

Butman Family



The Butman name came to this area through Lowell Butman, born on January 30, 1941, in Clinton County, to Gordon Butman and Adelaide nee McNamara, whose parents originated from County Cork Ireland. The Gordon Butman family moved to Roscommon, Michigan where eight years later in 1959, Lowell graduated from Roscommon High School. After graduation, he attended Michigan State Veterinary School. While attending school at Michigan State University, he met Mildred (Moody) nee Bossman from Saginaw, Michigan. They were married on September 15, 1962 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw. "Moody" was born on October 27, 1942 to Fred Bossman and Julia nee Kottnauer. "Moody" attended St. Mary's School for 12 years. After graduating from Michigan State University, "Moody" taught elementary school in Lansing for several years until their move to Frankenmuth.

While Lowell attended veterinary school at Michigan State University, he worked construction with Herb Bronner in Frankenmuth during summer months. He, also, came into contact with "Gus" Braeutigam, a veterinarian in Frankenmuth. Lowell and "Moody" fell in love with Frankenmuth and after graduation in 1965, they moved to this community. Lowell practiced veterinary medicine with Dr. Braeutigam for nearly four years, focusing primarily on large animal medicine.

After practicing veterinary medicine for a number of years, Dr. Lowell Butman decided to become a medical doctor. The family moved to Ferndale and Dr. Butman attended Wayne State University Medical School, graduating in 1972.

In 1974, Dr. Lowell Butman took over Dr. Neil Love's practice in Frankenmuth when Dr. Love left to work for St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw. Dr. Butman was a family doctor in Frankenmuth from 1974-1990.

He delivered approximately 500 babies of local families during that time. From 1990 until 1992, he was vice-president of Medical Affairs at what is now Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. He then worked part-time at a walk-in medical clinic in Frankenmuth.

Dr. Butman was very active in the community. He was the team physician for Frankenmuth High School for many years, and was instrumental in bringing ambulance service to the community as well as the MedExpress, a walk-in medical clinic. He was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member and treasurer of the Civic Events Council. He was instrumental in starting a Catholic mission and served as chairman of the Building Committee for Blessed Trinity Church in Frankenmuth.

Lowell and "Moody" had three children:

Stephen Patrick was born on February 23, 1965 in Lansing, Michigan. He attended Frankenmuth schools and graduated from the University Notre Dame. He received a Master's degree in Business Administration from Michigan State University. He lived in Grand Rapids and ran his own consulting business.

Michael Alden was born on November 3, 1966 in Saginaw, Michigan. He graduated from Frankenmuth High School and then received a Bachelor's degree and Medical degree from Michigan State University. He was a family physician in Frankenmuth.

Laura Lynne was born on December 16, 1970 in Royal Oak, Michigan. She graduated from Frankenmuth High School and then attended Notre Dame. She completed a Master's degree in Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis. Laura lived in Holt, Michigan with her husband, Kai, and three daughters: Allison, Rachel and Karen.



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