

Allardyce Family



The Allardyce name came to Frankenmuth when James Robert Allardyce moved here from Saginaw in April of 1962. James Robert Allardyce was born on November 18, 1923 in Saginaw, Michigan to James E. and J. Donelda nee Smith Allardyce. He was the eldest of three boys. His father worked for Saginaw Steering Gear in manufacturing and his mother was a secretary until starting a family.

James graduated from Saginaw High School in 1941, and entered General Motors Institute that fall. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army and was called to active service in 1943. He served in Western Europe with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division. James participated in the airborne invasion of Holland September 17, 1944, parachuting in at Nijmegen. He also fought in the 1944-45 winter campaign of the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded once. James returned to GMI in 1946 and graduated as an Industrial Engineer in 1948. He was employed by Saginaw Steering Gear as an Industrial Engineer until his retirement in 1985 after 44 years of service.

James' activities in the community consist of the following: member of Frankenmuth Library Study Committee, board member of Michigan's Own Military and Space Museum, member of the Frankenmuth American Legion Post 150, secretary for 19 years of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association (World War II), troop committee chairman of the Frankenmuth Boy Scout Troop 255, chairman of the administrative board of Frankenmuth United Methodist Church, and president of Frankenmuth Public School PTA.

May 8, 1948, James married Anne L. McNaughton in Bethel Presbyterian Church in London Township, Ontario, Canada.

Anne was born December 12, 1925 and is one of ten children born to Donald C. and Mae nee Berryman McNaughton.

They owned and operated a farm in London Township. Anne was a registered nurse in both Ontario and Michigan. She finished her nursing career at the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth, retiring after fifteen years of service.

James and Anne have three children:

Ellen Anne was born July 15, 1949 in Saginaw and graduated from the University of Michigan. Ellen married Kazmer A. Wolkenberg February 12, 1977 in Frankenmuth. They have two boys: James K. born on April 7, 1980 and David R. born February 6, 1982. Laural May was born March 5, 1955 in Saginaw and graduated from Western Michigan University. She married Donald Linkert on April 11, 1981 in Frankenmuth. They have one daughter, Katherine Anne born November 13, 1994. James Donald was born November 12, 1956 in Saginaw and graduated from the University of Michigan. He married Nancy Greenlee March 24, 1990 in Grand Rapids. They have three children: Natalie Anne born on September 22, 1991, James Gerald born on May 10, 1994 and Jeffrey Stephen born on June 16, 1996.

James R. Allardyce's grandparents on his father's side were James R. and Agnes nee Hutton Allardyce. They immigrated to the United States from Burnbank, Scotland. Grandfather James R. was born February 29, 1868 and died October 20, 1933. He was a coal miner in Scotland and Saginaw County. Grandmother Agnes was born January 31, 1869 and died May 21, 1948. James' maternal grandparents were Donald and Elizabeth nee McClenan Smith.

The Allardyce name is traced to the old barony of Allardice in the parish of Arbuthnott in Kincardine, Scotland. The Allardyces belong to Clan Graham of Menteith through the marriage of the Menteith heirs to Sir John Allardice of Allardice in the 1690's.



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