

The Lucke Family Newsletter

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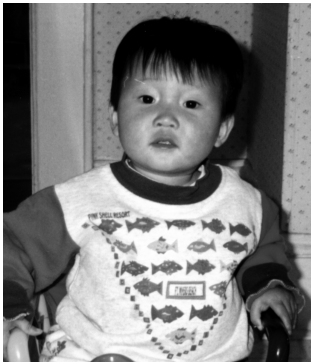
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Congratulations!!



♥ A surprise 75th Birthday party was held at Barrington's Restaurant in East Islip, NY for **Ginnie (Bond) Ferguson** on April 5th. Shown here are LEFT: Ginnie and her two sons, Fr **Richard Hoerning** and **Bruce Hoerning**; RIGHT: Ginnie and her Brother **Joe Bond**.

♥ **Anthony and Denise Riccio** are the proud parents of a son, **Kevin Anthony Riccio**, born November 26, 1996 in Hicksville, New York. Denise is Mary Agnes Dorney's daughter, Agnes Wilson's granddaughter, #2 Frank's great-granddaughter.



♥ **Bob and Barbara Magee** have adopted **Sarah Lijun Magee**. Sarah was born on February 13, 1996, in the Fujian Province of China. She arrived in the US with her new Family on May 25th. Bob is Bob and Anne's Son, Margie's Grandson.

The Thirteen

In this issue we conclude the series concerning **Caspar and Mary Lucke's** children with stories about **#11 (Anna)** and **#13 (Jack)**. **#12 (Caspar)** died as an infant so we have no stories about him. As you read these recollections, as well as those previously published, we trust that the picture has emerged of a loving Family, characterized by humor, upbeat attitudes, deep religious faith and the ability to ride the "roller-coaster" of life. Now it is our turn to follow their example and keep their values alive.

1997 Birthdays!!

At the beginning of 1997, we sent a calendar showing 1997 birthdays for all members of the Lucke Family (living and deceased). A few were missing or incorrect. Thanks to those who wrote to us and gave us the correct information.

Please add the following to the calendar and remember the *Prayer Day* for each month (shown with the "praying hands" picture on the calendar).

Jan 27: Avellino LaCava
(15)

Feb 13: Sarah Magee (1)
20: Brian Blackford
(23)

Mar 1: John LaCava (34)
2: Amy Lynne Lucke
(19)
7: Victor Cassano (23)
16: Robert G Magee
(32)
25: Allison Lucke (22)
28: Carolyn LaCava (9)
29: Gerard Lucke (60)

Apr 5: Nicholas & Nicole
Santoiemma (12)
17: Frank Moran (38)

May 1: Nicholas Celano
(2)
11: Melissa Blackford
(20)
13: Amber LaCava (11)
13: Carolyn LaCava
(40)

Jun 3: Joseph Topper
(56)
16: *Mary Margaret
Lucke*
17: Laura Lucke (27)
21: Francine
Blackford (45)
30: Rita Lucke (48)

Jul 16: John Lucke (54)

Sep 22: Bill Krukowski
(19)
23: Karen Erhard (28)

Oct 4: Vanessa LaCava
(18)

Nov 26: Kevin Riccio (1)

Dec 4: Michael
Santoiemma Jr
(12)
22: *James T Lucke*
22: James Lucke (26)
23: Bill Blackford (47)

INTERNET

Are any of you on the *Internet*? Another great way of keeping in touch exists out there. If you have an email address please send it to either **Joe Porter** (*JAPorter@hamptons.com*) or **Bob Campbell** (*arcyc@aol.com*). We're working on a webpage for the *Lucke Family Newsletter* and *Birthdays*. We'll keep you advised via email!

Child #11: Anna

Anna Gertrude Lucke was born on December 12, 1900 and was baptized on December 16 [They didn't waste time in those days!] at St Benedict's Church in Brooklyn. Like her older Sisters, she attended St Anne's Academy in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. We have some artistic "treasures" that bear her name, dated 1916, although she always told us "The Nuns did most of the work". Anna began her business career at Irving Trust, where her elder Sister Elsie was Secretary to a "bigwig". During this period, Margie and Anna often double-dated. [Perhaps that's where they were going on those bicycles?] However, Anna met her future Husband, Lloyd Howell Campbell, on a blind date; Lloyd took her to a tennis match between Bill Johnston and Bill Tilden. Anna

spent most of the match chatting to the man next to her because he was also rooting for Johnston, while Lloyd was rooting for Tilden.

Anna and Lloyd were married at St Jerome's Church on Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1929. The only "guests" present were Joe and Beebee Lucke; Lloyd had converted to the Catholic faith but his Family didn't know - and wouldn't have approved! They lived in various houses in Flatbush, in Little Flower Parish.

Bob was born in 1933 and, according to Anna, was a good baby until Lloyd came home from work, whereupon he began to fuss and cry. It wasn't until we took a vacation in 1935 that Lloyd had any fun with his child. However, shortly after returning from vacation, Lloyd (who was an excellent chess player, and a good golfer and tennis player) died of a heart attack playing tennis. At the time, Anna was pregnant with their second child, Terese Lloyd (born in March 1936). [The new baby was always called Lloyd within the Family, but Terry "outside"] Anna returned to work, and held various secretarial jobs, at one time working for Curtis Dall (FDR's ex-Son-in-Law). She also obtained her Real Estate license along the way. In 1947, Anna was diagnosed with a thyroid condition that hospitalized her and kept her out of work for 6 months. She later got a job as Secretary to Anthony Scuderi, a lawyer. When his practice moved to Lynbrook, we also relocated, to East Rockaway in 1960.

Terese Lloyd's Son, Joseph Porter, was born in 1963 and Anna was in her glory with a Grandchild. Joe remembers that he and his Mom picked up Grandma every day from work. Anna finally retired from work at age 69 - but some of her "best days" were still ahead of her. She had a ball! She volunteered at the local schools, helping the children with their reading; organized the CYO Cake Sales, and founded The Friendship Club (the Senior Citizens' group at our church). We really didn't hear too much about what she did at the Club until her Wake, when some of the members "told the tales". Anna had cautioned them "Don't tell Lloyd and Bob! They wouldn't approve!" [Apparently there were some "naughty" stories involved.]

After Lloyd and Joe moved to Sag Harbor in the early 70's, Anna got a new "pet", a Dalmatian named Pepper. Boy, did she ever dote on Pepper! At her 75th Birthday celebration at Buckley's Restaurant, Anna went to the piano and led the "entertainment". However, it was downhill, healthwise, from there. Anna slowed down considerably and we had a Vietnamese

Family (Hai and her children) come in every day as companions; she had new folks to "dote on". Anna suffered a stroke in July 1981, was in a coma for 3 days and died on July 26th. A blessed death indeed, culminating a life well-lived!

Child #13: Jack

Caspar John (Jack) Lucke was also born at the Suydam Place home, and baptized at St Benedict's. He married Anne Veronica Reilly and they lived in Flatbush for many years on Flatbush Avenue near Farragut Road with their five children. In 1976, Jack and Anne moved in with his Daughter Jackie in Farmingdale where eventually they both died - the last of the Lucke J3's generation!

All his grandchildren and great-children called him "Papa." Their warm and wonderful memories (as written by his granddaughter Anne Marie) are of a "gentle giant." Truly Jack was a big man, but you could never be scared of this man who only wanted to make people happy. He was kind and patient and always had time to talk to you.

Jack was meticulous in even the smallest of details. He loved to putter around Jackie's house in Farmingdale fixing this or that. He used to say it made him feel good to accomplish at least one project a day.

Jack adored his grandkids and great-grandkids and told them endless hours of jokes. [Like all the 13, but especially the Boys, jokes and puns were a normal part of "Lucke Humor!"] The one the youngest loved was:

There were two men on a boat - Pete and Repeat. Pete fell out. Who was left?

The kids would then shout "Repeat" and this would go on and on till they wore Jack down.

Jack had a nickname for everyone; it was sort of a hobby of his. Anne Marie's was "Daisy" because she loved daisies. [What was yours?] Anne Marie remembers that the kids would be buzzing around doing this or that and Papa would watch in amazement. He'd say, many times over, with a great smile on his face "Daisy, man works from sun to sun but woman's work is never done."

Jack was very devoted to his beloved Anne ("Nanny") and he missed her terribly after she died in 1979. His later years (he died in 1985) were bittersweet yet he managed to stay productive and enjoyed the simplest pleasures of each and every day,

[Editor's Note: I also remember Uncle Jack with great fondness. Although we didn't see much of each other after we moved from Flatbush to East Rockaway, it was always a special treat when we got together. He always made us smile! He loved being with the Family. We'll never forget his "appearance" at the Lucke Family Picnic in 1982! And it was a great privilege for me to lead the prayers at his Wake Service, which was shortly after my ordination as a Deacon in 1985.]

At the left: Jack with his Daughter, Jackie LaCava and Lloyd and Bob Campbell, taken in 1981 after Anna's funeral.

