

Jorgensen Family



The Jorgensen name came to Frankenmuth when Dorothy Schluckebier married Robert (Bob) W. Jorgensen on April 15, 1952. Dorothy's parents were Herbert and Margaret nee Lotter Schluckebier. Bob's parents were James and Beatrice

B. nee Mardon Jorgensen. Bob's grandparents on his father's side were James J. and Mary Louise nee Amundsen Jorgensen, both from Denmark. Jorgensen means the son of Jorgen (farmer).

Soon after their marriage, Bob went from working at U.S. Graphite to selling cars for Dorothy's father at the H. J. Schluckebier Chrysler-Plymouth car dealership. Those were exciting days in the automotive industry. Bob loved his new occupation and acquired a large clientele of loyal customers. Bob stayed with car sales until his retirement in 1991.

Dorothy changed from insurance secretary to waitress after the arrival of their second son. She continued this part time job until their youngest started school. She then returned to insurance and worked at the Frankenmuth Farm Bureau office. Dorothy retired in 2000 and then became active in volunteer work.

Bob and Dorothy were blessed with four children: Robert born December 7, 1952; John born February 19, 1954; Janine born January 12, 1962; and Lynda born December 25, 1965. They attended St. Lorenz Lutheran School and Frankenmuth High School.

All four children worked at the Bavarian Inn. Bob and John were among the first waiters. They continued their part time jobs into their college days at MSU by working some weekends, holidays, and summers.

Bob enhanced his MSU education at Cornell and Indiana Universities. On June 17, 1977, he married Anne Gunderson of Manistee, Michigan.

They had two children: Emily Mae born April 17, 1980, and Adam Todd born August 23, 1984. They live in Columbus, Indiana and are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Bob is an environmental consultant for emission control worldwide employed by Cummins Diesel Engine. Anne is a nurse and manages the WIC program.

John settled in Ft. Lauderdale after jaunts to the western United States, Europe, Great Britain, North Africa, Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands. He has a woodworking shop and works on wooden boats, churches, and other precision jobs. He carved family crests. He and his wife Ann Mari have two boys, Jonathan and Eric.

Janine participated in gymnastics and played clarinet in the Woodwind Choir while at St. Lorenz. She graduated salutatorian of her high school class. Janine married Dana Livingston on July 25, 1987. She and her husband are chemical engineers employed by Dow Chemical in Walnut Creek, California. They have three children: Ian Tyler, Jenna and Kelly.

Lynda's artistic abilities showed up in grade school when she designed the church license plates. At an early age she became the entrepreneur of "Kids and Craft," where she taught crafts to young children. Other businesses included "Natural Wreaths", "BJ Boxers", and "Wedding Invitations". Lynda lives in Ogden Dunes, Indiana, but works in Chicago as art director for United Way of Chicago. She married Andy Jastrebski on May 7, 1995 and they have a daughter Nina.

Bob and Dorothy were members of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, where Bob was an usher and Dorothy was a member of the Missionary Guild and the bookkeeper for the church's LWML Book Store.



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