

# Hoadley Family



He appetite for a good “home-cooked” meal brought the beginnings of this family name to Frankenmuth. Harold E. Hoadley Sr. worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He would often stop to eat at Fischer’s Hotel in Frankenmuth, and in so doing, got acquainted with Aileen Habke, who was working there as a waitress. This eventually led to Harold moving to Frankenmuth and marrying Aileen.

Harold’s parents were Rufus A. and Ada Margelia nee Verley Hoadley, both born in Burwell. Rufus and Ada moved to Michigan where they lived out their lives. Rufus died in Niles, Michigan and Ada died in Berrien Springs.

Besides Harold, Rufus and Ada had three other children: Howard, Ronald and Violetta. Howard and his wife, Betty, had two sons, Donald and Tom. Ronald and his wife, Millie, had one son, Ronald. Violetta married Marcus MacLaughlin. They had two children, Howard and Janet.

Harold E. Hoadley Sr. was born in Burwell, Nebraska, on April 22, 1911. Harold married Aileen Lorna Habke on October 27, 1933 at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth. Aileen was born on January 25, 1914 to Johannes George Ludwig and Marie nee Pietsch Habke.

The Hoadley’s formerly resided on Jefferson Street in Frankenmuth. Harold died April 25, 1979, and as of this writing, Aileen resides at the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Harold and Aileen Hoadley had three children. Harold “Bud” Hoadley, Jr. was born July 7, 1934.

Harold “Bud” married Alice Cooper and they had three children: Richard A., born in 1955, Rodney J., born in 1958 and Robert E., born in 1961.

Currently, “Bud” is married to Lois nee Eischer and they reside in Frankenmuth.

Ronald Hoadley was born August 31, 1937. He married Sally Depottey. Ronald died on May 13, 1965.

Mary Ann Hoadley was born July 8, 1950. She married Harold Grant Engel. Mary Ann is a registered nurse and her husband, “Grant”, previously owned Grant’s Frankenmuth Television and Appliance on Main Street.

Harold E. Hoadley Sr. worked for AC Spark Plug in Flint as a machinist/tool grinder. Later he worked for Universal Engineering in Frankenmuth.

Harold was a member of the Frankenmuth Conservation Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and ski jumping (having received many ribbons from his success in ski jumping competitions).

Harold and Aileen were members of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. Harold is buried in St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Cemetery.

