

Zwack Family



The Zwack name came to this area in 1886 through Matthias Lorenz Zwack, who left Abenberg, Germany and came to Saginaw, Michigan. He left behind his parents, Matthias and Walburga Seeger Zwack; his brothers, Peter Vinzenz and Matthias; and three sisters, Kreszentia Walburga, Maria Anna Zwack Finweg, and Walburga Zwach Low.

Matthias Lorenz worked as a laborer at various jobs. In 1897 he was working as a miller at Saginaw Milling Company. He was also a janitor at a school near his home, as well as a night watchman at a warehouse near Michigan and Genesee in Saginaw, Michigan.

He married Elise Friedli on September 29, 1896. Their children included: Louise, who never married; Clara Zacharias; Lillian Stavely; Laura Bador; Frederick Lawrence; and Nina Warner.

Frederick Lawrence Zwack was born on August 9, 1906 and baptized on April 12, 1907 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Saginaw. He attended Holy Cross Lutheran School. On November 11, 1933 he married Natalie Barbara Caroline Hildner at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

In 1935, the Zwack name was brought to Frankenmuth when Frederick Lawrence and Natalie moved into the house they bought at 8496 King Road.

This house was the former residence of the teacher of the Northwest School District, a part of the St. Lorenz Lutheran School system. They purchased this house from the church for \$750. This house is still in the family. Ernest Zwack and his wife Ruth resided in it as of the year 2005.

Frederick worked at Universal Engineering (Tooling Systems Division of Universal/Microbore) and later as a grinder at Saginaw Manufacturing.

Frederick died November 30, 1952 and Natalie died September 6, 1989. They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth.

Frederick Lawrence and Natalie had three children: Norma Elsie born May 10, 1934; Frederick Lawrence born February 6, 1943; and Ernst Eugene born May 13, 1848.

Norma Elsie married Karl Meyerhold. Their children were Barbara (April 28, 1955); Carl (July 26, 1956); Kenneth (November 10, 1957); and Kevin (July 11, 1959). Karl Meyerhold died January 26, 1962. Norma then married William Romaine and they had a daughter, Tracy (April 4, 1964). Norma became widowed a second time when William died April 22, 1966.

Frederick Lawrence married Karen Sue Semmelroth May 28, 1966. They resided in Frankenmuth and enjoy traveling, flower gardening and genealogy.

Ernst Eugene married Ruth Petzold May 19, 1984.

Until 1993, the present Zwacks did not know where Grandpa Zwack came from in Germany. They found that he came from Abenberg, Germany, just south of Nuernberg. Through correspondence they have learned names and addresses of cousins living there.

On August 7, 1994, the children of Frederick Lawrence Zwack and their spouses met their relatives living in Abenberg. Friendship and love continues to be exchanged between the Zwacks of Abenberg and the Zwacks of Frankenmuth. Frequent visits between the families continue to increase the family ties.



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