

Bamberg Family



The Bamberg name came to Frankenmuth through marriage. In researching family histories, we find that often people moved to Frankenmuth because they married a Frankenmuth girl. This was the case for Dennis Bamberg in 1974.

Dennis Charles Bamberg was born on August 13, 1939, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Charles Max and Molly nee Klemm Bamberg. He was baptized at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Saginaw October 1, 1939 and confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, Michigan on June 6, 1954. From age nine he attended Bridgeport schools, completing his formal education at Arthur Hill Trade School as a machinist. Dennis is employed with General Motors as a tinsmith. Dennis Charles Bamberg married Vera Christine Zehnder, daughter of Edmund and Hedwig Dorthea Frank Zehnder, June 26, 1971, at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. They had three children: Carmen, Matthew, and Suzanne.

Carmen Marie Bamberg was born on October 18, 1966. She graduated from Frankenmuth High School in 1984, and received both her bachelors and masters degree from Western Michigan University in Speech Pathology in the spring of 1988 and December of 1989, respectively. Carmen married Lee Fitzgerald George on July 21, 1990. They resided in the Grand Rapids area with their sons, Adam Michael born on February 21, 1993 and Eric Matthew born November 6, 1995.

Matthew Dennis Bamberg was born on December 19, 1972 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan. In 1991 he graduated from Frankenmuth High School and attended Ferris State University to study Heavy Equipment Technology. He earned his associates and bachelors degree in 1993 and May of 1995, respectively. He resided with his family in the Lansing area, and worked there, as well.

Suzanne Renee Bamberg was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw on Bavarian Festival Sunday, on June 8, 1975. She graduated from Frankenmuth High School in 1993. Suzy furthered her studies at Baker College in Flint and Saginaw Valley State University.

Dennis, Vera and family belonged to St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth. Dennis was an usher, former trustee, and president of the Church Decorating Committee. He was also active in the Frankenmuth Conservation Club and the Snowmobile Club.

The Bamberg's come originally from Germany but "the when" and "the whereabouts" are not known. The great-grandparents of Dennis were Charles and Jenny Bamberg. His grandfather, Max Charles Bamberg, was born on March 31, 1894 and died February 27, 1986. He married Beatrice Duprey, whose date of birth is unknown. She died on November 1, 1989.

Dennis' father was Charles Max, born on April 15, 1915 and died March 12, 1963. He married Molly nee Klemm October 22, 1938. They had four children: Kay, Barry, Darlene, and Dennis. Kay Bamberg married Virgil Duve. They had six children: Jeffrey, Julie, Brian, Gregory, Kimberly, and Kevin. Barry Bamberg had two children: Heather and Chad, and two step-sons, Chad and Jason. Darlene Bamberg had three children: Gretchen, Lisa, and Donald. Dennis' mother, Molly nee Klemm Bamberg, was born in Kukkus, Russia October 21, 1914. She was less than three years old when in March 1917 the political leadership of Russia passed from the hands of the Romanov dynasty into the hands of the intelligentsia (Bolsheviks). Molly's nephew, Bruce Klemm, wrote a family history, "The Long, Hard Walk to Freedom," in which he describes the Klemm family escape from Russia and their long, difficult journey to Saginaw, Michigan.



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