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JACOBS**

**FAMILY TREE**



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## Jacobs

Gerardus Peterse Jacobs was born in Kalmthort, Belgium, on March 26, 1724. He married Cornelia Laureijsen van de Sande in Ossendrecht. He died in 1784. He married Cornelia on April 26, 1744.

Laurentius Jacobs was born on July 8, 1755, in Borgvliet, Holland. He died on March 20, 1833, in Halsteren, Holland. Elisabeth van der Kieboom was born on April 7, 1760, in Halsteren, Holland, and died July 7, 1838, in Halsteren.

Laurentius and Elisabeth were married in Halsteren on February 18, 1787.

Laurentius and Elisabeth were the parents of Jacobus Jacobs, who was born in Halsteren, Holland, on April 8, 1796. He married Antonia van Oorschot on May 15, 1853, in Halsteren. He died in Ooltgensplaat, Holland, on January 15, 1868.

Antonia van Oorschot was born in Oude Tonge on February 12, 1824, and died February 10, 1894. Jacobus had been married before, but his first wife had died in August 29, 1851. He was 57. Jacobus and Antonia had seven children.

Petrus Gerardus Jacobs was born on January 26, 1864, to Jacobus and Antonia Jacobs in Ooltgensplaat, Holland. He married Joanna Quirina Buys on February 23, 1889, in Ooltgensplaat Overflakkee, Zuid, Holland, Netherlands. Petrus died in Medemblik on May 20, 1940. Joanna Quirina Buys was born to Kryn Buys and Janna Marai van de Swaluw on January 28, 1867, in Ooltgensplaat, Holland.

Quirinus Johannes Jacobs (Clarence) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> son. He was born on February 28, 1891, in Den Bommel, Holland.

Petrus Gerardus Jacobs

JoAnne Quirina Buys

B. 1-26-1864 Ooltgensplaat, Holland

1-28-1867 Ooltgensplaat, Holland

D.5-20-1940 Medemblik

5-10-1911 Den Bommel, Holland

M.2-23-1889

19 children:

Jacobus Quirinus Jacobs (Jake) was born on November 25, 1889, and died on January 28, 1964. He married Goldie Violet Davidson who was born in August 1900 in Havelock, ND, and died on March 23, 1938. They must have married in 1918. They had 11 children.

Quirinus Johannes Jacobs (Clarence) was born on February 28, 1891, in Den Bommel, Holland. He died in Regent, ND, on March 14, 1969, from prostate cancer. He married Edith Huff, who was born February 23, 1898, and died July 15, 1991. They were married on May 3, 1916. They had 10 children.

Johannes Laurentius Jacobs was born on August 21, 1892, and died March 10, 1893.

Johanna Maria Jacobs (Jane) was born July 17, 1893, and died May 11, 1991, in Wervershoof, Holland. She married Mathee Koenraadt on August 28, 1923, and he died on November 15, 1956. They had five children.

Johannes Laurentius Jacobs (Hans) was born on August 12, 1894, and died on Feb. 20, 1964, in Den Bommel. He married Hendrika Polie on August 14, 1925, and she died on May 8, 1972. They had one son.

Kornelis Adrianus Jacobs (Cor) was born on August 22, 1895, and died on March 20, 1976, in Lancaster, CA. He married Adrianna de Laat on Feb. 24, 1920, and she died in 1957 at Bishop, CA. They had five children. (He was possibly a baker.)

Father Antonius Leonardus Jacobs (Anton) was a Franciscan. He was born October 2, 1896. He was called Father Quiriano and was ordained on March 11, 1923. He left Holland for Brazil on January 21, 1925. He was a missionary priest. He died on August 9 or 10, 1957, in a suburb of Rio de Janeiro (Casadura) on the coast of Brazil.

Martinus Jacobs (Martin) was born December 30, 1897, and died in Regent, ND, on August 11, 1973.

Leonardus Antonius Jacobs (Sir) (Father Leonard Jacobs) was born January 3, 1899, in Holland. Leonard joined St. Joseph's Missionary Society at Mill Hill in London and was ordained on July 20, 1924. He was a missionary priest in British Cameroon in Africa where he served for 52 years and died there on August 23, 1976, in Kumbo North Province, Cameroon, West Africa. He was knighted in recognition of his service in Africa.

Adrianus Gerardus Jacobs (Adrian) was born on March 4, 1900, and died in Mesa, AZ, on December 18, 1974.

Petrus Jozef Jacobs was born April 8, 1901, in Den Bommel. He died May 9, 1901.

Petrus Jozef Jacobs (Pete) became Father Bonaventura, he was born May 15, 1902. He entered the Trappist Cistercian monastery in Holland, which was a cloistered monastery in Zundert. He was ordained a priest on June 14, 1930, and died March 7, 1988, after having dementia. He was in the infirmary for 20 years before dying.

Leo Jacobs was born on July 9, 1903, and died in Bergen Opzoom on April 12, 1989. He married Jacoba Maria v Vugt on April 29, 1931, in Oude Tonge. She was born in Oude Tonge on April 4, 1902, and died on March 31, 1969. They had five children.

Johannus Jacobs (John) was born on January 25, 1905, and died in Regent on April 9, 1974. He married Dorothy Geertz in 1933. Dorothy was born August 18, 1912, in Regent, ND, and died June 25, 1983. They had eleven children.

Egidius Antonius Jacobs (Guy) was born on April 12, 1906, and died in Mesa, AZ, on May 19, 1987. He married Maria Elizabeth van der Paken on January 8, 1947. Maria was born October 2, 1914, in Strijp, Eindhoven, and died in Arlington, TX, on December 8, 2003. They had seven children.

Gerardus Maria Jacobs (Gerard) was born April 30, 1907. He died in Oakdale, CA, on April 8, 1986. He was married in Halsteren on January 8, 1929, to Jeannette Bogers. She was born October 7, 1908. She died in Oakdale, CA, on March 3, 2003.

Antonia Marie Jacobs (Toni) was born on June 29, 1908, and died in Roosendaal on Feb. 21, 1988.

Jozef Jacobs was born on March 10, 1910, and died March 19, 1910.

Maria Pilagia Jacobs (Marie) was born April 29, 1911. She became Sister Bonaventura in the order of the Sisters of Charity of St. Charles Borromeo in Maastricht and took her vows on May 14, 1931. She was sent to Indonesia and was a midwife for 40 years in a hospital where she helped deliver 30,000 children. She returned to the Netherlands in 1971 and volunteered in the school where she had studied. She died December 30, 1997.

Clarence came to America in 1911. His brother, Martin, lived and worked with Clarence and never married. Clarence and 8 of his brothers came to America as young men. Clarence's dad gave him a gold watch and a ticket to America before the war. Jake and Clarence came first. Jake got the last homestead. Clarence went to South Heart and was on a threshing crew with Dick Huff, who was Edith Huff's brother. John and Guy came over together, as well as Adrian, Gerard and Martin by 1920. They were all farmers who stayed in the Regent area. Clarence was a farmer and had dairy cows and range cows. Clarence was baptized Roman Catholic at birth and Edith became Catholic after their marriage. After Clarence and Edith were married they worked and lived at the Peter Kramer place in the early 1920's. They were married May 3, 1916. They had ten children. They lived in the Regent area their entire married life.

## Huff

Edith Mae Huff was born on February 23, 1899, or 98, in Winterset, Iowa, to Thomas Benjamin Huff and Emaline Palmer. Thomas Huff was born on July 11, 1856, in Ireland and came to Holland, Michigan, when he was eight years old. He died on September 4, 1921. Emaline Palmer was born on January 23, 1857, in Holland and came to America when she was 8 years old. She died on February 16, 1935. Edith Mae Huff was their tenth child and the baby. Edith died at Hettinger, North Dakota, on July 15, 1991. Clarence and Edith Jacobs had 10 children, of which Peter Thomas Jacobs was the oldest.



Thomas Huff

Emaline Palmer Huff

B. 7-11-1856 Ireland

1-23-1857 Holland

D.9-4-1921

2-16-1936

10 children:

Alpha Huff was born March 11, 1877. He married Carrie and had 5 children.

Albert Huff (Bert) born November 2, 1878 and died in 1918.

Dora Jane Huff was born January 16, 1880, and died October 1975. She was born in Mangus, Minnesota. She married Mert Marston and their children were Francis, born June 26, 1902, and died March 29, 1961, Maxine Doris Bell, Burnell Presley Marston, Muriel Loraine Harper, Duane Francis Marston and Carol Janice Wengo. Francis married Nellie Moe and they had a son named Alvin Russel who was Grandpa Pete's cousin. They kept in contact throughout the years.

Gertrude Huff was born and died in infancy March 13, 1882.

Rose Netta Huff was born September 23, 1885. She married John Garmire.

Alvin Huff was born November 16, 1887, and died in 1967.

Arthur Huff was born July 11, 1890, and died December 23, 1916. He married and had four children.

Elmer Huff was born October 31, 1894, and died in 1978. He married Jessie Barbasne and had six children.

Florence Huff was born September 21, 1896. She married Ott Balding and had four children.

Edith Mae Huff was born February 23, 1898, and died July 15, 1991. She married Clarence Jacobs on May 3, 1916. Clarence died on March 14, 1969.

\*\*Dick Huff, who we don't know when he was born or how he was related to the Huff family, he was a brother of Edith, supposedly. He was on a threshing crew

with Clarence. Edith and Clarence met through him when Clarence came to Missouri to visit. Dick married Emma on January 2, 1917. Emma died February 2, 1982.

Clarence Jacobs	Edith Huff Jacobs:
Birth: 2-28-1891 Holland	2-23-1898 Winterset, Iowa
Death: 3-14-1969 Regent, ND	7-15-1991 Hettinger, ND

Peter Jacobs was born on February 19, 1917, and married Eleanor Gion who was born February 11, 1919, on August 11, 1945, in San Diego, CA. He died November 6, 2010, at his home south of Morristown, SD.

Ava Jacobs Hoff was born January 18, 1919, and married Henry Hoff who was born on October 16, 1939. Ava died on April 22, 2004. They had two children: Sandra Hoff Larson and Douglas Hoff.

Glen Anton Jacobs was born on June 9, 1920, (or July 8) and died April 10, 1926. It is thought he died from scarlet fever.

Leonard Martinus Jacobs was born on May 31, 1921, and died on August 21, 1922. It was said that Leonard drowned in a stock tank or cistern while under the care of a hired girl.

James Ellsworth Jacobs was born on June 17, 1923, and married Anita Powell who was born May 7, 1930, on December 27, 1949. He died September 11, 2008. Their children: Scott Jacobs and Curtis Jacobs.

Leo Paul Jacobs was born on March 12, 1926, and married Katherine Gartner, who was born on May 26, 1931. Leo died October 19, 1969. Their children: LeAnne Jacobs Collenborne, Dean Jacobs, Amy Jo Jacobs Reich, Mary Noel Jacobs, Thomas Jacobs, Carla Jacobs Philips, Danette Marie Jacobs

Elizabeth Jane Jacobs (Betty) was born January 1, 1929. She married Val Barth. She died on June, 5, 1969. Their children: Robert (Bobby) Barth, Valerie Barth Wolf, Richard Barth.

Kathryn Marie Jacobs was born September 17, 1930. She married Kenneth Rixen, he was born April 12, 1926. He died on March 1, 1970. Then Kathryn married Andrew Kenneth Anderson. She died on September 4, 1989. Their children: Rachelle Rixen and Gary Rixen.

Joseph Cornelius Jacobs was born September 18, 1932, and married Glenda, who was born January 10, 1937. Their children: Steven R.D. Jacobs, Tammy Jo Jacobs, Cornilles Jacobs, Linda A. Jacobs Doria, and Larry Jacobs.

Albert Eugene Jacobs was born February 2, 1936. He married Janice C. Wunder, who was born January 5, 1942, on August 1, 1961. Their children: Joseph Albert Jacobs, Karen Marie Jacobs, Judy Diane Jacobs.

Peter Thomas Jacobs was the first child born to Clarence and Edith on February 19, 1917. He was born at home near a small town six miles south of Regent, North Dakota, called Alden. He was baptized on June 24, 1917, at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Regent by Reverend William Moelct. Jake and Jan Jacobs were his sponsors. He never went to much school, only until 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but was a self-educated man. He had a small farm near Mott, North Dakota, when he was called to serve in World War II. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on May 7, 1942. He married Eleanor Scholastica Gion on August 11, 1945, at the Marine Base Chapel in San Diego, California, with Monsignor Wekenman officiating. Hattie Gion and Alvin Jesse were the witnesses. They drove back to Regent after being discharged from the Marines on September 14, 1945. They bought a place south of Ralph, South Dakota, and started to raise their family. After getting hauled out 9 of 13 years they bought a place south of Morrystown, South Dakota. On August 25, 1959, they moved to the ranch that has been in the family since. They raised sheep and cattle and their family. Peter sold the ranch to his son, Sylvester Jacobs, who still owns it today. Peter died on November 6, 2010, at his home south of Morrystown and is buried in the Regent, ND cemetery in the same grave as his wife Eleanor and near his daughters: Eleanor, who died at birth and Regina, who died at age 8 due to complications brought on by a broken leg.

## Kilzer

George Kilzer was born in Gjarmata on April 24, 1830, and died August 10, 1881, or 1883, from dropsy, from which he had suffered for many years. His parents had died when he was young and so he lived with his sister and her husband. He grew up in Deutsch, Benshek, Romania, with his sister. He married Suzanna Andor on July 5, 1852. Susanna Andor was born in 1834 and died on June 6, 1884, from a heart attack.

Stefan Kilzer was born on October 21, 1856, to George and Susanna Kilzer in a little village called Deutsch Benschek in the Banat (Hungary), now Romania. He married Margareth Kirchner in their little village church on November 11, 1879.

Margareth was born on November 11, 1860, to Martin and Katherine Kirchner in Hungary. They saw no future in their homeland, so Stefan and Margareth left for America with their family of four children, along with five other families, on January 23, 1892, and settled about 16 ½ miles south of Richardton, North Dakota. Stefan died at his home which he had built of native stone on September 25, 1938. There is a church called St. Stefans near his stone house on the highway south of Richardton. Stefan donated the land to have it built there. Margareth died on February 23, 1957.

Katherine Kilzer was born to Stefan and Margareth Kilzer on March 25, 1885, in Benschek, Banat, Hungary. She married Jacob Gion Jr. on November 16, 1903, in Richardton, ND.

George Kilzer

Susanna Andor Kilzer

B. April 24, 1830 Gjarmata

1834

D. August 10, 1881 Deutsch Benshek June 6, 1884

M. July 5, 1852

10 children:

Josef Kilzer was born in 1851 and died December 31, 1872.

Stephan or Stefan Kilzer was born October 21, 1856, and died September 25, 1938. He married Margareth Kirchner who was born November 11, 1860, and died February 23, 1957. They were married November 11, 1879. They are the parents of Katherine Kilzer Gion. They had ten children.

Peter Kilzer was born May 5, 1858, and died April 27, 1932. He married Katherine Burghard who was born October 16, 1861, and died February 3, 1905. They were married May 20. (The year given was 1907, but that would be impossible. It was likely the late 80's.) They had five children.

Ludwig Kilzer died on April 24, 1887 and was likely born in 1860.

Michael Kilzer was born December 28, 1863, and died February 3, 1926. He married Elizabeth Weber who was born February 6, 1872. We don't know her death or their marriage. They had four children.

Julia Kilzer was born in 1866 and died in 1934. She married John Schmidt who was born in 1863 and died August 20, 1904. No marriage date, but likely around late 1886. They had eight children.

John Kilzer was born December 14, 1871, and died April 3, 1943.

Frank Kilzer was born September 28, 1873, and died July 12, 1943. He married Frances Albrecht who was born February 27, 1879, and died August 1, 1900. He then married Clara Gion who was born January 5, 1884, and died November 19, 1947. They were married on April 26, 1903 and had thirteen children.

Joseph Kilzer was born September 23, 1875, and died December 16, 1960. He married Beata Schnell who was born April 23, 1885, and died April 28, 1969. They were married July 6, 1903, and had twelve children.

Anna Kilzer was born and died in the same year. It was possibly 1877 or 78, but unknown.



Stefan Kilzer

Margareth Kirchner Kilzer

B. 10-21-1856 Deutsch Benshek

11-11-1860 Deutsch Benshek

D. 9-25-1938

2-23-1957

M. 11-11-1879 Richardton, ND

Maria Kilzer was born August 18, 1883, and died February 8, 1960. She married Jacob Schreiber who was born September 1, 1881, and died January 21, 1948. They were married May 5, 1902, and had eight children.

Katherine Kilzer was born on March 25, 1885, in Deutsch Benshek, and died October 25, 1966. She married Jacob Gion, Jr., who was born August 17, 1879, Hungary, and died December 26, 1959. They were married November 16, 1903, in Richardton, ND, and had twelve children. Eleanor Gion Jacobs was their daughter.

Margaret Kilzer was born April 27, 1887, and died September 22, 1958. She married Michael Gion who was born February 6, 1881, and he died July 12, 1965. They were married April 29, 1907. They had nine children.

Stephen A. Kilzer was born July 21, 1889, and died September 18, 1950. He married Lena Weiss who was born May 4, 1903, and died September 18, 1982. They were married on March 23, 1946 and had no children.

Frank F. Kilzer was born February 4, 1892, and died November 5, 1929.

Anna Kilzer was born June 4, 1894, and died November 19, 1965. She married Albert Gion who was born May 5, 1889, and died August 23, 1969. They were married on July 10, 1916, and had seven children.

Marian Kilzer was born February 27, 1896, and died April 27, 1936. She married Frank Gion who was born May 2, 1894, and died October 11, 1976. They were married July 26, 1920 and had six children.

Elizabeth Kilzer was born November 25, 1897, and died December 11, 1977.

George J. Kilzer was born January 17, 1900, and died on October 26, 1963. He married Gertrude E. Klima who was born May 18, 1905, and died January 14, 1992. They were married July 17, 1930 and had six children.

Regina Kilzer was born September 2, 1902 and died September 16, 1902.

## Gion

Jacob Gion Sr. was born on September 17, 1848, in Nitzkidorf, Hungary. Jacob married Katherine Strubert on February 11, 1877, in Hungary. Katherine Strubert was born on September 29, 1859, in Bakovar, Hungary. Jacob and Katherine and family came to America from Buzias, Hungary, in 1900. They arrived at Baltimore, Maryland and journeyed by train to Gladstone, ND. Their two oldest sons, Michael and Jacob Jr. Gion had arrived in the United States two years before their parents. They had twelve children, four died as young children in Hungary. Their youngest son, Stephan, was the only child born in America, but he died at age eight from diphtheria. Joseph, another son, died at 26 while serving in the U.S. Army. Of the remaining six children, Jacob Jr, Michael, Albert, and Frank all lived in St. Croix township north of Regent, ND, which was the township Jacob Gion, Sr., had homesteaded on. Clara Gion married Frank Kilzer and lived in the Bentley, ND area. Anna Gion, known as Sister Alberta, O.S.B. joined the Sacred Heart Convent in 1909. She was 98 years old when she died. Jacob Gion Sr. died on March 30, 1917, and Katherine died on December 18, 1929.

Jacob Gion Jr. was born to Jacob and Katherine on August 17, 1879, in Buzias, Hungary. He came to the United States in 1898. Jacob Gion Jr. died on December 26, 1959, and Katherine Kilzer Gion died on October 25, 1966. They are believed to be buried at St. Stephens Catholic Cemetery, south of Richardton, ND. They had twelve children.

Jacob Gion Sr.	Katherine Strubert Gion
B.9- 17-1848 Nitzkidorf, Hungary	9-29-1859 Bakovar, Hungary
D.3- 30-1917 Richardton	12- 18- 1929 Richardton
M. 2-11-1877 Hungary	

Theresa Gion was born December 17, 1877 and died May 24, 1891.

Jacob Gion Jr. was born August 17, 1879. He married Katherine Kilzer who was born March 25, 1885, on November 16, 1903. Jacob Jr. died December 26, 1959, and Katherine died October 25, 1966. They were the parents of Eleanor Gion Jacobs. Katherine's parents were Stephan and Margareth Kilzer.

Michael Gion was born February 6, 1881, and died July 12, 1965. He married Margaret Kilzer on April 29, 1907. Margaret was born April 27, 1887, and died September 22, 1958. They had nine children. Margaret's parents were Stephan and Margareth Kilzer.

Frank Gion was born September 1, 1882, and died November 25, 1889.

Clara Gion was born on January 5, 1884, and died November 19, 1947. Clara married Frank Kilzer on April 26, 1903. Frank Kilzer was born September 28, 1873, and died July 12, 1943. He was a brother to Stephan Kilzer and had lost his first wife before marrying Clara. They had thirteen children.

Anna Gion was born on September 29, 1885, and died October 23, 1886.

Anna Gion (Sister Albert, O.S.B.) born January 3, 1887 and professed in 1909. She died March 1, 1986.

Albert Gion was born May 8, 1889, and died August 23, 1969. Albert married Anna Kilzer who was born June 4, 1894, and died November 19, 1965. They were married on July 10, 1916. Anna's parents were Stephan and Katherine Kilzer. They had seven children.

Pauline Gion was born January 22, 1891, and died July 25, 1893.

Joseph Gion was born October 4, 1892, and died October 15, 1918.

Frank Gion was born May 2, 1894, and died October 11, 1976. Frank married Marian Kilzer who was born February 27, 1896, and died April 27, 1936. They were married July 26, 1920. They had six children. Marian Kilzer was a daughter of Stephan and Katherine Kilzer.

Stephan Gion was born October 4, 1903, in the United States and died August 2, 1911.

Jacob Gion Jr.

Katherine Kilzer Gion

B. 8-17-1879 Buzias, Hungary      3-25-1885 Banat, Hungary

D.12-26-1959 Richardton, ND      10-25-1966 Richardton, ND

M. 11-16-1903

12 children:

Michael Gion was born September 11, 1904, and died on September 30, 1992. He married Mary Candrian, who was born on January 25, 1908, and died May 27, 1959. Their children are: Lawrence Gion, Catherine Gion Trepp, Leonard Gion, and Mary Gion Jahner.

Mary Gion was born February 13, 1906, and died August 30, 1968. She married Joseph Candrian, who was born April 11, 1905. They were married September 1, 1931, and had six children: Bernard Candrian, Charles Candrian, Delores Candrian Schoch, Josephine Candrian Sullivan, Eleanor Candrian Stenros, and Donald Candrian.

Stephen Gion was born on May 4, 1907, and died June 3, 1998. He never married, but helped take care of his parents.

Genevieve Gion was born October 4, 1909, and died on January 8, 2004. She married Peter Candrian who was born July 4, 1906. He died January 25, 1992. They were married on June 19, 1934. They had eight children: Lawrence Candrian, Virginia Candrian Kessler, Marcella Candrian Kennedy, Florence Candrian Dawany, Leroy Candrian, Martha Candrian Wallace, Patrick Candrian, and Patricia Candrian Lemke.

Alberta Gion was born September 12, 1911, and died April 11, 2001. She never married and took care of her parents along with her brother, Steve.

Agnes Gion Pekas was born April 22, 1913, and died December 20, 2009. She married Charlie Pekas who was born Mary 29, 1911. They were married October 23, 1934. Charlie died on January 1, 1987. They had twelve children: Charlene Pekas Afremow, Jerome Pekas, Beverley Pekas Hammond, Darold Pekas, Myron Pekas, Dwayne Pekas, Loren Pekas, Dorene Pekas Tollefson, Donna Pekas Jahner, Josella Pekas Friedt, Renae Pekas Ashland, and Cherry Pekas

Hedwick Gion (Hattie) was born March 25, 1915, and died November 26, 1983. She married Raymond Voeller who was born September 1, 1923. He died February 4, 1965. They were married in 1946 and had three sons: Lonnie Voeller, Darold Voeller and Donald Voeller.

George Gion was born December 26, 1916, and died November 5, 1924.

Eleanor Gion Jacobs was born February 11, 1919, and died May 26, 2003. She married Peter Jacobs who was born February 19, 1917, and died November 6, 2010. They were married August 11, 1945, and had 10 children: Eleanor Jacobs, Paul Jacobs, Regina Jacobs, Madona Jacobs Kvale, Clarence Jacobs, Catherine Jacobs (Sister Mary Catherine), Sylvester Jacobs, Theresa Jacobs, Antoinette Jacobs Bjerke, Thomas Jacobs.

Pauline Gion Dewitt was born January 18, 1921, and died April 24, 2002. She was married to Leo Dewitt who was born November 9, 1927, and died on September 12, 1984. They were married and had eight children. James Dewitt, Peter Dewitt, Donald Dewitt, Robert Dewitt, Rita Dewitt Browne, Kent Dewitt, Wayne Dewitt, Nadine Dewitt Ireland.

Paul Gion was born June 2, 1923, and died September 7, 2011. He married Eunice Dick who was born November 17, 1930, and died May 4, 2022. They were married October 5, 1949. They had sixteen children: Paulette Gion Fischer, Claude Gion, Rhonda Gion Millard, Leslie Gion, Scott Gion, Stephanie Gion Brazzler, Naomi Gion Hawn, Kim Gion Gratz, Jason Gion, Constance Gion Stine, Brian Gion, Stacy Gion Honeyman, Paul Gion Jr., Nicolette Gion Tollefson, Jamee Gion Gates, and Rachelle Gion.

George Gion was born June 9, 1925. He married Suzanne Barnes June 30, 1951. Suzanne was born June 16, 1929, and died May 6, 2002. They had eight children: Ruth Gion Gran, Gregory Gion, Ronald Gion, Mark Gion, Mary Therese Gion, Guy III Gion, Suzanne Gion Sampson, John Gion, and Judy Gion.



Eleanor Scholastica Gion was born to Jacob Gion Jr. and Katherine Kilzer on February 11, 1919, at the family farm north of Regent, North Dakota. Eleanor was baptized on February 21, 1919, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Regent, ND, by Reverend Vincent Ammann. Adam Schrieber and Rosa Kilzer were her sponsors. She made her First Holy Communion in the Church of St. Marys, and was confirmed on May 15, 1927, at New England, North Dakota. She attended school at Regent and then took correspondence courses for high school. She traveled to San Diego, California, with her sister Hattie to marry Peter Thomas Jacobs on August 11, 1945. She died at the Mott Nursing Home on May 26, 2003, and is buried at the Regent Cemetery with her husband Peter and next to her two children, Eleanor and Regina. Peter and Eleanor had 10 children: Eleanor died 2 hours after birth, Paul, Madona, Regina, who died at age 8 from a broken leg. Clarence and Catherine are twins, Sylvester, Theresa, Antoinette, and Thomas. Sister Catherine took her solemn vows on September 8, 1977, at the Carmelite Convent at Wahpeton, ND.

## Jacobs

Peter Jacobs	Eleanor Gion Jacobs
B. 2-19-1917	2-11-1919
D. 11-6-2010	5-26- 2003
M.11-11-1945	

Eleanor Jacobs was born July 9, 1946, and lived for two hours. She was baptized and died.

Paul Joseph Jacobs was born on October 22, 1947. He married Janet Brockelsby, born September 24, 1947, on July 29, 1972. They divorced. They had Susie Brockelsby Jacobs, Elandra(Lani) Jacobs Banner, and Timothy Joseph Jacobs.

Regina Mary Jacobs was born September 8, 1949, and died March 16, 1957, at the age of 7. She fell off a wagon and broke her leg and died hours later.

Madona Anne Jacobs Kvale was born March 7, 1951. She married Richard Kvale on June 25, 1970. They divorced. They have Daniel Kvale, Anne Kvale Young, Rebecca Kvale Case and John Kvale.

Clarence James Jacobs was born on August 7, 1952, twin brother of Catherine Margaret. He married Marjean Schwehr, born December 16, 1954, on August 10, 1973. They divorced. Their children are Desiree Jacobs, Cody Jacobs, who died in a motorcycle accident on July 22, 2010, Jacob Jacobs, Harley Jacobs, Roseann Jacobs Fode, Sally Jacobs Jorgenson, and Christopher Jacobs.

Catherine Margaret Jacobs born August 7, 1952, twin sister of Clarence, entered the Carmelites at Wahpeton and took her profession of vows on July 17, 1972. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Catherine. On June 29, 2017, she took her temporary profession of Eremitical vows at Rapid City, SD. She took her Permanent Profession of Eremitical Vows on July 16, 2020, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Piedmont, SD, with Bishop Michael Mallory.

Sylvester Martin Jacobs was born on November 3, 1953, and married Toni Louise Tomac, born October 13, 1954, on December 21, 1974. They had Christina Jacobs Winschel, Shawn Jacobs, Jessica Jacobs Goldade, Brenda Jacobs Goldade, Scott Jacobs, Angela Jacobs (Sister Rita Rene, S.S.P.X.), Stephen Jacobs, Seth Jacobs, Sebastian Jacobs, Simon Jacobs, Sancho Jacobs, Clara Jacobs, and Silas Jacobs. Clara and Silas were still born.

Theresa Marie Jacobs was born August 19, 1955, and married Billy Harris on October 24, 1980. They divorced. They have two children: Rebecca Pearl Harris (Pearl) and Benjamin Harris.

Antoinette Jacobs Bjerke (Netty) was born on August 20, 1957, and married Gary Jon Bjerke, born June 26, 1952, on March 4, 1978. Their children are Nichole Bjerke LaQuay, Amy Bjerke Gunderson, Michael Don Bjerke, who died at birth on May 11, 1992, Gabriel Jon Bjerke, Garret Bjerke, and Gannon Bjerke.

Thomas Peter Jacobs was born March 27, 1959, and married Susan Hass (Sue), born August 3, 1956. They married on August 14, 1982. Their children are Kristina Hass Jacobs Wright, Katie Rose Jacobs Boer, Asa James Jacobs, and Peter Martin Jacobs, born November 11, 1987, and died February 2, 1988, age three months from SIDS (crib death).

Sylvester Martin Jacobs was born on November 3, 1953, at Hettinger, ND, in the Community Memorial Hospital to Peter and Eleanor Jacobs. He was baptized at the St. Eulalia Catholic Church at Ralph, SD, on November 8, 1953. Peter and Genevieve Candrian were his sponsors and Rev. Donald Murray baptized him. He made his First Holy Communion on May 27, 1962, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown, SD, with Reverend Leahy. He was confirmed at New England, ND, at St. Marys Catholic Church on April 8, 1964, by Bishop Hilary B. Hacker. Lawrence Gion was his sponsor and Lawrence was his name. He married Toni Louise Tomac on December 21, 1974, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, with Rev. Fr. Francis Stuart, O.S.B. officiating. Sylvester bought the ranch he now owns from his parents, Peter and Eleanor Jacobs. He runs sheep and cattle and grows grain and hay.

## Tomac

Ivan Tomac was born on September 3, 1857, in Croatia and died June 5, 1940, in Croatia. He married Rose Sigurnjak(Striega) on November 20, 1882. Rose was born on March 10, 1864, in Croatia and died April 2, 1929, in Croatia. They had nine children.

Anton Tomac(Tony) was born to Ivan and Rose Tomac on June 13, 1889, in Kosinj, Austria(Croatia-Gornji), a small agricultural town about 89 miles south of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia; or 40 miles east of the historic town of Rab which lies on the Adriatic Sea. He was one of 9 children and was baptized Roman Catholic shortly after birth. The Hungarians controlled the country and the Croatians didn't agree with them and knew if war broke out they would be drafted into a war they wanted no part of, so Ivan sent his sons, one at a time, to America. Mate, the oldest brother, left for Trieste, Italy in April, 1906, and arrived in America in May, 1906. Anton was recommended to go through Bremen, Germany, in 1907. There were already many of their cousins in America. Anton learned to read and write Croat at a local school. Arriving in America he worked in Minnesota at the iron ore mines before coming to Morrystown, SD. He worked on the railroad and threshing crews until he homesteaded in 1916. About 20 miles south of Morrystown and just north of the Grand River was the original homestead claim. At first they had a log cabin made of cottonwood logs from the Grand River with a lean-to on the north side. Later a few buildings were bought to add to the lean-to and the log part was torn down. In 1932 they bought a place northeast of them, which is the present place which is now vacant. On February 28, 1916, he married Anna Vukelic with Fr. John Frec the presiding priest and Manda Nicksic, Anna's sister, and Boso Zulovic, a friend of Anton's, as the witnesses. They lived on their place until their deaths. They raised cattle and sheep and raised their family of eight children there. Anton had glaucoma and was blind at the time of his death. He died at St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, ND, on May 25, 1967, from prostate cancer. He is buried in the Morrystown cemetery on the northwest corner under a tree.

Ivan Tomac            Rose Sigurnjak(Striega)

B. 9-3-1857 Croatia    3-10-1864 Croatia

D.6-5-1940 Croatia    4-2-1929 Croatia

M. 11-20-1882

11 children:

Ivan was killed in the war with his son.

Jeka was born in 1885; married Stipan Majetic 1908; had 5 children: Joso Majetic, Anka Majetic, Ivan Majetic, Dane Majetic, Marica Majetic

Mate Tomac born August 30, 1886, Kosinj, Austria; died June 15, 1964 in Ironwood, Michigan; married Helen Mary Murra on January 13, 1919; had five children: John Tomac, Mary Tomac, Francis Tomac, Stephanie Tomac, Anthony Tomac

Marija was born in 1888; married Pavel Bencic in 1919

Anton was born June 13, 1890 and died May 1967 in Keldron, SD; he married Anna Vukelic February 29, 1916 in Thunderhawk, SD; eight children: Tom Tomac, Rose Tomac, Evan Tomac, Emil Tomac, Robert Tomac, Joe Tomac, Lloyd Tomac, and Mary Anna Tomac

Dane was born January 30, 1891, Croatia; died 1945; married November 27, 1919; four children: Anica Tomac, Marko Tomac, Marija Tomac, and Pave Tomac

Tome had no children and died in WWI

Manda was born in 1897; married Marko Tomac in 1918 in Croatia; one child: Lucija Tomac

Katica born in 1901; married Ivan Jogovic in 1927; had five children: Mile Jugovic, Marija Jugovic, Jojo Jugovic, Jeka Jugovi, Roza Jugovic

Stjepan was born in 1903 and died in 1934; five children: Jeka Tomac, Manda Tomac, Milan Tomac, Mate Tomac, Katica Tomac

Mile born in 1908 and died in 1944 in Croatia in the war; had four children: Dane Tomac, Ivan Tomac, Marko Tomac, and Milan Tomac

## Vukelic

Anna Vukelic was born to Tome (Tony) Vukelic and Marija Klobucar on August 29, 1898, in Gospic, Croatia, about 15 miles from the Adriatic Sea. She was baptized at birth. Marija's parents were Michale Klobucar and Manda Klobucar. Tony's parents were Mile (or Michael) Vukelic and Mary Vukelic. Her father had to serve in the Austrian Army for two years, even though he was married and had a family. This was the law under the Austria-Hungary government. He had to learn the German language while in the army and after his two years he went to work in Germany and Austria to earn a living. He had a small piece of farming land near the Lika River, which is on the west coast of what is now Jugoslavia. That river overflowed almost every year and would wash away everything that was planted. Tony Vukelic came to America in 1906 and worked in the forests and mines in Minnesota, sending money back to his family. He homesteaded six miles south of Thunder Hawk and filed a claim on it. He built a sod house and plowed the amount of land required. In May 1914, he sent for his family. They arrived in America to join him. His wife and children had little food and struggled to survive in Croatia. Life was not easy there. They had many hardships in America, but they were free. Marija died on January 6, 1921, and is buried at Greenhill Cemetery on the southeast side in Lemmon, SD. Tony Vukelic then married Mary Papich in Chicago. Tony Vukelic died in 1925 at Thunder Hawk, SD and is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon. Anna Vukelic died on July 9, 1978, at Hettinger. She is buried in the Morristown cemetery next to Anton Tomac, her husband.



Tome (Tony) Vukelic

Mary Klobucar Vukelic

B. 1874 Gostic, Croatia

D. 1925 Thunderhawk, SD      1-06-1921 Thunderhawk, SD

M.@1892

Five children:

Luja died when she was a baby.

Manda was born on November 26, 1894, in Donji Kosinj, Lika, Croatia, Austria-Hungary. She married Nick Nicksic on January 19, 1914, in Lemmon, SD. She died March 10, 1964, in Phoenix, Arizona. Nick Nicksic was born December 7, 1887, in Shiroka Kula, Lika, Croatia. His parents are Jandre Nicksic and Marija Stimac. He died November 12, 1980, in Phoenix, Arizona. Their children were Dan Nicksic, Mary (Nicksic) Tomasello, John Nicksic, Anne (Nicksic) Jackson, Edward Nicksic, and Edna (Nicksic) Gibbons.

Emil (Mile) was born on September 12, 1896, in Donjikosinj, Lika, Croatia. He and his wife, Jenny, ran a grocery store in Beach, ND. He died on November 8, 1972, in Colorado Springs, CO. He had three children: Ed, Miles, and Alvina.

Anna born August 29, 1898, came to America in 1914 with parents; married Anton Tomac on February 28, 1916; died July 9, 1978

Joseph was maybe born around 1901 in Croatia. He married Anne Sporich. They had four children and died in 1935. Their children were Ed, Frances, Julia, and Millie (Vukelic) Dutton.

Bozo died as a young child. He was just speaking.

Robert was born November 9, 1906, in Donjikosinj, Lika, Croatia. He died in Los Angeles, CA, on June 4, 1998. He never married.

Anton Tomac      Anna Vukelic Tomac

B.6-13-1889 Kosinj, Croatia    8-29-1898 Gospic, Croatia

D.5-25-1967, Bismarck, ND    7-9-1978 Hettinger, ND

M.2-28-1916

8 children:

Tom born December 20, 1916; died October 31, 1993; married Grace O'Donnell on August 6, 1941. Grace died January 3, 2021. They are buried at the Morristown cemetery. They had Lee, Jerry (Gerard) died 2-24-2020, Ronald died 1-17-2018, Marilyn (Susie) Hayes, Bonnie Miller, Elizabeth (Betty) Jung

Rose born September 22, 1918; died December 18, 1985; married William Tidball July 19, 1941. Rose died on her way home from the McIntosh School Christmas Program of a heart attack. William died August 12, 1996. They had two sons, Watson who died in 1973 in an airplane crash, William Jr. (Pete) of Beach, ND, and two daughters, Sharon Pазie and Mary Lee Maher.

Evan born in October 29, 1920; died on January 21, 2001, at Morro Bay, California; married Rita Byers on December 30, 1944, in Los Angeles. They have Michele D'Amico and Mike Tomac, Rick Tomac, who died.

Emil born in November 29, 1922; died February 21, 2019; married Gertrude Anderson June 6, 1947. Gertrude was born June 6, 1927. They had 3 children, Donald, Lois Burch, and Diane Hussey

Robert born August 1, 1925; died July 14, 2018; married Betty Ann Schmidt July 25, 1951. They had 18 children.

Mary Anna born May 26, 1927; died February 3, 1928, likely from pneumonia. She is buried in the SE section of the Greenhill Cemetery

Joseph Lee born April 11, 1929, and died July 20, 2015; married Eleanor Bergenheier on March 26, 1951. They had five children: Doug Tomac, Ken Tomac, Jolene Monnens, Carol Gossman and Judy Tomac.

Lloyd was born July 27, 1934; married Lorraine Bergenheier May 11, 1953. They have seven children: James Tomac, Anita Tschida, Connie Tomac Gonzales, Leslie Tomac, Brian Tomac, Derick Tomac and Aimie Tomac Burski.

Rose, Robert and Lloyd were the only ones to go to high school.

Robert Tomac was born to Anton and Anna Vukelic Tomac on August 1, 1925, at home south of Morrystown. He was baptized on November 19, 1925, by Reverend Father Creahen at St. Marys in Lemmon, SD. There was a Catholic Church in Thunder Hawk, which may be the actual church but it has been moved, so the records may just say St. Marys in Lemmon. His baptismal sponsors were Louie Vukelic, who was believed to be an uncle of Anna's, and Manda Vukelic Nicksic, who was Anna's sister. Robert went to several local grade schools until 1939 when he went to McIntosh High School. He boarded at McIntosh and his sister Rose taught there to help pay for his room and board the first year. He later worked in a café cooking to pay for his room and board. He made his first Holy Communion on December 17, 1939, at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in McIntosh with Rev. Fr. William Leahy. He graduated from McIntosh High School in 1943. Rose, Bob, and Lloyd were the only Tomacs to graduate or even go to high school. All of his 18 children graduated from there, also. He enlisted in the Navy and was confirmed on the Naval Base at San Diego, California, before his assignment to the east coast. He worked at the prison doing paperwork and was discharged on October 1, 1947. He hitchhiked to Chicago to see Uncle Bob Vukelic for several weeks. His luggage arrived weeks before he did because it came by train. He herded sheep in his younger days before high school and when he returned from the Navy his dad and brother, Joe, had sold the sheep and bought cows. He immediately joined them and also bought cows. Joe and Bob decided to learn to fly, so they bought a Piper, took flying lessons at McIntosh, SD. For 2 hours they were shown how to land and take off and then sent on their way. They had a few stories to tell about their lives as pilots. Bob and Joe both had a house on the home place next to Anton and Anna. After supper the men would all gather at Anton's to visit while the women did dishes and took care of the children. Robert married Betty Schmidt on July 25, 1951, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown with Rev. Fr. Vincent Carty marrying them in the sacristy. Lloyd and Lorraine also lived in a house there for a few years before moving to Colorado. Bob and Joe's families were getting bigger, so one of them had to leave. They almost bought the place that Peter Jacobs bought which Sylvester and Toni live on. They found a place north of Watauga called Silent Butte Ranch. It was named after a family who were deaf. In 1959 on October 31,

Bob and Betty moved to the place north of Watauga. It was said that Bob and Joe tossed a coin and heads lost. Robert raised Angus cattle. He was involved in many organizations and committees, such as the Moreau Grand Electric County Commissioner, etc. Bob loved to play cards, especially poker and pinochle. Robert and Betty had 18 children, all of whom graduated from McIntosh High School. They sold the ranch to Frank and Krista Dirk Tomac and moved to Lemmon in January of 2015. He died July 14, 2018, and is buried at St. Michaels Catholic Cemetery in Watauga, SD.

## Schmidt

Ludwig Schmidt(Lewis) was born on October 22, 1797, in Michelstadt, Odenwald, Germany. He left Germany and lived in Allentown, PA, as a druggist. He married Sarah Salome Biery on January 16, 1821. He died on January 11, 1880, in Allentown, Pennsylvania and is buried in the Union cemetery. Ludwig and Sarah had 14 children.

Sarah Salome Biery had a twin sister Catherina. They were born on July 20, 1804, in Whitehall, PA, to David Biery and Susanna Mickley. David was born on February 19, 1772, and Susanna was born on October 19, 1773, both in Whitehall, PA. They were married on March 17, 1795. David died on January 7, 1827, and Susanna on November 21, 1872. The Biery family came from Oberland, Switzerland. Sarah was christened on Sept. 16, 1804, at the Egypt Reformed Church. She died on December 24, 1870, in Allentown, PA. She is buried in the Union Cemetery in Allentown, PA.

Christian Charles Schmidt (sometimes written Charles Christian Schmidt or Smith, which was commonly written by the people who were from Germany and lived in America) was one of Ludwig and Sarah's children. He was born on (August or) September 25, 1843, in Allentown, PA. He was christened on January 28, 1844, at the Zion Reformed Church. At age 14 he enlisted in the Navy as a 3c boy for General Services for 3 years. Then on August 8, 1862, he joined the Army for 3 years during the Civil War. He was discharged on August 24, 1865, at Clinton, Iowa, for sore eyes. He married Eliza Susana Vogenitz on October 18, 1868, in Allentown, PA. Soon after their marriage the young couple traveled west to a farm north of Hampton, Iowa. Later, they moved onto a farm adjoining the old mill pond northwest of Hampton until the death of Christian Charles. Christian was a farmer and died by a self-inflicted gunshot on March 26, 1896, in Hampton, Iowa. The family then moved into town. He is buried in the Hampton Cemetery at Hampton, Iowa.

Eliza Susana Vogenitz was born on September 18, 1848, to Samuel B. Vogenitz and Mary Ann Theodora Danke in Emmaus or Allentown, PA. She was christened on March 6, 1898, in Hampton, Iowa, at the Hampton Church of Christ. She died on February 11, 1920, of influenza at Hampton, Iowa. Christian Charles Schmidt and Eliza Susana Vogenitz had 9 children.

Christian Charles Schmidt

Eliza Susanna Vogenitz Schmidt

B.9-25-1843 Allentown PA

9-18-1848 Allentown, PA

D. 3-26-1896 Hampton, IA

2-11-1920 Hampton, IA

M.10-18-1868 Allentown, PA

9 children:

Sallie Sophia was born September 18, 1869, and died November 25, 1882.

William (Bill) Frederick Schmidt was born January 6, 1871, and died December 12, 1951. He married Anna Hinken February 1, 1899.

Herbert T. Schmidt was born November 5, 1872, and died in 1958. He married Mary G. Baer on October 19, 1898.

Emma N. Schmidt (Dolly) was born February 16, 1874, and died July 11, 1876.

Charles Clemmons Schmidt (Charlie) was born March 4, 1876, and died April 5, 1948. He married Fredreca Berger Stubbe on July 13, 1900. His son is Lewis Schmidt, our ancestor.

Lewis H. Schmidt was born February 19, 1878, and died March 31, 1893.

Amelia Ella Schmidt (Millie) was born February 17, 1880, and died December 18, 1974. She married William Hinken (Bill) on March 4, 1898.

Milton V. Schmidt was born March 22, 1882, and died December 13, 1935. He married Ida J. Allen on December 29, 1900.

Robert Amandus Schmidt was born February 27, 1886, and died January 30, 1975. He married Zoe Marie Crouch on December 7, 1908. Zoe was born March 31, 1888, and died July 26, 1980. They had five children.



Charles Clemmons Schmidt was born on March 4, 1876, in Hampton, Iowa. He was the 5<sup>th</sup> child born to Christian Charles Schmidt and Eliza Susana Vogenitz. Charles was a barber and farmer in Hampton. July 13, 1899(or 1900), he married Fredreca Berger Stubbe in Hampton, Iowa. In 1910 they moved from Iowa to South Dakota because Charles had a lung problem and was recommended to move west. They lived in a tent the first spring and summer. They settled south of the Grand River which was about twenty miles south and four miles west of Morrystown. They milked cows and sold cream and milk which helped them survive. Charles was a barber in Lemmon and rode horse back home on weekends and holidays. Charles spent his last days in Custer at the TB sanatorium in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He died there on April 5, 1948, and is buried at the Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon, SD.

Fredreca Berger Stubbe was born on November 21, 1876, in Emanuels, Germany, to Fred Stubbe and Jennie Berger. She was christened on April 2, 1893, in Hampton, Iowa. She came to America with her parents and lived in Belle Plain, Iowa, until she was 18 when she got married. They believe at age 3 she came to America by boat with two of her aunts. She was able to read and write and seemed to have been exposed to some well-to-do people. She died on November 30, 1958, in Lemmon, SD, and is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon. They had 5 children of whom Lewis Robert Schmidt was the oldest.

Lewis Robert Schmidt was the first born to Charles Clemmons Schmidt and Fredreca Berger Stubbe on December 9, 1900, in Hampton, Iowa. His early education took place in Iowa and he was about 9 years old when he and his family came to South Dakota. Lewis and his uncle Billy Hinken loaded the train car and Lewis had to hide behind the hay bales because only one person per car was permitted to ride. They stayed with his great grandpa's brother, Bill Schmidt, until the rest of the family arrived. They lived on beans and rice. After the family was reunited they lived in two tents for a while. They ate in one and slept in the other until their house was set up. Their homestead was in Riverside Township in Corson County about 20 miles south and 4 miles west of Morrystown, SD. The Schmidts went to Riverside School. Lewis attended school through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. His parents were poor and the children wore hand me down clothes. Livestock was difficult to keep as there were no fences and not much for trees. The Indians would tease and scare the cows away from Lewis and Genevieve. When he was about 18 he got into an argument with his dad and left home. This was the biggest heartache his mother Fredreca had. He walked to Morrystown and then to Flasher. He caught a ride to Bismarck with a drayman. He worked on a farm near Bismarck for a short time and then went to Raleigh. He hitched a ride to McIntosh with 4 other guys who were going to get on the train and go to Oregon. He spent the next four years working in the Portland area laying rails for the Southern Pacific; worked for 3 months on a registered dairy farm; then to the lumber camps. He was assembling railroad cars when he got a letter from his sister telling him to come home. He had saved quite a little money and cashed in the \$800 voucher and headed home. It was 1922. He never left home again. On February 25, 1931, Lewis married Emma Freida Atelia (Or Ottelia) Will in Morrystown, SD. Witnesses at the wedding were Uncle Eddy Will and Aunt Elizabeth Schmidt. The original one room homestead of Charles Schmidt became their living room and Uncle Bill Hinkens original shack became their garage. Lewis and Emma raised their family of Ed, Betty, Bob and Dick, Don and Calvin who was born February 13, 1939 or 40 and died April 4 of the same year. Lewis and Emma moved to Lemmon, SD, and bought a house during the winter of 1983-1984. Lewis Schmidt passed away on July 2, 1989, at the nursing home in Hettinger, ND.

Charles Clemmons Schmidt      Fredrecka Berger Stubbe

B.3-4-1876 Hampton, IA      11-21-1876 Emanuels, Germany

D.4-5-1948 Lemmon, SD      11-30-1958 Lemmon, SD

M. 7-13-1899

5 children

Lewis Robert Schmidt was born December 9, 1900, and died July 2, 1989. He married Emma Will who was born on May 13, 1901. They were married February 25, 1931. They had six children, including Betty.

Marian Genevieve Schmidt Clark McSweeney was born December 28, 1902, and died November 22, 1993. She married Avery Clark who was born on December 21, 1898, and died in 1945. They were married March 17, 1923. She married Stanley McSweeney in 1952 after her children were grown. Avery and Genevieve had six children. Stanley was born February 19, 1901, and died January 14, 1985.

William Franklyn Schmidt was born October 19, 1904, and died May 13, 1988. He married Bernice M. Rose on June 29, 1929, and they had three daughters. Bernice was born October 14, 1905, and died August of 1980.

Charles Leroy Schmidt was born June 14, 1906, and died January 8, 1987. He married Gladys Nelson January 3, 1929. Gladys was born May 30, 1909, and died March 31, 2001. They had four children.

Anna Elizabeth Schmidt Sime was born February 28, 1910, and died March 15, 1979. She married Arthur J. Sime in 1934. Arthur was born November 25, 1901, and died August 28, 1982. They had three children.

## Will

Frederick Von Will and Eleanore Von Konape were married and lived in Germany on a farm. They had seven sons all of whom were killed in the war of 1868-1875, which was a seven year war between Prussia and Germany, a civil war over religion. Their mother died of a broken heart. One of their sons was Ludwig Martin Will.

Ludwig Martin Will was born in 1830 and married Anna Stochiem who was born February 28, 1837. Anna died in 1924 and Ludwig died in 1875. Ludwig was a tailor. It is said the he died while driving fast through the Black Forest for fear of a wolf pack and his wagon hit a tree and split, killing him. Anna married twice and died at the age of 87 in Lemmon, SD. They had four children.

(The following dates are very questionable due to a variety of conflicting years and stories.)

Emilie or Emilia Will was born on March 13, 1870, in Strausburg, Germany, to Ludwig and Anna Will. Her two brothers, Carl and Ernest, were already here, so at the age of 18 she came to America, probably with her mother, in the year 1885(likely 1888, if she was actually 18). They landed in New York, worked in Cleveland, Ohio, for two years before going to West Point, Nebraska. She had missed her boat in Germany and luckily, since that boat sank. She had to catch another boat. She went to West Point, Nebraska, to visit an aunt. She met and married her third cousin, Ernest Carl Will, on March 10, 1890, in West Point, Nebraska. Emilie died September 24, 1959. They had five children.

Guston Will played in a band.

Carl Will was born in Strausburg, Germany, on July 4, 1874. In 1892 he came to the United States settling at West Point, Nebraska, where he lived until 1911. In March of 1911 he moved to homestead near the Grand Valley south of Morrystown, SD. He died on November 7, 1931, after a lingering illness caused by a paralytic stroke. He is buried at the Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon, SD. He married Anny Buckhols who had died in 1924. They had no children. He was a locksmith.

Ernest Will was born in West Preussen, Germany, on November 29, 1876. He received his education and served in the German Army. He came to the United States in 1900. He went to West Point, Nebraska, until 1909 when he came to homestead in Corson County. He was a shoemaker, never married and died in Eureka, SD, on December 12, 1957, and is buried at Eureka.

Ernest Carl Will was born on March 25, 1859, in Strausberg, Germany. He came to the United States with his parents in 1871 at the age of 14 (according to the numbers, 12). They landed in New York and traveled to West Point, Nebraska. He was a farmer. Ernest and Emilie were married at West Point on March 10, 1890. They are buried at West Point, Nebraska. Ernest died January 5, 1935. They had five children.

Ernest C. Will

Emilie Will

B. 3-25-1859 Strausberg, Germany 3-13-1870 Strausberg, Germany

D.1-5-1935 West Point, Nebraska 9-24-1959 West Point, Nebraska

M.3-10-1890

Children:

Adolph was born September 30, 1893. He died of a ruptured appendix on June 1, 1911. He is buried at West Point, Nebraska.

Edward Herman Will was born in 1895. He served in World War I. He never married, but lived with his mother and died on April 2, 1968, in Lemmon, South Dakota, and was buried in Plainview, Nebraska.

Otto Will was born December 19, 1896, at West Point, Nebraska. He never married, was a printer by trade and went to college. He served in World War I and died on June 26, 1959, in Chicago of a bleeding ulcer. He is buried in Plainview, Nebraska.

Anne was born in 1898 and died a few months later. She is buried at West Point, Nebraska.

Emma Frieda Ottalia Will Schmidt was born on May 13, 1901, at West Point, Nebraska. She died June 10, 1992, at Lemmon Nursing Home and is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon, SD.

After Adolph died the family decided to move to South Dakota, leaving the fruit trees and the land they farmed. Ernest and Uncle Eddy (Emma's brother) came to Corson County to homestead and build a house. In 1913 they went back to Nebraska to bring the cow and other possessions. They brought these things in an immigrant car, where Eddy and Otto hid so they wouldn't be seen, since the family wasn't allowed to travel by immigrant car, which is a railroad car. Emilie's brothers, Karl and Ernest, already lived there. In 1913, Emma accompanied her family to the Grand Valley Area which was south of Keldron 20 miles. The Grand Valley was a combination store, post office and a dance hall. The Wills were considered among the high society because they were the first to buy a car. Emma took seven years of piano lessons and went through the tenth grade in school. Emma had 8 years of education between Plainview, Nebraska, and Center School in South Dakota. The Will family went to the Center School in the area. There seemed to be a division between Center and Riverside Schools. It is thought that she went to high school in Plainview, Nebraska. She went to Aberdeen Normal School where she studied music. She went to Scranton, ND, where she helped her brother operate a local newspaper. She played for many weddings and taught piano lessons. She also played for the silent movies at the Marcus Theatre in Lemmon, SD, in the early 1920's. She taught music until she was twenty-eight and played for churches and for dances. February 25, 1931, Lewis and Emma were married in Morrystown, SD. It was a hot day. Lewis took off his top coat and got married without a tie or coat at age 30. Emma was in a plain blue dress at age 29. They had their wedding dance two weeks later and Emma played the piano all night for the dance. She never danced with Lewis at their wedding dance. Emma brought a piano, a table and chairs, and eight cows into their marriage. Lewis then bought 22 cows and they were in the ranching business.

Lewis Schmidt      Emma Will Schmidt

B. 12-9-1900 Hampton, IA      5-13-1901 West Point, NE

D. 7-2-1989 Lemmon, SD      6-10-1992 Lemmon, SD

M. 2-25-1931

Children:

Edward Charles born 10-30-1931; died June 30, 2022; married Phyllis Sides 8-3-1958. Five children: Stuart, Cary, Teresa, Tami, who died 10-19-1969 at age 2 of a heart condition. Diana was adopted. Ed was a rancher and they lived on the Charles Schmidt ranch near the Grand River.

Betty Tomac born 1-10-1934; married Bob Tomac 7-25-1951. Had 18 children.

Robert Lewis Schmidt (Bob) born 1-28-1935; died 4-2-2014 from cancer; married Sylvia Cassell on 6-29-1956 in Arizona. They had 3 children: Peggy Kim, Kelly Ann (deceased) and Robert Kraig. He worked in the ore mines in Arizona.

Richard Will Schmidt (Dick) born 1-28-1935; died 1-15-2015; married Virginia Jones on 7-30-1959 in Louisville, KY. Children: twins: Tina and Lena (died in 1992), Lana, Laura, Karen, also twins: Lonnie and Ronnie, Kenny and Sandra Lee.

Calvin Fredrick Schmidt born 2-13-1939; died 4-4-1939 from pneumonia.

Donald Keith Schmidt born 1-10-1944; married Julie Owen 8-27-1967. They had three children: Amber, Aaron and Amanda



Betty Ann Schmidt was born to Lewis Schmidt and Emma Will Schmidt on January 10, 1934, in the Lemmon Hospital. She was 9lb10 oz and it is said she was bald and fat. She couldn't walk by herself until she was 21 months old. She never talked until she was 27 months old and her first words were "I want a cracker, too." Her mother had given her brothers, Bob and Dick a cracker and she wasn't offered one because she usually didn't like crackers, so when Emma was putting the box back on the shelf she said her first words...being a complete sentence. Lewis, her dad, named her. They had several homes in the same area within four to five miles. It was said that in the cellar of the first home, called the Honeycutt place, bull snakes were hanging from the ceiling. The next home Edward asked Lewis to look at the rope, which turned out to be a rattlesnake hanging from the ceiling two feet from Edward. This place was known as the Galbriath place. When Betty was three, in 1937, they moved six miles to Grandfather Charles Schmidt's ranch on the south side of the Grand River. This is where she was raised. Stuart Schmidt still lives there today, as of 2022. She was the only girl and so she was spoiled. Bob and Dick were born on January 28, 1935, a year after Betty. On February 13, 1939, her mother went to the hospital and brought home a baby brother. His name was Calvin Fredrick. He died six weeks later and it may have been pneumonia. No one ever talked about him. Betty started school when she was six and Bob and Dick were 5. Ed, her brother, started to drive them to school when she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Many days they were tardy between 15 minutes to 4 hours because they overslept or didn't get their chores done in time. When she was nine she had to get her appendix out. On January 10, 1944, another baby boy arrived. Betty got to name him since he was born on her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. She named him Donald because she liked that name and Keith because she had just met a boy named Keith and liked him. They had lunch buckets made from old half gallon syrup tins. They had peanut butter sandwiches, an apple, and a quart of milk. The milk was usually warm by the time they had lunch. Everything was divided into four equal parts for Ed, Betty, Bob and Dick.

When she was fourteen she began high school in Lemmon, SD. She stayed above the hospital and worked there for her room and board. During the summer she went back to the Schmidt ranch to help. She didn't graduate from high school,

but got married when she was 17 years old. Her friend, Eleanor Bergenheir, who also worked at the hospital, got married to Joseph Tomac on March 26, 1951. It was there that she fell in love with Robert Tomac. Betty and Robert were married on July 25, 1951, in Morrystown, SD, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Betty was not yet a Catholic and so they were married in the sacristy with Rev. Fr. Vincent Carty. There were so many people present that they allowed the ceremony to be in the church. Joe Tomac and Eleanor Bergenheir Tomac were their witnesses. Emma made the meal down on the Schmidt place. They had angel food cake and sandwiches—a good meal. They went to Yellowstone for a honeymoon and when they got back Betty told Bob that her dad had given them \$20. She thought they should give it back to her parents since she thought they were poor. He said they would have stayed another day on the honeymoon if he'd known they had it.

Betty was baptized into the Catholic Church on May 10, 1953, at the age of 19. Mr. and Mrs. George Bergenheir were her sponsors and Rev. Fr. J.J. Carrey baptized her at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lemmon, SD, I believe. Her dream had come true...she had always wanted to be a Catholic. She received her First Holy Communion on May 11, 1953, at Sacred Heart with Rev. Fr. William Leahy. I still haven't found her confirmation date. She said the strictness and rules of the Catholic Church was the reason she wanted to become a Catholic. She raised her family with much love and strictness.

## Tomac

Robert Tomac                      Betty Schmidt Tomac

B. 8-1-1925                      1-10-1934

D. 7-14-2018

M.7-25-1951

Jack, or Robert John was born January 16, 1952, at Hettinger, ND. He married Dianne Elizabeth Schlosser Welsch who was born January 5, 1948, in Elgin, ND. They were married on April 21, 1979, at Mott, ND. Dianne had three children from a previous marriage. Her husband died. Jack and Dianne had four children together. Tina Welsch Norton, Brent Richard Welsch and Brian Keith Welsch, Sarah Ann Tomac Goetz, Roberta Jo (Bobbie Jo) Tomac Donovan, Christopher (Chris) Adam Tomac, Kent Allen Tomac.

Steven Wayne was born November 23, 1953, in Hettinger, ND. Steve has two sons, Dion Jason McGregor and Clayton Loneman.

Toni Louise was born on October 13, 1954, at Hettinger, ND. She married Sylvester Martin Jacobs who was born November 3, 1953. They were married December 21, 1974, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga, SD. They had 13 children. Christina Maria Jacobs Winschel, Shawn Matthew Jacobs, Jessica Jayne Jacobs Goldade, Brenda Jo Jacobs Goldade, Scott Michael Jacobs, Angela Mary Jacobs (Sister Rita Rene), Stephen Matthias Jacobs, Seth Mark Jacobs, Sebastian Martin Jacobs, Simon Marcel Jacobs, Sancho Mario Jacobs, Clara Anne Jacobs and Silas Morris Jacobs. Clara and Silas were stillborn.

Miles David was born January 4, 1956, in Lemmon, SD. He married Marjorie McGregor who was born June 23, 1958. They were married June 4, 1977, at St. Michaels in Watauga. They had Maria Tomac, Waylon(Buddy) Tomac, Mike Tomac, Mellisa Tomac Pflenning, Lisa Tomac Rebenitsch.

Charles Anthony was born January 12, 1957, in Hettinger, ND. He married Annette Sauer, who was born June 3, 1964, on September 6, 1996, at Mandan, ND. They had Carter Tomac, Kendra Tomac, who died at birth August 15, 1997, and Kaylin Tomac.

Kathryn Ann Tomac Scherr was born July 6, 1958, at McLaughlin, SD, and she married John R. Scherr who was born August 11, 1957. They were married December 28, 1980. They divorced. Miranda Scherr was their only daughter and child. She was born November 22, 1980, and died in a car accident on February 15, 2014. Miranda, or Mandy, had a son, Porter, who has been adopted by Buddy's (Waylon of the Miles Tomac) family.

Cynthia Marie Tomac Candrian was born August 11, 1959, at McLaughlin, SD. She married Kevin Candrian, who was born June 3, 1956, on November 7, 1980, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga. They have three children: Brittany Candrian Miller, Jeremy Candrian, and Brodie Candrian.

Emilie Jean Tomac McGregor was born on September 13, 1960, in McLaughlin, SD. She married James McGregor, born June 10, 1960, on June 28, 1980, at St. Michaels in Watauga. They have three sons: Owen McGregor, Denton McGregor, and Weston McGregor

Mary Bernadette Tomac Kubischta was born on October 28, 1961, in McLaughlin, SD. She married Bob Kubischta, born July 18, 1961, on September 24, 1993. They have a son, Eric Kubischta.

Nicholas Gerard Tomac was born on October 12, 1962, in McLaughlin, SD. He married Bonnie Haupt, born March 14, 1958, on February 25, 1992. They divorced. Tanner Masee is Nick's son.

Franklin Joseph Tomac was born October 26, 1963, in McLaughlin, SD and married Krista Dirk, born June 27, 1969. They were married June 30, 1989, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lemmon, SD. They have three children: Anthony Paden Tomac (Paden), Morgan Tomac, and Timothy Duell Tomac (Duell).

Casimir Michael Tomac (Casey) was born on January 14, 1965, in McLaughlin, SD. He married Dawn Berreau, who was born May 22, 1965. They were married September 21, 1991. They have three children: Cassandra Tomac, Conor Tomac, and Carli Tomac.

Margaret Rose Tomac Frame was born February 15, 1966, in McLaughlin and married Glenn Frame, who was born October 1, 1962, on July 15, 1994. They have two children: Foster Frame and Nina Frame.

Sandra Lee Tomac Kramer was born August 6, 1967, in McLaughlin. She married Doug Kramer who was born February 17, 1967, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, on August 21, 1987. They have divorced. They had two children: Ashley Kramer and Andrew Kramer, who died October 20, 2010, by suicide.

Justin Wynne was born September 15, 1968, in McLaughlin, SD. He married Sarah Shardy who was born November 24, 1979. They were married November 6, 1999, in Girard, OH. Their children are Vincent, Benedict, Philip, Natalie, Isabella, Ivan, Julianna, Chloe, Emilie, Christina, Mary, Blaise, and Gabriel Ignatius. Blaise was born, baptized and died on November 2, 2021. Also, he has a daughter Emma from a previous relationship.

Lewis Daniel Tomac was born November 26, 1969, at McLaughlin, SD, and married Julie Harden, who was born September 8, 1969. They were married June 3, 1995, in Kansas. They have four daughters: Ellyssa Tomac, Micah Tomac, Zoe Tomac, and Rachel Tomac.

Jacqueline Mae Tomac Beer (Jackie) was born February 20, 1974, at Bismarck, ND, along with her twin sister. She married Ryan Beer, who was born June 24, 1971, on August 6, 1993, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga. Shelby Beer, Brady Beer, Quirt Beer, Anna Beer, Cord Beer are their children.

Josephine Rae Tomac Burns (Jodi) was born February 20, 1974, at Bismarck, ND, with her twin sister. She married JR Burns, born November 14, 1963, on November 1, 2005, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jodi has a son, Cody Jo Tomac, from a previous relationship and Ella Burns.

Toni Louise Tomac was born to Robert Tomac and Betty Ann Schmidt Tomac on October 13, 1954, at the Hettinger Hospital. She was named after her grandfathers, Anton and Lewis. She was baptized on November 7, 1954, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrissetown, SD. Tom and Grace O'Donnell Tomac were her godparents. Rev. Fr. Vincent Carty baptized her. She was the third of 18 children and the oldest girl. She lived with her family on the Anton and Anna Tomac place until she was about 4 years old. Robert and Betty bought the Silent Butte Ranch north of Watauga, SD. They moved on Halloween night of 1959. She grew up on that ranch. It was called the Silent Butte because the family that lived there had two deaf children, but after the Tomac clan arrived it was no longer silent. On Feb. 10, 1963, she made her First Holy Communion at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, with Rev. Fr. Paul Dahms. Her brother Steve also made his First Communion the same time, along with two others. She was confirmed on October 15, 1966, at St. Michaels Catholic Church with Bishop William T. McCarty, C.S.S.R.. Mary Alice Nehl was her sponsor and Michelle was the name she chose. She went to Watauga grade school until 7<sup>th</sup> grade at which time she and her siblings had to take the bus to McIntosh, SD, to attend McIntosh Public School. She graduated from McIntosh High School in May, 1973. Her dad graduated from McIntosh in 1943, and all of the Tomac siblings also graduated from McIntosh. She never went to college but the summer after graduation she and several friends went to Mandan, ND, and worked at a truck stop as cooks. That fall she went to Minneapolis and worked in a bank as a filmer. She was in the basement filming all the checks into a camera. She came home in January 1974 to help her mother, who was to have the twins. She stayed home and helped her parents until she got married to Sylvester Martin Jacobs on December 21, 1974, at the St. Michaels Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, on a beautiful winter day. Rev. Fr. Francis Stuart, O.S.B. married them. Their reception was in the church hall which is now Nehl Feeds. Their dance was held across the street in a hall which is now torn down. It was a beautiful day and only started to snow late that night when they drove to Bismarck for their honeymoon. They didn't know that they shouldn't marry in Advent until they found tradition years later. They would have gladly waited until after Christmas. They lived in a trailer house on the Jacobs Ranch. In November 1976 they moved into the pink

house where Sylvester had grown up. It was just south of the berm house they built. They lived in the pink house until December 24, 1981, when they moved into their present berm home. The pink house was then torn down. They moved in shortly after Scott was born. It was a cold winter and it was a lot warmer than the pink house. They raised their family on this place. The older children went to McIntosh School until 1985 when they found tradition. They started to homeschool their children then. All of their children graduated from St. Marys Academy in St. Marys, KS, a boarding school. Some only spent one year, while others more years. Sister Rita Rene went to Post Falls, Idaho, to the Dominican School from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, where she lived for a year with the Peter and Kathy Graves family and then boarded the other years. She was homeschooled before graduating from St. Marys.

## Jacobs

Sylvester Jacobs

Toni Tomac Jacobs

B. November 3, 1953

October 13, 1954

D.

M. December 21, 1974

They had 13 children.

Christina Maria Jacobs Winschel was born on September 30, 1975. She married Jason Winschel on November 29, 1997. They have 11 children: Albert Winschel, Thomas Winschel, Lawrence Winschel(daughter, June Winschel), Robert Winschel, Elizabeth Winschel, Kiera Winschel, Chloe Winschel, William Winschel, Emilie Winschel, Ila Winschel, and James Winschel.

Shawn Matthew Jacobs was born December 1, 1976. He married Mary Brueggemann on July 8, 2000. They have 11 children: Madeline Jacobs Hogan(married to Alex Hogan and child, Sophie), Peter Jacobs, Audrey Jacobs, Augustine Jacobs, Cecilia Jacobs, Maximilian Jacobs, Felicity Jacobs, Theodore Jacobs who died at nine months of age on October 19, 2014, of an unknown immunological disorder, Amelia Jacobs, Giuseppe Jacobs, and Zoe Jacobs.

Jessica Jayne Jacobs Goldade was born on June 21, 1978. She married Robert Goldade on May 31, 1998. They have nine children: John Goldade (married to Clara Peters), Anastasia Goldade, Francis Goldade, Carolyn Goldade, Matthew Goldade, Isaac Goldade, Sabrina Goldade, and Damian Goldade.

Brenda Jo Jacobs Goldade was born January 19, 1980. She married Joseph Goldade on August 14, 1999. They have 14 children: Jacob Goldade, Philomena Goldade, Charles Goldade, Leo Goldade, Basil Goldade, Elena Goldade, Zita Goldade, Marcellus Goldade, Virginia Goldade, Julia Goldade, Clara Goldade, Bruno Goldade, Veronica Goldade, and Aundria Goldade.



Scott Michael Jacobs was born November 2, 1981. He married Sadie Goldade on July 11, 2011. They have seven children: Mark Jacobs, who died of drowning April 1, 2014, at the age of 3, Stella Jacobs, Luke Jacobs, Vera Jacobs, Milo Jacobs, Lance Jacobs and Zelig Jacobs.

Angela Mary Jacobs (Sister Rita Rene) who was born on September 27, 1985. She became a religious sister in the order of the Society of St. Pius X.

Stephen Matthias Jacobs was born October 6, 1987. He married Imelda Goldade on July 27, 2020. They have a son, Mario.

Seth Mark Jacobs was born September 16, 1989.

Sebastian Martin Jacobs was born July 19, 1991. He married Nicole Starck on October 20, 2012. They have five children: Bailey Jacobs, Caleb Jacobs, Josephine Jacobs, Blaise Jacobs, and Angus Jacobs.

Simon Marcel Jacobs was born July 14, 1994. He married Brittney Wiesinger on November 19, 2022.

Sancho Mario Jacobs was born July 17, 1996. He married Medora Myers on November 12, 2022.

Clara Anne Jacobs was stillborn August 12, 1999.

Silas Morris was stillborn July 2, 2002.

## Christina Maria Theresa Jacobs Winschel

Tina was born on Tuesday, September 30, 1975, at 5:39 p.m. at West River Hospital in Hettinger, North Dakota. She weighed 7#9oz and was 22" long. Her blood type is O+.

She was baptized on October 19, 1975, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown, South Dakota, by Father Francis Stuart, OSB. Richard and Madona Kvale were her godparents.

She received Our Lord in Holy Communion on May 6, 1984, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown, SD, from Fr. Francis Stuart, OSB.

She was confirmed on May 6, 1990, at Our Lady of the Rosary in Sturgis, South Dakota, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. Her sponsor was Evelyn Nehl and she took the name Theresa.

She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in St. Marys, Kansas, in May 1994.

She married Jason Thomas Winschel on November 29, 1997, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, with Fr. Kenneth Novak officiating. Their witnesses were Brenda Jacobs Goldade and Christopher McCann.

Jason Thomas Jonathan Winschel

Jason was born on Tuesday, September 11, 1973, to Lawrence and Margaret Winschel.

He was baptized and received his First Holy Communion in 1983 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA.

He was confirmed in 1987 and chose the name Jonathan.

Jason graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1991.

He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in history and political science in 1994. He received his teachers' certification in 1996.

He married Christina Jacobs on November 29, 1997.

They have eleven children.

### Albert Bernard Francis Winschel

Albert was born on Saturday, August 15, 1998, the Feast of the Assumption, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He weighed 6#4oz and was 19" long.

He was baptized on August 23, 1998, by Fr. Kenneth Novak at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. His godparents are Eric Grabowsky and Rebecca Pawlowski.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 22, 2005, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church from Fr. James Scott Gardner.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay on June 21, 2009, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. He took the name Francis and his sponsor was Tad Merryman.

He graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 2016.

### Thomas Jonathan Benedict Winschel

Thomas was born on Thursday, September 23, 1999, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He weighed 7#2oz and was 19 1/4 "long.

He was baptized on October 2, 1999, by Fr. Gerard Beck at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. His godparents are Scott Jacobs and Angela Jacobs (Sister Rita Rene).

He made his First Holy Communion on June 11, 2006, from Father James Scott Gardner at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Tissier de Mallerai on October 11, 2011, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church at Pittsburgh, PA. He took the name Benedict and Paul Craig was his sponsor.

He graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 2017.

Lawrence John Maurice Winschel

Lawrence was born on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He weighed 7#13 oz and was 20” long.

He was baptized on May 27, 2001, at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Pittsburgh, PA, by Fr. Gerard Beck. His godparents were Lane Grafton and Irene Grossi.

He made his First Holy Communion on May 18, 2008, at Our Lady of Fatima in Pittsburgh, PA, from Father James Scott Gardner.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bernard Tissier de Mallerais on March 15, 2014, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. His sponsor was Stephen Jacobs and he took the name Maurice.

He graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 2019.

Lawrence has a daughter June Marie, born on June 16, 2022, at her grandparents’ home. She weighed 6#14oz.

Robert Edward Tarcisius Winschel

Robert was born Monday, January 20, 2003, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He weighed 8#1oz and was 21” long.

He was baptized on February 1, 2003, by Fr. Gerard Beck at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. His godparents were Shawn and Mary Jacobs.

He received his First Holy Communion on June 6, 2010, from Fr. Philippe Pazat at Our Lady Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA.

He was confirmed on March 15, 2014, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais. He took the name Tarcisius and Albert Winschel was his sponsor.

He graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 2021.

Elizabeth Claire Anne Winschel

Elizabeth was born Thursday, November 4, 2004, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She weighed 8#4oz and was 20 ½” long.

She was baptized November 13, 2004, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, by Fr. Helmut Libietis. Her godparents are Robert and Jessica Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 6, 2012, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church from Father Patrick Rutledge.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais on March 15, 2014, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. She took the name Anne and Monica Craig was her sponsor.

She graduated from Queen of Heaven Academy in 2022.

Kiera Eleanor Catherine Winschel

Kiera was born on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She weighed 7#1oz and was 20” long.

She was baptized on June 11, 2006, by Father James Scott Gardner. Her godparents are Joseph and Brenda Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on June 2, 2013, from Father Patrick Rutledge at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Tissier de Mallerais on March 15, 2014. She took the name of Catherine and Anne Craig was her sponsor.

## Chloe Marie Rose Winschel

Chloe was born on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She weighed 8#7oz and was 20" long.

She was baptized by Father James Scott Gardner on January 19, 2008, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Her godparents are Greg and Lynnea Selinger.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 3, 2015, at St. James Catholic Church from Father Patrick Rutledge.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Fellay on October 21, 2018. Her confirmation sponsor was Vivian Pawlowski and she chose Rose as her patron saint.

## William Joseph Anthony Winschel

William was born on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He weighed 8#3oz and was 20 ½" long.

He was baptized on March 13, 2010, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church by Fr. Philippe Pazat. His godparents are Gino and Dawn Pugliese.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 21, 2017, at St. James Catholic Church from Father Michael Brown.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bernard Fellay on October 21, 2018, at St. James Catholic Church. He chose the name Anthony and his sponsor was Ken Midgely.

## Emilie Anne Winschel

Emilie was born on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She weighed 8#3oz and was 18" long.

She was baptized on January 22, 2012, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, by Father Patrick Rutledge. Her godparents are Matthew and Nicole Selinger.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 20, 2018, from Fr. Michael Brown.

## Ila Grace Winschel

Ila was born on Friday, March 28, 2014, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She weighed 8#7oz and was 21" long. She was baptized on April 6, 2014, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, by Father Patrick Rutledge. Her godparents are Sebastian and Nicole Jacobs.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 17, 2020, from Fr. Deister at St. James Catholic Church.

## James Benedict Anthony Winschel

James was born on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He weighed 7#5oz and was 19" long.

He was baptized by Fr. Horvath at St. James Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA on December 10, 2016. His godparents are Stephen Jacobs and Anne Craig.



## Shawn Matthew Anthony Jacobs

Shawn was born on December 1, 1976, a Wednesday, at 10:49 a.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 6#10 ½ oz and was 19 ½ inches long. His blood type is O+

He was baptized on December 26, 1976, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morristown, SD, by Fr. Francis Stuart, OSB. His godparents are Miles Tomac and Kathy Tomac Scherr.

He received his First Holy Communion from Fr. Gavin Bitzer on July 6, 1987, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Thunder Hawk, SD. It was in the basement of John and Gen Nicksic's house at the time. He received Our Lord on the same day his sister Jessica did.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson on May 6, 1990, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Sturgis, SD. He took the name Anthony and his sponsor was Justin Tomac.

He graduated from St. Mary's Academy in May of 1994. He graduated from Bismarck State College in 1998 with an Associate degree in engineering. He graduated from NDSU with a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2000.

He married Mary Brueggemann on July 8, 2000, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cincinnati, OH, by Father Stephen DeLallo. Their witnesses were Joseph Goldade and Martha Barnett.

They have 11 children.

Mary Martha Brueggemann Jacobs

Mary was born to Mike and Debbie Brueggemann on Sunday, April 20, 1980, at Fort Thomas, KY.

She was baptized and her godparents are Steve and Rita Brueggemann.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 9, 1987, from Fr. Daniel Dolan at St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Cincinnati, OH.

She was confirmed and her sponsor was Martha Brueggemann.

Mary graduated from Seton in 1998.

She married Shawn Jacobs on July 8, 2000.

Madeline Rose Veronica Jacobs Hogan

Madeline was born on Sunday, May 20, 2001, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She weighed 7#12oz.

She was baptized on June 3, 2001, at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, IN, by Father Michael McMahon. Her godparents are Jason and Christina Winschel.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 4, 2008.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Williamson on November 4, 2013, at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church in Louisville, KY. She took the name Veronica and Julie Brueggemann was her sponsor.

She graduated from Seton in 2020.

She married Alex Hogan on April 17, 2021, at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, with Father John Bourbeau officiating. Their witnesses were Audrey Jacobs and Zach Hogan.

Alex and Madeline are the parents of Sophia Marie Hogan, who was born prematurely on November 25, 2021. She received an emergency baptism by Fr. Frank Kurtz at the hospital and when she was released Fr. Bourbeau performed the final parts of the ceremony with Peter Jacobs and Audrey Jacobs acting as godparents for the supplied baptism ceremony.

Alex Rosario Joseph Hogan

Alex was born on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

He was baptized on June 22, 1997, at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Dallas, TX, by Fr. Cuschien. His godparents are Paul and Shelia Meehan.

He made his First Holy Communion.

He graduated in 2016 from Grant County High School.

He was confirmed on May 1, 2022, at Our Lady of Assumption church in Walton, KY, by His Excellency Bishop Tissier de Mallerias. Shawn Jacobs was his sponsor and he chose the name Joseph.

He married Madeline Jacobs April 17, 2021.

Peter Martin Joseph Jacobs

Peter was born on Sunday, January 26, 2003. He weighed 7#14 oz and was 20 ½ inches long.

He was baptized on February 2, 2003, at Holy Family Chapel in Union, KY, by Father Gavin Bitzer. Michael Brueggemann and Nicole Brueggemann Deters were his godparents.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 30, 2010, at Holy Family Chapel in Union, KY, from Fr. Gavin Bitzer.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, on June 10, 2014. He took the name Joseph and Scott Brueggemann was his sponsor.

He graduated from Seton in 2021.

Audrey Marie Catherine Jacobs

Audrey was a born on Wednesday, August 4, 2004. She weighed 8#7oz and was 20 inches long.

She was baptized on August 7, 2004, at Holy Family Chapel at Union, KY, with Fr. William Walsh. Her godparents were Michael and Deborah Brueggemann (also her grandparents).

She received her First Holy Communion on May 27, 2012, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, from Fr. Adam Purdy.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay on June 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY. Her sponsor was Claire Brueggemann and she chose Catherine as her name.

Audrey graduated in 2022.

## Augustine Xavier Theodore Jacobs

Gus was born on Monday, April 24, 2006. He weighed 7#14oz.

He was baptized on April 30, 2006, at Holy Family Chapel by Fr. Gavin Bitzer. His godparents are Greg Brueggemann and Julie Brueggemann Deter.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 26, 2013, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, from Fr. Adam Purdy.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, on June 17, 2017. His sponsor was Scott Brueggemann and he chose the name Theodore.

## Cecilia Philomena Elizabeth Jacobs

Cecilia was born on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, and weighed 8#2oz.

She was baptized on June 7, 2008, at Holy Family Chapel with Fr. Gavin Bitzer. Her godparents are Joseph and Brenda Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 3, 2015, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, from Fr. Daniel Muscha.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais on June 17, 2017, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Walton, KY. She took the name Elizabeth and her sponsor was Julie Brueggemann.

## Maximilian Vincent Michael Jacobs

Max was born on Friday, November 5, 2010, and weighed 7#15oz.

He was baptized on November 14, 2010, at Holy Family Chapel in Union, KY, with Fr. Gavin Bitzer. His godparents are Daniel and Anne Heckman.

He made his First Holy Communion on May 7, 2017, from Fr. Daniel Muscha at Our Lady of the Assumption at Walton, KY.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay on March 14, 2021, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. His sponsor was Simon Brueggemann and the patron saint he chose was Michael.

## Felicity Claire Therese Jacobs

Felicity was born on Saturday, July 21, 2012, at home, and weighed 8#3oz.

She was baptized on July 29, 2012, at Our Lady of the Assumption in Walton, KY, by Fr. Adam Purdy. Her godparents are Scott Brueggemann and Magdalena Brueggemann.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 5, 2019, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, from Fr. Daniel Muscha.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay on March 14, 2021, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY. She chose the name of Therese and her sponsor was Audrey Jacobs.

## Theodore Anthony Jacobs

Teddy was born on his big brother, Pete's, birthday, Sunday, January 26, 2014, at his parents' home with a midwife attending. He weighed 8#4oz.

He was baptized on February 6, 2014, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church by Fr. Daniel Muscha. His godparents were Jeffrey and Maria Byrne.

He died on October 19, 2014, after 9 months of suffering. It is unknown what he had that caused his death. The official diagnosis was an unknown immunological disorder. He was buried at Shawn and Mary Jacobs' place after the Mass of the Angels at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church with Fr. Timothy Sick officiating. His pallbearers were Jeffrey Byrne and Stephen Jacobs.

We love you, Teddy! Pray for us!



## Amelia Catherine Jacobs

Amelia was born on Sunday, January 24, 2016, at her parents' home with a midwife. She weighed 8#4oz.

She was baptized on February 2, 2016, by Fr. Daniel Muscha at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY. Her godparents are Sebastian and Nicole Jacobs.

## Giuseppe Matthias Jacobs

Giuseppe was born on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at his parents' home in Kentucky with a midwife. He was born on Madeline, his oldest sister's birthday. He weighed 9# and was 21 inches long.

He was baptized on May 24, 2018, which was Pentecost Sunday at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic church in Walton, KY. His godparents are Mark and Jacinta Brueggemann. Fr. Joseph Haynos baptized him.

## Zoe Therese Jacobs

Zoe was born on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at her parents' home in Kentucky with a midwife. She weighed 7# and was 20 ½ inches long.

She was baptized on April 30, 2020, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Walton, KY, by Fr. John Bourbeau. Her godparents are Peter Jacobs and Audrey Jacobs.

Jessica Jayne Joan Jacobs Goldade

Jessica was born on Wednesday, June 21, 1978, at 7:08 a.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 7#9 ½ oz and was 20 ¼ inches long. Her blood type is AB+.

She was baptized on July 2, 1978, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown, SD, by Fr. Francis Stuart, OSB. Her godparents are Jack Tomac and Cindy Tomac Candrian.

She received her First Holy Communion on July 6, 1987, along with her brother Shawn, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Thunder Hawk, SD. It was in the basement of John and Gen Nicksic. Fr. Gavin Bitzer was the priest.

She was confirmed on May 6, 1990, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Sturgis, SD, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. Her sponsor was LaVerna Kittelson and she took the name Joan.

She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in May 1996.

She married Robert Lee Goldade on May 31, 1997, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church which was then located in Watauga, SD. The ceremony took place in a tent with Fr. Jorge M. Diaz officiating. Christina Jacobs Winschel and Joseph Goldade were the witnesses.

They have 9 children.

## Robert Lee Edward Goldade

Robert was born on Wednesday, January 20, 1971, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND, to Edward and Bertha Roerick Goldade.

He was baptized on January 30, 1971, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. H. Thomas Dukart. His godparents were Lorrain and Geneive Vrem.

He received his First Holy Communion on April 8, 1979, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. J.H. Kuhn.

He was confirmed on May 6, 1990, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Sturgis, SD, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. He took the name Edward and his dad, Edward Goldade Sr. was his sponsor.

He married Jessica Jacobs on May 31, 1997, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with Fr. Jorge M. Diaz officiating. Their witnesses were Joseph Goldade and Christina Jacobs Winschel. They were married in a large tent because the church was too small.

## John Vincent Anthony Goldade

John was born on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1998, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He weighed 7#6oz.

John was baptized on April 19, 1998, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Fr. Jacques Merel. Shawn Jacobs and Teresa Waliser were his godparents.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 16, 2004, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher.

He was confirmed on April 18, 2008, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. He took the name Anthony and Sebastian Jacobs was his sponsor.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in 2015.

John married Clara Maureen Peters on July 31, 2021, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, with Fr. James Torzala officiating. Amelia Peters and Matthew Goldade were the witnesses.

## Clara Maureen Peters Goldade

Clara was born on Monday, September 9, 1996, at Emmett, KS, to John and Laura Peters. She weighed 7#8oz.

She was baptized on September 9, 1996, by Fr. Jamie Pazat at Assumption Chapel in St. Mary's, KS. Her godparents are Leland and Patricia Thomas.

She made her First Holy Communion on May 4, 2003, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by Fr. Jaime Pazat.

She was confirmed on May 26, 2006, at Assumption Chapel by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. Her sponsor was Grissel Rolon and she took the name Scholastica.

She graduated from St. Marys Academy.

## Anastasia Marie Theresa Goldade

Anastasia was born on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. She weighed 5#10 oz.

She was baptized on May 15, 1999, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Francis Gallagher. Her godparents are James and Sandra Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 21, 2006, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Francis Gallagher.

She was confirmed on April 18, 2008, at St. Michaels Catholic Church by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. She took the name Theresa and her sponsor was Kimberly Goldade Muscha.

She graduated from Our Lady of Victory in 2016.

## Francis Peter Dominic Savio Goldade

Francis was born on Friday, May 12, 2000, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He weighed 6#1oz.

He was baptized on May 22, 2000, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Jason and Christina Winschel.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 21, 2006, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Francis Gallagher.

He was confirmed on June 15, 2011, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. He chose the name Dominic Savio and his sponsor was his grandfather Sylvester Jacobs.

Francis graduated from St. Marys Academy in 2017.

## Carolyn Ann Marie Joan Goldade

Carolyn was born on Friday, January 18, 2002, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. She weighed 7#8oz.

She was baptized on February 3, 2002, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. Her godparents are Paul and Carol Gieser.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 17, 2009, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Carl Sulzen.

She was confirmed on June 15, 2011, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay with her grandmother, Toni Jacobs, as her sponsor. She took the name Joan.

She graduated from Our Lady of Victory in 2020.

## Matthew Robert John Bosco Goldade

Matthew was born on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He weighed 7#5oz.

He was baptized on July 20, 2003, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Joseph and Brenda Goldade.

Matt received his First Holy Communion on May 8, 2011, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, from Fr. Adam Ray Portugal.

He was confirmed on February 20, 2013, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by His Excellency Bernard Tissier de Mallerais with Simon Jacobs as his sponsor and John Bosco as his patron saint.

He graduated from Our Lady of Victory in 2022.

## Isaac Gerard Juan Diego Goldade

Isaac was born on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He weighed 7#6oz.

He was baptized on January 23, 2005, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Tony and Katie Gieser.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 6, 2012, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by Fr. Adam Ray Portugal.

He was confirmed on March 22, 2015, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais. His brother John Goldade was his sponsor and he chose the name Juan Diego.



## Anthony Lawrence Giuseppe Goldade

Anthony was born on Thursday, August 10, 2006, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He weighed 6#14 oz.

He was baptized on August 20, 2006, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Justin and Sarah Tomac.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 16, 2014, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church from Fr. Scott Graves.

He was confirmed on March 22, 2015, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais. His sponsor was Scott Jacobs and he chose the name Giuseppe.

## Sabrina Rose Clare Goldade

Sabrina was born on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. She weighed 7#1oz.

She was baptized on March 15, 2009, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Carl Sulzen. Her godparents are Brian and Darcy Hebert.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 8, 2016, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by Fr. Scott Graves.

Sabrina was confirmed on May 5, 2019, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN. Her sister, Anastasia Goldade, was her sponsor and Clare was her chosen name.

## Damian Edward Dominic Savio Goldade

Damian was born on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at the hospital in Alexandria, MN. He weighed 7#13oz.

He was baptized on December 24, 2011, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by Fr. Adam Ray Portugal. His godparents are Jeff and Gen Wiener.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 19, 2019, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, from Fr. James Trummer.

He was confirmed on April 10, 2021, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. He took the name Dominic Savio and his sponsor was his brother, Francis Goldade.

Brenda Jo Bernadette Jacobs Goldade

Brenda was born on Saturday, January 19, 1980, at 1:10 p.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger ND. She weighed 7#9oz and was 21 ¼ "long. Her blood type is AB+.

She was baptized on February 9, 1980, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown, SD, by Father Francis Stuart, OSB. Her godparents are Clarence and Marjean Jacobs.

She made her First Holy Communion on November 20, 1988, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Sturgis, SD, by Father Peter Scott.

She was confirmed on March 29, 1992, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Sturgis, SD, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. Her sponsor was Diane Waliser and she chose the name Bernadette.

She graduated from St. Marys Academy in May, 1999.

She married Joseph Lee Goldade on August 14, 1999, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Francis Gallagher. Their witnesses were Tony Gieser and Rebecca Gieser Schmidt.

They have 14 children.

## Joseph Lee Peregrine Goldade

Joe was born to Edward and Bertha Roerick Goldade on a Sunday, January 11, 1976, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He is the youngest of twelve children.

He was baptized on January 18, 1976, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Charles Becker. His godparents are his brother and sister, Kenneth Goldade and JoAnne Goldade Campbell.

He received his First Holy Communion at Powers Lake, ND, from Fr. Frederick Nelson on May 13, 1984.

He was confirmed on May 6, 1990, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Sturgis, SD, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. His sponsor was his brother Edward Goldade, Jr., and he took the name Peregrine.

Joe got his GED in 1995. He attended NDSCS (North Dakota School of Science) graduating in 1998. He graduated with a degree in Power Plant Technology from Bismarck State College in 2007.

He married Brenda Jacobs on August 14, 1999, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Francis Gallagher. Their witnesses were Tony Gieser and Rebecca Gieser Schmidt.

### Jacob Joseph John Vianney Goldade

Jacob was born on Father's Day and Trinity Sunday, June 18, 2000, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 6#8oz.

He was baptized on July 2, 2000, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Stephen DeLallo. His godparents are Robert and Jessica Goldade.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 20, 2007, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Paul A. Robinson.

He was confirmed on May 17, 2011, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND. He took the name John Vianney and Stephen Jacobs was his sponsor.

Jacob graduated from St. Marys Academy in June 2019.

### Philomena Rose Marie Dymphna Goldade

Philomena was born on October 8, 2001, a Monday, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 6#8oz.

She was baptized on October 21, 2001, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. Her godparents are Tony and Katie Gieser.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 18, 2008, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Carl Sulzen.

She was confirmed on May 17, 2011, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND. Her sponsor was Kimberly Goldade Muscha and she took the name Dymphna.

Philomena graduated from St. Marys Academy in June 2020.

## Charles Joseph Christopher Goldade

Charles was born on a Monday, February 25, 2003, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 7#15oz.

He was baptized on March 2, 2003, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Waylon and Rebecca Schmidt.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 17, 2009, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Michael Goldade.

Charles was confirmed on June 18, 2014, at Assumption Chapel in St. Mary's KS, with His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. His sponsor was Dominic Goldade and he chose the name Christopher.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in June 2022.

## Leo Joseph Luke Goldade

Leo was born on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 7#5oz.

He was baptized on March 7, 2004, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Jason and Christina Winschel.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 1, 2011, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. John Bourbeau.

He was confirmed on June 18, 2014, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. His sponsor was David Goldade and he chose Luke as his patron saint.

## Basil Joseph Gerard Goldade

Basil was born on a Sunday, June 5, 2005, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 7#5oz.

He was baptized on June 19, 2005, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Robert MacPherson. His godparents are Brian and Christy Hosek.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 20, 2012, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. John Bourbeau.

He was confirmed on April 25, 2015, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais. His sponsor was Jacob Goldade and he took the name Gerard.

## Elena Marie Barbara Goldade

Elena was born on a Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 7#.

She was baptized on September 17, 2006, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Paul A. Robinson. Her godparents are Shawn and Mary Jacobs.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 4, 2014, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Michael Goldade.

She was confirmed on April 23, 2016, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais. She chose the name Barbara and Jackie Goldade was her sponsor.

## Zita Marie Rita Goldade

Zita was born on a Friday, February 1, 2008, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 6#4oz.

She was baptized on February 16, 2008, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Carl Sulzen. Her godparents are Michael and Maria Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 4, 2015, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, from Fr. John Bourbeau.

She was confirmed on April 22, 2017, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at Assumption Chapel in St. Mary's, KS. Her sponsor was Philomena Goldade and she took the name Rita.

## Marcellus Joseph Mark Goldade

Marcellus was born on a Monday, April 6, 2009, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 8#2oz.

He was baptized on April 12, 2009, during the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher. His godparents are Bill and Amy Gieser.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 1, 2016, at Assumption Chapel in St. Mary's, KS, from Fr. John Bourbeau.

He was confirmed on May 3, 2019, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at Assumption Chapel in St. Mary's, KS. His sponsor was Charles Goldade and he chose as his patron saint, Mark, his cousin and best friend.



## Julia Marie Philomena Goldade

Julia was born on a Thursday, September 30, 2010, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 6#1oz.

She was baptized on October 3, 2010, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Richard Boyle. Her godparents are Martin Goldade and Kimberly Goldade Muscha.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 6, 2018, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, at the hands of Fr. John Carlisle.

She was confirmed on March 19, 2021, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS. Her sponsor was Philomena Goldade and she chose Philomena as her name.

## Virginia Marie Margaret Mary Goldade

Virginia was born on a Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She was delivered via C-section and weighed 5#13oz.

She was baptized on October 21, 2012, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Joseph Wood. Her godparents are Scott and Sadie Jacobs.

She received her First Holy Communion on June 12, 2020, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, from Fr. Stephen Reid.

She was confirmed on May 14, 2022, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. She chose Margaret Mary as her name and Elena Goldade as her sponsor.

## Clara Marie Goldade

Clara was born on Monday, August 4, 2014, at the birthing center in Topeka, KS, via c-section. She weighed 7#13oz.

She was baptized on August 7, 2014, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by Fr. Stephen Arabadjis. Her godparents are Christopher and Katie Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 1, 2022, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, from Fr. Nicholas Kracht.

## Bruno Joseph Goldade

Bruno was born on a Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at Viva Christi Hospital in Manhattan, KS, via c-section. He weighed 7#7oz.

He was baptized on October 9, 2015, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by Fr. Stephen Arabadjis. His godparents are Jephree and Kayla Dagenais.

## Veronica Marie Golade

Veronica was born on a Friday, January 13, 2017, at Viva Christi Hospital in Manhattan, KS, via c-section. She weighed 7#4oz.

She was baptized on January 18, 2017, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by Fr. Brandler. Sebastian and Nicole Jacobs are her godparents.

Aundria Marie Goldade

Aundria was born on Thursday, February 12, 2020, at Viva Christi Hospital in Manhattan, KS, via c-section. She weighed 6#6oz.

She was baptized on February 18, 2020, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by Fr. Jonathan Kopec. Her godparents are Jacob Goldade and Philomena Goldade.

## Scott Michael John Jacobs

Scott was born on Monday, November 2, 1981, at 6:53 a.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. His blood type is A+ and he weighed 8#9oz and was 21  $\frac{3}{4}$  "long.

He was baptized on November 15, 1981, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrystown, SD, by Fr. Francis Stuart, OSB. His godparents are James and Jean McGregor.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 14, 1989, at Our Lady of the Rosary in Sturgis, SD, from Fr. Peter Scott.

He was confirmed on March 29, 1992, at Our Lady of the Rosary in Sturgis, SD, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. He chose the name John and Shawn Jacobs was his sponsor.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in St. Marys, KS, in May, 2001.

He married Sadie Ann Marie Goldade on July 11, 2009, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Kenneth Dean officiating. Their witnesses were Stephen Jacobs and Hayle Goldade Peterson.

## Sadie Ann Marie Bernadette Goldade Jacobs

Sadie was born to Jim and Sandy (Schaf) Goldade on Tuesday, April 12, 1988, at St. Lukes Hospital in Fargo, ND.

She was baptized on April 23, 1988, at St. Marys Cathedral in Fargo, ND, by Fr. Al Bitz. Her godparents are Robert Goldade and Barbara Goldade Simek.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 26, 1995, at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN, from Fr. Wolfgang Goettler.

She was confirmed on February 21, 1999, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN. She took the name Bernadette and her sponsor was Leona Schwanbeck.

Sadie graduated from homeschool in 2006.

She graduated from cosmetology school in 2007.

She married Scott Jacobs on July 11, 2009, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Kenneth Dean officiating. Their witnesses were Stephen Jacobs and Hayle Goldade Peterson.

## Mark James Jacobs

Mark was born on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 6#8oz.

Mark was baptized on April 18, 2010, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Richard Boyle. His godparents were Stephen Jacobs and Hayle Goldade Peterson.

Mark died on April 1, 2014. It was a Tuesday. He fell through the ice on the pond behind the house. Stella fell through, also, but survived, although she suffered severe hypothermia. Mark was pronounced dead from drowning at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. Stella was airlifted to Sanford Hospital in Bismarck, ND, where she stayed for five days. Mark had a Mass of the Angels with Fr. Richard Boyle and is buried in St. Michaels Cemetery in Watauga, SD.

Mark is remembered for many things. His great strength, his adventurous spirit....these are just a few ways he touched those around him in his few short years on this earth. Remember us in heaven, dear Mark!

## Stella Marie Theresa Jacobs

Stella was born on Sunday, August 28, 2011, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 6#5 ½ oz.

She was baptized on September 4, 2011, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. John Bourbeau. Her godparents are Joseph and Brenda Goldade.

She received her First Holy Communion on May 12, 2019, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Michael Harber.

She was confirmed on April 3, 2022, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at Our Lady of Good Success in Dickinson, ND. She chose the name Theresa with Hayle Goldade Peterson as her sponsor.

## Luke Michael Jacobs

Luke was born on Thursday, November 21, 2013, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 7#5oz.

He was baptized on December 1, 2013, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Michael Harber. His godparents are Brandon and Kimberly Muscha.

He received his First Holy Communion on May 9, 2021, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Nicholas McManus.

### Vera Marie Jacobs

Vera was born on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 6#6oz.

She was baptized on July 12, 2015, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Daniel Muscha. Her godparents are Jason and Christina Winschel.

Vera received her First Holy Communion on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Nicholas McManus.

### Milo James Jacobs

Milo was born on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14, 2017, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 7#14oz and was 22" long.

He was baptized May 21, 2017, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. James Haynos. Father placed him on the altar after he was baptized. His godparents are Andrew and Hayle Peterson.

### Lance Mark Jacobs

Lance was born on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 6#15oz.

He was baptized on September 15, 2019, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Michael Harber. Imelda Goldade Jacobs and James Goldade are his godparents.



Zelie Marie Jacobs

Zelie was born on Monday, November 8, 2021, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 6#6oz.

She was baptized on November 14, 2021, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Nicholas McManus. Her godparents are Sebastian and Nicole Jacobs.

Angela Mary Agnes Jacobs

Sister Rita Rene

Angela was born on Friday, September 27, 1985, at 5 p.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 7#10oz and her blood type is AB+.

She was baptized on January 12, 1986, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hettinger, ND, by Fr. Dignon. Tom Jacobs and Antoinette (Netty) Bjerke were her godparents. She was not baptized for a while since we had to find a priest we trusted and the priest at Sacred Heart in Morristown at the time was very modern.

She received her First Holy Communion on February 6, 1993, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Bishop Richard Williamson.

Angela was confirmed on May 7, 1995, at Our Guardian Angels mission in Dickinson, ND, by His Excellency Richard Williamson. She chose the name Agnes and Jessica Jacobs Goldade was her sponsor. Our Guardian Angels mission was at the farm of Eugene and Mary Sickler. It has now moved to Dickinson and is called Our Lady of Good Success.

She attended the Dominican school at Post Falls, but graduated from St. Marys Academy in St. Marys, KS, in May 2004.

She graduated from Dickinson State University with a degree in nursing in 2006.

She entered the SSPX convent in Browerville, MN, on September 15, 2007. She received the habit and made her initial vows on March 30, 2008, receiving the name Sister Rita Rene. She made her religious profession on April 11, 2010, at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN. She remained in Browerville until 2011. She was then transferred to France to the Motherhouse at Abbaye Saint Michel until January of 2012. From there she went to the Novitiate at Ruffec, France where she remained until 2014. In 2014 she was transferred to the community in Australia, where she is in 2022.

## Stephen Matthias Joseph Jacobs

Stephen was born on Tuesday, October 6, 1987, at 7:43 a.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 9#1 ¼ oz and was 20 ¼ “long and blood type is B+.

He was baptized on November 2, 1987, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Thunder Hawk, SD, which was in the basement of John and Gen Nicksic’s home. Fr. Arnauld Devileres baptized him and Kenneth Tomac and Christina Jacobs Winschel are his godparents.

He made his First Holy Communion on May 15, 1994, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Fr. Wolfgang Goettler. We had recently moved to the church instead of the Nicksic home.

He was confirmed on May 28, 1997, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. His sponsor was Jason Winschel and he chose Joseph as his patron saint.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in May 2006.

He married Imelda Agnes Marie Goldade at the Brothers Novitiate in Winona, MN, with Fr. Kenneth Dean officiating on July 27, 2020. Their witnesses were Seth Jacobs and Cecilia Goldade.

## Imelda Agnes Marie Catherine Goldade Jacobs

Imelda was born on Saturday, June 1, 1996, to Jim and Sandy (Schaf) Goldade at Olmsted Medical Center in Rochester, MN. She weighed 7#4oz and was 20" long.

She was baptized on June 6, 1996, at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN, by Fr. Wolfgang Goettler. Her godparents are Todd and Jane Steinmetz.

She made her First Holy Communion on May 9, 2004, by Fr. Wolfgang Goettler at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN.

She was confirmed on June 18, 2008, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN. Her sponsor was Hayle Goldade Peterson and she chose the patron saint Catherine of Sienna.

She married Stephen Jacobs on July 27, 2020, at the Brothers Novitiate in Winona, MN, with Fr. Kenneth Dean officiating. Their witnesses were Seth Jacobs and Cecilia Goldade.

## Mario Giuseppe Jacobs

Mario was born on Friday, August 6, 2021, at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 7#2oz.

He was baptized on August 15, 2021, at Our Lady of Good Success Catholic Church in Dickinson, ND, by Fr. Nicholas McManus. His godparents are Scott and Sadie Jacobs.

## Seth Mark Thomas Jacobs

Seth was born on Saturday, September 16, 1989, at 6:50 p.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 8#11 ¼ oz and was 20" long and his blood type is AB+.

He was baptized on September 24, 1989, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in the basement of John and Gen Nicksic's home in Thunder Hawk, SD, by Fr. Peter Scott. His godparents are John and Gen Nicksic.

He made his First Holy Communion on May 4, 1996, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Fr. Kenneth Dean. They had bought a church, and so it was no longer in the Nicksic's basement.

He was confirmed on May 28, 1999, at Assumption Chapel in St. Marys, KS, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. He chose the name Thomas and Shawn Jacobs was his sponsor.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in St. Marys, KS, in May 2007.

## Sebastian Martin Michael Jacobs

Sebastian was born at home on Friday, July 19, 1991, around 11 p.m. with a midwife. He was about 8# and 20" long. His blood type is O+.

He was baptized on July 27, 1991, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Father Wolfgang Goettler. His godparents are Justin Tomac and Jessica Jacobs Goldade.

He received his First Communion on January 3, 1998, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, from Fr. Jorge Diaz.

He was confirmed on May 5, 2002, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. He took the name Michael with Joseph Goldade as his sponsor.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in May 2009.

He married Nicole Lorraine Starck on October 20, 2012, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Joseph Wood officiating. Their witnesses were Stephen Jacobs and Micah Welch.

Nicole Lorraine Elizabeth Starck Jacobs

Nicole was born on Friday, March 12, 1993, to Darin and Donna (Ferderer) Starck at Med Center One in Bismarck, ND. She weighed 7#6oz.

Nicole was baptized on May 16, 1993, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Deacon Pete Hoffman. Her godparents were her uncle, Mark Starck, and aunt, Debbie Frohlich.

She made her First Holy Communion in November 2011 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. John Bourbeau.

She was confirmed on May 15, 2015, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND. Her sponsor was Toni Jacobs and she took the name Elizabeth of the Visitation.

She married Sebastian Jacobs on October 20, 2012 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Joseph Wood officiating. Their witnesses were Stephen Jacobs and Micah Welch.



## Bailey Mary Claire Theresa Jacobs

Bailey was born on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck, ND. She weighed 6#2oz.

She was baptized on September 1, 2013, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Michael Harber. She was baptized Mary Claire Bailey. Her godparents are Stephan Kershisnik and Samantha Kershisnik.

She made her First Holy Communion on May 17, 2020, by Fr. Michael Harber at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND.

She was confirmed on April 3, 2022, at Our Lady of Good Success in Dickinson, ND, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. Her sponsor was Laura Gieser and her chosen patron saint was Therese of the Child Jesus.

## Caleb Patrick Jacob

Caleb was born on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck, ND. He weighed 6#15oz.

He was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, by Fr. Michael Harber at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND. His godparents are Shawn and Mary Jacobs.

### Josephine Rose Jacobs

Josephine was born on Sunday, November 27, 2016, at St. Alexius Medical Hospital in Bismarck, ND. She weighed 7#. There was a blizzard coming and she got home before they were snowed in with Grandma Toni for several days.

She was baptized on December 4, 2016, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Michael Harber. Her godparents are Robert and Jessica Goldade.

### Blaise Emanuel Jacobs

Blaise was born on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at home with Sebastian delivering him since the midwife was late. He weighed 6#11oz.

He was baptized on December 16, 2018, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Michael Harber. His godparents are Jason and Christina Winschel.

### Angus Joseph Jacobs

Angus was born at home on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, with a midwife attending. He weighed 7#5oz.

He was baptized on December 26, 2020, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Nicholas McManus. His godparents are Joseph and Brenda Goldade.

Simon Marcel Peter Jacobs

Simon was born on Thursday, July 14, 1994, at 11:45 p.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 8#5.6oz and was 20 ¼ "long.

He was baptized on July 17, 1994, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Fr. Carlos Urrutigoity. His godparents are Shawn Jacobs and Brenda Jacobs Goldade.

He made his First Holy Communion on September 30, 2001, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Francis Gallagher.

He was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, on April 18, 2006. His sponsor was Scott Jacobs and he took the name Peter.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in St. Marys, KS, in May 2012.

He graduated from Wahpeton School of Science with a John Deere technician degree in 2014.

He married Brittney Wiesinger on November 19, 2022, in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Dominic May officiating. Their witnesses were Seth Jacobs and Cecilia Goldade.

Brittney Marie Rose Wiesinger

Brittney was born on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, to Shannon and Kara Wiesinger at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. She weighed 7lbs and 14oz.

She made her First Holy Communion and was conditionally baptized on March 19, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Nicholas McManus. Nicole Jacobs was her sponsor.

She was confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay at Our Lady of Good Success Catholic Church in Dickinson, ND, on April 3, 2022. Her sponsor was Madeline Hosek and she took the name Rose of Lima.

She married Simon Jacobs on November 19, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Dominic May. Their witnesses were Seth Jacobs and Cecilia Goldade.

Sancho Mario Dominic Jacobs

Sancho was born on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at 11:58 a.m. at West River Regional Hospital in Hettinger, ND. He weighed 8#10.4oz and was 20 ½” long. His blood type is A+.

He was baptized on July 21, 1996, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Watauga, SD, by Fr. Daniel Fullerton. His godparents are James and Diane Waliser.

He received his First Holy Communion on August 15, 2003, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Francis Gallagher.

He was confirmed on April 18, 2008, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson. His sponsor was Joseph Goldade and he took the name Dominic.

He graduated from St. Marys Academy in St. Marys, KS, in May 2015.

He married Medora Myers on November 12, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Dominic May. Their witnesses were Toby Sickler and Leighann Gunnar.

## Medora Gail Dymphna Kateri Myers

Medora was born on Monday, July 29, 1996, at Trinity Hospital in Minot, ND, to Darwin and Kimberly Myers. She weighed 6#6oz.

She was baptized on March 19, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, by Fr. Nicholas McManus. Her godparents were Cecilia Goldade and Jeremy Ova. She chose Dymphna as her baptismal name.

She received her First Holy Communion on March 19, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, from Fr. Nicholas McManus.

She was confirmed on April 3, 2022, at Our Lady of Good Success Catholic Church in Dickinson, ND, by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay. Her sponsor was Nicole Jacobs and she chose Kateri Tekawitha as her patron saint.

She married Sancho Jacobs on on November 12, 2022, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Mandan, ND, with Fr. Dominic May. Their witnesses were Toby Sickler and Leighann Gunnar.

## Old Family Stories...

## The Vukelic family by Robert Vukelic

My father Tome(Tony) Vukelic and Marija Klobucar were married at an early age. He had to serve in the Austrian Army for two years, even though he was married and had a family. This was the law under the Austria-Hungarian government. He had to learn the German Language while he served in the army. After he served his term in the army, he used to go to work in Germany or Austria in order to earn a living for his family. There was no available work where we lived. There was no industry of any kind. We had only a very small piece of farming land near the River Lika. That river is on the west coast of what is now Jugoslavia. That river overflowed frequently in the spring and would wash away everything that was planted. They then had to start all over again, prepare the soil and replant. It was a very hard life, so unless a person went out to work, it was a struggle. (Born in Gaspic about ten or fifteen miles from the Adriatic Sea.)

My father and mother managed to raise a family of seven children. The first child named Luja (Louise) died when she was a baby. The next one was Manda, then Mile (Emil), then Anna, then Joso (Joseph) and Bozo who died just at the time when he was beginning to say some words. After that father emigrated to the United States sometime in the spring of 1906, but before he left, another child was conceived and another boy was born on November 9 of that year who was named Bozo, the same as the one who died earlier.

It was a rough life for my mother. I remember her doing her wash and had to carry it on her back to the river to be rinsed, then take it back home to dry or left it along the river to dry on the river bank. I cannot remember, but evidently we did not have a well by our house along a very rocky road which lead to the forest.

We practically lived on corn bread, beans, barley and sauerkraut. White bread was not used because if there was any wheat it was sold and we had to live on corn bread. There was no meat or even lard. We were left with only a few sheep which lived under the house and we lived above them. In the back of my mind I think that we at one time had a cow, which I think was auctioned off for payment of a tax. Mother had to bring wood from the nearby forest on her back and it was quite a struggle all the way. There was no stove on which to cook. The food had to be cooked over an open fire place in the larger open part of the building with the kettle hanging on a chain from the ceiling. There was only one large room where we slept and was heated by a built-in heating oven for that room.

The only clothes I had was a little dress, no shoes until I was ready to come to the United States after mother sold all of our property. If I wanted to go out for a while in the winter time to watch some entertainment out near the main road, I had to borrow a pair of shoes from our friends who lived across the road from us.

My father came to the United States and settled in Minneapolis temporarily where his brother John was living at the time. He went to work in the forests and mines in the State of Minnesota and sent money home in Europe to support his family, which was alright, but land was then available in South Dakota for homesteading, so he filed a claim on 160 acres of land six miles south of Thunder Hawk, South Dakota and shared it with the Steve Sporich family with whom he lived after coming to the United States. They



built a sod house, plowed the amount of land required and settled there. They had to live there at least six months out of a year in order to claim the land after three years. He did not send anymore money to us in Europe any more because he had to put it all into the homestead and my mother had a rough time of feeding her family.

Father finally decided to send for his family to come to the United States, The family with the exception of Mile(Emil) arrived in New York and from there rode the train to Thunder Hawk, South Dakota in the latter part of May of 1914. Brother Emil was detained because he was of the age when he would have to serve in the Austrian Army, but somehow he was released later and arrived in Morrystown, South Dakota. For some reason he was left off of the train there instead of Thunder Hawk. Since he could not speak English, he was referred to Nick Nicksic, a native of Croatia and spoke our language. He was a section foreman and lived in the house there which was furnished him by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad.

Nick directed him to us and after that he came to visit us and became acquainted with my sister Manda and they were married in January of 1915. There was a lot of snow on the ground at that time and the wedding party was riding in a sleigh which tipped over throwing all of the people on the ground, but no one was hurt and they were married that day in Lemmon, South Dakota.

Tony Tomac was in the Thunder Hawk area during the harvest season looking for work and somehow found out about our family. He was also from Europe near to where I was born and spoke the Croatian language. He used to come and visit with us so that he became acquainted with my sister Anna, and they were married early in the winter of 1916. He worked where ever he could, mostly on the railroad. Later he filed a claim on a piece of land south of the town of Morrystown and they finally moved there and raised a wonderful family of seven children. It was very difficult but gradually they were able to survive and lived through some very bad times like the dry years of the 30's and many years of drought and difficulties, but they pulled through and won in spite of the awful conditions, especially in that part of South Dakota.

The first fall of 1914, Joe, Anna and Bozo(Bob) went to the Brodigan School which was just a lean-to attached to Mrs. Brodigan's house. She was our teacher and had a very large family of her own. Her husband left her with nine children. After the Brodigans left the farm, Nick Nicksic moved that house to his place and lived in it until he moved to Arizona to be with sister Manda who had moved there much earlier on account of her health. The house which was moved from the Brodigan place to their farm was torn down by his son John who took over their farm.

The following year, the fall of 1915, a school was opened in the vacant house across the road which was built by a previous homesteader and left it. Our teacher at that time was Martha Peterson. She and her sister Ethel used the back portion of that building during the week and went home for the weekends which was not very far east of our home. I Bob went to that school for a while then transferred to the town of Morrystown where I stayed with sister Manda and Nick Nicksic. Nick was a section foreman for the railroad and was furnished the house for his use. The following year Nick was assigned the foremanship in the town of Thunder Hawk and I attended school there and my teacher was Cora Gilbert.

When we went to the Brodigan school in the fall of 1914, Joe was a dare-devil. The children dared him to stick his tongue on the water pump during the cold winter, which he did and the skin of his tongue was left on the pump. In the fall of that year there was a big prairie fire while we were in school and the teacher did not let us go home for fear that we would be caught in the fire, but Joe was very stubborn and would not listen to her, so we all followed him home which was about 2 ½ miles across the prairie and we did not get caught in the fire which was very close to our home just at the top of the hill.

In the summer of 1917 the Sporich family sold their 80 acres of land to Nick Nicksic and we also sold our 80 acres of land to him. The Sporich family moved to Malta, Montana and our family moved later six miles further south near our neighbor the Kvale family.

Nick gave up his job as Section Foreman and moved to the farm which he bought from us. That fall I attended the new Brodigan school which was built one-half mile east of the old Brodigan house.

In 1918 I started to go to school while living with Tony and Anna Tomac about twenty miles south of Morrystown. The school was a couple of miles west across the breaks. There was no road and I had to walk there. There was no such thing as busses to take me there. I did not go to that school very long when the well known flu broke out. I then moved to the Nicksic home and began to go to the Brodigan school. I had to walk about 2 ½ miles across the prairie. Soon after that their school was also closed on account of the flu. In the meantime Anna Tomac came to the Nicksic's home and brought with her Tom who was almost two years old, and baby Rose who was less than two months old. As soon as she came there both of the women became sick with the flu. This meant that Nick and I had to take care of them and do all the chores around the farm. Both of us were well and were not affected by the flu. The children stayed well with the exception of little Mary Nicksic who was about six or eight months old. She died and was buried in the Lemmon, South Dakota cemetery. I don't know how both of my sisters were able to nurse their babies because they were so sick. At that time, especially on the farm, I can't remember that babies were fed by milk from a bottle and I'm almost sure that they were nursed. Of course Tom and Dan were over the nursing age. Nick's friend went by train to Baker, Montana and brought some whiskey. I hid a small bottle of it under my mattress so that the men would not drink it all, but over-night the cork fell out and I lost the whiskey. In those days corks were not made like they are now. I wanted my sisters to get well soon and in spite of it, they did.

My father was at home six miles south of the Nicksic home, or twelve miles south of Thunder Hawk, South Dakota and was not affected by the flu so that he was able to take care of mother and brother Emil who were very sick. People young and old were dying all around us. There were no doctors or medications available in the rural areas. The only thing that helped was whiskey, but we could not get it because of the prohibition and South Dakota was dry. People were eating garlic so that they would not get the flu, but many of them died. My mother and brother Emil were at our house and had the flu real bad. Emil got better, but mother was so sick that the high temperature caused her teeth to loosen up so that she was able to pull them out with her fingers, but that left only the shell which caused her much trouble. She also lost much of her hair. Father was not sick and tended to them the best he could and all survived at our home. After the flu was over the Brodigan school reopened and I finished that year at

that school, I did not go back to stay with sister Anna and Tony to finish that year. My teacher at that time was Cora Gilbert.

In the fall of 1919 I stayed at home and rode a horse 4 ½ miles one way to what was then called the Clark school which was located about a quarter mile east of the old Clark home where I left my horse in their barn and brought him a bag of oats for his lunch. My teacher there was Mrs. Kinsey who lived a mile or so south east of the school. She had a young son by the name of Leon. They moved later back to their previous home in Dana, Iowa. During the heavy snow in the winter time I could not ride the horse so I missed school until the roads were reopened.

In 1920 the Paris school opened and I attended that school which was a little closer, but I still had to ride a horse about three miles one way except when the snow was too deep, then I walked across the prairie on top of the snow which had a very heavy crust on it and I did not sink into it. My teacher for that period was Clara Pearson.

In the school year 1921-1922, I attended the Paris school and the teacher was Margaret Fish. She now lives in Burbank, California and some times I stop in and see her and her family there. This was my last year of schooling in South Dakota because at end of school year I moved to the Chicago area where I lived with my brother Emil, his wife and little son Ed. in the suburb of Cicero, Illinois. That was a year or so after my mother died in January of 1921. I lived with brother Emil and his family until September, 1924. He moved with his family back to Thunder Hawk, South Dakota where he ran a pool and recreation hall. Just before brother moved to the Chicago area, my father remarried after mother died and brought from Chicago Mary Papich and her young daughter and son. Since brother Emil studied to be a barber while living in the Chicago area, he did do some barbering in addition to his other duties. My Aunt and her husband left for Europe about the same time in September 1924, then I boarded with some friends until they came back from Europe about three months later because they were not satisfied with the conditions of the country there. After that I went to live with them on the west side of Chicago for about three years before moving to Cicero, Illinois and I stayed with them until I enlisted in the United States Navy in March of 1942 as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class petty officer and served until March of 1946, or four full years. I received my training in Great Lake Illinois. After the training of about three weeks was transferred to Boston, Mass where I awaited an assignment. After about 2 ½ months I was assigned to the Naval Base of three different stations, the Naval, Marine, and Air, in Guanatanamo, Cuba where I served for 21 months. During that time I was promoted to first class petty officer and later was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio after my 30 day leave. There I served in the Payroll Disbursements office of the Diesel Training School and stayed there until the school was closed way after the second world war was over and I was discharged in March 1946 at the Great Lakes, Illinois Training Station. After being discharged I went back to work for the HOTPOINT Company in Chicago in their main office in the accounting department.

In 1956 the Hotpoint Company was decentralized and I was given the position of Manager of the Personnel Accounting of the Commercial Equipment Department which was transferred to the General Electric Company, and their offices were eventually moved to Chicago Heights, Illinois about thirty miles south of Chicago where I worked until the fall of 1966 after commuting to my home in Cicero, Illinois. I

was transferred back to the Hotpoint Company in Chicago. That transfer was per my request due to conditions at home in Cicero where I lived most of the time and stayed there until I retired on January 1, 1968, and my Aunt with whom I lived, died on January 3, 1968.

This is going back a ways which I forgot to mention. I was still working for the Edison Electric Appliance Company when in the fall of 1929 a friend of mine by the name of John Ochsner rode the train to the west coast and settled in Los Angeles. Both of us worked for the Security National Bank until I was getting home sick and quit in the early part of June, 1930. I took a bus as far as Spokane, Washington. From there I took a train to Libby, Montana where I spent some time with my brother Joe and his family, then I took the train on to South Dakota where I spent some more time visiting my relatives. I came to Chicago, but without my knowing how bad things were in the middle of a big depression and I could not return to work for the Edison Electric Appliance Company, or any where else. I wrote to my brother Joe about my problem. He was living in Libby, Montana and working for the J. Niels Lumber Company. He did not work very steady due to the depression, but it was better than nothing and other work was hard to find. He wrote for me to come to his home and he would send me money for the train fare. I went there in June of 1931 and stayed there until June of 1933 when I went by train to Chicago after Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president of our nation. I could not find work for a while, but eventually in October of 1933 I did go back to work for the Edison Appliance Company in their factory for about two years because the office job was not available at that time. Later I was transferred to the general office in their accounting department. I worked in that office until March, 1942 when I enlisted in the U.S. Navy because we were at war after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

I received a very short basic training at the Great Lakes, Illinois Naval Training Station and after a very short time of training for about three weeks I was sent to Boston, Mass, where I waited for an assignment. I was finally sent to the Naval Base of Guantanamo, Cuba after waiting a long time in Norfolk, Virginia for transportation. I stayed in Cuba until the summer of 1944. While there I came back to the U.S. a couple of times on 30 day leaves and each time was flown to either Miami or Cocoa Beach, Florida. After coming back to the states from Cuba on a 30 day leave I was assigned to the Diesel Training School in Cleveland, Ohio where I stayed until after the second world war was over and was discharged in the Great Lakes, Illinois Naval Training Station in March of 1946 after serving four full years. I went back to work for Edison Electric Appliance Company until some changes were made in the distribution of various departments and was transferred to the General Electric Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois where I stayed until I asked for a transfer back to Hotpoint Company, Edison was a subsidiary of General Electric Company and still is, but operating in Chicago, Cicero, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I stayed with Hotpoint until I retired on January 1, 1968. My Aunt died on January 3, but I stayed in Cicero, Illinois almost two years after being retired when I decided to move west where it is warmer and lived for five months with my brother-in-law Nick Nicksic in Phoenix, Arizona then moved to Los Angeles, California in May of 1970, and am still there. It is good to get away from the snow, ice and freezing weather. The climate is good, but the area is getting so very crowded and crime ridden and getting worse every day. I think that Edison Electric was changed to Hotpoint in 1933.

This article is written of George Kilzer, the father of our grandfather, Stefan Kilzer by Agnes Pekas

Mein Leberslauf

By Joseph Kilzer

Due to repeated wars between German and France for the possession of Alsace-Lorraine, the inhabitants of that territory lived in a continued dread of losing their lives and property and it did not take very much coaxing on the part of the governments of Russia and Hungary, who offered free homesteads and remission of taxes, etc. etc.

Thus it came about that quite a number of these people pulled stakes with their families at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup>(1805-06) century and some moved to Hungary and others to Russia. With road and transportation facilities as they then existed, it was quite an undertaking, and wrought with many hardships and dangers.

Among those who thus left Alsace-Lorraine were some of our ancestors and they settled along a stream in southern Hungary and called the village "Deutsch Benshek", as on the other side of the same stream another village was started and called "Roman Benshek". However, not being too well versed in sanitary conditions and climate, they soon learned to their sorrow that malaria and other sickness was reducing their ranks and they again pulled up stakes and moved their village to higher and better drained ground about two miles south.

The mounds of the original town are still visible, but are grown over with grass now. Deutsch Benshek is located in the District of Vinga and Komitat Temes, with the city of Temesvar 25 kilometers S.W. of the capitol. To the west is Bruckenau, a German village, to the south Janova, Romanian; to the east Hernjakova, Romanian, and S.W., Jahrmarkt (Gjarmata) and in going from Deutsch Benshek to Temesvar, we had to skirt Gjarmata.

Gjarmata seemed to have been settled considerably earlier than Benshek. It seems that the Kilzer family came from Gjarmata first, and father's sister married a man in Benshek and came there to live, but bringing with her a young brother left an orphan; our father, George Kilzer.

When he grew to manhood, he too married a young neighbor girl named Kaiser. She died when her first child was born and so did the child. Some time later, father married Suzanna Andor and they had 10 children. The oldest, Josef, died when he was 21 years old; –then there were Stefan, Peter, Ludwig, Michael, Julia, John, Frank, Josef and Anna. Anna died in infancy.

Father, George Kilzer, was born in Gjarmata April 24, 1830 and died Aug. 10, 1883 from dropsy from which he suffered for many years. Mother was born Susanna Andor 1834 and died June 6, 1884 from a heart attack. She had one sister Anna (Wes Miedel) married to John Wagner and one half-brother Neu, who lived next door to us.

After the death of our parents, all but the 3 youngest were married and able to take care of themselves, but the three were shifted around from one to the other till they passed through grade school.

About that time a young man named John Braun who came from Sakalhaza married into our village and settled down to stay. He was very skilled and enterprising, being a first-class stone mason and brick-layer, an expert bone-setter, tanner and maker of caps; besides all of these he had a small store, which his wife took care of. He was also an expert bricklayer and bone-specialist and had quite a reputation as such. He read very extensively and in 1889 he closed out everything and left for the U.S.A. At that time that was considered as another world and people shook their heads in disapproval. But after a year he wrote fantastic letters of the wonderful opportunities and sent money for the fare of his brother-in-law with family, Peter Mayer, and also for a lock-smith (Michael Scharick) and his family.

He kept up correspondence with brothers Stefan and Peter and sent them samples of his wheat(durum) which seemed so much larger then our own and harder. As land in our vicinity was very dear and hard to get and in North Dakota 160 acres could be had for nothing, that was quite an inducement, and so a number of families left Hungary in January 1892 and sailed for the U.S.A. (Frank came with Stefan and I with Peter.)

They were:-Stefan Kilzer; Peter Kilzer; Martin Roth; Emerich Koenig; George Hubert; and Martin Andor. Our route by train was via Temesvar, Budapest, Vienna, Leipzig and Bremen, where we embarked on the North-German Lloyd steamer "Hohenzollern" for Baltimore, Md. The trip was rather rough and took us 16 days across the Atlantic and we landed in Baltimore Feb. 13, 1892. From there we went by train via Chicago and St. Paul and arrived in Richardton Feb. 17, 1892.

It was late afternoon when we arrived, and Mike Scharik was waiting for us. As there were so many of us, and no hotel, we were taken to an old school house with a large round-bellied stove in it and all our packs piled in. We all slept on the floor, but roasted on one side and froze on the other side. The stove was kept red hot all night.

Next morning we were up early and the men looked for a better place to stay. Old Sebastian Mischel, father of A.S. Mischel (who owned the whole town) showed them a building with only single boards on outside; he gave them lumber, nails and hammers and they got busy finishing the inside. About that time Mr. John Braun showed up with an ox-team and told us to all come out to his place;-some could stay up with him and the rest could stay below, which we took to be a two story house, but it really was a dug-out up on the hillside and a fair house lower down. However it was warm and we managed till spring when we looked around for homesteads and found them where St. Stefan is now.

No surveyor being available, the men bought rope and used it for surveying. To their credit it must be said that it proved a year later when the government surveyors re-surveyed the same area, they were very near correct.

## The Stefan Kilzer Family History

Stefan Kilzer and Margareth (Kirchner)Kilzer, his wife, were born in a little German village called Deutsch Benschek in the Banat (Hungary) now Romania. Mr. Kilzer was born October 21, 1856, and his wife Margareth was born November 11, 1860. They were married in their little village Church on November 11, 1879. Not seeing any future for their growing family they decided to leave their homeland and come to North Dakota, which at that time was calling for settlers to settle its vast prairies. So Mr. and Mrs. Kilzer and their four children Maria now (Mrs. Jacob Schreiber), Katherine now (Mrs. Jacob Gion), Margareth now (Mrs. Michael Gion) and Stephan Jr. deceased, and Grandmother Kirchner (mother of Mrs. Kilzer) together with five other families, namely Mr. Kilzer's brothers, Peter and his family, Frank and Joseph; Mr. Martin Roth and his family (brother-in-law to Stefan Kilzer); Emerich Koenig and family; George Hubert and family and Martin Andor and family all from the little village of Benschek.

They bid their relatives and friends farewell on the 23 of January 1892 and sailed for their New Home in America. It took them 21 days to cross the ocean. And when they had sailed for 10 days the Stefan Kilzer family had a new member added to their group. A son was born on the ocean and they named him Frank. He was only conditionally baptized as there was no Priest aboard.

After sailing a rather stormy sea they arrived in Baltimore, Maryland on February 13, 1892. They then traveled by railroad to Richardton, North Dakota where they arrived on February 17, 1892. Here they were greeted by some fellowmen which had come over several years before and had very little to share with the new comers. But what they had they did share wholeheartedly and that was their meek and poor homes.

The Stefan Kilzer family went about thirteen miles south of Richardton to stay with the John Brauns. Here they had their first pioneer experience. The Brauns lived in a dugout on the side of a hill that sheltered also the little stock. The Brauns owned oxen, cattle and chickens. First was the animals quarters then a tunnel led into their living quarters which was a large room serving as kitchen, living and bedroom. Here Mrs. Kilzer with her infant made her bed with home woven mattress sack filled with straw on the floor of the room and the rest found places wherever they could even under the roost of the chickens. Being the middle of winter there was little chance to get out as the weather was very cold and there was snow. The pioneers were not dressed and prepared for the severe cold. In May of 1892 the men went out to look for a location for their new homes. They walked for miles as they had no other means to get around. At last they picked a space for their home about 16 ½ miles south of Richardton, where they started to build as soon as the weather permitted. Their houses and other buildings they made out of board studdings covered with sod, brush, hay and ground for the roof, which was not very rain-proof. The ranchers that had their herds of cattle roaming the prairies did not like to see the vast territory inhabited by new settlers therefore giving the poor pioneers a hard time. Many mornings the men would return to their building project and found to their surprise what they had built the day before was destroyed during the night. But they did not give up, they just started all over again. At last they had a little hut they called home. The next thing they did they dug a well. All the men went together and dug with pick and spade. They dug several deep wells before they succeeded in getting water. They dug one which furnished the water for all families. Now here they were with no Church to

worship GOD and no place to send their children to school. So they did instruct them in their own homes in Religion and educated them as best they could. Many a mother exclaimed "Oh God what will become of my children without a Priest, Church or school. Why did we ever leave our dear home?" But they did have the faith in God and as time went on they were notified that a Catholic Priest was to come to Richardton so they took their children and drove in a wagon pulled by oxen and had them baptized so here was where this little ocean-born heathen finally was baptized and with him a group of other infants and children, some big enough they wanted to hold their own candles.

If we only had a place to worship God was there next thought. And this most important wish was granted when they got notice that a Catholic Priest was coming to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and also give them a chance to receive the sacraments. How happy were those poor pioneers that God had not forsaken them and their families. The first Holy Mass was said in the sod house of Stefan Kilzer and then later on they changed off and Mass was said in different homes. More and more settlers came, mostly German Hungarians and in 1900 they agreed to build a little stone Church from the native stones. Stefan Kilzer donated the tract of land where the Church was built on.

The late Bishop Werhle was their Missionary at the time and he suggested they should choose the Patron Saint for their Church St. Stephan, King of Hungary. So this is St. Stephan's Church, replaced by a new Church.

As the years went by the families increased and in 1900 the Stefan Kilzer family numbered nine children. Those born here in North Dakota are Anna (Mrs. Albert Gion), Mariane (Mrs. Frank Gion), Elizabeth and Dr. George J. Kilzer the dentist in Richardton.

Mr. Stefan Kilzer died on September 25, 1938 at his home that he built out of Native Stone in 1898.  
Mrs. Stefan Kilzer died February 23, 1957

Frank died November 5, 1929

Stephen A. died September 18, 1950

Maria died February 8, 1960

Margareth died September 22, 1958

Mariane died April 27, 1936

George J. died October 26, 1963

Anna died November 19, 1965

Katherine died October 25, 1966

Elizabeth died December 11, 1977

Regina born September 2, 1902, died September 16, 1902



## Reflections for S. Alberta Gion

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It is indeed an honor and a privilege for me to give the reflections for S. Alberta who has been a member of this community longer than any of our Sisters alive today. She has been a powerful witness of God's love.

Anna was born in Buzias, Hungary on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1887, to Jacob and Katherine Gion. She was the 7<sup>th</sup> of 13 children. From her youth, Anna showed great love for prayer and learning. When, as often happened, she had to miss school because she was needed at home, she shed bitter tears. Her parents were not wealthy and saw little opportunity for advancement for themselves and their children in Hungary. So, in S. Alberta's words, "...they decided to take advantage of the opportunity of the then 'Promised Land' the United States of America." The Gion's sent her two oldest brothers, Jacob and Michael, to explore the opportunities to be found in this 'Promised Land'. They began working in the East, but soon traveled out West to the untamed land of North Dakota where Jacob became a cowboy and Michael worked for a sheep rancher. Again quoting S. Alberta, "The two boys earned more money than they had ever dreamed of and so their descriptions were so much to the liking of the parents that two years later on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1900, the family embarked for America." Anna was 13. They traveled across the ocean and then across this new land, and settled in a sod house which had been procured by her brothers about 7 miles south of Gladstone where they spent the winter. S. Alberta writes, "On November 1<sup>st</sup>...we offered the Holy Mass in thanksgiving for our deliverance and our preservation in a small sod church...about six miles from our home. Thank God, the winter was mild for we were not prepared for the cold and the blizzards North Dakota often has in store." The following spring they moved south about 35 miles where they established a sheep ranch. They were truly pioneers! The life was demanding, but they worked together and relied on God's protection. The long distances did not keep them from weekly Mass. By wagon and horse team they traveled the 16 miles to church every Sunday.

S. Alberta writes, "A spark of love for the life of the Sisters slumbered in my heart since my early childhood when I had overheard my mother telling about Sisters to a neighbor lady." Anna actually saw Sisters for the first time when she visited her sister, Klara (the mother of Srs. Philomene and Laetitia), in Richardton, where in the winter months she attended St. Mary's school which was staffed by our sisters.

In 1908, at the age of 21, Anna Gion arrived here at Sacred Heart Convent, much to the delight of her parents, but much to the dismay of her brothers. Anna embraced the life of the Sisters with joy and vigor. She delighted in the opportunity to learn, she performed her duties with enthusiasm, and she loved taking part in the Divine Office.

During the second year of her Novitiate, S. Alberta began her long career as a teacher. She considered herself ill-prepared, but trusted in God's providence to suffice where she was lacking. From 1924-1956, in her words, "she struggled to attain an education to become a fit teacher". S. Alberta was an extremely dedicated and a most effective teacher. In her biography, she remarks, "...in Garrison, ND, I had in grades six, seven and eight, thirty-seven pupils. Can't see yet how I did it. Some mothers

remarked that this was the first year the children had learned something. Self-praise? No. I do not take the credit to myself for God knows my limitations. If I did succeed in anything, it was His work.” She was proud of the fact that during her 59 years of teaching, she missed only 10 days of school due to illness.

In 1969, realizing that she could no longer meet the demands of teaching children, she asked to be relieved of her duties and returned to the motherhouse. S. Alberta was 87. In the summer of that same year, she began a 6-week course in Nursing Aid Training. The day after completing the course, she began (quote) “giving relief, assistance, encouragement, and pleasure to the sick. (continuing the quote) I can truthfully say that the staff and patients were well pleased with the care I was able to give the sick. I never received as much recognition for any professional work as I did in nursing aid work, a recompense for a duty cheerfully fulfilled.” S. Alberta worked as an aid at Sacred Heart Hospital and at the hospitals in Tyndall and Parkston until June, 1974 when, at the age of 87, she once again returned to the motherhouse and retired to the infirmary, where she began a special prayer ministry with our infirmed Sisters, a ministry which she continued until her death.

Among her accomplishments, in addition to her years as an excellent teacher and nursing aid, S. Alberta is remembered as having been one of the foundresses of Madonna Home in Lincoln, Nebraska. She also proudly represented Trinity Junior High School of Hartington in 1957, when it received the Freedom Foundation Award for outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life. This meant a trip for her and one of the students to New York City, Washington D.C., and Valley Forge.

Sister Alberta was family oriented. She loved her family very much. She treasured their visits and their correspondence. And when she received care packages from home, they were opened and shared with excitement.

She stayed in contact with many of her former students. Many would visit her. She was delighted when some of them entered religious life.

S. Alberta was community-minded. She eagerly responded to all requests. John 6:38, quoted in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Rules, describes her zeal and her uncompromising obedience. “I have come not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.” S. Alberta’s Individual Ministry Report for the year 79-80 listed “God” as her employer. She could be sent anywhere to minister, and she was! Her mission experience was vast. She was happy which made it easy to live with her. One of her superiors commented that whenever parishioners stopped by with a load of pheasants or produce, S. Alberta was always the first to dawn her apron.

A terrific sense of humor was one of the many treasures to be found in the personality of S. Alberta. In her later years, she used a walker down the hall, she would frequently toot this horn. The shrill sound would often startle, and usually, delight those she met on her way. She would smile and savour these encounters.

Only a few weeks ago, during one of my conversations with S. Alberta, she began to speak in German. I responded, "Sister, you are speaking in German and I do not understand German." She looked at me with that familiar twinkle in her eye and said, "If you do not understand German, how do you know that I am speaking in German?" I was taken totally by surprise at her answer and I burst into laughter. Obviously delighted with herself, a large smile spread across her tiny face, her eyes disappeared, and she began to laugh too.

S. Alberta was dedicated to the Benedictine way of life. She lived the Rule without compromise as she was able. Without reservation, she presented herself to the Lord's service. Quoting her words, "Whether my assignment was work, studies or teaching, I never tired but enjoyed it. If it is God's Holy Will, I shall continue on doing these acts of obedience as long as my superiors see it possible for me to be of any use or capable of performing them." She loved the Divine Office, she was faithful to personal prayer, and she delighted in the scriptures. When her eyes began to fail, S. Alberta used a "large-print" edition of the scriptures. It was not uncommon to find her moved to tears after reading certain passages.

Indeed, the scripture passages selected for this evening's liturgy reflect the life of our dear S. Alberta. Her heart was surely sealed with relentless love for her God. For His sake, she forfeited everything. She ran the race, and God-willing, this day is grasping the prize, "life on high with Christ." (Phil 3:14) "Blest are they who hear the word of God and keep it." (Lk 11:28)

I am sure that many of us remember walking by her room and hearing her call to us. S. Alberta, we ask that you would continue calling us; calling us to a life of faithful and dedicated ministry; calling us to a life guided by the Rule of St. Benedict; calling us to the scriptures and to a life of Gospel values; calling us to eternal life and eternal glory with the Father.

