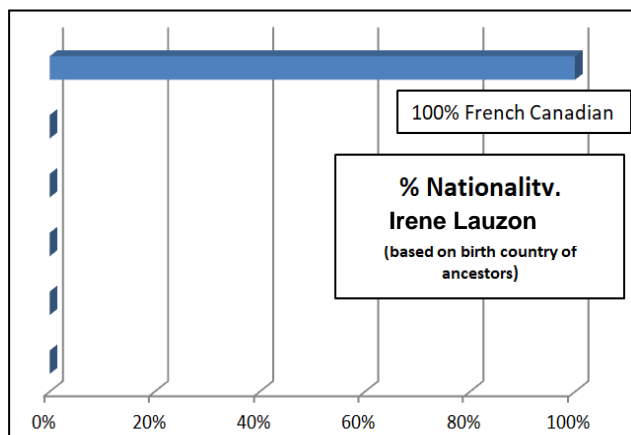


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Irene Lauzon & Joe Seifert

Please refer to the Biography of John & Marceline Lauzon for additional information about Irene prior to her marriage.



Irene, Circa 1923



Irene, Circa 1925



Irene, Circa 1925

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Irene's Early Work

Irene worked for several years as a case liner at the Wheary Trunk Company at 1511 16th Street in Racine [9]. The company had offices in the Empire State Building in NYC and manufactured "America's Finest Wardrobe" trunks.



"He should have been a woman; he always tries to get the last word."
S. C. A. CASHIER

Joe Seifert, 1932
Washington Park HS, Racine

Joe Seifert's Early Life

Joseph William Seifert was born on April 7, 1914 in Racine to Frank and Anna Seifert. Please see Chapter 2A for biographical sketches of Joe and his parents and ancestors.

Joe lived in Racine all his life. He graduated from Racine Washington Park High School in 1932. In 1939 Joe lived with his parents at 2100 Carmel Avenue.



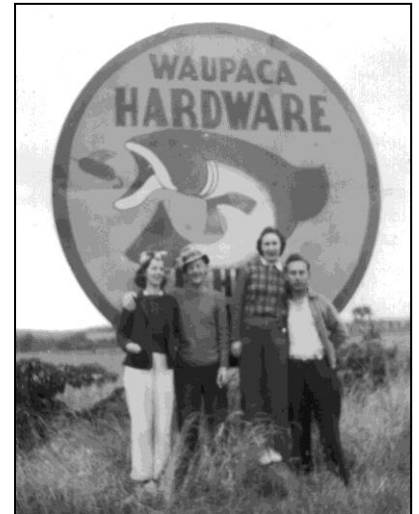
Irene Lauzon & Joe Seifert, 1938



Irene & Marine, 1938



Irene, 1932



Irene & Joe with friends
in Waupaca - 1938



Irene & Joe at Racine's Windy
Knoll Ski Jump, 1938

A ski job was built in 1925 in Racine's Colonial Park. It regularly had a dangerous wind blowing from north-east so the jump was not used much in completion; Fell into disuse as public interest shifted toward downhill skiing in the 1930s; Removed after WWII



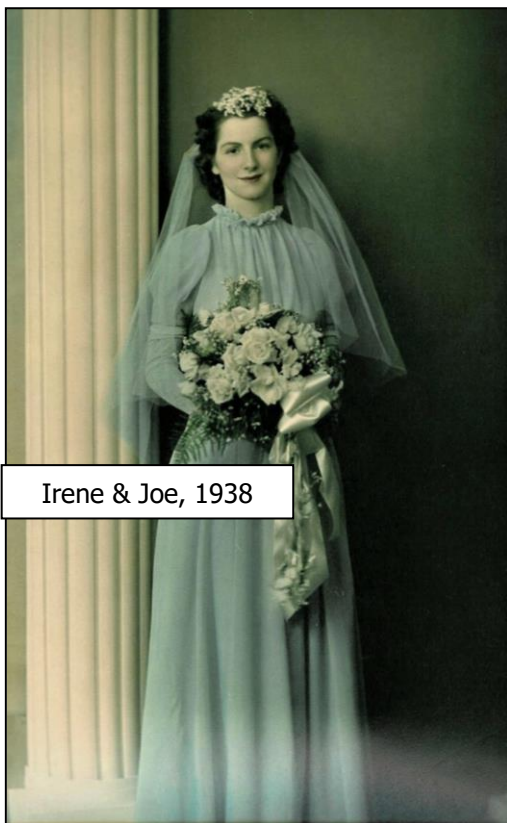
Joe Seifert, Circa 1939

IRENE MARRIES JOSEPH SEIFERT

Irene Lauzon & Joe Seifert were married at Holy Name Church by Fr. J. Schneider on May 20, 1939. After they were married the couple rented a house at 2828½ Gillen Street.



Irene & Joe's Wedding Party:
Albert Lauzon, Gene Fox, Joseph & Irene, Johanna Van Bogart, Marie Lauzon



Irene & Joe, 1938





Irene, Joe and Marceline



Johanna van Bogart & Charlie



Johanna, Irene, Marie

Couple Goes To Dells After Rites

Miss Irene Lauzon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lauzon of 4133 Victory avenue, pronounced the vows on Saturday morning which made her the bride of Joseph W. Seifert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seifert, 2100 Carmel avenue.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Schneider at 9 a. m. at Holy Name church which was decorated with spring flowers. Ice blue chiffon was the choice of the bride for her wedding gown which fell to a full skirt from a full bodice.

Carries Roses.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, sweetpeas and lilies of the valley. Her fingertip veil matched her gown and a cluster of lilies of the valley trimmed her blue headpiece.

Miss Johanna Van Bogart, as maid of honor, was frocked in peach chiffon with a full skirt and a sweetheart neckline. Her headpiece held a large bow from which fell long streamers. Her flowers were yellow roses and sweetpeas.

Best man was Gene Fox and Albert Lauzon, brother of the bride, ushered. Music was sung by the Holy Name children's choir. Breakfast was served at Hotel Nelson after the ceremony and 50 guests congratulated the young couple at the home of the bride's parents during the afternoon.

Trip to Dells.

The newlyweds will spend a week at Wisconsin Dells before they return to make their home at 2826 Gillen street. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. Speilbauer, Cudahy; Mr. and Mrs. R. Kittson with Joan, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Walters, Chicago; Yvonne M. Lauzon, Milwaukee.

Showers honoring the bride before her marriage were given by Alice Morrisch and Lola Hanson; Mrs. Marie Wills, Johanna Van Bogart; and Bernice and Marie Lauzon.

World War II & Joe's Work

In 1940 he worked as a clerk in Sturevant, Wisconsin at the Albert Jensen Grocery Store. He worked his way up to being a meat cutter.

In 1940, prior to U.S. entry into World War II, the first peacetime draft in the nation's history was enacted in response to increased world tension. Joe's August 1940, draft registration card showed him to be 5'-8" tall, weighing 140 pounds, with light complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair.

Renee recalled that her Mother told the kids that during the war all the relatives would come to the store

SERIAL NUMBER 905	NAME (Print) JOSEPH WILLIAM SEIFERT	ORDER NUMBER 1591
2. ADDRESS (Print) 2100 CARMEL AVE RACINE RACINE WISC		
3. TELEPHONE JACKSON 3574	4. AGE IN YEARS 26	5. PLACE OF BIRTH RACINE
6. DATE OF BIRTH APR 7 1914		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS JOSEPH SEIFERT		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON WIFE
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 2100 CARMEL AVE RACINE RACINE WISC		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME ALBERT JENSEN-GROCE		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS STUREVANT RACINE WISC		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1 10-17105 <i>Joseph W. Seifert</i>		

REGISTRAR'S REPORT			
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
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Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Hazel <input type="checkbox"/>	Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark <input type="checkbox"/>
Philippine <input type="checkbox"/>	Brown <input type="checkbox"/>	Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Freckled <input type="checkbox"/>
	Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	Light brown <input type="checkbox"/>
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Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification..... <i>None</i>			
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:			
<i>Doris G. Gorman</i> Registrar for _____ Date of registration <i>Oct 16 - 1940</i>			

where Joe worked to buy food with their ration coupons because her Daddy always took really good care of them [15]



Irene, Circa 1940

The Early Seifert Family

Suzanne Seifert was born on Feb 23, 1940. Suzanne was a very beautiful and healthy baby, says her proud mom.



Irene & Sue, Visiting at 1435 Victory, 1940



Joe & Sue, 1940

Two more girls, Pat and Gail, were added to the Seifert family in 1942 and 1943.



**Suzanne Mary Seifert
(Pettit)**

1940–



**Patricia ("Pat") Seifert
(Holub)**

1943–



**Gail Kathleen Seifert
(Sapp, Jones)**

1943–



Irene & Gail, 1943

Aunt Bernice and Uncle Frank Jozwik visited when he came home from active duty. He sat Pat on his lap and taught her to say “the sco is foty fo to fo” because Pat talked with a southern accent. Pat also vaguely remembered sitting on his lap and having an accident and wetting his uniform, which was prickly wool. [14]

LIFE ON CARMAL AVE

Joe’s father and mother lived at 2100 Carmel Avenue in Racine when his mother died in late January, 1940. Joe and Irene moved in with Frank so he wouldn’t be alone. At the time Frank worked as a janitor at Walker Manufacturing [10].

Pat Seifert Holub recalled that her first memories were of living on Carmel Avenue, where her Mother and Daddy lived with Grandpa Frank Seifert in his little house. There were 8 people living in a little house, but they had a lot of good times. Grandpa had one bedroom, Joe and Irene had the other. At night Renee and Roberta both slept in the same crib, while Sue, Gail and Pat slept on a roll-away bed that was stored in the bedroom and moved into the living room at bedtime. That didn’t interfere with anyone watching TV at night because they didn’t have one. Instead, they listened to The Lone Ranger on the radio. [14]

Joe continued to work at the Jensen Grocery Store in Sturevant throughout the 1940s as a meat cutter.

One Sunday afternoon the 3 older Seifert girls were playing outside and got into their Daddy’s car, which was an older pre-war model that had the



Irene with Pat, Gail & Sue at 2100 Carmel

coolest big fabric pockets the in the back doors. They pretended they were driving and somehow the emergency brake got released. The car started rolling backward on the street that sloped all the way to a big hill by Holy Communion Church. The girls rushed into the house to tell him what happen and he ran out, hopped in while the car was rolling, and managed to stop it. Pat didn't remember what their punishment was, but they certainly never did that again. [14]



Irene, with Sue, Gail & Pat, Circa 1946

The family was a member of St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church and Irene was active in Christian Ladies. [6]

On Carmel Avenue milk was delivered by a horse and wagon and they always hoped the horse wouldn't poop in front of our house.[14]

While living on Carmel Avenue, Grandpa bought Irene an ironing mangle for Christmas. It was a deluxe sit-down model and she became a pro using it. At that time the family did not have a clothes dryer to fluff things up after going through the wringer washer. There wasn't any wash and wear clothing back then; only white dress shirts and little girls dresses with ruffles. She even ironed the sheets and underwear. At least Irene could sit down while ironing her heart away. [14]

Grandpa Frank had a huge concord grape vine and a huge pear tree in the back yard. In summer they picked grapes and made grape jelly, sealing the jars with melted paraffin wax. In the fall they picked pears using equipment that Grandpa designed to reach the top branches. It was a long clothes pole with an empty tin can attached at the top. All you did was put it up under a pear, gave it a twist, and try to keep it in the can on the way down. If the pears were not ripe yet, they had to wrap them individually in newspaper and store them in boxes in the garage until late October. Pat thought that the garage was originally a stable because it still had a dirt floor. The pears came out at Halloween and were used for treats. The kids ate their fill, and their mother canned them. All the canning went in the fruit cellar in the basement, which also had an octopus furnace and a dirt floor. [14]



Irene at Parent's 40th Anniversary, 1946

Grandpa Frank had grown up in Austria and had beautiful continental manners, such as how he held his fork in his left hand and knife in his right hand. He ate peas with his knife, which fascinated the children. [14]

At Christmas time he would teach the Seifert girls to sing “O Christmas Tree” in German, O Tannenbaum. [14]



Michael Spielbauer, Gail, Pat & Sue, Circa 1947

One place the Seifert girls liked to go in summer was the “witch’s house” down the hill behind their house. It was a really big brick house in the woods with a tall turret feature in the front. It was always dark around it and scary for the girls. Finding it was easy because of the tall turret; but, getting home was not as easy because there was no landmark at the top of the hill. So the girls would just kept going through the woods up the hill until they found a backyard that looked familiar, and then worked their way home. Pat noted that in 2020, the big brick house was still there on Spring Street, east of the hospital. [14]

And More Girls

In 1947, there was another pregnancy. It must have been a real shock for two more girls to come. The twins thought their father had a boys name all picked out [3].



Joe with Renee & Joan Kittson with Roberta, 1947



The Twins



**Roberta Seifert
(Bergemann)**

1947–



Renee Seifert (Bartz)

1947–

A few weeks after the twins were born in 1947, Joe came home from work sick. The doctor came and diagnosed him with Chicken Pox, which was going around at that time. So the

entire family was quarantined with a sign on the door. All in the family got the pox, except the twins and Grandpa Seifert. Thankfully, some of Irene's

sisters came and helped with everything. [14]

The family was now complete. One male living with 5 females.



Irene & Tim Schmidling, 1947



Granpa Frank Seifert & Joe with the twins, 1947

Linden Avenue in the 50s

The Seifert family continued to live on Carmel Street from about the time that Joe's mother died in 1940, until they moved to 1705 Linden Avenue in about 1950. Grandpa Frank Seifert moved along too. [14] The Seiferts moved when Roberta and Renee were little. [15]

They lived there for many years.



Joe with a moment to relax, Circa 1950

Across the street from their home was that of Irene's sister, Marie Lauzon Scoggins. The Seifert twins and Bette Anne Scoggins formed the "three musketeers" as kids [2]. Bette couldn't properly say their names, Roberta and Renee. It came out as "Birdie" and "Nay-nay" and it stuck. [3]



Gail, Pat, Renee, Roberta, Sue & Irene, 1948

The Linden Avenue house had a two-car garage off the alley, where the kids played kick the can, tennis, badminton, catch. That meant they had lots of room to play on rainy days when their Daddy took the car to work. In summer the girls often went to the playground at Howell

School for their planned activities. The Doll Buggy parade on the evening before the Fourth of July was a favorite along with the Lantern Parade.

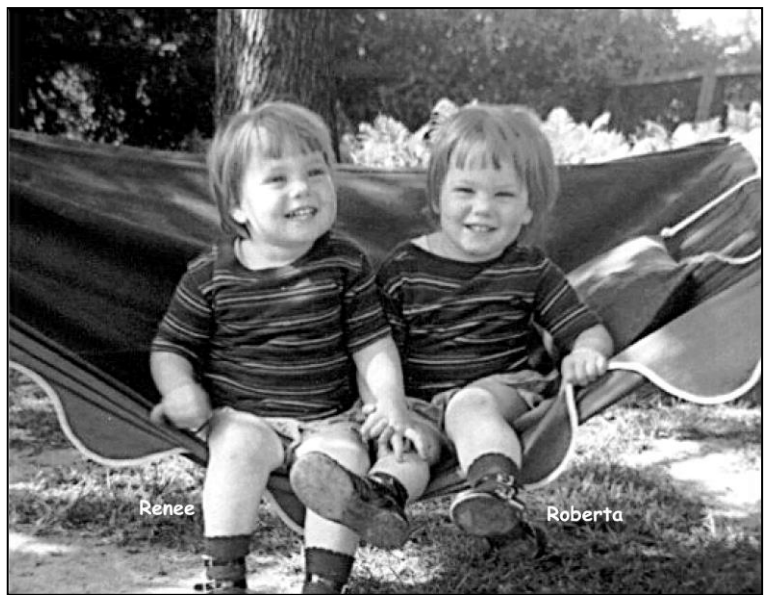
It was always crazy at the Seifert house because there was only one bathroom and 5 girls. Poor Joe was totally outnumbered, but always had first dibs on the bathroom. They even had a girl dog. [15]

Tom Jozwik recalled that one day in the early 1950s his family traveled to Racine to visit the Seifert home, but then they arrive something was strangely wrong. With 5 girls and a dog named "Debbie" there was usually a lot of noise at the house, but this time, relative silence. They found that only Grandpa Frank Seifert was the only one home. He explained that the whole family was gone, and that he was, frankly, pretty lonely. So he turned on the radio and cranked it up to full volume, and even turned on the record player. He said all the noise was the next best thing to the sounds of family. [17]

The house was just a couple blocks from the Washington Park swimming pool, so the girls often went there. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings were free, so that was great for them. [14]

The Morrison family lived next door and Mary was a dare devil. She must have gotten that from her father, Rocky, who would take the neighborhood kids on a joy ride in his old jeep, which didn't have any doors. Mary also taught the Seifert girls how to catch rides on the back of a Progressive Dairy truck, getting on and off when it stopped for deliveries. [14]

The home on Linden Street, Tom Jozwik recalled was the 2nd house from the corner. It was next to the guy with all sorts of cars, and battled loudly with his wife about all sorts of thing. The Seifert house seemed comfortable to Tom, almost like a second home. He was sure it was because Irene and Joe preached the old Polish proverb (although they weren't Polish), "Guest in the Home, God in the Home; Treat Your Visitors As You'd Treat Him. Tom couldn't ask for a hostess with a better philosophy.[17].



Renee & Roberta on the hammock. Circa 1949

Irene used to make Grandpa Seifert oatmeal with salt, pepper and butter every morning for breakfast. He used to walk us "down the hill" to the grocery store and give us 10 cents to buy penny candy. [15]



The Seifert Girls, Circa 1949
Back: Gail, Sue, Gail; Front: Roberta, Renee

The Seifert's bought their first TV when they lived on Linden Avenue. The family loved it. Their favorite programs were Milton Berle, The Show of Shows on Saturday night, Dragnet, and Howdy Doody. Joe liked to watch boxing and wrestling. The teenage girls loved American Bandstand with Dick Clark. [14]

In the evenings before Christmas the family sat around the radio and listened to "Billie the Brownie" who told the kids to be good so Santa would come to their house. One year Gail and Pat got brand new bicycles, mint green and wonderful. The aunts and uncles came over and all took turns teaching the girls how to ride. [14]



Renee



Roberta, Circa 1950

On the Fourth of July many Lauzon family members came over to watch the fireworks since the Seiferts lived near Washington Park where they were shot off. The Fourth of July parades were the absolute best. The family had wonderful picnics at the Racine Zoo, Sanders Park, and Pierce Woods, where the new SCJ Sports Complex later would be located. [14] When the Seifert girls were little, all the Milwaukee families

came and spent the night and went to the Racine parade. The parents had the bedrooms and all of us kids slept on the floor in the living room on sheets. [15]



Irene, Circa 1952

A favorite summer treat while living



Back: Sue & Gail; Front: Roberta & Renee, Circa 1950

there was having Black Cows, now known as Root Beer Floats. No one kept ice cream at home then, so the family walked over to the A&W Root Beer stand for a half gallon of root beer, then a block and a half down the hill to an ice cream shop for that, then home for the best treats. On Sundays they also walked Uptown to a little stand with the best popcorn and each girl had their own bag. [14]

Irene taught her nephew, Tom Jozwik, a very important lesson, how to tie his shoes. He told him that he couldn't go outside to play until he tied his shoes. Tom recalled that he learned pretty quick after that lesson [17].

The twins always got up early to walk or roller skate over to the A&W root beer stand, where Sue worked as a car hop, to look for the change that was dropped on the ground around the cars the previous night. [15]

Renee recalled that her parents only went on one vacation when she was little. They went to Wild Rose, Wisconsin, and took Sue, Pat and Gail with them. Bertie and Renee stayed with someone in the family. Her parents brought them back cowgirl outfits.

School Days

The girls walked every day from their home on Carmel Avenue to the Jefferson Grade School



on West Sixth Street. Every morning their mom would braid their hair. Everyone wore dresses. For the first day of school they got new dresses, matching ones for Gail and Pat, which were saved for Renee and Roberta, so the twins could have matching dresses

when the grew into them. [14]

The school had an old-fashioned slide fire escape that spiraled down from the second and third floors. When there was a fire drill the children got to go down that fire escape, around and around, sitting on a piece of paper. If your



The Seifert Girls, Circa 1953
Back: Sue; Mid: Pat, Gail;
Fr: Roberta, Renee



First Communion, Circa 1956

paper slipped out you ended up with metal stains on your dress or undies, but it still was a thrill. [14]

In sixth grade Gail and Pat started going to St. Edwards School. Sue may have started there the year before. It was a one-mile walk from their home on Linden. They walked west on 12th Street, which took them past the woods near the Washington Park golf course. They always went as fast as they could along that stretch to avoid the hobos that they had been told had lived there. Pat recalled that she was pupil #51 in a single room of sixth graders, with one teacher all day, Sister Ursula. That school was ahead of the public schools in curriculum, so Pat had some catching up to do, including learning to diagram sentences. She said you didn't dare misbehave or you got a long division or multiplication problem with about 10 numbers each way. [14]

Sue remembers her Mom instructing the girls to say, "You can't make me do that, I'm Catholic." [18]

Going to St. Catherine's High School involved walking a mile east on 12th Street from Linden Avenue. It wasn't too bad a walk, if it wasn't cold or rainy, and you didn't have to wait for a train that sometimes blocked the path at the top of the 12th Street hill, near Racine Street. [14]



Unknown Seifert, Circa 19xx

At the Beach

For picnics at Lake Michigan the watermelon was put in the lake so it would stay cold. Sometimes in summer the water would be only 60°, but the Seifert girls still went into the water. The Racine North Beach was rated as one of the best in the country. [14]



The Twins, Circa 1960

One afternoon when Daddy had off work we packed up a picnic and fishing poles and headed to Zoo Beach. While we played in the sand and water, Daddy went out on the jetties and fished after taking off his shoes and socks and rolling up his pants, no men wore shorts then. It was a great time and he caught some perch. However, his feet also got sunburned, so badly that he could hardly get his shoes on the next day. [14]



Irene, Circa 1958

Family Visits

We didn't get to see the Chicago families much, it was so far. [14]
And going to Auntie Yvonne and Uncle Bob's on Auer Avenue in Milwaukee was far also. [14]
At one time, Irene was the heart of the extended Lauzon family ... she was the one who planned the picnics, Sunday suppers and all sorts of parties. Irene's parties were always lots of fun. They were Irene's hospitality at work [17]. Jim Lewandowski, a nephew, recalled that it was always a joy to spend time at Aunt Irene's house or any of the family picnics.

TOURTIERE MEAT PIE TRADITION

Meat pie is a traditional Lauzon dish and was always served at the Seifert house on Christmas Eve and for other special occasions. Growing up, Tourtiere was our traditional Christmas Eve and special occasion supper. This is a French Canadian dish that is still made and served throughout Canada. Mother and all her sisters learned to make this dish from their mother, and her mother before her. For the Seifert sisters, meat pie has always meant home and family. As we all grew up and moved away, we could always count on mother making meat pie when we came together for special celebrations. There was nothing better than smell of meat pies cooking as you walked in the door. As mother and her sisters grew older and passed away, we continued the tradition. This dish truly means family to all of us. The receipt was included in the Lauzon Family Cookbook that was assembled for the 1985? Family Picnic [15]

Tortiere (French Meat Pie)

3 lb. ground beef	1 tbsp. poultry seasoning
2 lb. ground pork	1 tsp. celery salt
4 medium onions, finely chopped	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sage	1 tsp. pepper

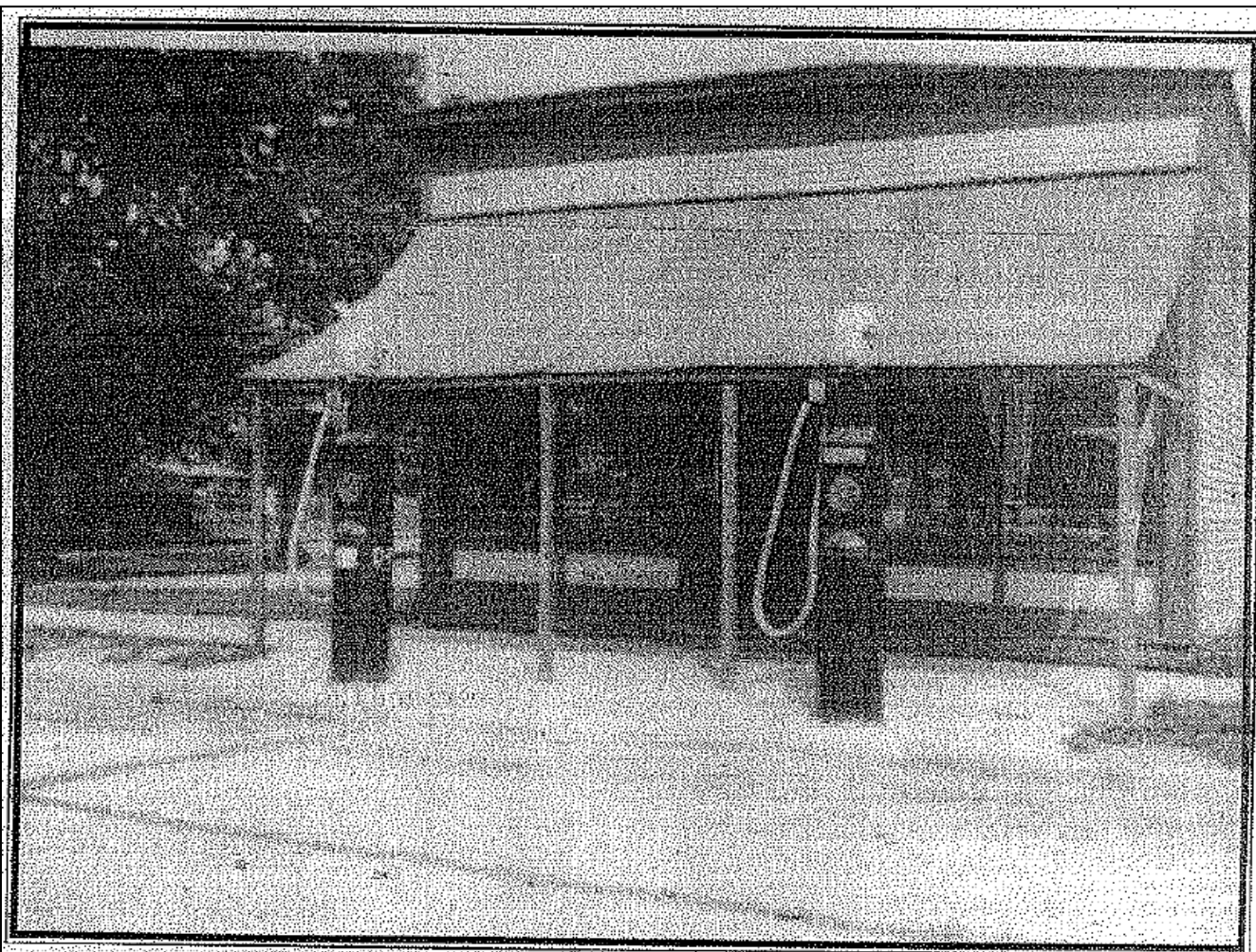
Mix all ingredients and put in a large dutch oven. Cover with water. Simmer 2-3 hours (water will cook down). Use 3 large or 4 medium pie crusts. Fill crusts with meat using a slotted spoon to slightly drain meat. I usually add an additional approx. 1/3 cup of liquid to pie crust after I have filled them. Sprinkle top of pie with 1 tbsp. flour, and cover with top crust. Bake at 400 degrees for approx. 1 hour.

I use 3 pkgs. Pillsbury refrigerated crusts and 3-9" pie pans. Freezes well. Reheat thawed pies in oven, uncovered, at 300 degrees for approximately 1 hour.

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SEIFERT FOOD MARKET

Joe operated the Seifert's Food Market grocery store in Sturtevant from 1952 to 1964, while the family lived in Racine. He was a member of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union [1].



Seifert's Grocery and Filling Station, shown at an unknown date, was located in Sturtevant. At the time of its incorporation as a village, Sturtevant had 182 registered voters.

From Racine Journal Times,
Sturtevant: 100 Year Anniversary, Village marks a humble start

Joe had a store stamp that he marked the receipts for his customers. He would buy blank receipt books and have his kids stamp all the pages. He kept his receipts and this stamp in an old cigar box. Renee kept the original stamp and cigar box. [15]

HARD LABOR for 90 days in the County Jail was ordered for Paul Robert Smithkey, 24; of 1608 W. 6th St. after he pleaded guilty in Municipal Court today to a charge of criminal trespassing. Sheriff's deputies said Smithkey entered the **Seifert Food Store** in Sturtevant on two occasions in 1958, and took various items including flashlights, cartons of cigarets and small change.

SEIFERT FOODS
QUALITY MEATS, GROCERIES & VEGETABLES
Dial TU 6-2800 Sturtevant, Wis. _____ 195__

Barbara Wolters recalled that she and her parents did not visit up in Wisconsin very often through her lifetime. She remembered, however, some things she got to do when there, such as going to Seifert's to play for a few hours and when the kids went to Uncle Joe's grocery store. He let us each have a can of soda, something that was very rare for the Wolters girls. When the cans were just about empty the girls tipped them over each other's

heads and let the drops of soda fall into their

hair. Aunt Irene was not Happy. Imagine that. There was a lot of hair shampooing that evening [13]



Graduation from St. Catherine's HS, 1965



18 Feb 1963, Mon

Joe was an avid bowler. The Seifert Market was frequently a leading high pin team in the Sturtevant Business Men's League. Joe's bowling skills were good enough to be listed in the news paper's bowling scores, hitting a 224 and 573 series in one recording.

FAMILY LIFE IN THE 60'S

In the summer of 1961 the Seifert family moved from their Linden Street home to a house at 1418 Cleveland Ave.[1] They moved during the summer before Roberta and Renee started high school at St. Catherine's [15]

Joe closed his store after a fire in 1963 caused damage and some merchandise was lost [16].

The family became members of St. Edwards Catholic Church [1]. Irene joined the St. Edward Harmony Club. The family belonged to St. Edward's church in West Racine; all five of the girls were married there. [16]

For many years Irene volunteered at St. Catherine's High School and Siena Center. [6]

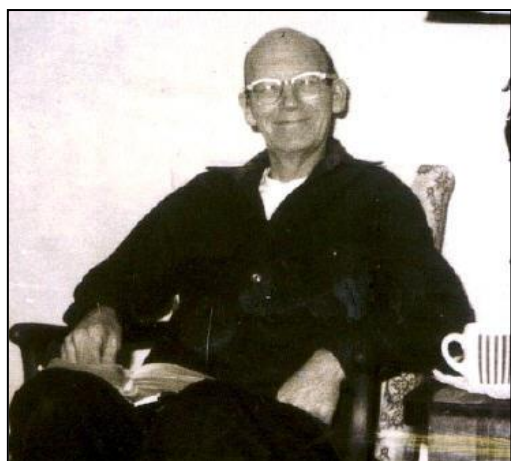
THE 1970'S

Joe Seifert died on December 13, 1970 at his home after a long illness. He was 56 years old at the time [1]. Irene lost both her mother and husband in the same year. Joe died from a heart condition. He was buried at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.



Seifert Family in 1970

Back: Renee, Sue; Middle: Joe, Roberta, Irene, Front: Gail, Pat



Joe, Circa 1970

Irene's daughters purchased personalized memorial bricks for each of their parents in the Racine Festival Park area (Irene M. Seifert and In Memory of Joseph W. Seifert) in about 1985. [5]

SEIFERT, MR. JOSEPH W.
1418 Cleveland Ave.

Age 56. Passed away Dec. 13, 1970 at his residence after a long illness. He was born in Racine on April 7, 1914 and been a lifetime resident. He was married to the former Irene Lauzon. Mr. Seifert owned and operated Seifert's Foods in Sturtevant, Wis. from 1952 until 1962. He was a member of St. Edward's Church and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union. Surviving are his wife, Irene; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Suzanne and Tim Pettit of Racine, Patricia and Randy Holub of Frankfurt, Kentucky, Gail Sapp of Racine, Roberta and Ed Bergemann of Homestead, Florida, Renee and Jack Bartz of Racine; 15 grandchildren; two brothers, Frank of Lake Geneva, Wis., and Charles of Racine; one sister Frieda Abraham of Hortonville, Wis.; nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services will be held at St. Edward's Church, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Fr. Francis Hussli officiating. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Hwy. 32. Friends may call at the WILSON FUNERAL HOME, 1139 Blaine Ave. Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. The Parish Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.



Irene, Circa 1970



Renee, Irene & Roberta, Circa 1970



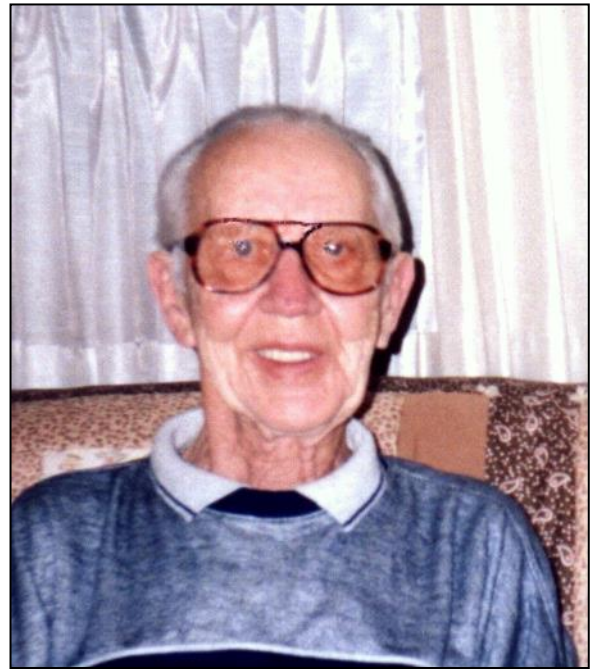
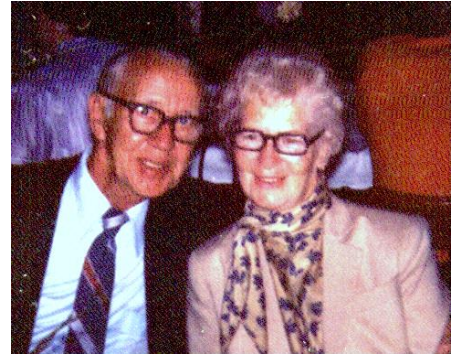
Irene, Circa 1972

Life with Marty

Irene married Marty Brinkmann in 1974. He died in about 1990. She joined St. John Nepomuk after she married Marty Brinkmann. [16}



Irene & Marty, Sept 1979
Visiting Barb Reuss' Apple Orchard



Marty Brinkmann, Circa 1980



Irene, Circa 1980



Marty & Irene, Circa 1981



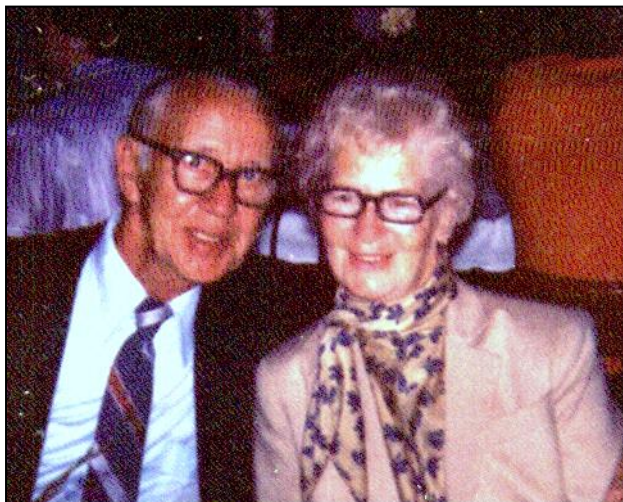
Marty & Irene Brinkmann, Pat & Randy Holub, Circa 1981



Marty & Irene, 1981



Seifert Family, 1981, Back: Roberta, Pat, Renee; Front: Sue, Irene, Gail



Marty & Irene, Circa 1983



Irene, Circa 1986



Irene, Circa 1990



Irene, Frank Jozwik, Dorothy Lewandowski, Bernice Jozwik, Circa 1995



Irene & Marty, Tim & Sue Pettit, Circa 1995



Irene, Circa 2000



Irene & Santa, Circa 2000

Irene's Later Life

Irene lived for many years at St. Monica's Senior Citizen Home. She later lived for several years at the Becker-Shoop Center. Both facilities provided loving and compassionate care [6].



Irene & Renee, Circa 2000



Irene & Renee, Circa 2000



Irene & Sue, Circa 2000



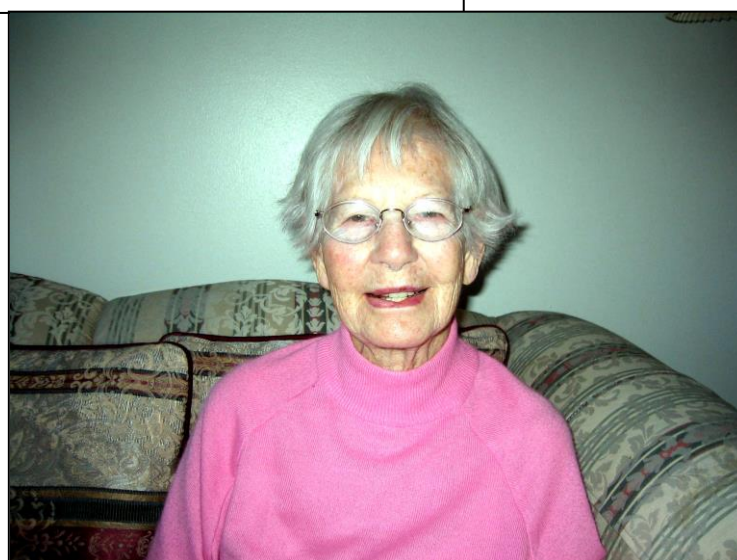
Seifert Family, Pat, Roberta, Irene, Gail, Renee, Sue, Circa 2001



Irene, Feb 2002



Irene, Sept 2002



Irene, Dec 2003, age 90

happy birthday Brinkmann, 90th

Mrs. Irene Seifert Brinkmann of Racine will observe her 90th birthday Feb. 24.

The former Irene Lauzon was born Feb. 24, 1914, in Escanaba, Mich. She moved to Racine as a young adult more than 70 years ago.

Irene married Joseph Seifert on May 20, 1939, in Racine. He died in 1972.

On Sept. 13, 1975, Irene was married to Martin Brinkmann in Racine. He died in 1998.

Mrs. Brinkmann, along with her husband Joe, owned and operated a family grocery store on Wisconsin Street in Sturtevant for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Brinkmann loves to bake and cook for her family and always insists on bringing something to every family gathering. She enjoys games and loves to play cards, especially 500 and Sheephead, and belonged to card clubs at Memorial Hall and Douglas Park Community Center. Mrs. Brinkmann has been an active volunteer at St. Catherine's High School, Courtyard Harmony Club of Respite Services and Lincoln Lutheran Inc. She was active in the women's groups from St. Edward's and St. John Nepomuk churches where she made crafts and enjoyed laughter and



Mrs. Irene Brinkmann

conversation with her friends.

Mrs. Brinkmann is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

She has five children: Sue (Tim) Pettit of Waterford; Patricia (Randy) Holub of Louisville, Ky.; Gail (Bill) Jones of St. Germain; Renee (Jack) Bartz of Carmel, Ind.; and Roberta (Ed) Bergemann of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mrs. Brinkmann has 19 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.



Irene, 2004



Irene, Circa 2005



Irene, Circa 2005

Irene passed away at age 92 on Saturday July 8, 2006 at the Becker-Shoop Center in Racine, WI. Her obituary described Irene as "a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be dearly missed." [6]

Irene's life was celebrated in a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Edward Catholic Church on Wed July 12, 2006. She was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Hwy 32, Racine, next to her first husband, Joe.



Irene Seifert Brinkmann

RACINE - Irene (nee: Lauzon) Seifert Brinkmann, 92, passed away Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the Becker-Shoop Center.

Irene was born in Escanaba, Mich. February 24, 1914, daughter of the late John and Marceline (nee: Cholette) Lauzon.



Irene was a former member of St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church and Christian Ladies and was currently a member of St. Edward Catholic Church and St. Edward Harmony Club. She was a volunteer for many years at St. Catherine's High School and Siena Center. Above all, she was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her five children, Suzanne (Tim) Pettit of Waterford, Patricia (Randy) Holub of Louisville, Ky., Gail (Bill) Jones of St. Germaine, Renee (Jack) Bartz of Carmel, Ind., Roberta (Ed) Bergemann of The Woodlands, Texas; her 19 grandchildren; her 31 great-grandchildren; sisters, Marie Scoggins of Quincy, Ill., Bernice Jozwik of Milwaukee, Dorothy Lewandowski of Conway, Ark.; sister-in-law, Mary Lauzon of Kenosha; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Seifert and second husband, Martin Brinkmann.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Edward Catholic Church, 401 Grove Avenue, Wednesday, July 12, 2006, 11 a.m. with Rev. Allen J. Bratkowski officiating. Interment will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Highway 32. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the church on Wednesday. A Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. at the church on Wednesday followed by a visitation until time of Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Respite Services/Harmony Club at St. Edward Catholic Church, St. Catherine's High School, or to the Becker-Shoop Center have been suggested.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the caregivers at St. Monica's Senior Citizen Home and the Becker-Shoop Center for their loving and compassionate care.

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Chapter 7B

Suzanne Seifert & Tim Pettit

In school, Sue was very popular and outgoing. She was Miss Goodwill of 1960, riding in the Racine parades.

Sue was Miss Goodwill one year and was in the 4th of July parade [15]

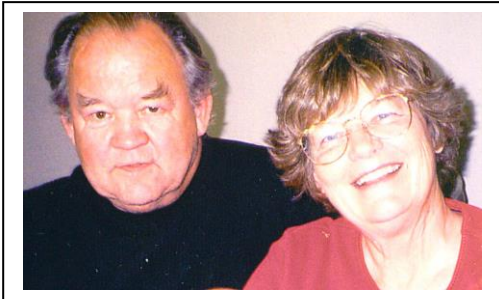
In 1959 Sue worked as a dental assistant at Arnold Fawcett Dentists at 1418 Washington Ave [11]

Suzanne worked as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Racine until she "retired" in about 1990.

Sue enjoys playing cards and golf.

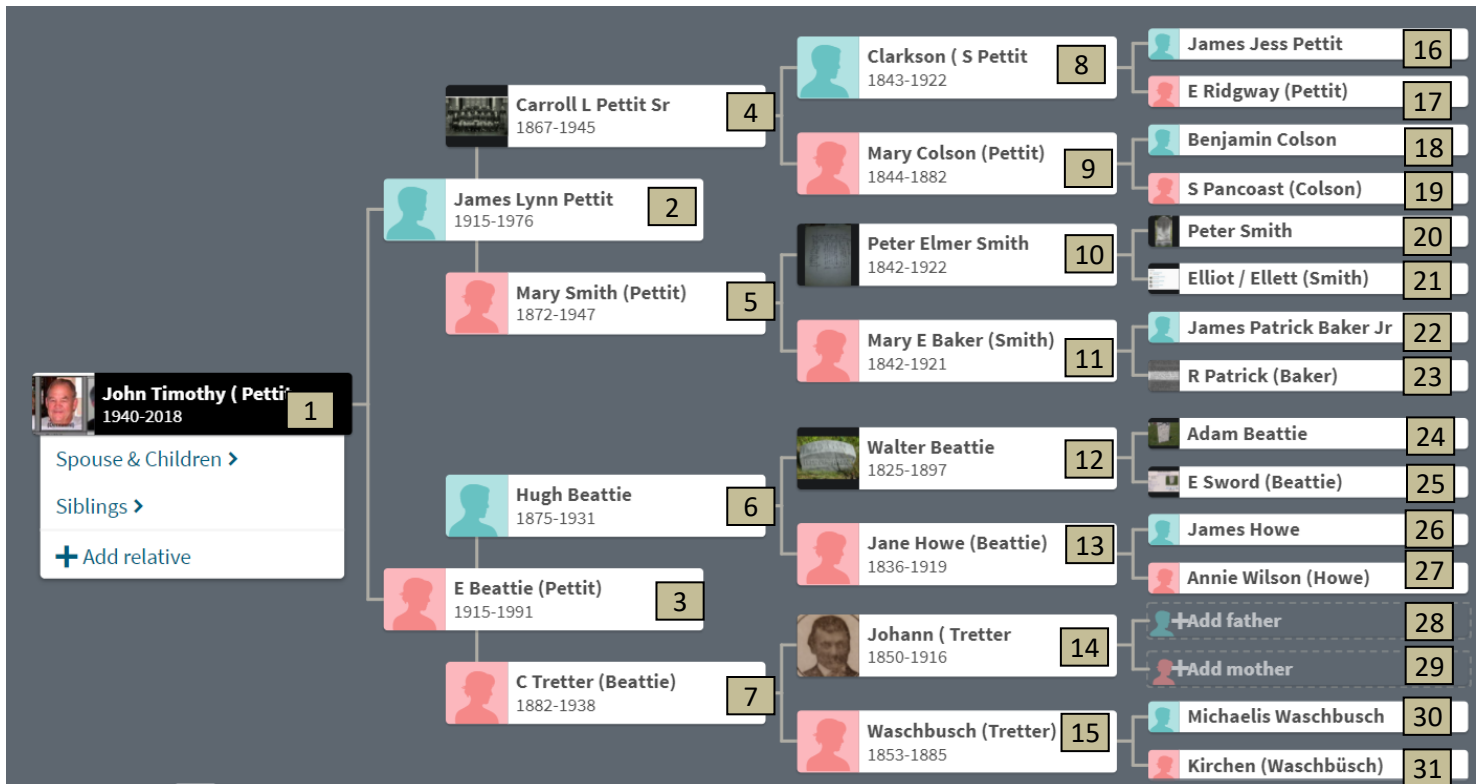
Tim worked at Johnson Wax as a civil engineer. He enjoyed golf and playing cards.

The Petti's lived in a lake-front home on Lake Tichigan, north of Waterford, Wisconsin.



Chapter 7C

Pettit Ancestors



Parents

#2. James Pettit &

#3. Ella Beattie

(Tim Pettit's Parents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

Grandparents

#4. Carroll L Pettit, Sr &

#5. Mary Smith

(Tim Pettit's Paternal Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

#6. Hugh Beattie &

#7. Catherine Tretter

(Tim Pettit's Maternal Grandparents)

We don't know for sure who were Joseph Seifert's maternal grandparents.

Great-Grandparents

#8. Clarkson Pettit &

#9. Mary Colson

(Tim Pettit's Paternal Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

#10. Peter Smith &

#11. Mary Baker

(Tim Pettit's Paternal Great-Grandparents)

We don't know for sure who were Joseph Seifert's maternal grandparents.

#12. Walter Beattie &

#13. Jane Howe

(Tim Pettit's Maternal Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

#14. Johann Tretter &

#15. Anna Maria Waschbusch

(Tim Pettit's Maternal Great-Grandparents)

We don't know for sure who were Joseph Seifert's maternal grandparents.

2nd Great-Grandparents

#16. James Pettit &

#17. Elizabeth Ridgeway

(Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

#18. Benjamin Colson &

#19. Sarah Pancoast

Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

#20. Peter Smith &

#21. Elizabeth Elliot

(Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

#22. James Baker &

#23. Rachel Patrick

(Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about

#24. Adam Beattie &

#25. Elizabeth Sword

(Tim Pettit's Maternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

#26. James Howe &

#27. Annie Wilson

(Tim Pettit's Maternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and

#30. Michaelis Waschbusch &

#31. Catherine Kirchen

(Tim Pettit's Maternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

Pat Seifert & Randy Holub

Pat kissed her first boyfriend on Carmel Avenue, Allen Draves. He lived across the street. One day on the way home from second grade, my friend Judy Rome and I tackled him and got him down on the ground and Pat kissed him. He probably ran home. [14]

Pat's Brownie Troop had an outing to the Wind Point Lighthouse, including climbing all the way to the top and going out on the observation deck. What a view! Just a couple of years ago Randy and I did that same climb and it still is a spectacular view; you can see the Chicago Loop skyscrapers on a clear day. [14]

Patricia was known as "Patti" when she was young. Patti had pretty curly hair. Her mother remembers Patti as being very outgoing and very active in Girl Scouts.

One frigid day Pat recalled she walked to St. Catherine's High School when it was below zero, and they found they could not enter the building because a bomb threat had been called in. Luckily, Pat hooked up with a friend who lived only six blocks away and they went to her house and had hot chocolate. Pat's future husband, Randy Holub, told her long afterwards that the person that called in the bomb threat was a classmate/friend of his. However, I never knew Randy during those school years; he was a year ahead of me. My freshman year school was extremely crowded. Upperclassmen went to school starting at 7:30 or so, and we freshmen started at about 1:30 in the afternoon going till about 6:30. It was awful! Luckily that only lasted one year. . [14]

Being out of school and working in Racine in the early sixties was fun. Lots of new people to meet, places to go on dates including the Rialto and Venetian Theatres, and also places to dance and socialize, meet guys, and drink a little. Places to shop (Eitel's was Gail's favorite), take the train to Chicago or Milwaukee to shop, dress (or try to) like Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly. Turnstyle was the first discount store on Washington Avenue, a new experience. Supper clubs for date nights and necking in the car, although Daddy always waited up for us and would flick the porch light on and off if we didn't come in right away. . [14]

Lots of great memories growing up in Racine. Randy and I married in 1965, moved to Frankfort, Kentucky in 1967, to Kohler, Wisconsin in 1974, to Bettendorf, Iowa in 1991, to Prospect, Kentucky in 1996, and back home to Racine in 2015 to be closer to three of our children and their families. Many folks I've talked with have taken this route, returning to their roots. Even with all the changes here, it's comforting to be in familiar surroundings and reminisce when passing places we've been in our younger days. No regrets, just lots of great memories. . [14]

In 1960 Pat worked as a clerk at Sears [12]. In 1961-62 worked at American Bank & Trust. In 1963-65 she worked in the office of SC Johnson & Son.

Pat enjoys sewing, crocheting, recovering furniture, and play cards, especially bridge.

In 1970 Pat was living in Frankford, Kentucky [8]

In 1995 Randy and Pat lived in Bettendorf, Iowa. #1



Ann filled space in Huntington Beach, CA; and Barb Cedar Falls, IA. The Holub clan was spread to all and it had been over 2 years since they were all a mega Holub Holiday get together was called for. In people flew in from both coasts and the heartland folk Milwaukee for the big doings. The kids commandeered pushed mom & dad (Pat & Randy) to a motel! [8]



child Julie lived in Reston, VA; #2 Dan was in Milwaukee, WI; #3 was in college in corners of the US together. Thusly, February, 1995 drove to Dan's house and

Holub Ancestors

Gail Seifert & Terry Sapp & Bill Jones

In 1962-63 Gail worked as a dental assistant while living with her parents at 1418 Cleveland in Racine. In 1964 she worked for Dan Buckley Dentistry.

**Nuptials Unite
Gail Seifert,
Terry W. Sapp**

The marriage of Gail Seifert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seifert of 1418 Cleveland Ave., and Mr. Terry W. Sapp took place Jan. 9 in St. Edward's Church with the Rev. Richard J. Schaefer officiating.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sapp of 4800 Shirley Drive, completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood and graduated from paratrooper school at Fort Benning, Ga. He is presently stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. with the Special Forces. The bride is employed at S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.

Venise lace, pearls and jewels were scattered on the fitted bodice of the bride's white taffeta gown. Cut on princess lines, it featured a peplum and a chapel train. Her bouffant veil fell from a queen's crown of crystals and pearls and she carried a cascade arrangement of phalaenopsis orchids with anaphalis and ivy. Her father gave her in marriage.

Proceeding her were attendants in burnt gold satin floor-length frocks, styled with scoop necklines and modified bell skirts. Virginia Rodenkirch was the maid of honor and Renee Seifert and Roberta Seifert were bridesmaids. Their flowers were cascades

of pompons, chrysanthemums and ranunculus foliage.

Gary Sapp was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Dennis Sapp and Richard Kochanski, and as ushers David Ellis of Bristol, Wis., and Walter Hayek. David Sapp was the ring bearer.

For the wedding and the reception later in Knights of Columbus clubrooms, Mrs. Seifert wore a three piece beige wool suit with black accessories and a corsage of phalaenopsis orchids and yellow garnet roses. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Sapp, selected a beige lace suit with brown accessories and a corsage of phalaenopsis orchids.

MRS. TERRY SAPP
(Gail Seifert)



Sapp Ancestors

Jones Ancestors

Chapter 7I

Renee Seifert & Jack Bartz

In 1966-68 Renee worked as a stenographer at SC Johnson.

The Bartz family has lived in several southern states during the inevitable relocations of Jack's career, including: Shreveport, LA; Arlington, TX and Greenville, SC. They have been in Indianapolis since 1989.



Jack Bartz is the Director of EDI Operations at Dow Brands in Indianapolis, Indiana. He manages electronic communication with customers, food brokers and other business partners. He is involved with purchase orders, invoices, advance ship notices, etc.

Jack works for Texize Chemical

Renee Seifert Bartz works as a Label Specialist at Dow Elanco in Indianapolis, Indiana. She manages the process of implementing federally regulated and other

label changes onto the company's product labels.

Bartz Ancestors

Roberta Seifert & Ed Bergemann



—Kreclis Photo
MRS. EDWARD J. BERGEMANN
(Roberta Seifert)

Bergemann-Seifert

Edward J. Bergemann and his bride, the former Roberta Seifert, are making their home in Homestead, Fla., following their March 15 wedding at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Seifert, 1418 Cleveland Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bergemann, 1906 Forest St.

As she repeated her vows before the Rev. Anthony Hirt in the 1 p.m. nuptial ceremony, the bride was seen in a traditional satin gown accented by lace appliques. The A-line dress was made with long, tapered sleeves, skimmer skirt, Mandarin lace neckline, and a chapel-length train. A Dior bow with Swiss lace appliques held her shoulder-length veil.

The bride's twin sister, Mrs. Jack Bartz, was the matron of honor. Her Nile green floor-length dress was made with a chiffon bodice, jabot neckline and long flounce sleeves. A hair-braid daisy plateau held her chin-length veil.

Dressed in similar gowns were the bridesmaids, the bride's sisters, Mrs. Randy Holub of Frankfort, Ky., and Mrs. John Timothy Pettit, and the bridegroom's sister, Jane Bergemann.

Jack Bartz was the best man. Attendants included Randy Holub, John Timothy Pettit, Terry Sapp and Ken Sack. Tom Beranis and Dave Berres ushered.

Before the couple left on a wedding trip, they were honored at an evening reception at Roman Lodge.

The bridegroom, in the U.S. Air Force, is stationed at Homestead AFB. The bride was formerly employed as a licensed practical nurse at St. Luke's Hospital.

In 1966 Roberta who also worked in the office at Massey Ferguson in Racine.

In 1966 she became a student and in 1968 worked as a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine.

In 1970 Roberta was living in Homestead, Florida [1] Ed is in the Air Force

In 2005 the family moved to Texas and was not be able to attend the family picnic.

Renee and Jack hope to retire to a warm climate, possibly along the Carolina coast. [7]

Michelle Bartz is a 1996 graduate of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She earned a BS in Criminal Justice and Criminology and a MS in Public Administration. She plans a career in the social services area and is currently working in Indianapolis. [7]



Joe is an apprentice meat cutter at an Indianapolis grocery chain. He attended Ball State University as an art major and is a starving artist. [7]

Bergemann Ancestors

SOURCES:

- [1] Joseph Seifert Obit, Dec 14, 1970.
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- [5] Irene Seifert, Personalized Brick certificates, in her photo album
- [6] Irene Seifert Brinkman Obit, Racine Journal Times, 7-12-06
- [7] Renee Seifert Bartz, Letter submitted July, 1996 at Lauzon picnic
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- [11] Racine City Directory, 1959
- [12] Racine City Directory, 1960
- [13] Barb Wolters Reuss email, Jun 15, 2015
- [14] Pat Seifert Holub email, 2020-12-19-Memories
- [15] Renee Seifert Bartz email, Dec 19, 2020-Memories
- [16] Pat Holub email, Apr 06, 2021-Added Bio Comments
- [17] Tom Jozwik, verbal story for the 2007 "Remembering Irene" DVD made by Bill Lauzon
- [18] Sue Pettit, verbal story for the 2007 "Remembering Irene" DVD made by Bill Lauzon

[move to Scoggins] Auntie Marie and Uncle Roy had an apartment on Chatham Street near the beach. They also had a studio couch (now called a hide-a-bed) which the Seifert girls slept on when they stayed overnight. Uncle Roy had beautiful teeth and we got to watch him brush with Ipana, his favorite toothpaste, as well as enjoy Ovaltine for breakfast. [14] Pat Seifert Holub email, 2020-12-19-Memories

[move to Jozwik] Auntie Bernice and Uncle Frank lived on Martin Lane on the south side of Milwaukee, a pretty easy drive for us. Susie and Tommy were great cousins; Tommy was interested in the priesthood then and would "say mass" for us, including wearing the vestments his mom had made for him...he had all the trappings. [14] Pat Seifert Holub email, 2020-12-19-Memories

[move to Speilbauer] One summer I got to spend a week at Auntie Evelyn and Uncle Romie's home, playing with Susan who was my age. They lived in a big house on Packard Avenue in Cudahy with two of Romie's single sisters. Romie worked third shift so would come home about 7 am and Evelyn would have dinner ready for him. We had to be quiet during the day so he could sleep. They did have a player piano with lots of music. Auntie Evelyn was a fantastic baker. . [14] Pat Seifert Holub email, 2020-12-19-Memories

[move to Lewandowski] Auntie Dorothy was going to school at Marquette and would take the train, which ran right behind her house, back and forth. In the afternoon it would drop her off right behind the house. [14] 2020-12-19-Email from Pat Holub-Memories