

Goyings Family



The Goyings family is believed to have originated in the country of Holland in the 1600's. They were Huguenots, and fleeing persecution, moved to Ireland and Germany and later immigrated to America. The 1840 census for Hardy County, Virginia is the first mention of Balderman Goings, Dr. Edward Goyings great-great-grandfather, born in 1798. Balderman married Lucretia "Lucy", born in 1801, and they farmed. When they married, Lucretia had a 2½ year-old son named William Henry, who took the Goings name. When William was a young man, he rode to the County Seat and had a "y" added to his name, changing it to Goyings. Foster father Balderman Goings was very upset over the change. William married Margaret Mary Pownell of Fayette County, Ohio and they had 10 children. The fourth of these children was Samuel Goyings, Dr. Edward Goyings' grandfather. Samuel and his wife Sarah had four children: Ralph, Ford, Everett and Ethel. In 1902 the Samuel Goyings family moved to White Cloud, Newaygo County, Michigan where they bought a 160 acre farm. In 1932, Everett, born in 1893 married Laura Terwillegar. They had four children: Lloyd, Nancy, Edward, and Mark. Laura had two children by a previous marriage: Tom and Juanita (their father died from tuberculosis). Edward's father was a farmer and his mother was a teacher.

Dr. Edward Goyings, born January 7, 1937, was baptized and confirmed at White Cloud Methodist Church. He graduated from White Cloud High School, attended Michigan State University, and served in the United States Navy. He earned his Doctorate of Dentistry from the University of Michigan in 1967; then moved to Frankenmuth and established his dental practice in the old bank building on Main Street. He has two daughters. Laura was born May 18, 1966. She attended Michigan State University and graduated from Grand Valley State University with a BA in Social Sciences.

Laura and her husband, Brian Wagner, live in Ravenna, Michigan and have two children, Brianna Jean and Daniel Edward. Cheryl Lynn was born May 9, 1971. She graduated from Maplebrook School in Amenia, New York, a private school for developmentally challenged children. Cheryl married Jeffrey Hardy October 10, 2003 at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge. She and Jeff competed in 2006 in the National Special Olympics in softball and won the gold medal. Their wedding photograph pictured here, was autographed by Eunice Kennedy Schriver, founder of Special Olympics.

December 16, 1968, Dr. Edward Goyings married Betty Jean Feemster from Rock Hill, South Carolina. Betty had three children. Michael was born January 19, 1968. He graduated from the University of Michigan, with a degree in Fine Arts. Michael resides in Ypsilanti. Kimberly was born April 15, 1958. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Biology. Kimberly resides in Bay City, Michigan and teaches Earth Science and Biology. Jim was born July 13, 1956. He graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina and served in the U.S. Army. He and his wife Theresa, have two children, Mary Katherine and Timothy Joshua.

Dr. Edward Goyings practiced dentistry in Frankenmuth for 39 years. He has served on the Frankenmuth School Board, is past president of the Frankenmuth Rotary Club and is involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Dr. Ed is involved in dental organizations and is past president of the Saginaw County Dental Society. Dr. Ed and Betty are members of the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. Betty enjoys photography and graphic arts. Some of her hand-colored photographs are displayed in the Bavarian Inn Lodge Goyings guestroom. Dr. Ed and Betty's passion is spending time with their children and grandchildren at their 162-acre nature retreat in Hickory Corners, Michigan.



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