

Claramunt Family



The Claramunt roots go back to Barcelona, Spain where the name Claramunt is a fairly recognized name with church documents recording marriages, births, etc., far into the prior century. Relatively few with the name of Claramunt reside in the United States. However, those that do are almost entirely related to Vincente Claramunt who was born in Barcelona, Spain, April 5, 1860. Vincente traveled to the United States, married Mercedes Perez from Havana, Cuba, and resided in Tampa, Florida, working as a cigar maker. Vincente's seventh son, Manuel Claramunt born August 2, 1906, moved to Detroit, Michigan. They married and raised a family of nine children.

Morrall Manuel Claramunt was the oldest of these nine children. He was born on December 14, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. He attended a one-room school, St. Paul Lutheran, in Farmington, Michigan, for grades one through eight. After eighth grade, Morrall attended Concordia High School and College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated with an Associates degree in 1963. He then attended Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana and finally returned to Michigan to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1965.

Morrall married Nancy Lee Martin at St. Valentines in Livonia, Michigan, April 15, 1966. They resided in Livonia, where Morrall was employed by Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company, first as a claim adjuster and then as a marketing representative for southeastern Michigan. Morrall and his family moved to Frankenmuth in 1974.

The Claramunt family soon became involved in community and church activities. Morrall was an active Frankenmuth Jaycee and chapter president in 1975-1976, the year in which the first "Volkslaufe" was run by the Frankenmuth Jaycees.

Upon "exhausting" from the Jaycees, at age 36, he was given their highest honor – A JCI Senatorship #25200. Nancy used her music and dancing abilities to benefit the Frankenmuth Historical Museum, which in those years conducted annual talent shows as fundraisers.

In 1995, Morrall completed twenty years of service to the Civic Events Council, serving as chairman of several different committees. He has served as chairman of the Board of Youth and the Board of Trustees at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. In 1993-1994, he was president of the Frankenmuth Rotary Club.

Morrall served as executive vice president and secretary of the Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company and earned the prestigious CPCU Chapter as president. Nancy shares her many talents with church, friends and the community.

Morrall and Nancy had three children: Tammy Rachelle, Randy Morrall and Wendy Rebecca. The Claramunt children all attended St. Lorenz Lutheran School and Frankenmuth High School.

Randall attended Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Fish and Wildlife and did graduate work at the University of Illinois in aquatic ecology.

Wendy graduated from Central Michigan University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and did graduate work in counseling at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Wendy was on the Frankenmuth Bavarian Princess Court in 1992.

Morrall and Nancy have six grandchildren. Morrall retired from Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company in 2007.



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