

The History of
Elizabeth & Thomas Baldwin
And Family

Merle

Peggy

Melba

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Elizabeth Baldwin

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Elizabeth May Baldwin

Elizabeth was born on August 14, 1903, on the farm south of Alma, Kansas, to Elmer and Eva Wilson. She had two older sisters, Grace and Minnie, three older brothers, Roy, Earl, and Ralph, and three younger brothers, Delmer, Elmer, and Harold.

Elizabeth married Thomas Baldwin (Tom) on August 5, 1925, in Goodland, Kansas. Tom was born on September 8, 1903, in Nekoma, Kansas. They lived most of their lives in and near Nekoma, Kansas, where they farmed west of town. The land had been homesteaded by Tom's ancestors. Tom bought out his siblings to own the land himself.

Tom and Elizabeth had three children, Albert Merle (Merle), Peggy Ilene, and Melba Ronella. Merle was born in Jerome, Kansas. Peggy and Melba were born in Nekoma. Melba only lived 5 months and 9 days. Peggy and Melba were born on the same date, March 29, two years apart.

Tom died from cancer on July 27, 1972, and was buried in the cemetery at Nekoma, Kansas. Elizabeth died November 5, 1976, and was buried beside Tom in Nekoma, Kansas.



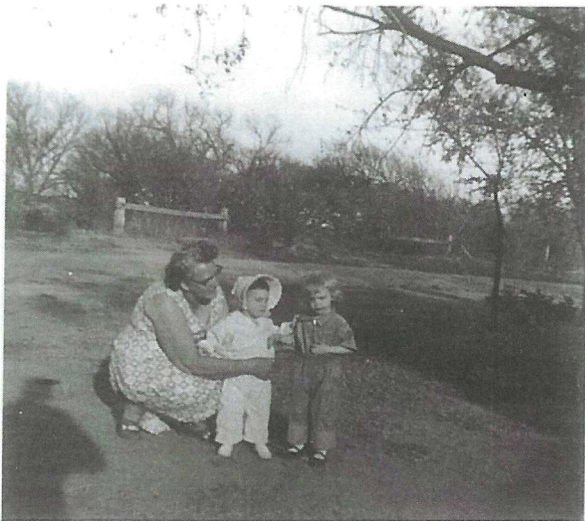
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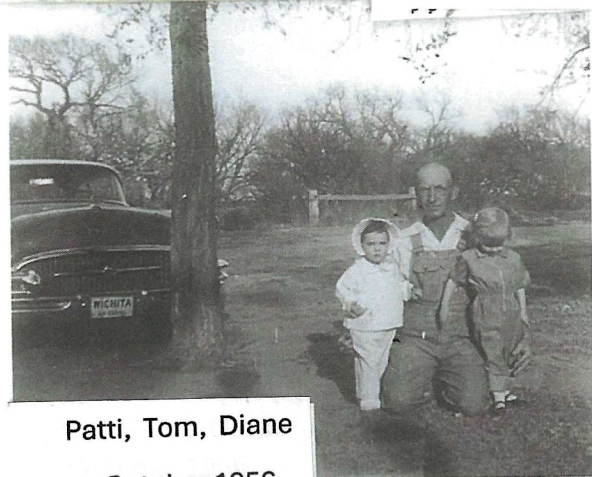


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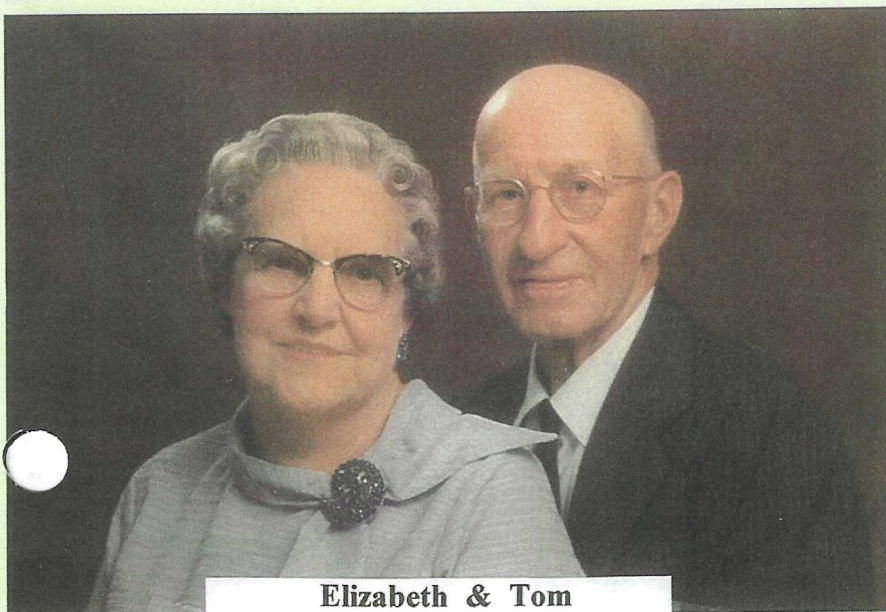
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Patti, Tom, Diane

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Elizabeth & Tom
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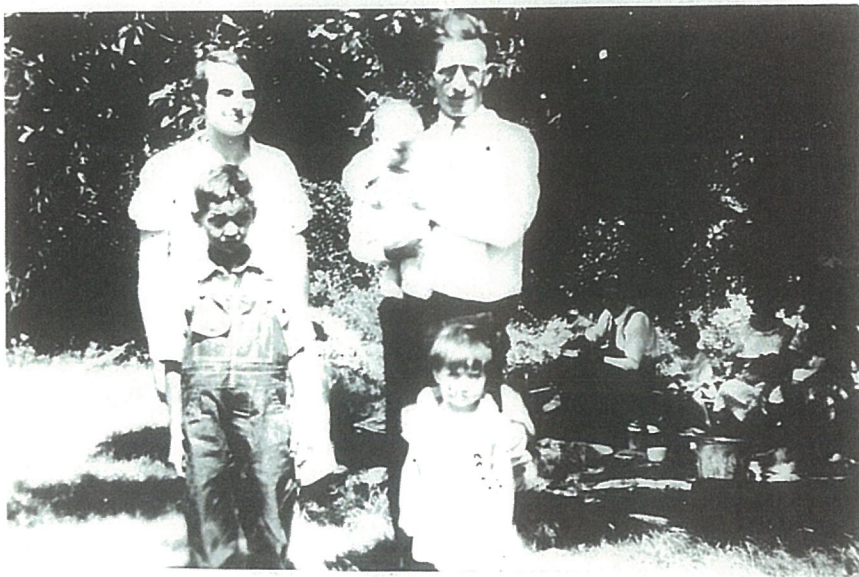
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Elizabeth & Tom



Peggy - 1943



**Elizabeth Tom
Merle, Peggy, Melba
1928 - only picture of Melba**



Merle - July 29, 1972



**Giles & DeLila
Merle & Sue
Tom & Elizabeth**



Farm – Nekoma, Kansas



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Derra Mills, Tom, Elizabeth, Vera Hill



Elizabeth & Tom



1971

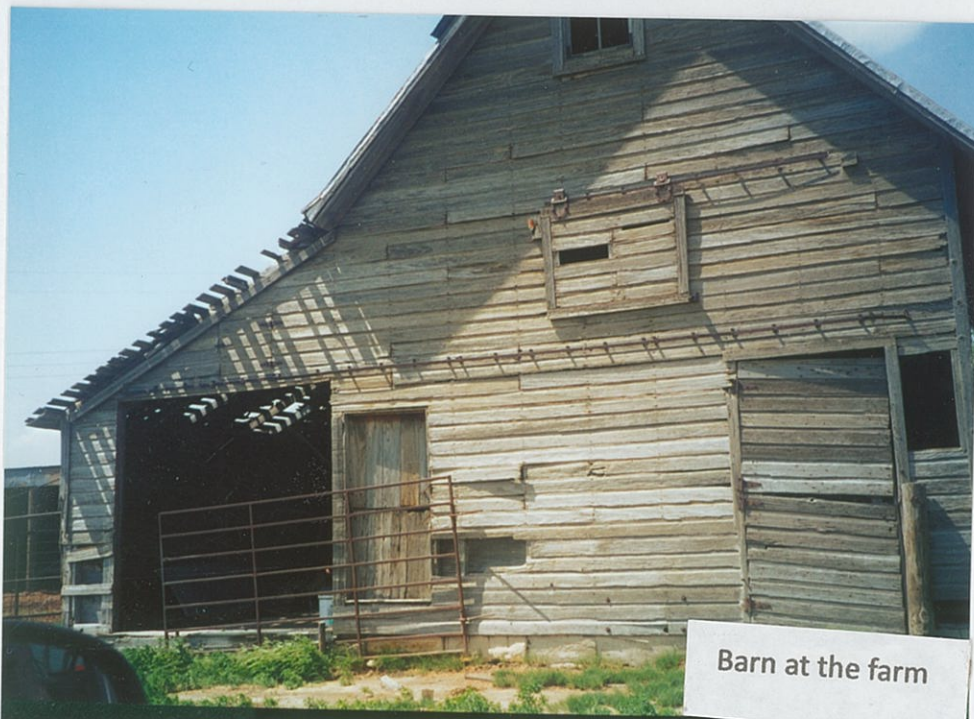
The Farm



1959 flood that required a boat rescue



Garage at the farm



Barn at the farm

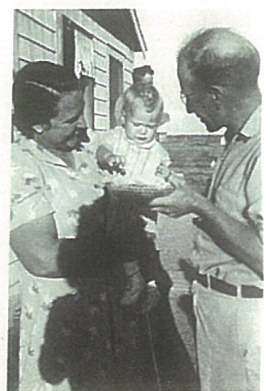


B- Peggy & Merle 1943
F- Tom & Elizabeth Baldwin

Tom & Elizabeth Baldwin
Christmas 1970



*Elizabeth Baldwin
Peggy Wilson
Tom Baldwin
Taken 1943*



Peggy Baldwin
1943



Peggy Baldwin



Merle Baldwin



Elizabeth Wilson
8th Grade Grad.



Peggy & Ralph Michaud
Sept. 1982

Chapter 1

Elizabeth May Wilson

Grandchildren Remembering Elizabeth and Tom Baldwin

The Michaud grandchildren loved the farm. Until 1965 we lived near Denver and had the time of our lives visiting Grandma and Grandpa (Elizabeth and Tom) on the farm for vacation. We viewed farm life very differently than those who daily experienced farm life. Grandma always had so many wonderful handmade specialties that decorated the house. She loved to crochet and embroider. She made special things for us and was willing to help us learn how to do whatever she was doing. Grandma always sent us a box of gifts for Christmas. We even enjoyed the box she used to send gifts.

We loved the farm. We each had our favorite bedroom. Sliding down the steps was so much fun. We couldn't do it at home because the steps were not as steep. We loved exploring and swinging on the tire swing out in front of the house. Each day was a new wonderful adventure.

During each visit to the farm Grandpa (Tom) had chores lined up for our dad (Ralph), but socializing usually came first. He would take us down to Floyd Wilson's gas station and buy us each a pop. They would sit and visit most of the morning. On the way we would stop at the store in Nekoma and Grandpa would give us each a nickel to buy a candy bar. Our last stop was to pick up the mail from Aunt Nora Mills, the post mistress in Nekoma. Nora was Grandma's sister-in-law. Grandma became the assistant postmistress and filled in when Aunt Nora went on vacation. After Aunt Nora retired, Grandma was the post mistress for a couple of years. We found her name in the museum in LaCrosse, Kansas, as Post Mistress.

Laundry was always a major undertaking during our visits. Grandma would haul out the wringer washer, the rinse tub, and the bluing tub. She would put boiling hot water in all three tubs. After starting the washer, she would take a long stick to grab the clothes from the washer to run them through the ringer, put them in the rinse water and then through the wringer again. We girls would then get the clothes and clothespin bag and take them out to hang the clothes up on what seemed like a mile of clothesline in the backyard. Grandma had a stick in the middle of the line so you could hang the clothes and then raise the line up so the clothes did not drag on the ground.

In addition to crops on the farm there were cows, pigs, chickens, stray cats, and the dog Puddles. It was always off limits to go play by the pigpen. They had a hen house and pullet house. On occasion Grandma would go out to the chicken house to find a chicken that was no longer laying eggs. She would chop off its head with an axe. The chicken would bounce around bleeding with no head. She would take it inside and dip it in boiling water, pluck the feathers, and it would eventually be part of dinner or supper. Supper was usually leftovers, sandwiches,

or something similar. Leftover scraps from dinner or supper were always thrown out for the chickens.

"Collecting" eggs was another highlight. Mother (Peggy) or Grandma (Elizabeth) would tell us that you gather eggs you do not collect them. When a chicken was sitting on a nest, we were usually too scared to put a hand in and grab the eggs. The last chore of the day was to go out and close the chicken coop.

We would usually take a crate of 12 dozen eggs home with us as well as many frozen chickens. Dad (Ralph) and Grandpa (Tom) killed them and plucked them. Mother, Grandma, and the girls would cut them up. Grandma and Grandpa attended Jean's graduation from x-ray school. Cornish game hens were served. Grandpa said that this was the first time he had to cut up his chicken before he could eat it.

Grandma always had a little garden out behind the chicken coop. Some of her favorite things to grow were asparagus and rhubarb. She made rhubarb crisp but as kids it always seemed sour. She made sauerkraut and canned food that she kept in the cellar. She worked so hard to feed us dinner and supper. She was a wonderful cook. After breakfast she started planning and working on dinner (which for us was called lunch and supper was our dinner). Pies were one of the favorites that she made for dessert. We always enjoyed "pie doughs" made from the extra dough. She was patient with us and let us help with the project of the day.

The storm cellar was not far from the house. As kids we would open the door and go down there to play. Grandma had her canned goods and emergency supplies down there. Mother used to tell stories of all of them going down into the cellar when the sky looked bad. They must have spent many hours down there at times. Only once while we were there did the sky look like a bad storm was imminent. We were all playing outside with our little umbrellas and Grandpa was hollering at Mother to get us inside.

There were trips to LaCrosse to do shopping. When we went to town with Grandma we would stop at the drugstore. It had a soda fountain in the back, so we stopped for a limeade. When we would all go to town, Grandpa would give us each a dollar to spend at the five and dime.

Tom and Elizabeth slept in twin beds. They had a round piano stool by their beds where Grandpa kept his nose drops that he used every night at bedtime. His footstool in the living room had a hole in the middle where he always put his heel. He used to tell Jean that her feet looked just like his. Joyce hated vegetables so she would sit next to Grandpa, and he would eat them off her plate.

Tom had several sets of clothes. He had his work overalls that he wore out in the field with a starched cap that Grandma had stretched over a coffee can. His evening overalls he put on with

a muscle shirt after his shower. When he went to town, he wore his good overalls and a dress shirt. When they went visiting, he wore a dress shirt and slacks. He used to tease that he only wore a suit to weddings and funerals.

One year that Jean spent the summer with them, Grandpa was teaching her how to drive his old pickup with a stick shift. Gas in Rush Center was 28.9 cents per gallon. They would start the irrigation pipes to irrigate his fields. For him it was a fast process and Jean finally learned to do it as well.

Grandma and Grandpa seemed to know everyone in Nekoma and Rush Center. Every evening we were on the farm, there were visitors, either family, friends, or both. When children came, we always had fun on the tire swings, playing ball in the yard, or chasing fireflies in the evening. The porch did not have a lock on it. When they would leave, they never locked the house.

Elizabeth wrote in a diary each day about what happened that day. She could look back and remember what happened, who visited, and other important things that happened on the farm (like when they pumped the cesspool). It was fun to see what she had written.

When Grandma sent birthday presents, she always included a little gift for the rest of us kids. When it got too costly, she would include bags of candy. While we were in college, she would send care packages that usually included our favorite homemade cookies. Judy's favorite was date pinwheels. Christmas was always a special time. Grandma and Grandpa always sent or brought Christmas gifts for each of us.

There were many changes over the years. When we were little, there was no indoor plumbing. We had to go out use the outhouse. There were pumps on the sinks for the well water. We used the sinks or a galvanized tub for baths. The phone was a wall phone with a crank. It was on a party line. You only answered the phone on a certain type of ring. Grandma knew everyone on the party line and would sometimes pick up the phone to share the conversations of others.

Grandma and Grandpa had the adventure of a lifetime on September 20, 1959. Walnut Creek runs through the farm not far from the house. It is normally shallow. After almost twelve inches of rain the creek flooded this Sunday night. They were rescued by boat from the roof of the house. The only damage they had was in the floor furnace in the living room. The town and surrounding areas were evacuated with no loss of life.

One time they had no electricity for a month or so because of a bad storm. The evening we arrived the electricity came back on. They did not even have to reset the clocks.

Jim Polkable, Judy, and Jean drove out from Indiana to see Grandma and Grandpa over Labor Day weekend 1971. Part of our trip was a side trip to Denver to visit our Grandpa and Aunt Jane Michaud. On the way home to Nekoma we came upon one of the notorious Kansas holiday speed traps at Colby, Kansas. Jim was driving, keeping pace with a car in front of him. As he rounded the bend there was a highway patrolman motioning the car in front, us, and the car behind us over. Jim was clocked at 90 mph. We were in Jean's Ford Maverick. When we arrived in Nekoma, Grandpa Tom said that we must not have hit many bumps because we were flying over them.

We had the privilege of a wonderful visit with Grandpa and Grandma. 1971 was the last Wilson Family Reunion that Tom and Elizabeth were able to attend together. Tom passed away the following July 27, 1972, from cancer.

Grandma stayed on the farm for a while. Aunt Elva lived with her. She then spent time with Merle and Sue and her last several years were with Peggy and Ralph. They were building a new house in Terre Haute, Indiana, where they were able to include a room for her on the first floor. When Ralph retired in 1975, Grandma moved with them to Tucson, Arizona.

Grandma blended beautifully into the Michaud family life. While everyone was at work or school, Grandma did the laundry and folded it, loaded the dishwasher and watched her programs on TV, usually game shows, Dinah Shore and Merv Griffin. On weekends she always watched Lawrence Welk Show. As soon as the kids were home from school, she became the task master. She had them empty the dishwasher and put away the laundry. At meals when paper plates were used, Grandma would announce that she would wash the plates. She would get up, collect the dirty paper plates, and proceed to leave cleaning the kitchen to someone else.

Grandma was always game to tag along when anyone was doing something. She started crocheting again. Her exercise was a walk in the circle they lived on. There was always enough activity to keep her interested and entertained. Traveling became part of her agenda. One of her trips was to Maine to see Joyce and her family.

Elizabeth died November 5, 1976. She was buried beside Tom in the cemetery at Nekoma, Kansas, and near her parents Elmer and Eva Wilson.

Chapter 1
Elizabeth May Baldwin
Sharing by Nancy Wilson

Aunt Elizabeth was a great cook. (I'm sure many remember Sunday dinners there.) Aunt Elizabeth was good at forgetting a salad or something in the refrigerator for dinner. She always made enough food for dinner and supper. She would take the forgotten dish out for supper. No one usually knew that she had forgotten it for dinner. We finally got to where we asked her if everything was on the table (in case she did her little trick of forgetting a salad or something). We certainly had plenty to eat there.

Uncle Tom always had a sack of candy hidden in the kitchen. When the kids got there, they knew he'd have some.

My older girls remember playing store on the back porch of their house. I remember the toy the kids loved, the mama duck pulling the babies and they rattled and rattled when you ran with them. One Sunday I heard Uncle Tom tell Floyd and his dad that "that toy's got to go". It finally did disappear.

Elizabeth was buried beside Tom in Nekoma, Kansas, where her parents Elmer and Eva Wilson are also buried. She also has a brother and sister-in-law Elmer and Elva, and their son-in-law Frank West buried there. Frank West is a nephew by marriage to Aunt Elizabeth. He was married to Betty Wilson (West) Janke. Betty was Elmer and Elva's daughter. Also buried near the plot where Uncle Tom and Aunt Elizabeth are buried are Uncle Harold and Aunt Agnes (sister-in-law) and Floyd W. Wilson, (nephew).

Elizabeth May Wilson
Birth: August 14, 1903
Place: Almena, Kansas
Death: November 5, 1976
Cemetery: Nekoma, Kansas
Married: August 25, 1925, Goodland, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Albert Merle | December 28, 1919 |
| 2) Peggy Ilene | March 29, 1926 |
| 3) Melba Ronella | March 29, 1928 |

1) Albert Merle Baldwin
Birth: December 28, 1919
Place: Jerome, Kansas
Death: November 11, 2002
Cemetery: Hampton, Arkansas
Married: March 23, 1952; Hampton, Arkansas
Children Born To This Union:

Patricia Ann Baldwin	August 8, 1955
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2) Peggy Ilene Baldwin
Birth: March 29, 1926
Place: Nekoma, Kansas
Death: October 20, 2007
Cemetery: Tucson, Arizona
Married: August 5, 1947; Englewood, Colorado
Children Born To This Union

Jean Elizabeth	November 12, 1948
Judith Ann	March 5, 1950
Joyce Marie	May 8, 1951
James Jay	April 9, 1952
Michael Thomas	June 17, 1953
Keith Eugene	April 15, 1955
Larry Paul	December 3, 1956
Timothy Joseph	February 24, 1958
Kathleen Joan	January 21, 1960
Patrick Alan	November 19, 1961
Sally Jane	March 29, 1963
Steven Charles	July 25, 1964
Baby Michaud	December 31, 1966

3) Melba Ronella Baldwin
Birth: March 29, 1928
Place: Nekoma, Kansas
Death: September 9, 1928
Cemetery: Alexander, Kansas

Thomas Harold Baldwin
September 8, 1903
Nekoma, Kansas
July 27, 1972
Nekoma, Kansas

Mary Sue Wood
August 20, 1914
Hampton, Arkansas
February 6, 1994
Hampton, Arkansas

Ralph Joseph Michaud
September 5, 1926
Loveland, Colorado
July 8, 2001
Tucson, Arizona



Rush County, Kansas

This Certifies That

Tom Baldwin

*has completed the Course of Study prescribed
by Law for the Common Schools of Kansas
and therefore merits this*

Diploma

*which entitles the holder to admission to any
High School in the State.*



Given, at La Crosse, Kansas,

this 23rd day of June 1920.

Mrs. Alta Mellick
County Superintendent

C N^o 81521

STATE OF KANSAS

Central Division of Vital Statistics

P. J. No.

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Marriage License

In the Probate Court of Cherokee County. August 5 1925

On Any Person in the State of Kansas Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN MARRIAGE

Thomas Baldwin of Cherokee Kansas Age 21
(Groom)
Elizabeth Hudson of Cherokee Kansas Age 21
(Bride)

with the consent of

(Name of parent or guardian consenting)

and of this license, duly endorsed, you will make return to my office at

[SEAL]

Goodland

Kansas, within ten days after performing the ceremony.

Deane M. Flick

Probate Judge.

ENDORSEMENT.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that I performed the ceremony joining in marriage the above-named couple on the 5th day of August 1925, at Goodland, Kansas

SECTION 5. Every person who shall perform any marriage ceremony under the provisions of this act, shall, within ten days after such marriage, return the said license to the probate judge who issued the same, with his certificate of such marriage endorsed thereon, etc.

Signed Deane M. Flick

Title Probate Judge

Address Goodland, Kansas

NOTE.—After recording, the probate judge shall forward this original marriage license to the State Registrar, Topeka, Kas., not later than the third day of following month.

Dies After Long Illness

Thomas Harold Baldwin, 68, Nekoma, died Thursday morning, July 27, 1972, at Hadley Regional Medical Center, Hays, after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 8, 1903, on a farm near Nekoma, he had been a life-long resident of this farm. He was married to Elizabeth May Wilson in Goodland.

Survivors include the widow, of the home; a son, Merle Baldwin, Fullerton, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Peggy Michaud, Terre Haute, Ind.; three sisters: Mrs. Dena Mills, Hayward, Calif.; Mrs. Elsie Bolen, Holyoke, Colo.; and Mrs. Nora Mills, Nekoma; two brothers: Ross Baldwin of McCracken and Robert Baldwin of Fort Lupton, Colo.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the First Methodist Church, La Crosse, with Rev. Leslie Andrews officiating, with burial in the Nekoma Cemetery.

Janousek Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



MRS. BALDWIN DIES FRIDAY

Elizabeth May Baldwin, 73, of Nekoma, died Friday at St. Joseph's hospital, Tucson, Ariz. Born August 14, 1903 at Prairie View, she was married to Thomas Baldwin. He died July 27, 1972. She lived here most of her life. She was a member of the Methodist Church, Nekoma.

Survivors include, son, Albert M. Baldwin, Newton Square (Newtown Square), Penn.; a daughter, Mrs. Peggy Michaud, Tucson, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2:p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, LaCrosse. Rev. Leslie Andrews. Burial was in the Nekoma Cemetery. Janousek Funeral Home, LaCrosse, was in charge of arrangements.

ELIZABETH BALDWIN

Elizabeth Baldwin was born August 14, 1903 in Almena, Ks. Her parents were Elmer G. and Eva G. (Snow) Wilson. The family moved to Harper County, Kansas where she went to school. They later moved to Nekoma, Ks. She was married August 5, 1925, to Thomas Harold Baldwin and they lived on a farm northwest of Nekoma. They had one son, and one daughter. Elizabeth was familiar with all the hardships of farm life during the depression years, yet she always worked cheerfully to help her husband and to provide for the needs of her household. Their home seemed to be the headquarters for many friends or relatives passing by, and she always managed to feed everybody. She loved handwork and was skilled in the arts of crocheting and embroidery. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Nekoma. She was also active in all of the clubs around Nekoma and was a lovely lady to all who knew her. She was the seventh of ten children and was the last surviving member of her family. She died November 5, 1976 in Tucson, Ariz. Her husband preceded her in death July 27, 1972.

Left to mourn her passing are her son, Albert Merle Baldwin, Pittsburg, Pa.; her daughter, Peggy B. Michaud of Tucson, Ariz.; her 13 grandchildren: Patti Baldwin; Jean Michaud, Judy Polkabila, Joyce Nice, Jim Michaud, Michael Michaud, Keith Michaud, Larry Michaud, Timothy Michaud, Kathy Michaud, Patrick Michaud, Sally Michaud, and Steven Michaud. She is also survived by two great grandchildren, Frank Nice II and Matthew Polkabila, and by many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 2p.m. Tuesday November 9, 1976 at the First Methodist Church in LaCrosse, Ks. with Rev. Leslie Andrews, Pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Nekoma Cemetery.

Chapter 2

Albert Merle Baldwin

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Albert Merle Baldwin (Merle) was born December 28, 1919, in Jerome, Kansas. Merle attended LaCrosse High School. He was a decorated veteran of World War II.

Merle attended Alexander High School. He graduated in the Class of 1938. The class of 17 students graduated on May 20, 1938.

Merle earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Denver. He worked as a financial analyst. Two of his areas of interest were the Republican Party and AARP.

Merle married Mary Sue Wood on March 23, 1952, in Hampton, Arkansas. She was born August 20, 1919, in Hampton, Arkansas. She graduated from Arkansas State University. She was a former teacher and after World War II she became an air Traffic controller. She was active in many organizations.

Merle and Sue had one daughter, Patricia Ann Baldwin. She was born on August 8, 1955, in Wichita, Kansas. She married Paul Kenneth Wolber on July 2, 1983, in Berkley, CA. They have two daughters. Rachel Ann was born January 8, 1990, in Castro Valley, CA. Rebecca Rose was born November 8, 1993, in Castro Valley, CA.

Merle and Sue retired to Hilton Head Island in 1984 from Newtown Square, PA. Mary Sue died on February 6, 1994. After her death, Merle spent time in Tucson and Los Altos, CA. He passed on November 11, 2002. He was buried next to Sue in Hampton, Arkansas.



Merle and Elizabeth – 1942



Merle, Sue, and Tricia
1956



Merry Christmas



Al and Mary Sue Baldwin and Patti Ann

1957



Keith Michaud and Patti Baldwin
Easter 1957

Paul & Patricia Baldwin Wolber Family



Rachael, Tricia, and Paul

January 8, 1990

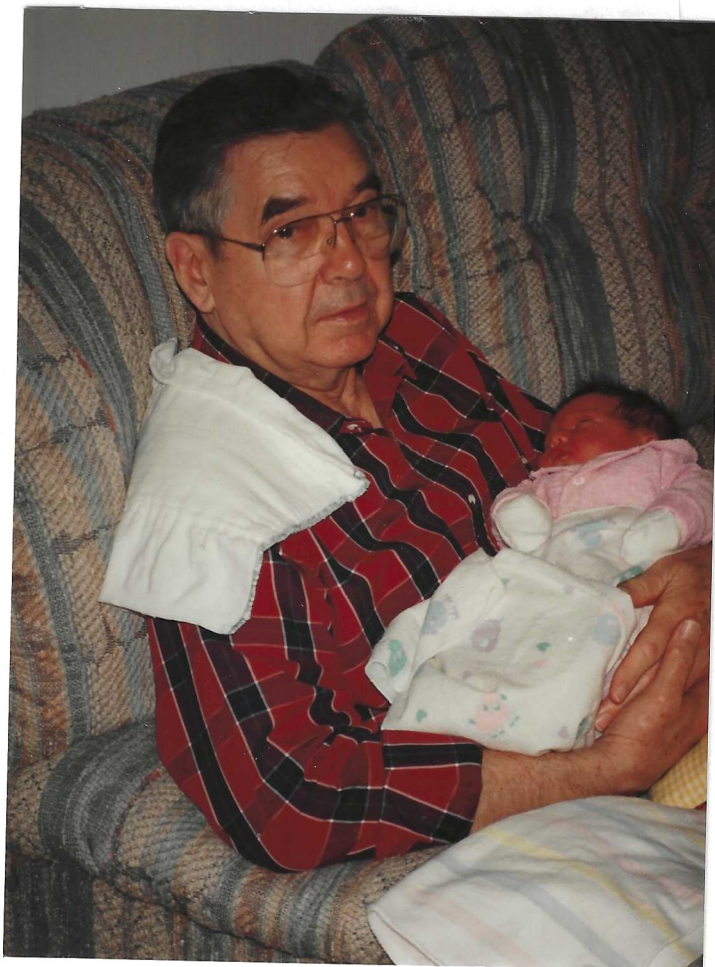


Rachael and Rebecca Baldwin Wolber

December 1994



Rachael – 2008



Merle and Rachael

January 1990



Rebecca – 2012

CLASS ROLL

Merle Baldwin	Urban Huddleston
Vernon Brack	George Kershner
Glenna Campbell	Gerald Mills
Norbert Dome	Wendell Pyle
Robert Dome	Gaylord Ream
Milo Durand	Emanuel Schlegel
LaVerna Erdsiek	Katharyn Wallace
Allen Frank	Sarah Bell Wimmer
Raymond Georg	

Supt. Watson, Sponsor

"Lead On O King Eternal"

Lead on O King Eternal
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on O King Eternal
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on O God of Might.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

MAY 15--20, 1938

Activities

of

Class of 1938



ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Processional ----- (Audience standing)
"Lead on O King Eternal" ----- Audience
Invocation ----- Rev. Streetz
Baccalaureate Sermon ----- Rev. Wimmer
Benediction ----- Elder Teeters
Recessional ----- (Audience standing)

COMMENCEMENT

Processional ----- (Audience standing)
Invocation ----- Rev. Wimmer
A Prayer
Slumber Song ----- Girls Glee Club
"Human Behavior" ----- Supt. C. B. Wiley
Presentation of Class ----- Supt. G. O. Watson
Presentation of Diplomas ----- Mr. H. O. Newcomer
Congratulations to Graduates ----- Audience

CLASS MOTTO

"Finished, Yet Beginning"

CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

Class Song ----- Class
Vocal Solo ----- Sarah Bell Wimmer
Class History ----- Raymond Georg
Instrumental Duet ---- Robert Dome, Norbert Dome
Class Poem ----- Junior Kershner
Reading ----- Glenna Campbell
Class Prophecy ----- Vernon Brack
Instrumental Duet ---- Robert Dome, Norbert Dome
Class Will ----- Laverna Erdsiek
Violin Solo ----- Junior Kershner
Presentation of Key ----- Jack Ream
Acceptance of Key ----- Marvin West
Class Song ----- Class

BALDWIN Albert Merle, a Kansas native, passed away Monday, November 11th at Pilgrim Haven in Los Altos, California with his daughter and son-in-law by his side. He was 82. Albert was a decorated veteran of World War II, who earned his Bachelor's and MBA degrees from the University of Denver. He worked as a financial analyst and was active in AARP and the Republican Party.

Albert is survived by his daughter, Patricia Ann Baldwin, his son-in-law, Paul Kenneth Wolber, his granddaughters, Rachael Ann Baldwin Wolber and Rebecca Rose Baldwin

Wolber, all of Los Altos and his sister, Peggy Baldwin Michaud of Tucson, Arizona. He was laid to rest at Camp Ground Cemetery in Hampton, Arkansas, next to his wife, Mary Sue Wood Baldwin, a native of Hampton.



Mary S. Baldwin

Dies February 6, 1994

Mary Sue Wood Baldwin, 79, of 1 Maplewood Court, Hilton Head Island, SC, died February 6 at the Hilton Head Hospital.

She was a native of Hampton, Arkansas and was the daughter of the late Norman and Ava Norris Wood. She moved to Hilton Head Island in 1984 from Newtown Square, PA. She was a former resident of La Crosse.

She was a graduate of Arkansas State University and was a former teacher. During and after World War II she was a Air Traffic Controller.

She was a member of Country Club of Hilton Head; The Retired Officers Association Ladies Auxillary; Hilton Head Plantation Civic Club and Plantation Readers Book Club. She was a member of Hilton Head AARP Chapter and active in support of her husband in his duties as an Assistant Director and State Director of AARP.

Mrs. Baldwin is survived by her husband, Albert M. Baldwin; a daughter, Patricia Baldwin of Hayward, California; a sister, Wana Brown of Savannah, Georgia; and two granddaughters.

Services were February 9 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Hilton Head Island, SC. Burial was in Camp Ground Cemetery, Hampton, Arkansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6113, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938.

The Island Funeral Home, Hilton Head Island, SC was in charge of arrangements.



Chapter 3

Peggy Ilene Baldwin Michaud

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Peggy Ilene Baldwin

Peggy Ilene Baldwin Michaud is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Baldwin. She was born in Nekoma, Kansas, on March 29, 1926. She attended the one room schoolhouse in Nekoma for grade school. She graduated from LaCrosse High School in 1944.

After a year of nurse's training in Wichita, Kansas, she transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She completed her training in 1947. During her training she met Ralph Michaud through a classmate.

Ralph had been a medic in the Army during WWII. Upon his return he became a correctional officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Englewood, CO. Peggy married Ralph Michaud on August 5, 1947, in Englewood, Colorado

In the next 16 years Peggy and Ralph became the parents of 12 children. Their first child Jean was born November 12, 1948, Judith on March 5, 1950, and Joyce on May 8, 1951. The next five boys were James born on April 9, 1952, Michael on June 17, 1953, Keith on April 15, 1955, Larry on December 3, 1956, and Timothy on February 24, 1958. The last four alternates were Kathleen born January 21, 1960, Patrick on November 29, 1961, Sally on March 29, 1963 (a birthday gift for Peggy), and Steven on June 25, 1964.

Peggy, Ralph and family lived in the Denver area until 1965 when Ralph was promoted to Hospital Administrator and transferred to the Federal Reformatory for Women in Alderson, West Virginia. In 1969 the family moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, because of Ralph's transfer to the federal prison in Terre Haute. This was Ralph's final duty station for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

After retiring from the Bureau of Prisons, Ralph and Peggy moved to Tucson, Arizona. On October 26, 1982, Peggy and Ralph lost their youngest son Steven at the age of 18. He was buried in Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery, in Tucson, Arizona. Ralph died on July 8, 2001. Peggy died October 20, 2007. Their oldest daughter Jean passed away on July 8, 2022. They are buried together close to Steven at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona.

Peggy and Ralph Michaud



August 5, 1947

This is the day that Peggy and Ralph dedicated their lives to one another for all of their years together.

On their Golden Anniversary they renew their love and dedication.

*The Michaud Family
thanks you for celebrating
Ralph and Peggy's
50 golden years together.*

*August second,
nineteen hundred ninety-seven.*

Michauds through the Years

First there was one:



Elizabeth and Jean



Tom, Elizabeth holding Jean, Peggy

Then there were two:



Tom with Jean and Judy



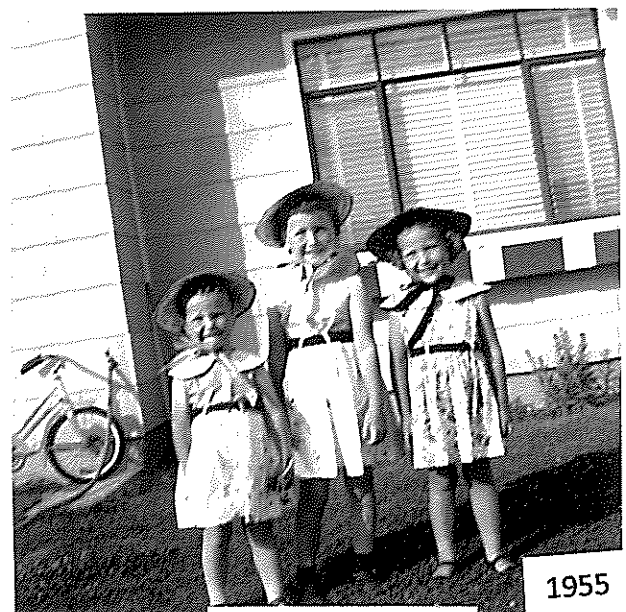
Snowman that Jean and Judy helped Uncle Merle make.

Now there are three: Jean, Judy, Joyce



August 1951

Joyce Wilson, Tom holding Judy, Elizabeth holding Joyce, Jean with the dog Puddles



Joyce, Jean, Judy

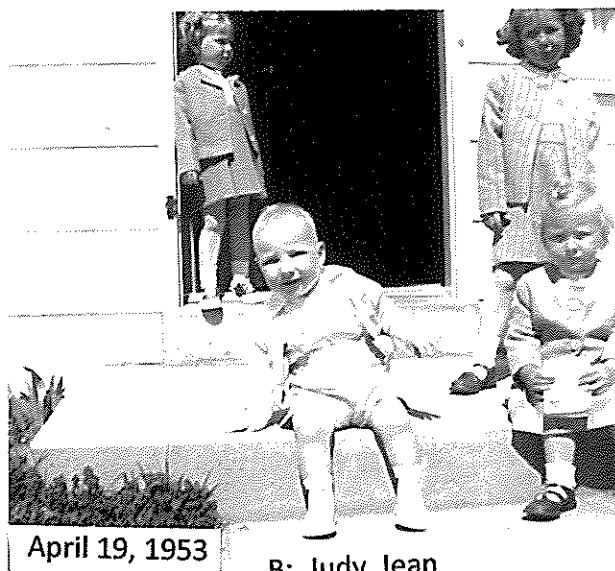
Four are now on the scene.

Michauds through the Years



Dec. 21, 1952

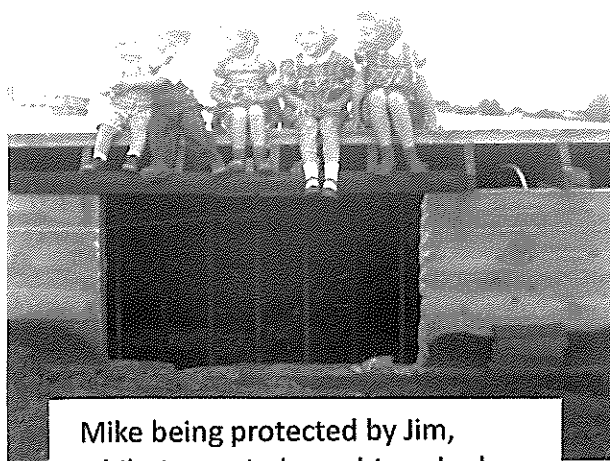
Jean, Judy, Joyce, and Jim playing
playing in the box Elizabeth and Tom
sent with Christmas gifts



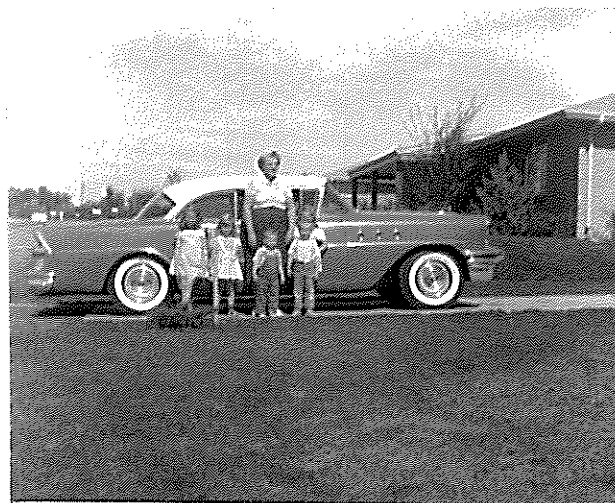
April 19, 1953

B: Judy, Jean
F: Jim, Joyce

Five have arrived.

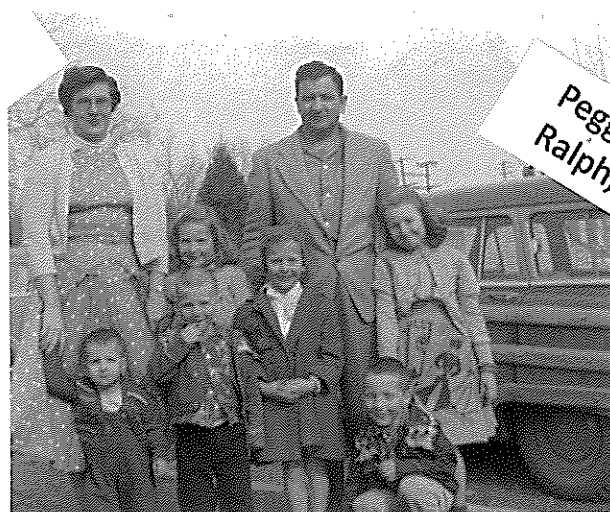


Mike being protected by Jim,
while Joyce, Judy, and Jean look on.
1955



Elizabeth standing in front of Merle's car
with Jean, Judy, Mike, Jim, and Joyce
Oct. 1955

Six together with Mom and Dad



Peggy, Keith, Judy, Mike, Joyce,
Ralph, Jim, and Jean 1957

Michauds through the Years



May 22, 1960

B: Jean holding Kathleen, Judy, Joyce,

F: Jim, Mike, Keith, Larry, Tim



1964

B: Mike, Jim holding Steven, Joyce, Judy, Jean

F: Sally, Patrick, Kathleen, Tim, Larry, Keith



1966

B: Judy, Peggy, Ralph

M: Joyce, Mike, Larry, Keith, Jim, Tim

F: Patrick, Sally, Steven, Kathleen

Michauds through the Years



B: Tim, Judy, Jim, Joyce, Mike, Keith, Jean
F: Kathleen, Sally, Peggy, Patrick, Steven, Ralph, Larry



B: Larry, Jim, Jean, Mike, Sally, Tim, Patrick
M: Judy, Peggy, Ralph, Steven
F: Kathleen, Joyce, Keith

Michauds through the Years



B: Larry, Jean, Jim, Joyce, Mike, Keith
M: Judy, Peggy, Kathleen
F: Sally

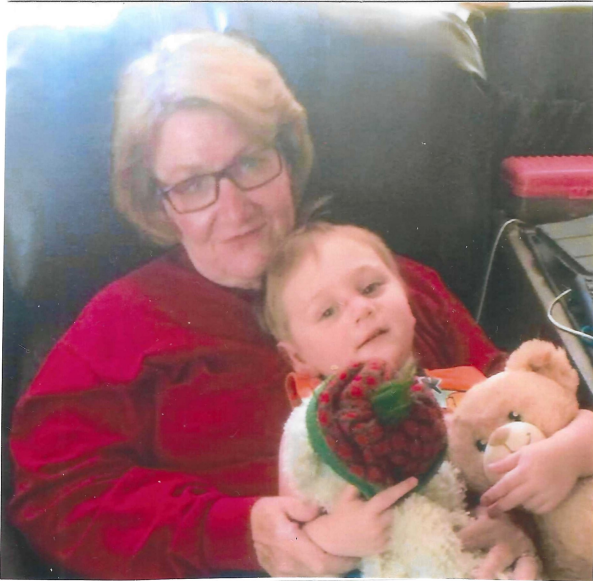


Peggy Michaud receives an
invitation to Australia.
2002



Peggy feeds kangaroo in Australia.
2003

Jean Michaud Family



**Jean & Grandson Covy Mott
2021**



**Jean & Daughter Christina Michael
1998**



**Jean & Granddaughter Marie Mott
2021**



**Jean & Daughter Phuong Mi Hong
1994**

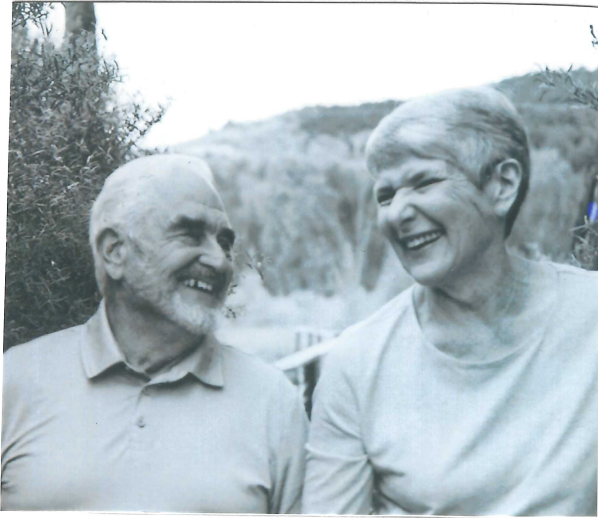


**Chung Tran, Phuong Hong Tran,
Katie & Amanda Hong Tran, Jean
2002**



**Judy, Elizabeth, Tom, and Jean
1971**

James (Jim) & Judith (Judy) Michaud Polkabla Family



Jim & Judy celebrating
50th Wedding Anniversary
2022



Sons Matthew & David
Daughters Rebecca & Stephanie
2022



B: Brianna Hill, Jim Judy, David, Matthew, Tesha, Dawn Polkabla
F: Trace Hill, Stephanie, Rebecca, Ashley, DJ Polkabla and Memo Lopez
2011



DJ, Auntie Stephanie, and Ashley Polkabla



Brianna Hill, Matthew & Dawn Polkabla
Trace Hill May 2021



DJ, Tesha, David & Ashley Polkabila
2022



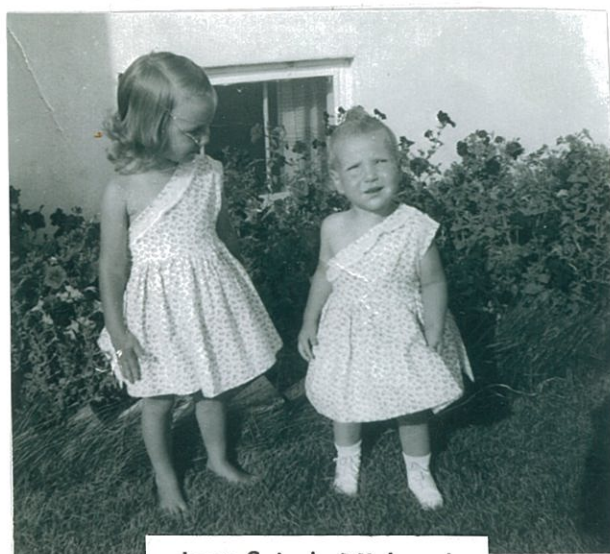
Rebecca & Memo Lopez
2022



Grandchildren DJ & Ashley Polkabila
2019



Judy, Elizabeth, Tom, & Jim
1971



Jean & Judy Michaud
July 1951

Joyce Michaud Family



Joyce Michaud 2020



Joyce Michaud, Franús Nice, Elizabeth Aug 1976



Melania & Franús Nice, Joyce, Eryk & Liana Nice 1993



Joyce, Eryk, Liana, Melania, Franús 1996



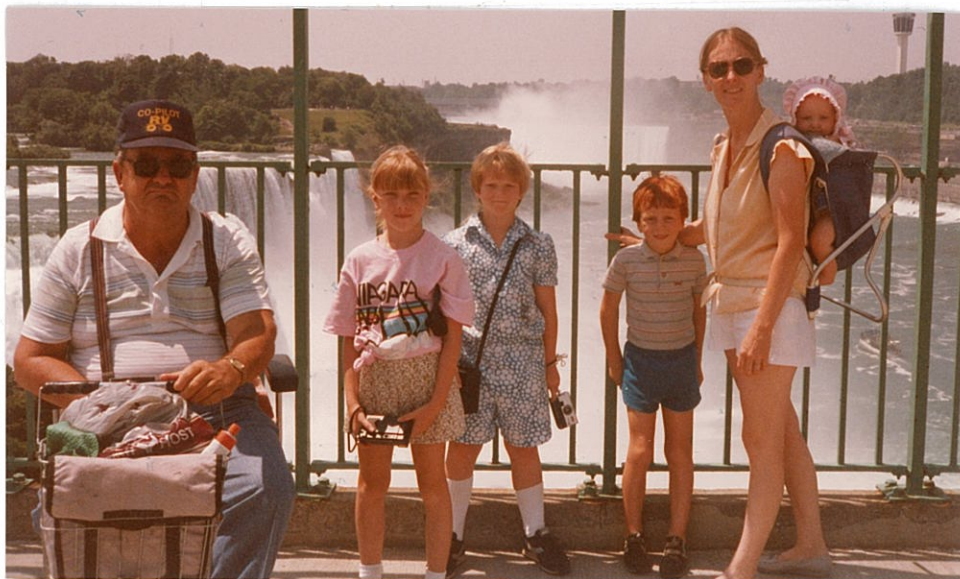
Melania & Judah Bardelli, Joyce Michaud 2021



Acacia Jamison, Benjamin Bardelli, Liana, Joyce,
Elliot Jamison, Melania, and Judah Bardelli 2021



Franús, Joyce, Keith and Elliot Jamison 2021



Ralph, Melania, Franus, Eryk, Joyce, Liana 1993

James (Jim) Michaelud Family



Daughter Marla and Granddaughter
Mianah with Jim
September 2017



Grandson Kyle with Jim
April 2, 2021



Steven and Lindsay hiking with Kyle
Summer 2017



Jim's family is camping and celebrating his
and Kyle's birthdays. Jim is holding Kyle and
Mianah. Marla, Lindsay and Steven are on the right.

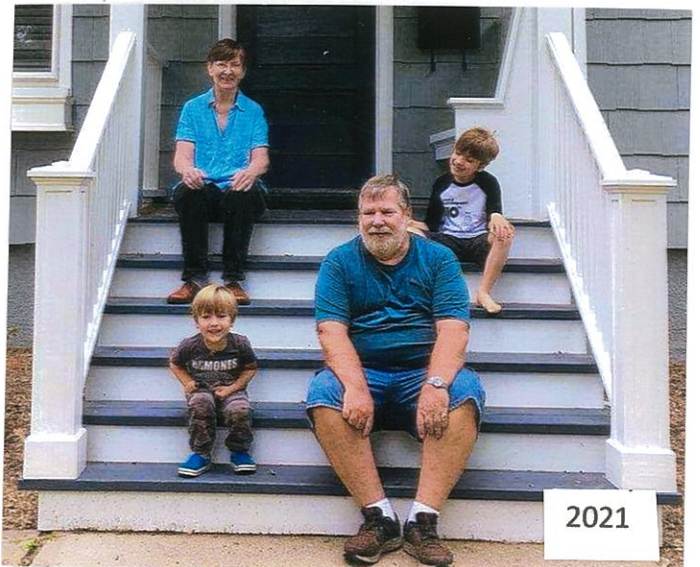
Michael Michaud



Jean Michaud, Mike Michaud,
Christina Michaud
1999



Mike and niece Jennifer Potvin
2000



B: sister Joyce Michaud, her grandsons Benjamin
F: Judah, Mike

Niece Aubrey Potvin, sisters Kathleen Potvin and
Jean Michaud, Mike, nephew Jason Potvin
2021



Keith Michaud Family



Keith and Jay 1996

Jay is Keith's son. Alexxys, Emmalyn and James are Jay's children and Keith's grandchildren.



Elizabeth with grandson Keith
1956



Breanna(Jay's wife) Keith, and, Jay
July 2023



Alexxys Ferguson, Keith, Jay, Emmalyn, and James
July 2023

Larry Michaud



Larry



Larry and Michelle Michaud
2000

Timothy Michaud



Tim and companion Shorty
2008

Guy & Kathleen Michaud Potvin Family



Kathy Michaud with Tom & Elizabeth Baldwin
1962



Danielle, Jason, Aubrey, and Jennifer Potvin
2022



Danielle & Jason Potvin
2022



Peggy & Ralph Michaud with Granddaughters
Jennifer & Danielle Potvin
1986



Guy & Kathleen Potvin



Danielle & Jennifer Potvin celebrating
Peggy and Ralph's 50th Wedding Anniversary



Aubrey and Jennifer Potvin



Danielle, Jennifer, and Christina Potvin

Patrick Michaud



Elizabeth, Tom, and Grandson Patrick
1961



Dawn and Patrick Michaud
1995

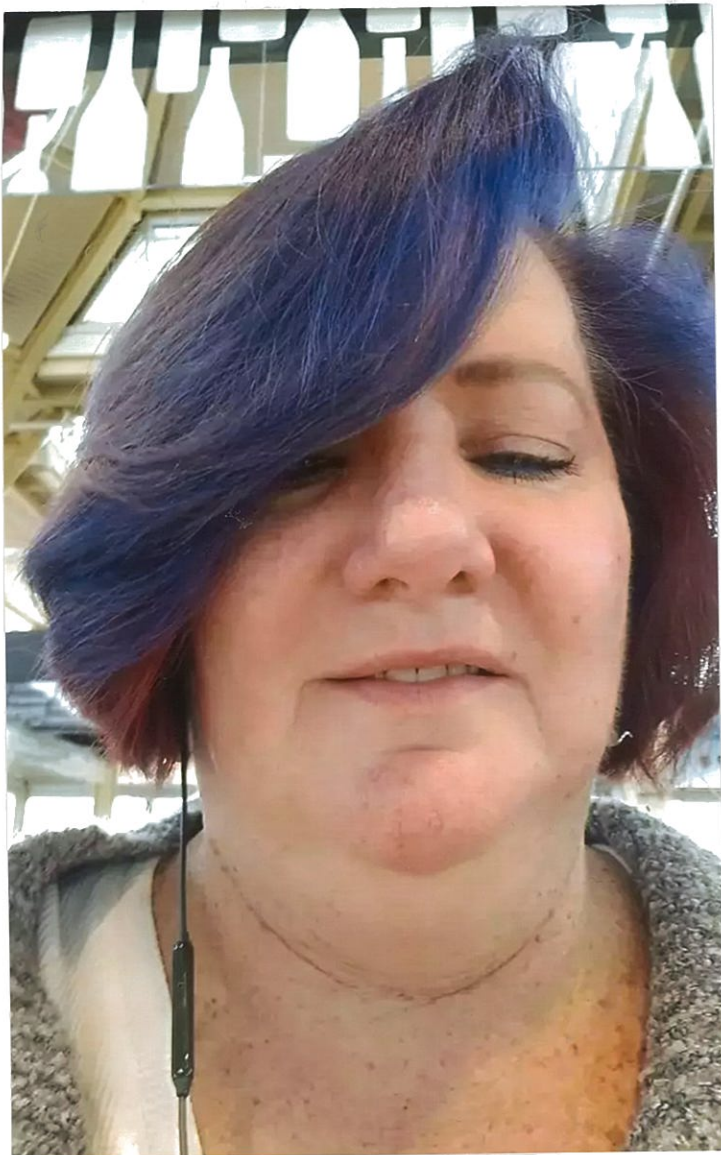


ASU graduation 1989

Sally Michaud



Sally, Franus, Eryk, and Melania Nice
(Joyce's Children) 1988



Sally, February 2020



Sally with Dad
1999

Chapter 3

Peggy Ilene Baldwin Michaud

Memories of Children

Peggy Ilene Baldwin Michaud has shared her early experiences growing up, attending a one room school, riding a horse to and from school. She enjoyed going to the movies on the weekends. They were able to see the latest movies for a nickel. Peggy had a very vivid memory of the problems they had during the dust storms and having to wear handkerchiefs over their mouths to keep out the dust. When she left Kansas to finish nurse's training, she never returned to live on the farm or in Kansas.

Peggy and Ralph were proud of their large family. Christmas was always a special time. They loved the thrill of seeing their kids finding what Santa brought them and then opening other gifts after Christmas dinner. There was never a stranger for the big feasts of Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter. There was always a full house of people with whom to celebrate. Each of us had our assigned tasks that helped make the celebration special.

Peggy became a sewing Diva. Most of our clothes were creations that she made. She always made the girls fancy dresses for Christmas and Easter. We often had the same style dresses but in our own special color. The boys always looked sharp in the sports jackets or suits that she made them. Wearing school uniforms simplified some of the sewing projects. Her wonderful sewing skills provided so much for the family. She taught the girls to sew, and they still use their skills to varying degrees.

Even though Peggy never lived in Kansas again, we made frequent trips to spend time on the farm in Nekoma with Grandma and Grandpa. It was a great highlight for the family each year. Ralph and Peggy put a mattress in the back of the station wagon. We left Denver in the evening. As Ralph drove to the farm, the family slept.

Grandpa always had projects for Dad and us kids. He let us experience as many aspects of the farm as we wanted. Grandma seemed to spend all day cooking amazing meals for us. It was great to be able to help and have her teach us how to do things in the kitchen.

As children we had so many fun adventures on the farm that we didn't have at home. When we were small, we took baths in the sink on the porch. We took turns sliding down the staircase to entertain ourselves. Nearly every day there was someone who came to visit. Going to LaCrosse was always a fun adventure. Grandpa always gave us money to spend at the 10-cent store.

As the family size increased, Ralph, who was a jack of all trades, began building houses. In the beginning we had "laying the first brick" ceremonies and pictures. When the first house was finished, we moved to Lakewood, Colorado, where we lived until leaving Colorado. In 12 years we lived in at least 6 different houses, each a little bigger than the previous one. Ralph worked

the evening shift at the Federal Correctional Institution so he could spend mornings on the construction site. Everyone had a responsibility in the house building endeavors. Some of these chores included: roofing, setting and grouting tile, painting, cleaning, organizing, cooking, babysitting, etc. Peggy was the organizer, the go-for, and Jill of all trades. She delivered meals and completed any errands or projects that needed to be done.

In 1965 our move to Alderson, West Virginia, was a new adventure for all of us. We moved from the city to a small town of about 2400 people. We lived just outside of Alderson in a two-story farmhouse. Part of the house was built during the Civil War. We had a huge yard, a large garden, and ponies. We have fond memories of our small-town life. There was float building and learning to square dance, band and football games, new friends and new experiences. Jean, Judy, and Joyce graduated from high school and Jean returned to Denver for X-ray training. Judy and Joyce started college at Marshall University.

The move to Terre Haute brought changes for Peggy. She had been a "stay at home Mom" (if you can stay home when you have 12 children). Being a nurse gave her experience with an abundance of family needs, but when Steven, the youngest, started school she decided to go back to nursing. She became a surgical nurse at the local hospital. The learning curve was steep at the beginning, but she enjoyed the challenge and continued to work until she reached retirement age.

In 1960 Ralph took the family to Tucson, Arizona, for a month long TDY. Peggy and Ralph both enjoyed their time there and decided to retire there. Jean was already living in Tucson and found them a place to live. After they moved to Tucson, Ralph began to experience balance problems, but he still worked part-time as a service rep for a cabinet company. Peggy continued her nursing career.

A new adventure for Peggy and Ralph was buying a motorhome to expand their traveling adventures. They traveled coast to coast often accompanied by family. The balance problems were eventually diagnosed as a form of ALS. As disability increased Ralph still did as much as he could in his workshop, and they continued to travel. Their most notable trip was to Alaska. Ralph and Peggy and another couple drove to Alaska in their motorhomes. By this time Ralph was unable to drive so Peggy drove the entire trip. When Ralph was no longer able to make it up the steps of the motor home, they devised an electric lift at the door to bring him to the floor level so that he could transfer into the front passenger seat.

Peggy and Ralph enjoyed their retirement in Tucson. They were responsible for overseeing the family project of building several houses that they lived in. They were active in their church and loved to play bridge. Peggy got involved in quilting and made friends at her exercise group. They started the Tucson chapter of the federal retirees' group that traveled around and had fun together. The most important part of their lives was always their family which was continuing to expand with in-laws and grandchildren.

As the ravages of ALS increased Peggy was always there to care for or instruct Keith or whoever was there to help. Even though he had his challenges he was forever grateful for his blessings and any little assistance provided to him. Mom was always totally devoted to Dad and his care. There was usually someone close by to visit or assist. He passed at home from heart failure on July 8, 2001, and is buried in Tucson.

Peggy lived six years longer. During that time she was able to attend the weddings of three of her grandchildren. She travelled to Australia with Mike to visit Larry and meet her Australian daughter-in-law. They traveled to the Outback where she took her first and only camel ride and fed the kangeroos

In May 2007 Peggy coded during a medical procedure. She was on a ventilator for about 3 weeks. Many prayers finally brought her off the ventilator successfully. After rehab she flew to Dallas and attended her last Wilson Family Reunion with the Potvins and Tricia Baldwin. About six weeks after returning to Tucson she died of a massive stroke on October 20, 2007, exactly 25 years after the burial of her youngest son Steven. She is buried with Ralph and close to Steven and Jean at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery in Tucson.

MICHAUD, Ralph Joseph, 76, born September 5, 1924, died July 8, 2001.

>Husband of Peggy Michaud; father of Jean Michaud, Judith (James) Polkabila,
>Joyce Michaud, James (Valorie) Michaud, Michael Michaud, Keith Michaud,
>Larry (Michelle) Michaud, Timothy Michaud, Kathleen (Guy) Potvin, Patrick
>(Dawn) Michaud and Sally Michaud; grandfather of 22 grandchildren;
>great-grandfather of three great-grandchildren; brother of Laura Klein,
>Sister Paula Patrice Michaud, Patricia Michaud, and Pam (Dan) Kipping;
>nephew of William (Frances) Michaud. Several nieces and nephews also
>survive. He was a loving husband, a guiding and supportive father. His love
>for wood can be seen in the houses he built and in the many wordworking
>projects and gifts which he proudly gave to those he loved. A retirement
>hospital administrator with the Federal Bureau of Prisons he remained
active

>in the Federal Bureau of Prisons Retiree Assn. He and Peggy enjoyed
>traveling, extensively, in their new motor home. Mass will be offered at
>10:00 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2001 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 300 N.
>Tanque Verde Loop Rd. Burial to follow in Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery.
>In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in his memory be made to
>Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Tucson, AZ
>85710. Friends may call from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12,
2001

>at **BRING'S BROADWAY CHAPEL, 6910 E. Broadway.**

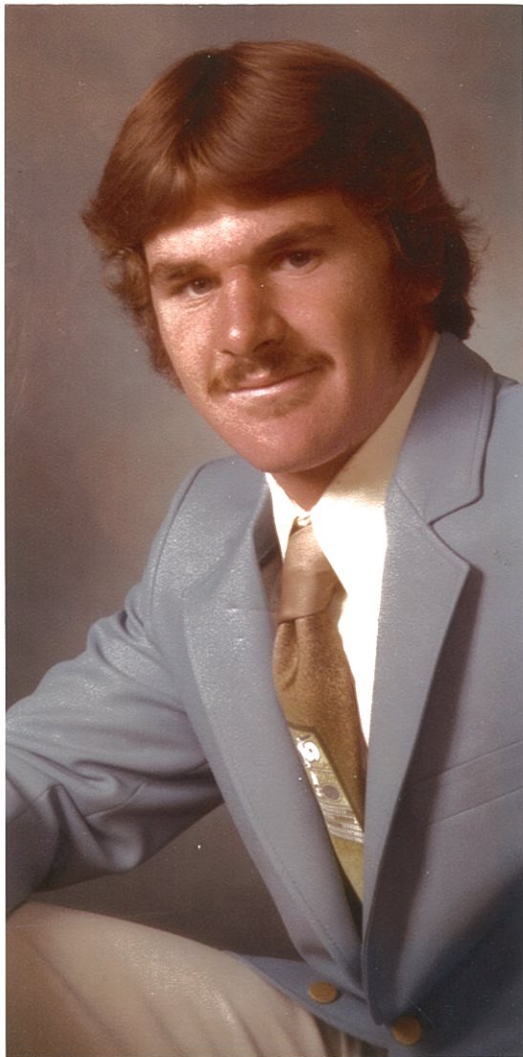


MICHAUD, Peggy Ilene, 81, joined her loving husband, Ralph on October 20, 2007. She is preceded in death by Ralph and son, Steven. Survived by Jean Michaud, Judith Polkabila (James), Joyce Michaud, James Michaud, Michael Michaud, Keith Michaud, Larry Michaud (Michele), Timothy Michaud, Kathleen Potvin (Guy), Patrick Michaud (Dawn), Sally Michaud, 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; niece, Patricia Wolber (Paul) and many other family members. Peggy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Peggy spread her joy and wisdom to all who knew her. With her love of sewing she created keepsakes for all her family. She will be missed by all. Visitation will be Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **BRING'S BROADWAY CHAPEL, 6910 E. Broadway.** Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 26, 2007 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd. Interment to follow at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery.



Mass of Resurrection for Steven Michaud

October 29, 1982



STEVEN CHARLES MICHAUD

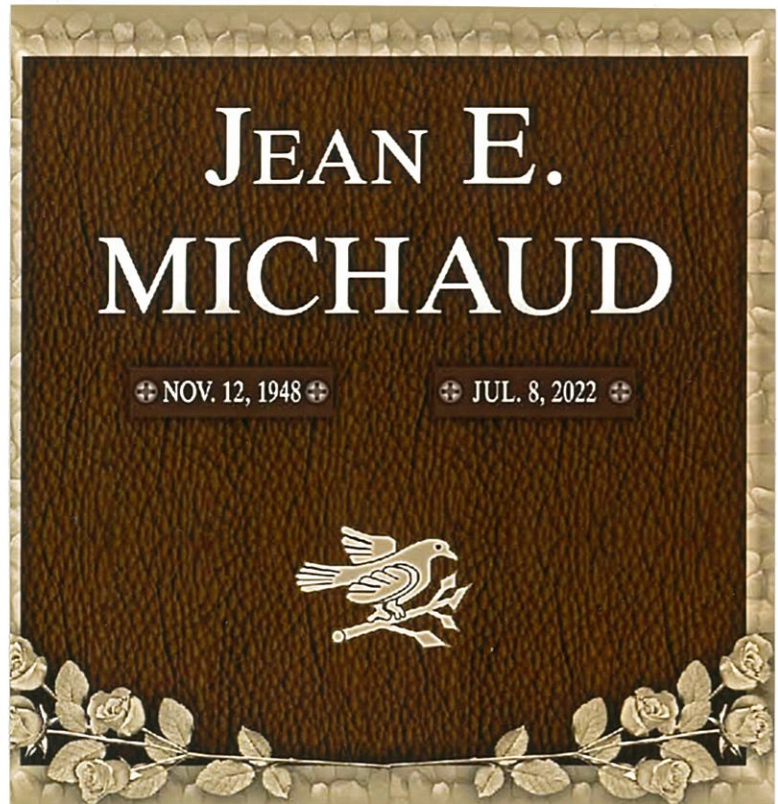
Born

July 25, 1964

Entered Into Rest

October 26, 1982

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Jean E Michaud was born November 12, 1948, and passed away peacefully at home on July 8, 2022. She had a lifelong career as a radiology tech and supervisor. Jean was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Peggy Michaud and youngest brother Steven.

A passion of Jean's life was being a foster parent for many children and working to provide for the needs of foster children in several organizations. She was a member of the Foster Care Review Board. Her daughter Christina Michaud was a foster child who she adopted at a young age. Jean has two grandchildren, Covy and Marie Mott, who were the delights of her life.

Jean was a founding member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, where she was active in several ministries and parish activities. She led the Hooks, Needles, Yarn ministry. Their primary focus is providing handmade items for foster children.

As Jean became interested in greyhounds, it was natural for her to foster greyhounds and become active in Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption. Pima Air Museum was another organization in her list of volunteer activities.

Jean is survived by ten siblings, Judith (James), Joyce, James, Michael, Keith, Larry (Michelle), Timothy, Kathleen (Guy), Patrick (Dawn), Sally, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass for Jean Michaud will be on August 12, 2022, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 300 N Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson AZ.

Burial to follow Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery, 2151 S Avenida Los Reyes, Tucson, AZ 85748

Family Reunions



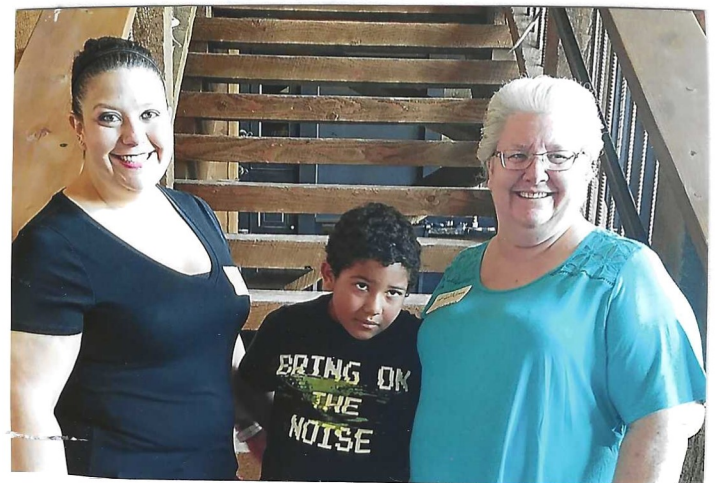
Kathleen & Danielle Potvin
Tricia Baldwin, Peggy Michaud
2007



Kathleen, Jason, & Danielle Potvin, Aubrey Solis,
Jim & Judy Polkabla, Jean Michaud
2016



Danielle, Kathleen & Jason Potvin
Judy & Jim Polkabla
2014



Danielle, Jason, & Kathleen Potvin
2017



Kathleen, Aubrey, Danielle, & Jason Potvin
2015



Kathleen, Danielle, & Jason Potvin,
Judy & Jim Polkabla
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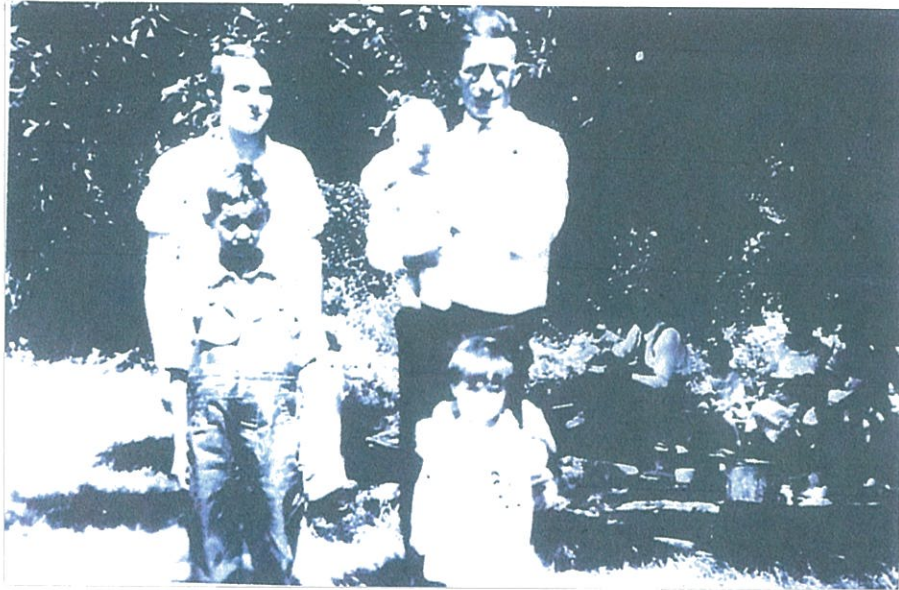
Chapter 4

Melba Ronella Baldwin

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Melba Ronella Baldwin

Melba Ronella Baldwin is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Baldwin. She was born March 29, 1928, in Nekoma, Kansas. She passed away 5 months later, possibly of pneumonia. She was buried in Alexander, Kansas. Melba and her sister Peggy, who was two years older, shared the same March 29 birthday.



Elizabeth, Tom holding Melba,
Merle, Peggy

