

The Lucke Family Newsletter

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♥ Congratulations ♥

♥ **Anne Connelly LeMieux** and **Timothy Pocock** were married in May, 1997. Anne is the Daughter of Betty and John Connelly, Grand-daughter of #10 Margie.

♥ **Thomas Connelly** and **Beth Kennedy** were married on October 9, 1999. Tom is the Son of Betty and John Connelly, Grand-son of #10 Margie.

♥ **Matthew Daniel Vitro** was born on May 14, 2000 to Theresa and Daniel Vitro. Theresa is the Daughter of Ruth Ann and Michael Donovan, Grand-daughter of Agnes and Edward Wilson, Great-Grand-daughter of #2 Frank.

♥ **Elizabeth Magee** and **William Malloy** were married on June 24, 2000, at St Mary's Church in Stamford, CT. Liz is the Daughter of Bob and Anne Magee, Grand-daughter of # 10 Margie.

♥ **Patrick Magee** and **Renee Safrin** were married on August 5th, 2000, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Patrick is the Son of Edwin and Nancy Magee, Grand-son of #10 Margie.

♥ **Elizabeth Donovan** and **Eric Fingeret** were married on September 16, 2000. Elizabeth is the Daughter of Ruth Ann and Michael Donovan, Grand-daughter of Agnes and Edward Wilson, Great-Grand-daughter of #2 Frank.

♥ **Ken and Dolores Bond** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 12th with a beautiful party in Hemet, California.

The 31

We continue the stories of the children of **The Thirteen**. There were 31 of us. In this issue we feature the children of #8, **William Joseph**.

William H Lucke

Bill, the oldest Son, was born January 14, 1921. He married Kay Sullivan on September 5, 1948; they had one Daughter, Karen, born 7/26/49. Bill died in Florida on May 12, 1993.

Bill's Daughter, Karen Lucke LaPenna, contributed the following:

I remember that my Dad enjoyed bowling, much like his Dad (and so many other Luckes) did. Dad bowled in leagues for most of his life. He taught me to bowl, as well as teaching me many things.

One of the best things that Dad taught me from an early age was to enjoy "God's world" - to appreciate the beauty of the mountains, the ocean and wildlife. We went on vacation every year, to the mountains or the shore.

I have many great memories of vacations spent with my family. One time, when we were up in the Adirondack Mountains, we went to the town "garbage dump" to see the bears. At dusk the bears would come out of the mountains to pick food from the trash. The excitement of seeing bears up close was fascinating to me. This was actually a tourist attraction - and it was free. Oh, the simple things in life can be so wonderful!

On weekends we usually went somewhere "outdoors" - in the summer we would go to the beach and spend the entire day there. In the cooler weather, we would take a drive (usually on Sundays) after visiting Grandma and Grandpa - sometimes to the beach to take a "brisk" walk on the boardwalk.

Dad also enjoyed fishing; he belonged to a fishing club for some time. He also taught me to fish. I miss him greatly but am so happy for the wonderful things that he taught me: honesty, fairness, kindness and love.

Harry Lucke

Harry, the middle Son, was born on the Feast of St Joseph, March 19, 1925. He was a very good athlete, excelling at football and baseball at Franklin K Lane High school in Brooklyn.

Harry joined the Navy at age 18. He became a Seabee and took part in the invasion of Saipan and Tinian and was wounded. When he returned home, he moved to Ohio for a while, doing construction work. His marriage to Jackie McNulty lasted just over a year and after the divorce he returned to the family home in Queens. Harry died April 10, 1969, at age 44, just about a week after his Father.

Harry's Niece, Karen Lucke LaPenna, contributed the following:

Although Uncle Harry was a quiet, kind of keep-to-himself sort of person, we did have nice talks. Uncle Harry and I watched TV together many times when I was a youngster.

I loved him much even though I did not know him as well as "Unc Bob". Uncle Harry was always kind to me, and looked out for me. Somehow I understood, even at a young age, that people are different and show their affection and concern in different ways.

Robert Boyce Lucke

Bob, the youngest of the 3 sons was born on August 13, 1932. Although it was Friday the 13th, it turned into a "good Lucke" charm! Bob was a good student and attended the Prep Seminary. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy in April 1950. He served in the Korean conflict and occupation forces in Europe and Japan. In December 1954, Bob married Billie Jean Meadows. They had two Daughters, Patricia, born 12/19/58 and Susan Ann, born 1/19/62. Following their divorce, Bob married Susan McAllister; their Son Kevin was born 11/17/63. That marriage also ended in divorce. Bob is currently married to Joni Barrett Lucke.

Joni Lucke contributed the following:

My first date with Bob was January 17, 1991. We went to watch Bob's favorite team, the NY Giants, play in the Superbowl. The timing of our first kiss was when the rockets went off at the end. Bob asked, "Did you hear rockets too?" The Giants won - and so did I, because he proposed a short time later. I accepted but we waited awhile until I could inform my 3 sons and introduce Bob to my family.

I guess Bob had a "thing" for Irish girls, since all three of his wives had Irish roots. I was Joni Barrett who became Joni Lucke - and I have been "lucky" ever since!

Bob and I are soul-mates; we do everything together. We faithfully attend our parish church at St Catherine's, share household chores and shopping, and even do laundry together. The only chore I have to keep Bob away from is painting. When we lived in New Jersey, I decided to paint our apartment. Bob insisted on helping. I left him at the job while I went to the store for more rollers. When I returned I walked into a grand mess. Bob had fallen into the paint bucket and made a mess of the hardwood floors. It took hours to clean up. This convinced him that there are a few things that we cannot do together! However, Bob excels in

many other ways. For instance he's a great dancer (which is also one of my passions).

We both retired and moved to Largo Florida in 1996. Bob loves Florida and won't go North even for vacation. This past year both Bob and I underwent cancer surgeries. How's that for another joint effort? As Bob says, God has given us to each other for all-ways!

Bob's Niece, Karen Lucke LaPenna, contributed the following:

My favorite uncle is Uncle Bob - aka "Unc". He is the youngest of all my uncles, perhaps that is one reason why he is my favorite. He was always fun and charming. One of my fondest stories is when I was just a little girl; Unc took me to the movies. I was more interested in picking up the trash on the floor, than watching the movie! It was really embarrassing for "Unc" and he wasn't able to finish watching the movie because of my desire to clean the theatre!

"Unc" Bob used to tease a lot. When I spent the night with him and Aunt "Billie" (his first wife - Mother of Patricia and Susan) he would tease me about how I said, "May I please have more spaghetti?" I actually would say "basgetti" and he would tell me I couldn't have any more till I said it right - and I thought I was saying it

right! "Basgetti" - I mean what's wrong with that????

Bob Campbell contributed the following:

I recall visiting Uncle Bill and Aunt Loretta in downtown Brooklyn. They had a big brownstone with a very long set of brick stairs up to the main floor, where there was a sitting room that we kids weren't allowed in. My Sister Lloyd and I were sent to the lower floor and played with Bobby (Billy and Harry were too old to bother with us.) We enjoyed being with Bobby - he always had a vivid imagination and made up games for us to play.

Bobby used to visit us in Flatbush quite often. He had to take a trolley and a bus and he came by himself but he was always interested in meeting members of "the Lucke side" because most of their time was with the Doughertys (Aunt Loretta's family). Once Lloyd took him on a tour, visiting Uncle Jack's family and then Aunt Mary Muller who lived nearby; they walked for miles to get there!

Bob has stayed close with us over the years. Joe (Lloyd's son) and I really appreciated his coming to the cemetery with us when Lloyd died. We certainly miss him now that he is "ensconced" in Florida!

Lucke Family Birthdays

On the following pages we have listed the birthdays of all family members, living as well as deceased. They are shown in date sequence and each month a Prayer Day is indicated. We ask that on that day each month, we all pray for those members celebrating their birthdays

We are missing a few birthdays, including: Barbara Starr Gucker, Daniel Guerand, William Malloy, Timothy Pocock and Renee Safrin Connelly. Please send them to Bob Campbell (135 Centre Avenue, East Rockaway NY 11518-1010) and we will update our database. Many thanks!

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas season
And a healthy, happy, prosperous 2001 - The Year of New Beginnings

from Rita Muller, Joe Porter and Bob Campbell