braunfels, Texas, by Reverend Edwin Berger. To this union two children were born, **Marilyn Jane** and **David Ray**.

**Eleanora Armke Heimann**, daughter of Ernst and Olga Jonas Armke, was born on December 26, 1920, in New Braunfels. She attended Schertz Elementary and High School and graduated from New Braunfels High School. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Schertz and a member of the PTA. Her hobbies were sewing, crocheting and visiting with her children and grandchildren. She was employed by Wm. Cameron & Co. in Waco, and worked for agencies of the State of Texas in Austin. At the time of her death, Eleanora was preparing to retire from the State Board of Insurance.

On October 26, 1982, Eleanora passed away from a massive heart attack and was buried in the City Cemetery in Fredericksburg, near her son, David Ray Heimann.

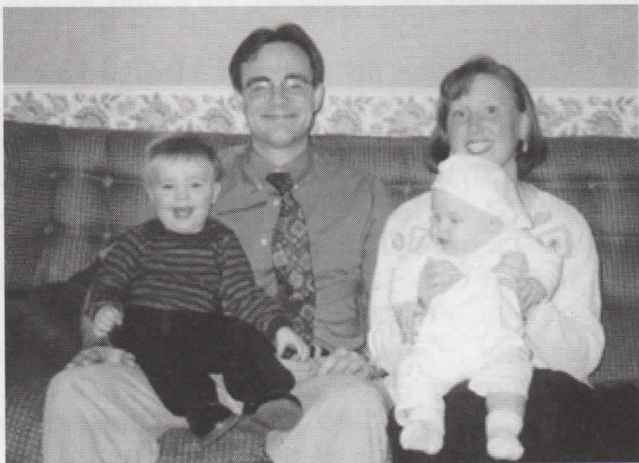


THE JACK MAGOUIRK FAMILY

Jack and Marilyn Heimann Magouirk



(l to r) Vicky, Taylor and Brian Magouirk



(l to r) Daniel, Jason, Marissa, and Susan Magouirk



**Marilyn Jane Heimann Magouirk**, the first child of Raymond and Eleanora Heimann, was born on May 17, 1941, in New Braunfels. She attended the Schertz-Cibolo Elementary School in Cibolo; North Loop School in El Paso; Eugene Field School in Clovis, New Mexico; North Junior School in Waco and Waco High School. She received a B.A. in Zoology from The University of Texas at Austin, where her minors were Chemistry and Psychology.

Marilyn worked as a research technician at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, and Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine in College Station. While the children were small, she worked part-time and also did volunteer disaster work for the American Red Cross. She later worked as a secretary for the Civil Engineering Department at Texas A&M University College of Engineering for ten years and then for a time as a medical transcriptionist. Since having coronary artery bypass surgery in 1994, she has been visiting other heart patients as a member of Mended Hearts, Inc. She continued to pursue her interest in medical related careers with courses at Blinn College in Bryan and Brenham until her father's death in January 2000. Caring for family and visiting grandchildren are major interests, as well as continuing study at a later date.

On August 27, 1966, Marilyn Jane Heimann and Jackie Norman Magouirk were married in Austin at Faith Lutheran Church with Reverend E. A. Heye of the American Lutheran Church officiating. To this union two children were born: **Brian Norman** and **Jason Wylie**. Jack and Marilyn Magouirk reside at 501 Kyle Avenue East, College Station, Texas 77840.

**Jackie Norman Magouirk**, son of Colen and Robbie Walker Magouirk, was born on October 22, 1935, in New London, Texas. He attended London Elementary School and London High School in New London, Texas; Kilgore Junior College, where he studied Electrical Engineering; and Texas A&M University at College Station. He received a B.S. in Industrial Education in 1958, from Texas A&M University.

Jack served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1959 to 1962, attaining the rank of SP4. From 1963 to 1967, Jack worked for Shell Development Company in Houston. He has worked as a research specialist in the Geology and Geophysics Department at Texas A&M University for over 30 years. He recently received the Former Students' Association Distinguished Achievement Award through the efforts of many of his current and former students from around the world and fellow faculty and staff. His hobbies and special interests are his family, constructing electrical operata (for example, their organ and stereo), junk collecting and being a general fix-it engineer. He is now making plans for his retirement.

**Brian Norman Magouirk**, the first child of Marilyn Jane Heimann and Jackie Norman Magouirk, was born on July 6, 1968, in Bryan, Texas. He graduated from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station in 1986, and Sam Houston State University in 1992, with a degree in Industrial Technology. He is teaching Technology Systems at Bryan High School in Bryan, Texas. His hobbies and special interests are his family, wood-working, music and repairing musical instruments.

Brian Magouirk married Victoria Christine Linton on December 19, 1992, in Parkway Baptist Church in College Station, Texas.

**Victoria Christine Linton Magouirk**, daughter of Larry and Sandra Linton of College Station and Bryan, was born November 22, 1971. Vicki graduated from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station in 1989, and Sam Houston State University in 1995, with a degree in Home Economics. She is presently working for the Bryan Independent School District. Besides her family, her interests and hobbies include playing the flute,



home decorating, and designing scrapbooks.

Brian and Vicki Magouirk have one child, **Andrew Taylor Magouirk**, born February 23, 1999. They attend Central Baptist Church in Bryan, where Vicki plays flute in the church orchestra. Their address is 4000 Meadowood, Bryan, Texas 77802.

**Jason Wylie Magouirk**, second child of Marilyn Jane Heimann and Jackie Norman Magouirk, was born June 23, 1974, in Bryan, Texas. He graduated from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station in 1992. Jason attended Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth and is currently enrolled part-time at UT Arlington. He is working at Fidelity Investments in Dallas as a UNIX Administrator. His special interests and hobbies include his family, assisting the church Music Minister with orchestra direction, composing, and playing flute and trumpet in the church orchestra.

On February 28, 1998, Jason Magouirk married Susan Sara Mraz in the Fountain of Life Church in Watauga, Texas.

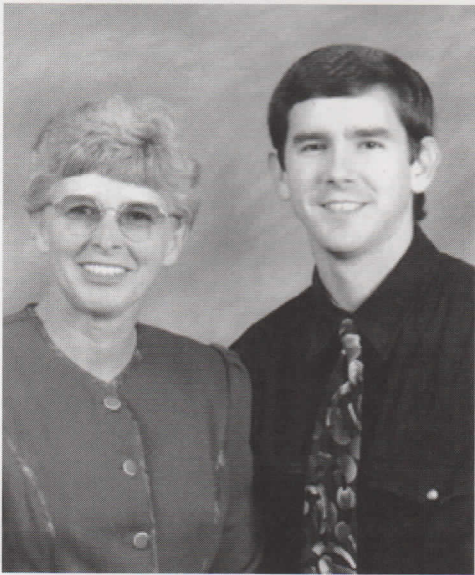
**Susan Sara Mraz Magouirk**, daughter of Nicholas and Connie Mraz of North Richland Hills, Texas, was born July 12, 1975. She graduated from Olathe North High School in Olathe, Kansas in 1993, attended Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, and graduated from the Southwestern Assembly of God University in Waxahachie, Texas, in 1997. She worked as a Children's Pastor before having a family. She now teaches Sunday School for third graders, helps with programs in their church, and presents guest children's sermons at her former church. In addition to her family, her hobbies and special interests include homemaking and cooking.

Jason and Susan Magouirk have two children, **Daniel Jesse**, born December 17, 1998, and **Marissa Ruth**, born July 20, 2000. They attend Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Jason is in the orchestra and Susan teaches Sunday school. Their address is 6909 Norma, Fort Worth, Texas 77112-5618.



THE DAVID RAY HEIMANN FAMILY

David Ray and Frances Heimann





**David Ray Heimann**, the second child of Raymond and Eleanora Heimann, was born on March 22, 1943, in New Braunfels, Texas. He attended the Schertz-Cibolo Elementary School in Cibolo, Texas; North Loop School in El Paso; Eugene Field School in Clovis, New Mexico; Waco High School, Waco, Texas and graduated from McCallum High School in Austin in 1961. He attended the University of Texas, Austin, and received a B.B.S. in Finance in 1967, with a minor in Accounting.

From 1967 to 1969, David worked at the Communications Center, Department of Public Safety, the Municipal Advisory Council and Rauscher Pierce Securities Corporation in San Antonio. He was transferred to the Dallas Home Office of Rauscher Pierce Securities in July of 1970, where he was employed as Manager of the Options Department, and later as Assistant Vice President.

On October 18, 1969, David Ray Heimann and Frances June Pressler were married at Edison Street Methodist Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. To this union one child, **Dale Randolph**, was born.

David and Frances were members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Mesquite. He was Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as a Sunday School teacher and coach for the church softball team. Frances taught Sunday School and was involved in other church activities. They were both MYF Sponsors and participated in other church league sports. David was diagnosed with leukemia in October of 1973, and passed away at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas on April 6, 1975. He is buried in the City Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

**Frances Pressler Heimann**, daughter of Franz and Marjorie Gold Pressler, was born August 5, 1947, in Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended school at Willow City and high school in Fredericksburg, where she was a 1965 Honor graduate. She graduated from Austin's College of Business in 1966. Frances was employed at the Municipal Advisory Council in Austin from 1966 to 1969. She worked part time for Rauscher Pierce Securities Corporation in Dallas. Two years after David's death, she moved back to Willow City so Dale could grow up closer to his relatives. She taught Sunday School at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church through 1996. In addition to farm and ranch work, she worked part-time for Hill Country Titles, did legal secretarial work for Pat McGowan and Tony Sauer, and works with Althaus Acres Auction Company in Fredericksburg. She enjoys doing volunteer work, and has been active in various church committees, the Willow City Community Club, Willow City Volunteer Fire Department, Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, many reunion activities, the PTA, and helps with the Gillespie County Fair. She lives at 3432 Ranch Road 1323, Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624-6811.

**Dale Randolph Heimann**, son of David Ray and Frances Pressler Heimann, was born September 6, 1970, in Dallas, Texas. He was baptized on February 27, 1971, in Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Dale attended school in Fredericksburg and was an Honors Graduate from Fredericksburg High School in 1989. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Electrical Engineering in May of 1994.

Dale was manager of Action Sports in College Station until he decided to help with the family farm and ranch operation. He moved back to the Big Flat area of the Hill Country in August of 2000, and is helping his grandmother in her ranching operation. Dale is also doing some computer trouble-shooting for friends and family. He has had an opportunity to enjoy some of his interests as he has made several motorcycle trips through the western and southern United States, traveled throughout Utah on ATV trails, and traveled through other parts of the United States and into Mexico. He enjoys farming, sports cars, computer work, scanning and compiling family history and visiting with friends. He is a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. His temporary address is 3432 Ranch Road 1323, Fredericksburg, Texas, 78624-6811.



## THE ARNOLD DITTMAR FAMILY

### Arnold and Myrtle Heimann Dittmar



**Myrtle Heimann Dittmar**, the second child of Alfred C. and Meta Eckhardt Heimann, was born on December 24, 1920, at Fredericksburg. She was baptized and confirmed in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. She attended the Meusebach School for three years and Morris Ranch and Fredericksburg Schools for four years each, graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1938. Later she attended summer classes at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville and Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. She was an elementary school teacher at Morris Ranch and Doss schools for a few years. In 1943, Myrtle went to work for the Office of Censorship in San Antonio. After the war she worked for the San Antonio Light. She was a charter member of the South San Antonio Women's Club.

On March 16, 1946, Myrtle Heimann married Arnold Harry Dittmar of Doss, Texas, in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas. They had two daughters: **Sherrie Denise** and **Donna Kay**. They made their home in San Antonio and were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas.

**Arnold Harry Dittmar**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dittmar, was born in Doss, Texas, on March 9, 1920. He attended school at Doss and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1938. He attended Texas Lutheran College for one year. He returned to Doss to assist his father in farming and ranching. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Doss. In May of 1942, he was called to serve his country in the U.S. Air Force. After training at various air bases, he was sent overseas where he served as foreman of a sheetmetal repair unit near Nottingham, England. After the war, he was stationed in France and Germany and was discharged as a Master Sergeant in February of 1946. After

his discharge from the Air Force, he was employed by Friedrich Refrigeration Co. and Marvel Manufacturing Co. In 1949, the Dittmars bought a cleaning shop in South San Antonio. In 1970, after moving the business to several different locations, they built their own larger facilities at 2206 Quintana Road and added a complete coin-operated washateria. Arnold was active in his church, St. John's Lutheran Church. He served on the board that founded the Christian Assistance Ministry and worked at the SAMM Shelter. He was a Boy Scout Leader and belonged to the Optimist Club for many years. He grew roses for a hobby and belonged to the San Antonio and American Rose Societies.

Myrtle passed away November 10, 1991. Funeral services were held on November 12 at St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, with burial at Mission Burial Park North.

On May 22, 1993, Arnold married *Gladys Gold Scott*. They lived in San Antonio and traveled extensively.

Arnold passed away on January 7, 1999. Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church on January 11, 1999, with burial at Mission Burial Park North.



## THE GEORGE BYERS FAMILY

George and Sherrie Dittmar Byers



**Sherrie Denise Dittmar Byers** was born October 31, 1952, in San Antonio. She attended Kindergarten at Messiah Lutheran Church Day School and attended the South San Antonio Public Schools for ten years. During her childhood she took dancing and music lessons, belonged to the Brownies, and to the Luther League. She was a page in the Lutheran Charities Coronation. She attended Sam Houston High School in her junior and senior years and graduated in 1970. She attended San Antonio College for a year. In June 1971, she went to work in the office of the Secretary of State in Austin. At present, Sherrie is a full time student at Central Wyoming College. She is completing her degree in Elementary Special Education.

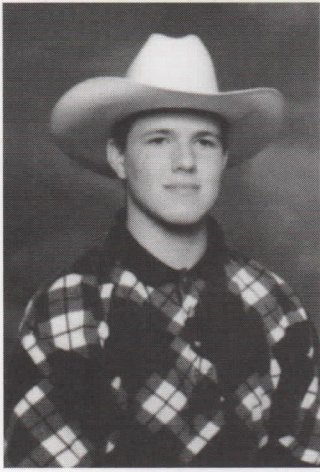
After a previous marriage, Sherrie Dittmar married George Gregory Byers on August 18, 1989, in Newport, Kentucky. George and Sherrie have two grown daughters, *Michele* and *Jenny*, by George's previous marriage. *Michele* and *Art Fenton* of Boise, Idaho, have two daughters, *Kourtney May Byers* and *Hannah Nicole Wedgewood*. *Jenny* and *Antone Brazille* have one daughter, *Baylee Borchers*. They also live in Idaho.

**George Gregory Byers** was born in Los Angeles on October 23, 1943. His family moved to Lander, Wyoming, when he was an infant. He spent all his life there until he joined the Marine Corp in 1963. During his 20 years in the Corp, he served in Vietnam, was on the USS Coral Sea in the Indian Ocean during the hostage rescue attempt, and was a Drill Instructor at MCRD in San Diego for two years. He then worked 10 years for IT Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, in environmental air and water testing. George is now retired. His hobbies include fishing, vegetable gardening, and canning.

Sherrie and George's address is P.O. Box 117, Kinnear, Wyoming 82516.



## THE DONNA KAY DITTMAR FAMILY



**Donna Kay Dittmar** was born and adopted by Myrtle and Arnold Dittmar on July 31, 1959, in San Antonio, Texas. Donna attended Kindergarten at Messiah Lutheran Day School and public school in the South San Antonio School District. Donna played the piano as a child, the flute and bassoon in junior high and high school. She was also the Drum Major during her junior and senior year. Another highlight was serving as a Duchess (1976) and the Queen (1977) in the San Antonio Lutheran Charity Coronation Association.

Donna worked for the family business, Dandee Cleaners, Inc., until purchasing the company in 1982. In 1986, Dandee Cleaners was sold, and she returned to college. She graduated from St. Philips College with an AAS in Computer Maintenance in 1992, and an AAS in Electronic Communication Technology in 1993. Donna went to work for United Services Automobile Association (USAA) in May 1992. She remains employed at USAA as an Information Technology System Analyst. She resides in Spring Branch, Texas.

Donna located her biological families in 1998 and 1999. Her biological parents were Beulah Mae Gainey, who died November 1991, and David Mann, who died July 1998. She has 14 half-siblings still living, 8 on her mother's side and 6 on her father's side. Donna is the youngest child in all three families.

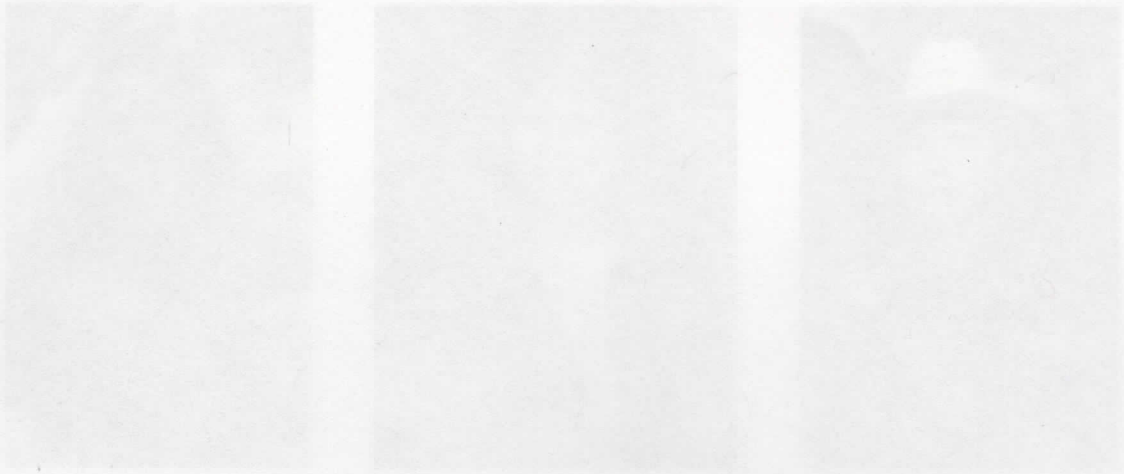
Donna has two children, **Justin Wayne Barth** and **Stephanie Lynn Patillo**.

The son of **Mark Barth**, **Justin**, was born December 19, 1979. Justin graduated from Clark High School in San Antonio. Justin played the tuba in junior and senior high school while earning a purple belt in karate. Justin was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio. Justin currently works in Bulverde, Texas, and lives in Spring Branch, Texas.

The daughter of **Joseph Eugene Patillo**, **Stephanie**, was born April 8, 1985. Stephanie is currently a junior at Taft High School in San Antonio. She has participated in choir, pep squad, and drama. She loves to sing. Stephanie was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bulverde.



THE DONNA KAY BITTMAR FAMILY



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*The  
Emilie Eckhardt Willms  
Family*



**Tobias (Toby) Emil WILLMS (25 May 1891 - 10 Oct 1985)**  
& Emilie ECKHARDT (WILLMS) (30 Jan 1893 - 21 Jul 1973)

**Leroy Tobias WILLMS (2 Jan 1917 - 5 Sep 1981)**  
& Olinda STRACKBEIN (WILLMS) (15 Apr 1919 - )

**Diane Olinda WILLMS (SCHUBERT) (26 Nov 1946 - )**  
& James Hugh SCHUBERT (13 Feb 1944 - )

**Tara Nichole SCHUBERT (13 Mar 1974 - )**

**Stephanie Denae SCHUBERT (9 Oct 1979 - )**

**Gaelyn Alene WILLMS (BURK) (29 Mar 1948 - )**  
& Franklin William BURK (22 Sep 1947 - )

**Eric Thomas BURK (6 Aug 1976 - )**

**Toby James BURK (15 Sep 1978 - )**

**Ryan Peter BURK (17 Jun 1980 - )**

**Lynette Evon WILLMS (20 Sep 1951 - )**

**Lorene Emilie WILLMS (YORK) (20 Jan 1920 - 25 Jan 1985)**  
& Willam Walter (Buddy) YORK (31 Mar 1916 - 14 Aug 1967)

**King William YORK (28 Jun 1946 - )**  
& Diane HARRIS (YORK) (2 Apr 1947 - )

**Mark Emil YORK (11 Jan 1964 - )**  
& Nanci Jean COOK (YORK) (26 Nov 1960 - )

**Kristen YORK (11 May 1995 - )**

**Isabelle YORK (29 Mar 1998 - )**

**King William YORK Jr. (12 Aug 1968 - )**  
& Cynthia E. HUNSUCKER (TERRELL) (YORK) (4 Sep 1954 - )

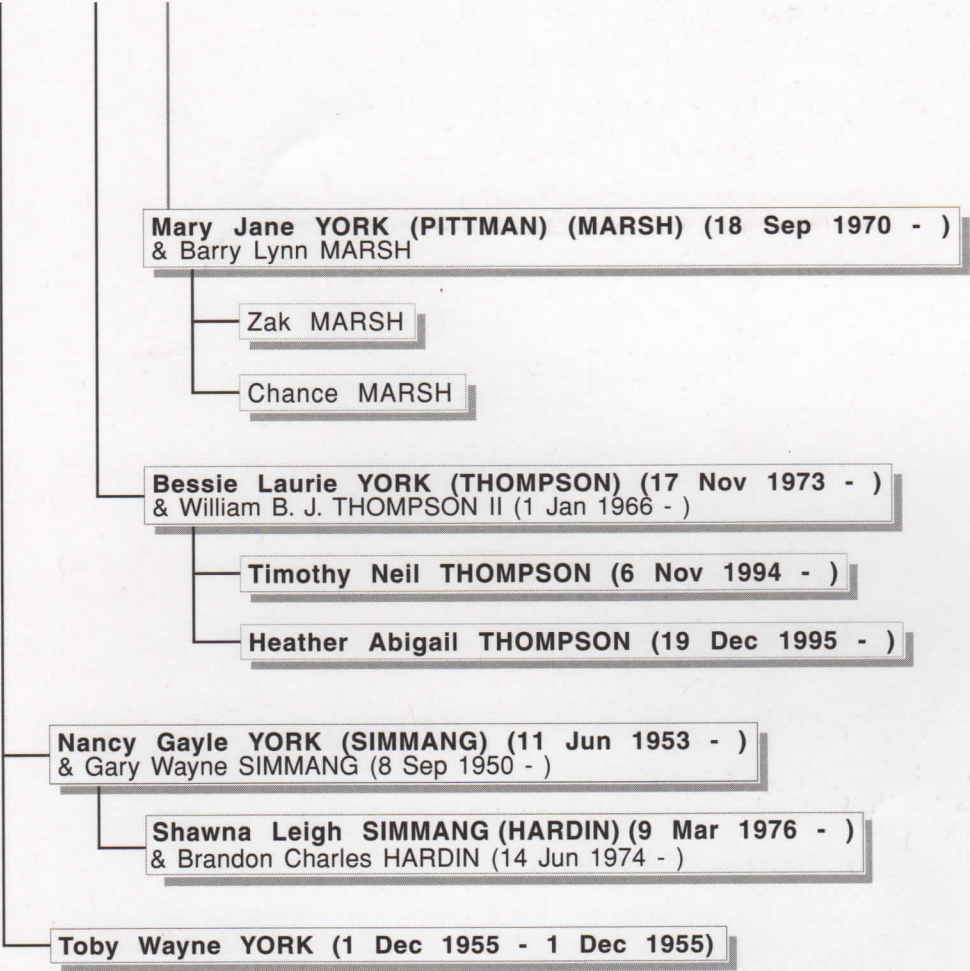
**Chris TERRELL**

**Nicholas TERRELL**

**Mary Jane YORK (PITTMAN) (MARSH) (18 Sep 1970 - )**  
& Jeffrey PITTMAN (30 Jan 1969 - )

**Amanda Jane PITTMAN (25 Sep 1992 - )**

**Courtney Jeanette PITTMAN (31 Oct 1995 - )**

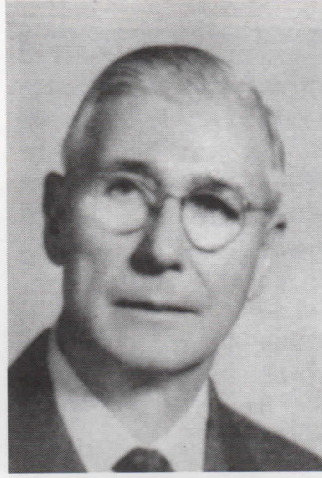






## THE TOBY WILLMS FAMILY

### Tobias and Emilie Eckhardt Willms



**Emilie Eckhardt Willms**, the eighth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Habenicht Eckhardt, was born at Rheingold, Texas, on January 30, 1893. She was baptized on May 22, 1893, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg. She attended school at Rheingold School.

On February 4, 1914, Emilie Eckhardt and Tobias Emil Willms were married at Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas, by Rev. H. Schliesser. To this union two children were born: **Leroy Tobias** and **Lorene Emilie**.

After living in Fredericksburg for three years, they moved to San Antonio. Emilie was a member of the Beethoven Damen Chor and the Fredericksburg Reunion Association of San Antonio.

Emilie passed away on July 21, 1973, at the age of 80 years. She was interred at Sunset Memorial Mausoleum, San Antonio, Texas by Rev. Roald Braulick of St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Tobias Emil Willms**, son of Gottlieb and Bertha Wahrmund Willms, was born in Fredericksburg, Texas, on May 25, 1891. He was baptized on July 8, 1894 in Fredericksburg. He attended school in Fredericksburg.

Toby worked in Fredericksburg as a blacksmith and machinist for four years. He then accepted a position in San Antonio, Texas at the San Antonio Machine & Supply Company as Machinist and Repairman, a position that he held for thirty-two years. For the next eight years he worked in the Press Room, Express Publishing Company in San Antonio, in charge of machinist and maintenance work. He retired on October 1, 1956.

He was a member of the Beethoven Maennerchor of San Antonio (Board of Directors, three years), San Antonio Machine & Supply Company Quarter Century Club, Fredericksburg Reunion Association and National Association of Power Engineers.

Toby passed away on October 10, 1985, at the age of 94. He was interred at Sunset Memorial Mausoleum, San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Don Salberg of St. John's Lutheran Church.



## THE LEROY WILLMS FAMILY

### Leroy and Olinda Willms



**Leroy Tobias Willms**, the first child of Tobias Emil Willms and Emilie Eckhardt Willms, was born on January 2, 1917, in Fredericksburg, Texas, and was baptized February 25, 1917. He graduated from Edison High School in San Antonio, Texas. After graduation he worked as a draftsman for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in San Antonio and then for Texas Ice and Fuel Company in Houston, Texas.

In 1940, Leroy entered the United States Army, 36<sup>th</sup> Division, 143<sup>rd</sup> infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Headquarters Company. He spent 29 months overseas in the Wire and Radio section. He served during World War II at the invasion of Italy, landing at Salerno on D-Day. He was in the invasions of Southern France in 1944, and was in Munich in 1945, when the fighting ended. He was discharged from the Army on August 8, 1945. After his discharge from the service, he was employed at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an Exchange Repairman.

On September 2, 1945, Leroy Tobias Willms and Olinda Strackbein were married at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Doss, Texas, by Rev. Burnotte. To this union three daughters were born: **Diane Olinda**, **Gaelyn Alene**, and **Lynette Evon**. They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church of San Antonio, where Olinda still attends.

Leroy retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on February 10, 1977. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, and welding.

Leroy passed away on September 5, 1981, at the age of 64. He was interred at Sunset Memorial Mausoleum in San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. Roald Braulick.

**Olinda Strackbein Willms**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carl Strackbein and Emma Kroll, was born on April 15, 1919, in Doss, Texas. She was a member of St. Peter's

Lutheran Church where she was baptized (May 25, 1919), confirmed and married. She graduated from Doss School. After Olinda was married, she spent her time as a homemaker and mother. Active at St. John's Lutheran Church, she is a member of Hannah Circle, the Women of the Church, Cradle Roll and the "Quilting Group" that makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She is also a member of St. Luke's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Baptist Hospital where she served as Treasurer for seven years.



THE JAMES SCHUBERT FAMILY

Jim and Diane Willms Schubert



(l to r) Diane, Jim, Tara, and Stephanie

**Diane Olinda Willms Schubert**, the first daughter of Leroy and Olinda Willms, was born on November 26, 1946, in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas. Diane graduated from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. After graduating from college she taught in the Seguin Independent School District for four years. She was involved in Christian education at Lifegate Christian School in Seguin, Texas, for eleven years.

On July 15, 1967, Diane Olinda Willms and James Hugh Schubert were married in St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas, with Pastor Roald Braulick officiating. To this union two daughters were born: **Tara Nicole** and **Stephanie Denae**. They are members of New Life Fellowship in Seguin, Texas, and currently reside at 651 Schubert Rd., Kingsbury, Texas, 78638.

**James Hugh Schubert**, son of Norma Audrey Chutter and Herbert William Schubert, Sr., of Seguin, Texas, was born on February 13, 1944, in Seguin, Texas. He graduated from Seguin High School and attended Baylor University on a basketball scholarship. He also attended Southwest Texas and Texas Lutheran College. He was a member of the Army National Guard, Artillery Division. Jim is currently President and CEO of Schubert Distributing Company in Seguin, Texas. He also owns a small ranch in Kingsbury, Texas, where he raises cattle.

**Tara Nicole Schubert**, the first child of Diane Olinda Willms and James Hugh Schubert, was born on March 13, 1974, in Seguin, Texas. She graduated from Lifegate Christian School in Seguin, Texas. After attending Palo Alto Junior College in San Antonio, Texas, she is employed as a data processor at Schubert Distributing Company in Seguin. She currently resides at 1048 Country Club Dr. L6, Seguin, Texas 78155.

**Stephanie Denae Schubert**, the second child of Diane Olinda Willms and James Hugh Schubert, was born on October 9, 1979, in Seguin, Texas. Stephanie graduated from Lifegate Christian School in Seguin, Texas. She attended Texas A&M University Kingsville her freshman year and then transferred to Texas Lutheran University to pursue a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. While attending Texas A&M, Stephanie was a member of the Javelina volleyball team and is currently a member of the Bulldog's volleyball team at Texas Lutheran University.



THE FRANKLIN BURK FAMILY

Frank and Gaelyn Willms Burk



(l to r) Toby, Ryan, Gaelyn, Frank, and Eric



**Gaelyn Alene Willms Burk**, the second daughter of Leroy and Olinda Willms, was born on March 29, 1948, in San Antonio, Texas. Gaelyn was baptized (1948) and confirmed (1960) at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas, where she continues to be an active member. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas. Gaelyn received a B.A. Degree in Elementary Education from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, and a M.Ed. from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She taught elementary school for seventeen years in San Antonio and in Boerne, Texas. In addition, she served as an elementary guidance counselor for two years in San Antonio and is currently employed as a guidance counselor in the Boerne Independent School District.

On July 22, 1972, Gaelyn Alene Willms and Franklin William Burk were married at St. John's Lutheran Church. Dr. Roald Braulick was the officiating minister. To this union three sons were born: **Eric Thomas**, **Toby James**, and **Ryan Peter**. They are making their home at 8213 Rocking Horse Lane, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, 78015.

**Franklin William Burk**, son of Franklin Frederick Burk and Dorothy Griffith Burk of Peoria, Illinois, was born on September 22, 1947, in Peoria. He was baptized (1947) and confirmed (1959) at Zion Lutheran Church in Peoria, Illinois. He graduated from Manual High School in Peoria. Frank received a B.B.A Degree from Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas. He served in the United States Army from June 1970 to January 1972. Frank is a Certified Public Accountant and a partner in the accounting firm of Carneiro, Chumney and Co. He is involved in numerous civic organizations and is an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Eric Thomas Burk**, first son of Gaelyn Alene Willms Burk and Franklin William Burk, was born August 6, 1976, in San Antonio, Texas. He was baptized (1976) and confirmed (1991) at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas. He received a B.B.A. and a B.A. Degree from Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, where he was a four-year member of the basketball team. He lives at 4400 Horizon Hill in San Antonio and is presently employed as an accountant at the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson.

**Toby James Burk**, the second son of Gaelyn Alene Willms Burk and Franklin William Burk, was born on September 15, 1978. He was baptized (1978) at Zion Lutheran Church in Peoria, Illinois, and confirmed (1993) at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas. He graduated from Texas Lutheran University in May 2001, with a B.B.A. in Marketing. He was a member of the TLU Bulldogs basketball team.

**Ryan Peter Burk**, the third son of Gaelyn Alene Willms Burk and Franklin William Burk, was born on June 17, 1980. He was baptized (1980) and confirmed (1995) at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas. Ryan is pursuing a degree in psychology from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.



## LYNETTE EVON WILLMS



**Lynette Evon Willms**, the third daughter of Leroy and Olinda Willms, was born on September 20, 1951, in San Antonio, Texas. She was baptized (November 4, 1951) and confirmed (1963) at St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas.

She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, and received a B.A. in Elementary Education from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas.

After working as an elementary school teacher for five years in San Antonio and Houston, Texas, she began a career with Continental Airlines. During the last 23 years, she has held a variety of management positions in cities across the United States. At present, she is Senior Manager of New Applications in the Technology Department at Continental Airlines, Houston, Texas.

She resides north of Houston in Kingwood, Texas.

## THE WILLIAM YORK FAMILY

### William (Buddy) and Lorene Willms York



**Lorene Emile Willms York**, the second child of Tobias and Emile Eckhardt Willms, was born on January 20, 1920, in San Antonio, Texas. She attended Los Angeles Heights Elementary School (Benjamin Franklin) and graduated from Edison High School.

On June 15, 1940, Lorene Emile Willms and William Walter (Buddy) York were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio by Rev. A. I. Wolff. To this union three children were born: **King William**, **Nancy Gayle**, and **Toby Wayne**. Toby Wayne was stillborn on December 1, 1955, and is buried at Sunset Memorial Park. Lorene passed away on January 25, 1985, at the age of 65. She was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Park.

**William Walter York**, son of Wayne A. York and Della Brod York, was born on March 31, 1916, in San Antonio, Texas. He attended St. Ann's Catholic School, Los Angeles Heights Elementary School (Ben Franklin), and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. He graduated from Edison High School where he was voted "most popular boy" and was all-district and all-city quarterback. Buddy was employed by Gulf Oil Company as a service station attendant and later at Fair-Maid Bakery. He started a career at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and became a chief switchman. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A. and Patterson Masonic Lodge. Buddy enjoyed all sports. Homing pigeon breeding and flying were his hobbies. On August 14, 1967, Buddy passed away at the age of 51. He is buried at Sunset Memorial Park.



## THE KING YORK FAMILY

### King and Diane York



**King William York**, the first child of William Walter and Lorene Willms York, was born on June 28, 1946, in San Antonio. He attended Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. He later attended San Antonio College, El Centro College, Brazosport College and Texas Lutheran College. He owns RainMan Irrigation and enjoys collecting Wavecrest and antiques, hunting, watching football, fishing, bowling and camping in his spare time.

On November 18, 1966, King William York and Diane Harris were married in San Antonio, Texas, at St. Johns Lutheran Church. To this union four children were born: **Mark Emil York**, **King William York, Jr.**, **Mary Jane York**, and **Bessie Laurie York**. They reside at their ranch, Route 1 Box 86, Rochelle, Texas, 76872.

**Diane Harris York**, daughter of Myer I. Harris and Mary Jane Estes Harris, was born April 2, 1947, in Dallas, Texas. She attended Robert S. Hyer and Highland Park High School and later night school at San Antonio College and Brazosport College. Her hobbies are working with her husband, collecting Dresden and antiques, hunting, arts and crafts, sewing, ice skating, bowling and camping.

**Mark Emil York**, first child of King William and Diane Harris York, was born on January 11, 1964, in Dallas, Texas. He is the father of **Kristin York** (May 11, 1995) and **Isabelle York** (March 29, 1998) and resides in Dallas, Texas.

**King William York, Jr.**, second child of King William and Diane Harris York, was born August 12, 1968, in San Antonio, Texas. He is married to **Cindy Terrell York** and has two step-sons: *Chris Terrell* and *Nicholas Terrell*. They reside in Dallas, Texas.

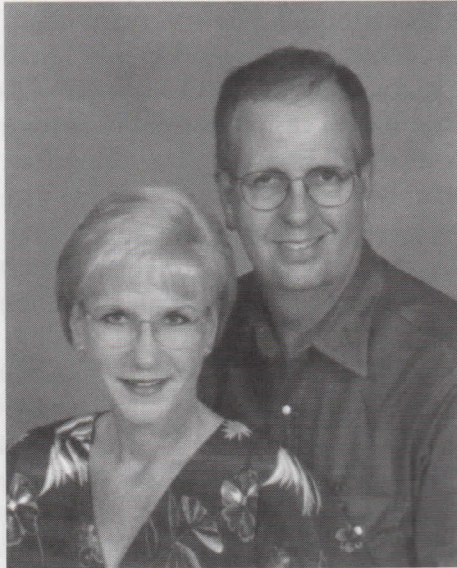
**Mary Jane York Pittman Marsh**, third child of King William and Diane Harris York, was born September 18, 1970, in Dallas, Texas. She has two daughters, **Amanda Jane Pittman** (September 25, 1992) and **Courtney Jeanette Pittman** (October 31, 1995).

On June 23, 2001, Mary Jane York Pittman married **Barry Lynn Marsh**. They reside in Mesquite, Texas. Barry has two sons, *Zak* and *Chance*.

**Bessie Laurie York Thompson**, fourth child of King William and Diane Harris York, was born November 17, 1973, in Dallas, Texas. She has two children, **Timothy Neil** (November 6, 1994) and **Heather Abigail Thompson** (December 19, 1995) and they reside in Grand Prairie, Texas.

## THE GARY SIMMANG FAMILY

Gary and Nancy York Simmang



(l to r) Gary and Nancy Simmang, Shawna and Brandon Hardin



**Nancy Gayle York Simmang**, the second child of William W. and Lorene York, was born on June 11, 1953, in San Antonio. She attended Jackson-Keller Elementary School, Nimitz Middle School and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. She attended San Antonio College. Nancy was office manager at the main office of Village Casuals for 10 years. Nancy has worked at Herff Travel in San Antonio as the bookkeeper for over 20 years. Her interests are crafts and antiques. She is very involved in civic organizations and her church, St. Paul Lutheran of Bulverde, Texas. On July 14, 1973, Nancy Gayle York and Gary Wayne Simmang were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, with Rev. Roald Braulick officiating. To this union one child, Shawna Leigh, was born. Nancy and Gary reside at 1291 S. Cranes Mill Drive in New Braunfels, Texas.

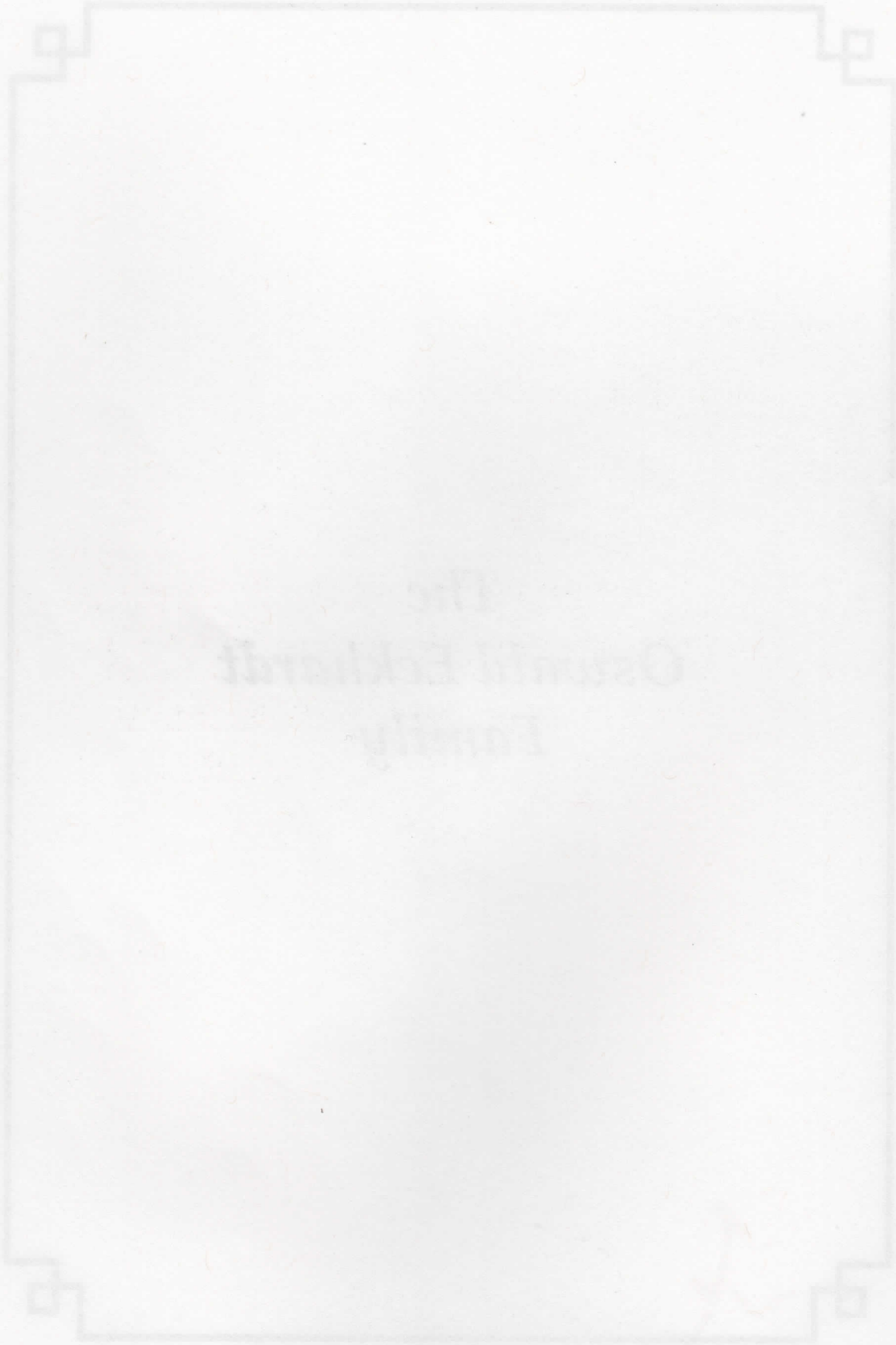
**Gary Wayne Simmang**, son of Orville and Neva Lee Simmang, was born on September 8, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas. He attended Coker Elementary and Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio. He also attended San Antonio College. Gary was a member of the Navy Reserve and has been employed by Tobin International for over 30 years. He enjoys the outdoors.

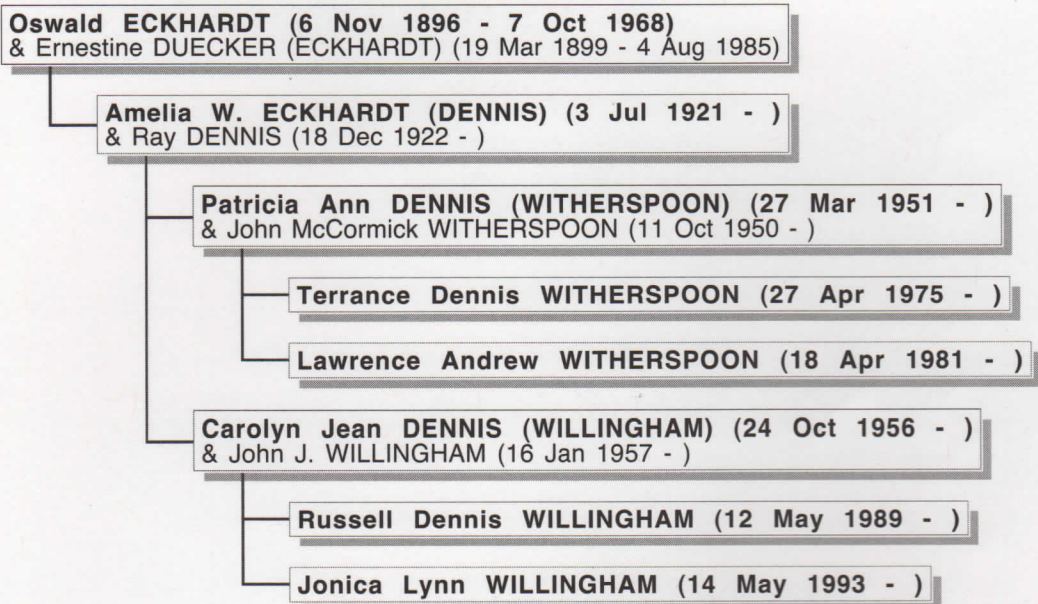
**Shawna Leigh Simmang Hardin**, daughter of Gary Wayne Simmang and Nancy Gayle York Simmang, was born in San Antonio on March 9, 1976. She attended El Dorado Elementary School and Bulverde Elementary School. Shawna was baptized (1976) at Shepherd King Lutheran Church in San Antonio and was confirmed (1990) at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bulverde, Texas. She graduated from Smithson Valley High School in Spring Branch, Texas. Shawna received a BBA in management from The University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, graduating Summa Cum Laude. On August 6, 1994, Shawna Leigh Simmang and Brandon Charles Hardin were married at Shepherd King Lutheran Church in San Antonio, with Rev. John Braulick officiating. They reside at 618 Jackson-Keller Road in San Antonio, Texas.

**Brandon Charles Hardin**, son of Richard Charles and Mary Frances Hardwick Hardin, was born on June 14, 1974, in San Antonio. He attended Hidden Forest Elementary School and graduated from Churchill High School in San Antonio. He is currently attending San Antonio College. Brandon is employed by Teksystems as an account manager.

*The  
Oswald Eckhardt  
Family*











## THE OSWALD ECKHARDT FAMILY

### Oswald and Ernestine Eckhardt



**Oswald Frederick Eckhardt**, the ninth child of Adam and Wilhelmina Eckhardt, was born on November 6, 1896, at Rheingold. He attended school at Rheingold and helped work the family farm which he later bought. In 1960, he sold the farm and moved to Fredericksburg and enjoyed his retirement.

On December 23, 1919, Oswald Eckhardt and Ernestine Duecker were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Cave Creek by Rev. Emil A. F. Hannemann. To this union one child, **Amelia**, was born.

On October 7, 1968, Oswald passed away suddenly of a heart attack. He was buried in City Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Texas

**Ernestine Duecker Eckhardt**, daughter of Reinhold and Amalia Doell Duecker, was born March 19, 1899, at Rheingold. She attended Nebgen and Rheingold Schools. Ernestine was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. She made her home at 410 Spruce Street, Fredericksburg, Texas. She enjoyed hobbies such as cooking and various kinds of handwork.

On August 4, 1985, after a glorious day at the Eckhardt family reunion, Ernestine returned to her home in Fredericksburg where she died suddenly. Funeral services were held on August 6, 1985. She was buried in City Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Texas.



## THE RAY DENNIS FAMILY

### Ray and Amelia Eckhardt Dennis



**Amelia W. Eckhardt Dennis**, daughter of Oswald and Ernestine Eckhardt, was born at Rheingold on July 3, 1921. She attended school at Rheingold and later attended Draughan's Business College at San Antonio. She was later employed as a bookkeeper and payroll supervisor.

Amelia resumed her Civil Service Career in 1963, and has been employed by the San Antonio Area Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the past 11 years, being the only employee assigned to the Austin HUD-FHA (FHA) office located in the Federal Building. Amelia took early retirement in 1981.

On June 27, 1948, Amelia Eckhardt and Ray Dennis were married in San Antonio at St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. Mohr. To this union two daughters were born: **Patria Ann** and **Carolyn Jean**. They made their home in San Antonio, later moving to Austin. Their present address is 6111 Janey Drive, Austin, Texas.

They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church at San Antonio and are now members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas.

Amelia is an active member of Phi Sigma Alpha, an international Service Sorority. Her hobby is traveling.

**Ray Dennis**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dennis, was born on December 18, 1922, at Ranger, Texas. He attended school at Ranger, Rotan, South Bend and Crane. Before entering the United States Air Force he was a rancher. After his discharge from the service he was employed as a salesman in San Antonio, later being transferred to Austin, where he was employed by American General Life Insurance Company as life underwriter.

Ray was a Hydrologist with the Texas Water Quality Board. He is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Elk's Lodge, and also an elected member of the State Insurance Advisory Committee. His hobby is sports.

In addition to being a high school graduate, Ray took special courses at the University of Texas, Life Insurance courses at Southern Methodist University and also courses at A&M University in connection with his work with the Texas Water Quality Board.

Ray and Amelia celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June of 1998. They have enjoyed taking trips to a variety of places including Canada, Europe, Las Vegas and Hawaii. In July of 1999, Amelia took a fall and broke her back while on a cruise ship to Alaska. Ray and Amelia still travel and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

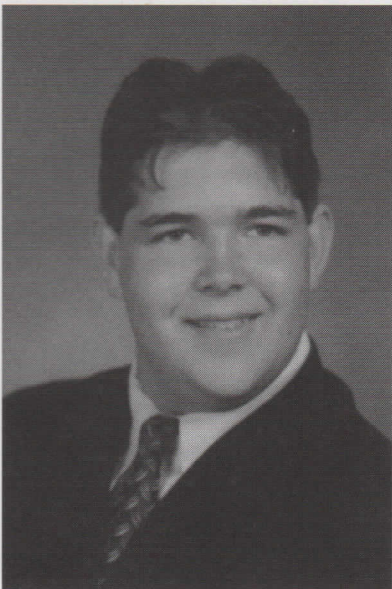


THE JOHN WITHERSPOON FAMILY

John and Patricia Dennis Witherspoon



Terry Witherspoon



Andy Witherspoon



**Patricia Ann Dennis Witherspoon**, the first child of Ray and Amelia Eckhardt Dennis, was born on March 27, 1951, in Austin. She attended Gullett School in Austin. She also attended a dancing school where she took tap, ballet and acrobatic dancing.

She attended the University of Texas where she received her B.S. degree in 1973. She was an honor graduate in Radio-TV-Film. She received her M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1974. Pat completed a Ph.D. degree in Communications in May 1977. Currently, Pat is Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication at the University of Texas at El Paso, and founding director of its new Center for Communication Studies.

On August 10, 1974, Patricia Ann Dennis and John McCormick Witherspoon were married at St. Austin's Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. They were members of St. Austin's Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. Patricia and John are presently residing in El Paso, Texas.

**John McCormick Witherspoon**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Witherspoon, Jr. of Austin, Texas, was born October 11, 1950, in Austin, Texas. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1973. He was an honor student in the University of Texas School of Law and graduated from Law School in May 1976. John was associated with his brother and his father in a law firm in Austin, Texas. Currently he is associated with Kemp Smith in El Paso. He is a member of the Travis County Bar Association and the El Paso Bar Association. He has served on the board of directors of Marywood, an Austin adoption and family assistance agency, and in various Austin youth sports organizations, including Little League. In El Paso, he assists campus and student groups from the University of Texas at El Paso with fund-raising and organizational support. He is also active in fund raising for faith-related and community-based groups in the city.

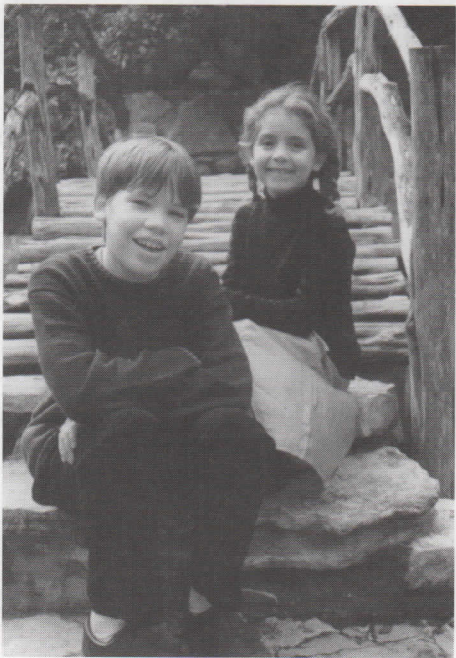
**Terence Dennis Witherspoon** was born April 27, 1975. He is a 1994 graduate of McCallum High School in Austin, Texas, where he played basketball on the school team until a knee injury ended his playing career. He worked for a gourmet deli and grocery during high school, and became interested in culinary arts. He attended Texas State Technical College for a year, and then began working in food service. In January 2000, he entered the culinary arts program at the Art Institute of Dallas. Terence will graduate from its certificate program in December 2001. In August 2001, Terry will travel to France for a two-week study abroad program. He will visit historical sights, as well as famous Continental chefs and their restaurants in Paris and surrounding cities.

**Lawrence Andrew (Andy) Witherspoon** was born April 18, 1981. He is a 2000 graduate from Anderson High School, Austin, Texas. During his years in high school, he was a powerlifter, member of the Drama Club, and an avid graphic artist with an evolving interest in computer animation. His interest in the entertainment field afforded him an opportunity to spend a week in New York City in a drama study enrichment program. He was employed for two years with Regal Cinemas in Austin. In September 2000, Andy moved to El Paso, Texas, with his parents. In El Paso he worked for a furniture company and now a video franchise. He plans to enter either an art institute or a southwestern university to study graphic design and/or computer animation.



THE JOHN WILLINGHAM FAMILY

John and Carolyn Dennis Willingham



Rusty and Jonica Willingham



**Carolyn Jean Dennis Willingham**, the second child of Ray and Amelia Eckhardt Dennis, was born on October 24, 1956, in Austin. She graduated from A.N. McCallum High School in May 1974, where she was a feature editor and writer for the school newspaper. In the summer of 1973, she was chosen by her high school to be a delegate to Texas Youth Leadership Institute. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1981, with a degree in Child Development. From 1981 to 1983, Carolyn worked at Eastfield Community College's Parent Child Study Center in Dallas, Texas, teaching preschool children and mentoring college students. After moving back to Austin in 1983, Carolyn worked as the Director of Triumphant Love Lutheran Child Development Center for 11 years. Carolyn is currently the president of the Austin Collaborative for Children, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of child care for the youngest and neediest children in the Austin area. Her hobbies include playing piano, attending Bikram Yoga classes, tennis and enjoying the company of family and good friends.

Carolyn Dennis married John Willingham on May 22, 1981. To this union two children were born: **Russell Dennis** and **Jonica Lynn**. They have lived in Austin, Texas, since 1983, after living in Dallas for two years.

**John Willingham** was born January 16, 1957, in Charleston, Illinois, the oldest child of John and Gail Willingham. John moved to Texas with his family when he was in 5th grade. He graduated from Anderson High School in Austin, Texas, in 1975, and graduated from UT Austin in 1981, with a Business/Accounting degree. In 1981, John, a CPA, worked for Arthur Young and Co. in Dallas. In 1983, after moving back to Austin, John began working at IXC Communications Inc., where he eventually became the Chief Financial Officer. John presently runs an investment fund and spends much of his time following the stock market. His hobbies are golf and boating. His father, John Willingham, lives in Austin with his stepmother, Carol Willingham. His mother, Gail Willingham, also lives in Austin. He has two brothers, Scott and Andy, and one sister, Lynna, who all live in Austin with their families.

*\*\*\*A very interesting story: When John moved to Austin while in 5th grade, he actually lived right around the corner from our family although we did not know each other at the time. A few years ago, Mom presented John with a special Christmas gift. It was a framed "Seasons Greetings" note from our PAPER BOY whose name was John Willingham! Who would have known that I would eventually marry our paper boy!*

**Russell Dennis Willingham**, first child of Carolyn and John Willingham, was born on May 12, 1989. "Rusty" is now in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Westridge Middle School in Austin where he plays viola in the school orchestra. His hobbies include computer, playing Nintendo, and basketball.

**Jonica Lynn Willingham**, second child of John and Carolyn Willingham, was born on May 12, 1993. Jonica is presently attending 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Bridge Point Elementary. Her hobbies are swimming, arts and crafts, singing and piano.

In February 1998, John and Carolyn purchased back the family homestead. This is the home where Carolyn's and Pat's mother, Amelia, and Grandfather Oswald were both born. "We have had a wonderful time fixing up the old place, rebuilding the picket fence around the front, painting and general cleanup. The constant breeze is still present as is the still and quiet of years ago. The Eckhardt presence is alive and well at the old homestead and is felt each day we spend out there."







*The Eckhardt Homestead*  
*A Pictorial History*







*"Homestead Postcard"  
from the collection of Martina Eckhardt*



*Homestead photograph from "The Adam Eckhardt  
Family History," published in 1959*





*"Thrashing on Adam Eckhardt Farm"  
from the collection of Joyce Richey*



*"Thrashing at Rheingold"  
from the collection of Joyce Richey*



*The Eckhardt Homestead  
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Pictures from 1998-2000*



*1998 photo of the Eckhardt Homestead, now  
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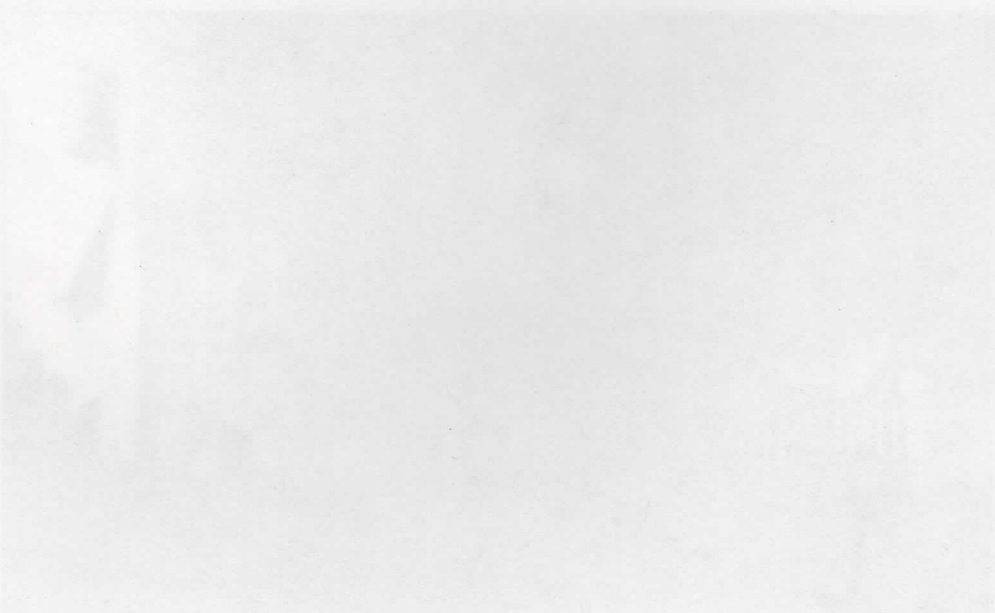
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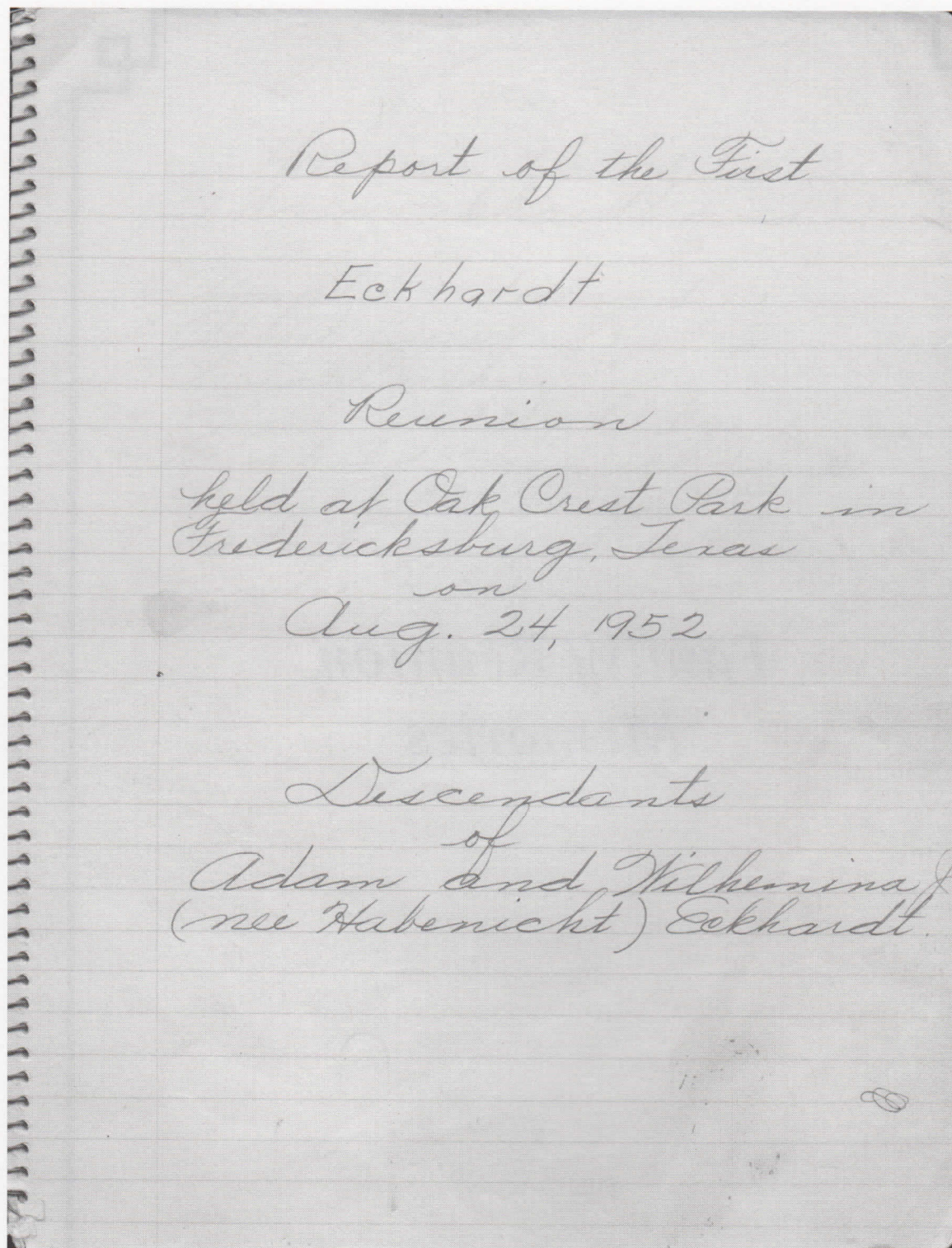
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*Family Reunion  
Memories*





**Minutes from the First Adam Eckhardt  
Family Reunion, August 24, 1952**



## Minutes of 1952

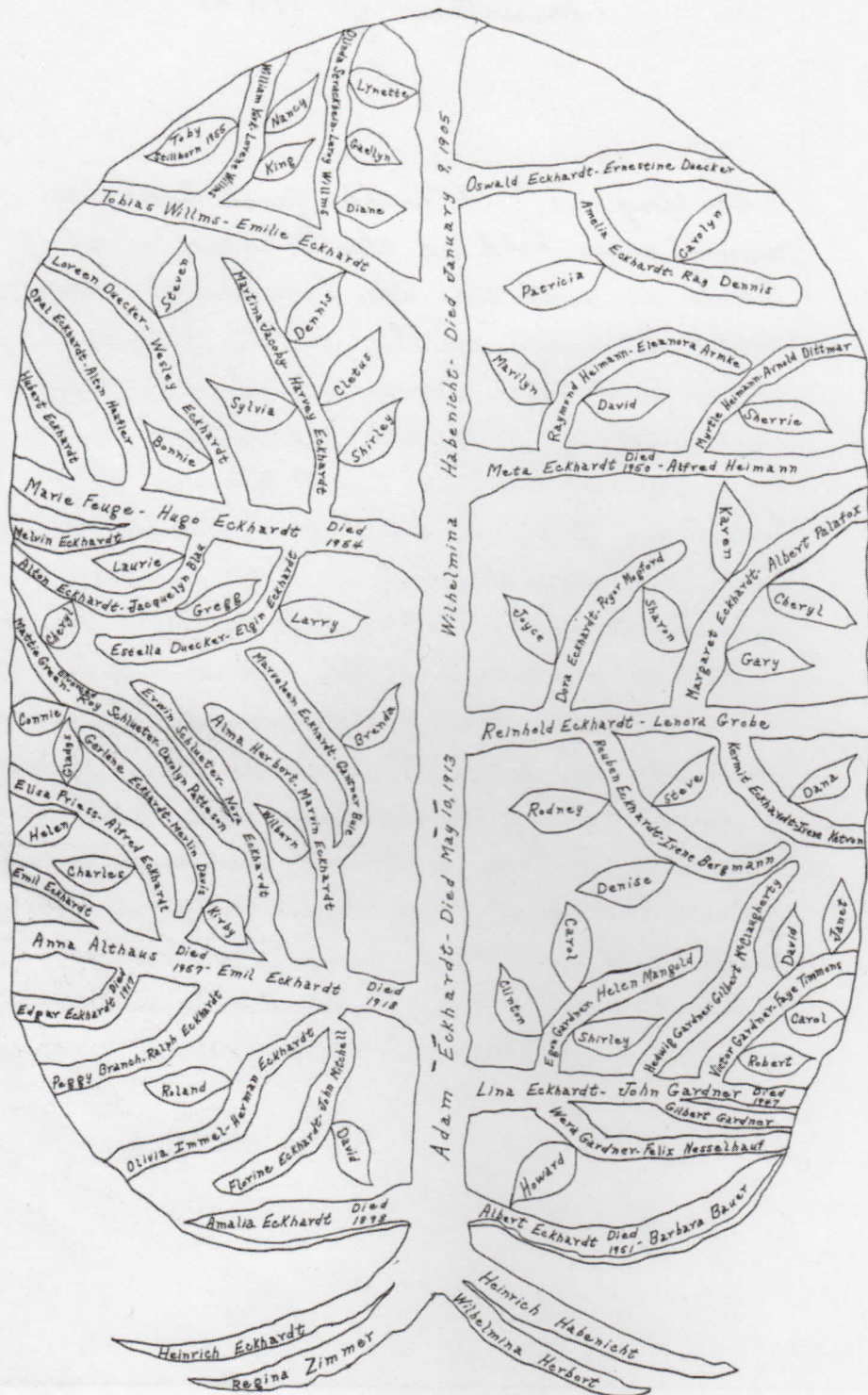
On Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1952 the first Eckhardt reunion was held at the Oakcrest Park. Barbecue with all the trimmings was served at noon. Later in the afternoon cake and coffee were served. The day was enjoyed recalling old times, and by playing various card games.

During the afternoon a business <sup>meeting</sup> was held. It was decided to hold another ~~meeting~~ reunion the next year. Mrs. Barbara Eckhardt representing the oldest member of the Eckhardt family was made Chairman and she in turn elected the oldest member of each family to arrange the next reunion. They were Herman Eckhardt, Mrs. Wera Messelhauf, Harvey Eckhardt, Mrs. Pryor Mogford, Leroy Willms, Mrs. Ray Dennis, & Mrs. Arnold Littmar.

About seventy-one descendants and four visitors were present. All reported a nice time.

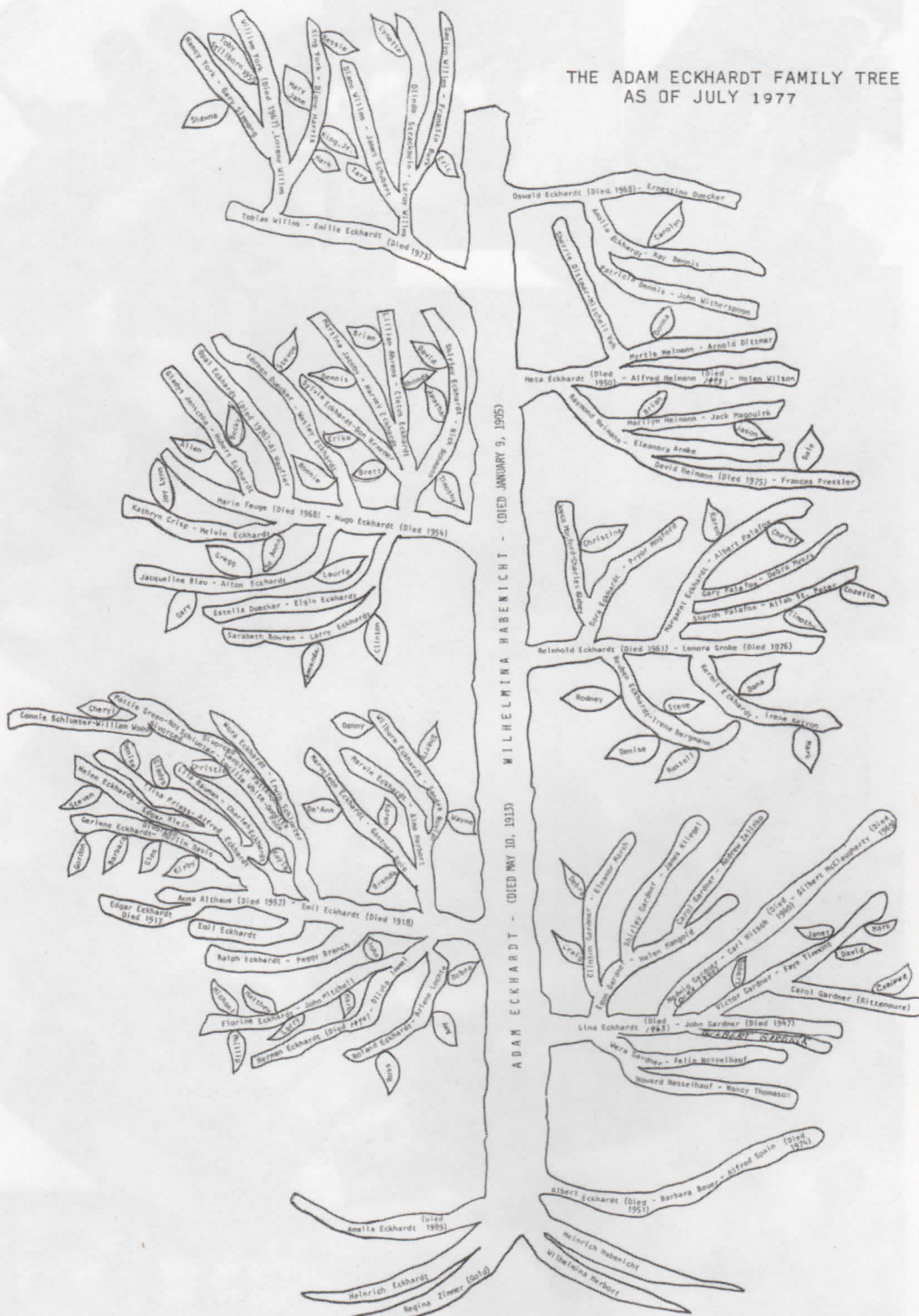
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*Family Tree drawn by Wera Nesselhauf  
and Martina Eckhardt, 1959*

THE ADAM ECKHARDT FAMILY TREE  
AS OF JULY 1977



*Family Tree drawn by Wera Nesselhauf  
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Producing this revised edition of the Adam Eckhardt Family History was a labor of love and an adventure with a life of its own. It was our hope to locate each family member and provide them the opportunity to tell their story. Technology was the key to managing the parts of this task.

Shirley has had an interest in the Adam Eckhardt Family History since she was a child. At the 1998 reunion, she volunteered to complete a much needed update in time for the 50<sup>th</sup> Adam Eckhardt Reunion in October 2001. One of the best parts of the job was the opportunity to become acquainted and re-acquainted with so many family members. It was an enjoyable task.

A computer disk and a set of instructions were given to one member of each family branch at the reunion in 1999. Their job was to contact each family and invite them to "write their story". We asked the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to supply a new couple photo and the 4th generation to supply a photo: a couple, individual, or family picture or a combination for their own page in the book. The instructions asked that the story be composed in *Microsoft Word*. By the 2000 reunion, several families had provided updates and the rest of the families continued to gather information.

When it was announced that the bulk of the organizing would be done on a 1999 strawberry flavored *iMac G3* with an *Epson 740i* ink-jet color printer, PC users became concerned. "Not to worry," Shirley said. "It will read PC disks," and it did. The link between the PC and the *iMac* was flawless. E-mail was invaluable since the stories came as files that were immediately useable. Handwritten stories were scanned on a *Umax2100U* using *OmniPage Limited Edition*. They were then converted to editable text. *Iomega Zip 100* disks were a lifesaver for transferring information between computers the last few weeks of the project.

Photos came in all forms: studio portraits, snapshots, scanned and printed photos, and electronically transmitted photos from far off places. The *iMac's* hard drive was beginning to get nervous with all the image files. The photos were scanned on a *Umax2100U* at 300 dpi and converted to .tiff files. *Adobe PhotoDeluxe*, *Adobe Photoshop Elements*, *Adobe Acrobat*, and *Adobe Photoshop* were used to "standardize" the photos. Photo work took place in Houston, Seguin, San Marcos, San Antonio, and Austin on PC's and the amazing strawberry flavored *iMac*. David, Jon, Tim, Gregg, and Shirley shared ideas and expertise.

Organizing the materials was a rather simple task: a file and a contact person with phone number and email address for each family branch. Into the files went stories, photos and any correspondence received. The same organization was followed for the files on the *iMac*.

The work of editing the stories, preparing photos, and entering data into the genealogy database continued through the year from October 2000, to September 2001. The family descendant charts appearing before each section were generated from data entered into the Macintosh genealogy program, *Reunion*, by Leister Productions. An address list and birthday calendar were also generated from this program.

The *Microsoft Word 98* documents were composed in the font Palatino. *Adobe InDesign* was used to compose the book for printing. Tim did hours of tedious work in a very short time to lay out each page. He was a kind, but persistent, taskmaster.

As the stories rolled off the *HP Laser Jet 2100TN*, Wendy learned more about the family than she thought she would ever know. She settled in to proof and edit the pages of stories from so many different sources. Martina was an invaluable historical source. She remembered events and people. Gregg composed two of the book's collages. David composed the third one. Amy provided input into the early design work and was patient when Jon worked on photos at his scanner. Nick kept other household tasks organized while the book was in its final stages.

The book was printed and bound by Morgan Printing Company, Austin, Texas. All documents were transferred to the printer via CD. Backup documents are stored on CD's and also on a set of *Iomega Zip 100* disks.



