

Avery Family



he Avery name was brought to America around 1865 when Charles Avery and his wife came from Devonshire, England to Manisou Island in Wildfowl Bay in the Michigan Thumb area.

Initially Charles, a farmer, settled on the island because they needed a place for their animals without having to build fences. However, they were required to bring all of their supplies by boat.

Later the family moved and settled in Fairhaven Township, Sebawaing, Michigan.

Charles' son, Seth Adelbert (Del), married Mary Schuch, the daughter of George and Emma nee Yahr Schuch. Del and Mary's son, Clarence (1907-1971), the first of eight children, was born in Fairhaven Township, Michigan and was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing, Michigan.

July 5, 1930 Clarence married Carrie Demmings (1911-2000). The couple brought the Avery name to Frankenmuth in 1935 when Clarence was hired to work on an area farm to clear land. He continued working as a farmer on the Herb Schluckebier farm and also at the Mossner Block Co.

During World War II Clarence worked at Universal Engineering. After the war he worked as a mechanic for the John Deere dealerships in Frankenmuth, Clio, and Birch Run. He was presented with mechanic's plaques in recognition of his years of service and training.

Clarence and Carrie lived on the farm where they worked until 1940 when they moved to Eischer Road.

In 1951 the couple purchased property on Busch Road in Birch Run Township.

The couple raised three children: Lillie Stafford (1932-1968) a homemaker, Robert Clarence (b. 1936) and Cleo Ann (1945-1970), an accountant.

Robert (Bob) Clarence inherited his family's love of the outdoors. When not working in his trade of plumbing and heating, Bob can be found hunting, fishing and gardening.

November 24, 1956, Bob married Phyllis Fischer. Bob and Phyllis have been blessed with three daughters: Roxanne Bierlein, Bonnie O'Connell and Susan Flach. They have eight grandchildren.

Bob served the Frankenmuth area in plumbing and heating for 45 years and is known by many local residents for his expertise and cheerfulness. Bob retired in 1998 and continued working part-time for several years.

Clarence and Carrie's descendants, besides their three children, include eight grandchildren: C. Edward Stafford, Sandra Stafford Schmidt, Patricia Stafford Burditt, Dale Stafford, James Stafford, Roxanne Avery Bierlein, Bonnie Avery O'Connell and Susan Avery Flach.

Clarence and Carrie also have 22 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.



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