

# Janni Family



The Janni name came to this area through Saverio (Sam) Janni. Sam was born on March 28, 1881 in San Pietro, Italy. He was baptized shortly thereafter in April, 1881. On November 17, 1904 in San Pietro, he married Fortunata Gagliardi. Fortunata was born August 15, 1884.

Sam and Fortunata left Italy and went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and then to Hibbing, Minnesota. On July 18, 1914, they became citizens of the United States of America. In 1921 the family moved to Tawas City, Michigan, and then in 1928 they moved to Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Sam Janni purchased an 80 acre farm on Townline Road where he farmed all 80 acres. He also had a large garden and specialized in growing strawberries.

Sam and Fortunata had eight children. All of the children were born in Minnesota.

Orlando was born in June of 1908. He was self-employed, owning a party store in Flushing, Michigan. Orlando died in February of 1987.

Fiore was born in November of 1909. He was a farmer in the Frankenmuth area. Fiore and his wife, Jean, had four children: Bill, John, Carl and Leon. Fiore died in October of 1986.

Victoria was born in August of 1911. She was a homemaker and also worked for Fly-Rite, a supplier of fly-fishing tackle. She married Nick Diberardino and they had two children: Nick and Victor. Victoria died in July of 1987.

Raymond was born in December of 1915. He was self-employed, operating a bar in Saginaw. He had two children, Sandy and Carol. Raymond died in November of 1976.

Mario was born in 1918. He was an engineer and part-time teacher in Hagerstown, Maryland. Mario and his wife Betty had two children, Patricia and David; and two adopted daughters, Debbie and Martha. Mario died in March of 1995.

Belinda was born in May of 1920. She was a homemaker and also worked at Fly-Rite. She married Carl Dolfi. They had three children: Mary Ann, Barbara, and Louise. The Dolfi family resided in Birch Run Township, Michigan.

Albert was born in July of 1922. He and his wife Marie had three children: Marge, Linda, and Albert. Albert retired from General Motors.

William was born March 11, 1925. He and his wife Gloria (deceased) had five children: Sam, Diana, Denise, Jim, and Susan. Bill was self-employed, operating Janni's Grocery Store. He lived in the Frankenmuth area for 35 years. Bill married Vera Brewer in July of 1994. Bill and Vera made their home in Vassar.

Sam Janni died October 19, 1971 and Fortunata died on April 12, 1963.

