

# The Lucke Family Newsletter

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## News Items

Sadly, we must advise you of two deaths in the Lucke Family's 3rd Generation.

My Sister, Terese Lloyd Campbell, died suddenly on February 21st. Lloyd, who was 59 years old, suffered a massive heart attack and died instantly. She is survived by her only Son, Joseph Porter.

Our Cousin Agnes Mary Lucke Wilson, died peacefully on April 11th, following an extended illness. Agnes, who was 83 years old, is survived by her three Daughters (Mary Agnes Dorney, Kathleen Scofield and Ruth Ann Donovan) and many Grandchildren.

Lloyd's words, when she heard of Edwin Magee's death last Fall, were certainly prophetic for Agnes and Lloyd herself: *"The world has lost one of its treasures!"*

♥ **Congratulations** to Peggy Magee (Bob and Anne's Daughter) and Gerry Smith, who were married on March 1st in Stamford Ct.

### **+ Welcome to the 6th Generation:**

-**Nicholas Bryon Celano**, born May 8th, 1995, on Long Island to Nicole and Bryon Celano. Nicole is Frank LaCava's Daughter, Jackie LaCava's Granddaughter, Jack's (Child #13) Great-Granddaughter.

-**Christopher Hutchins Connelly**, born May 27th, 1995, in Connecticut to John and Karen Connelly. John is Liz Magee's Son, Margie's (Child #10) Grandson.

-**Jessica Ashley Lucke**, born October 20th, 1995, in Louisville Colorado, to Peter B and Christine Lucke. Peter is Peter F's Son, Clement's Grandson, Frank's (Child #2) great-grandson.

-**Kristie Marie Carey**, born March 13th, 1996, in Rockaway Park NY, to Regina and Craig Carey. Regina is Diane Lucke Erhard's Daughter, Clement's Granddaughter, Frank's (Child #2) Great-granddaughter.

-**Jake William Erhard**, born April 21st, 1996, to William and Karen Erhard. William is Diane Lucke Erhard's Son, Clement's Grandson, Frank's (Child #2) Great-grandson.

☺ **The Lucke Family Picnic** was NOT held this year. BUT....make plans to attend in 1997!

**13 The Thirteen:** In this issue we have stories about #8 (Bill) and #9 (Joe).

### **Child #8: William Joseph**

Bill was born Oct 25, 1893, and was baptized at St Benedict's on Nov 5, 1893. His Godparents were William and Anna Scheckel. Like his Brothers, he was active in sports, playing baseball and bowling.

During World War I, Bill joined the US Army and fought at Belleau Wood, the Argonne Forest and the Battle of the Marne. After returning from the War, Bill married Loretta Dougherty and they lived on Herkimer Street in Brooklyn. Bill was employed at the US Post Office in the Main Post Office at Borough Hall, Brooklyn, for all his working career.

It's claimed that Loretta "Irish-ized" Bill - that is, they spent much time with her family, not much with the Luckes. When Loretta was around, Bill never took a drink. However, once he visited the Mullers alone and sampled Uncle John's homemade wine. Rita recalls that Bill told her about a movie he had seen - and told it in great detail with help from the wine, no doubt!

Bill and Loretta had two Sons, Billy and Harry and then a Daughter, Patricia, who died shortly after birth. Loretta really wanted another Daughter, so, when Bobby arrived, she dressed him as a girl and curled his hair in long blonde curls for his first two years. He was the only boy on the block with a key to the girls' room!

Bill was always very interested in sports. In addition to rolling a "perfect" 300 game, he was NY State Bowling Champion in 1933-34-35. His Son Bobby remembers many Sunday double-headers at Ebbets Field. At parties, Bill liked to entertain the children.

You may notice on the following pages that Loretta's year of birth is missing. According to their Granddaughter, Karen Lucke LaPenna, Loretta said: "I've lied about my age so often that I really don't know how old I am!"

Loretta's Cousin, June Donohue Travers (Junie Tick) cared for Bob and Lloyd Campbell while Anna went to work. This arrangement ended when Junie sprained her ankle. Lloyd recalled going to Bill & Loretta's afterwards, and then Uncle Joe [see Child #9] took her home in his taxi and gave her a strawberry pop from the Good Humor Man. Later, when Junie married, she lived on a farm in upstate New York. Before he went off to join the Franciscans as a Brother, Bobby Lucke visited the farm, but Loretta went running up there "to save him from worldly allures!"

Bill died on March 31, 1969; his Son Harry died a few days later. Loretta died on September 4, 1978; their Son Billy died on May 12, 1993.

### **Child #9: Joseph Anthony**

Joe was born Oct 8, 1895, and was baptized at St Benedict's on Oct 20, 1895. Like Bill and all the Lucke Brothers, he was active in baseball and bowling. Joe also joined the US Army and served in Europe during WWI. Rita recalls the day Bill and Joe came home after the War. Although they had both been notorious for "Lucke humor" (jokes and puns), Bill had become more serious while Joe remained "a big tease."

Joe married Beatrice (Beebee) Bier around 1923. Their wedding reception was held at the Restaurant at Trommers' Brewery in Brooklyn. Everyone had an uplifting time! Joe worked for a firm on Wall Street before the "crash" in 1929. Later, he was a Taxi Driver. Bob and Lloyd Campbell remember many times that Uncle Joe came to the rescue in his taxicab. (None of the Family owned a car in those days!) In his later years, Joe was the Manager of Bowling Alleys at Farragut Road and on Nostrand Avenue in Flatbush (but Bob and Lloyd never got free games!)

For many years, Joe and Beebee lived at 3613 Avenue D, not far from Grandma Lucke's house on East 34th Street. Anna, Bob and Lloyd lived in the same apartment house for awhile. One of Bob's memories as a 3-year-old is getting his foot stuck in a tin can, and Uncle Joe coming upstairs to the rescue.

For a few years, Joe and Beebee moved back to Grandma's. They had a huge dog named Buddy, who scared not only potential robbers but also Family visitors. One time, Aunt Mary had to hide with Lloyd behind Grandma's big piano until Joe restrained Buddy!

Joe was a diehard Brooklyn Dodgers fan. In the 50's, one of the Dodgers' radio sponsors (there was no TV!) was Lucky Strike cigarettes and they had a cartoon character. Joe said that they named the character after him: it was "Happy Joe Lucky!"

Although they were never blessed with offspring of their own, Joe and Beebee loved children. They invariably took 2 or 3 nieces and nephews along on their trips. And they always remembered birthdays. [*Joe was Bob Campbell's Godfather and seems to have passed along that trait!*] They included a few dollar bills along with the card - until you got to be age 18; then you were "on your own."

Joe took "The Pledge" when he was a young man (no drinking before age 21.) In later years, though, he always enjoyed a social drink - or three. When he visited and you would come to open the door and say "Hi!" he'd say "Never mind the formalities, when are you going to offer me a drink?" Beebee would be horrified!

After Joe died in 1967, Beebee moved into an apartment in her sister's house in Queens (Mae and Joe Cramer's). Around this time she decided to turn in her Driver's License; she proudly stated that she had never had an accident in all the years that she had her license. Of course, with Joe being such a good driver, she had never taken over the wheel!

Beebee was a great cook. In the early 70's, when Mary Agnes Lucke lived in Bayside, Queens, she would often go to visit her Sister Ruth Ann in Borough Park, Brooklyn. Oftentimes, they would have lunch and spend the afternoon with Aunt Beebee. She was always delighted to have visitors and provided a delicious lunch and a delightful afternoon. Beebee seemed to know all the news about the Family. Denise (Mary Agnes' Daughter) and Theresa (Ruth Ann's Daughter), were toddlers then. Aunt Beebee enjoyed the girls so much! When they were impish and their Mothers would say they were being "bad", Beebee would say "There's no such thing as a bad child. They're just being naughty."

Beebee wrote up some of her recipes, which Mary Agnes and Ruth Ann have saved and would be happy to share.

## Child #8: William

**William Joseph Lucke** b. 25-Oct-1893, Brooklyn, NY, Bapt 5-Nov-1893, St Benedict's, m. **Loretta Dougherty**, b. 19-Nov-?? d. 4-Sep-1978. William died 31-Mar-1969.

- **William H Lucke** b. 14-Jan-1921, Brooklyn NY, m. (1) 5-Sep-1948 **Kay Sullivan** b. 19-Nov-1926, d. 2-Apr-1985, m. (2) 1-Dec-1972 **Jeanne Jedlicka** b. 20-Jul-1921, m. (3) 2-Apr-1977 **Gladys Bury**, m. (4) 31-Oct-1985 **Marilyn Huber** b. 15-Feb-1940. William died 12-May-1993, Florida.

1. **Karen Lucke** b. 26-Jul-1949, m. 24-Sep-1971, in Queens NY, **Paul LaPenna** b. 18-Dec-1949

**Michelle LaPenna** b. 4-Oct-1983, Nassau County NY.

- **Harry Lucke** b. 1925, Brooklyn, NY, d. 10-Apr-1969, Queens, NY.
- **Patricia Lucke** b. 1930, d. 1930.
- **Robert Boyce Lucke** b. 13-Aug-1932, Brooklyn, NY, m. (1) **Billie**, m. (2) **Susan**, m. (3) 26-Jun-1995, in New Jersey, **Joan Kelleman**.

1. **Patricia Eileen Lucke** b. 21-Dec-1958, m. in Reading CA, **Bobby Joe Bilton**.

**Crystal Dawn Bilton** b. 14-Sep-1977.

**Jason Robert Bilton** b. 13-Dec-1980.

**Joseph Patrick Bilton** b. 8-May-1984.

2 **Susan Anne Lucke** b. 20-Jan-1961, m. divorced.

**Travis William Lucke** b. 22-Jan-1985.

**Lea Jean Lucke** b. 30-Mar-1989.

3. **Kevin Robert Lucke** b. 17-Nov-1963, m. **Jo Black**, b. 27-Nov-1963.

**Brett Lucke** b. 3-Jun-1988.

**Kevin Robert Lucke Jr** b. 3-Nov-1993.

**Megan Lucke** b. 12-Oct-1994, Savannah, Ga.

**Vanna Lucke** b. 12-Oct-1994, Savannah, Ga.

## Child #9: Joseph

**Joseph Anthony Lucke** b. 8-Oct-1895, Brooklyn, NY, Bapt 20-Oct-1895, St Benedict's, occupation Taxi Driver, Bowling Alley Mgr, m. **Beatrice E Bier**, b. 23-Nov-1897, occupation Real Estate, d. 22-Apr-1977. Joseph died 11-Jul-1967.

[Joseph and Beatrice had no children.]