

McEwen Family



he McEwen name was brought to Frankenmuth in 1965, when Jerry McEwen became superintendent of the Frankenmuth School District. He served in that position until he retired in 1992.

During his tenure, the district doubled in size and changed from a small rural district to a suburban district which was, and still is, regarded as a leading educational system in Michigan. E.F. Rittmueller Middle School was constructed and major additions were made to the elementary and high school, as well.

Jerry served as regional president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and was a member of the State Council. He also served Saginaw's then St. Luke's Hospital as vice chairman of the Board of Directors and chairman of its Foundation. He was honored by the Saginaw Exchange Club as Educator of the Year, by the Jaycees as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and by the Tri-Valley Conference as its first president.

Jerold Bruce McEwen was born March 24, 1930 in Saginaw, Michigan. His parents, Floyd and Bessie, were of Scottish and German heritage. His father was a railroad engineer; his mother was a telephone operator; his only brother, Bill, an orthopedic surgeon.

Jerry married Mary Ann Rempert of Tawas City and they had two sons: David, a hospital administrator in Marlette; Bruce, a computer engineer for Abbott Pharmaceuticals in Chicago, after having spent time in Europe on assignment with the U.S. Defense Department.

Jerry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Michigan University in 1952. He then served for two years in the Korean conflict as an infantry sergeant, earning several decorations during his service. He received a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1957 and completed post-graduate studies at Central Michigan University as well as Michigan State University.

His first teaching assignment was in Tawas City as an instructor of English, speech, debate and drama. Jerry then became a high school counselor at Saginaw High School.

Upon retirement, Jerry's educational work was marked by a joint resolution of the Michigan Senate and House for his tenure in Michigan education.

After retiring, he opened a flight school at Harry Browne Airport in Saginaw, Michigan.

Jerry married Julie Lynn Reinbold, from Frankenmuth, on December 7, 2001. They live in Lexington, Kentucky and get to enjoy the areas beautiful scenery and abundance of horses. Jerry and Julie are very involved in the community as members of Word of Hope Lutheran Church. Julie is the Parish Coordinator at Word of Hope and also owns and operates a public relations consulting firm, McEwen Creative. Jerry has been honored to be named a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky.



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