

Borchard Family



he name Borchard came to Frankenmuth through Raymond "Ray" Borchard in 1962, approximately one year after he started working at Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company. Ray began his career with Farm Bureau Insurance Company in 1956, as a multiple lines adjuster. When Ray retired June 30, 1991 he was a Senior Claims Representative.

Raymond Carl Borchard was born April 17, 1926, in Saginaw, Michigan to Frederick William Carl and Wanda Frieda Sophie nee Gehrls Borchard. He was one of seven brothers and sisters. An eighth brother died shortly after birth. Ray attended parochial and public schools, graduating from Arthur Hill High School in 1943. He served in the United States Merchant Marines in 1944 and 1945. Ray and his four brothers, who also served in WWII, are believed to be the only Saginaw family to have five young men from the same family serving at the same time during WWII.

August 17, 1946, Ray married Jean Elizabeth Newvine at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Saginaw. They had three children: Raymond, Bonnie and Rod. The marriage ended in divorce in 1981.

Raymond Carl Borchard Jr. was born September 28, 1948 in Standish, Michigan. He married Sally nee Marcy and they divorced. They had two children: a son Brett Aaron and a daughter Stacy.

Bonnie Jean was born on March 25, 1950 in Standish, Michigan. She married Robert Baker and they divorced. They had four children: three daughters, Rachelle, Cori, Nicole, and a son Travis Robert. Bonnie later married Tim Hildner.

Rod Alan was born on April 11, 1957 in Standish, Michigan. He married Lisa nee Hoag. They have a son Caleb James and a daughter Lauren Elizabeth.

February 14, 1982, Ray married Barbara Jean Quade nee Clontz in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Ray served on various community committees and on the church council. He was a broadcaster on the Frankenmuth Lutheran Hour and he was the official broadcaster for the Frankenmuth High School football and basketball games from 1968 to 1975. Ray was a coach for many years in the city of Frankenmuth's slowpitch and blooperball leagues. Ray was the first to refer to Frankenmuth as the "Muth".

Ray died on December 4, 1999 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Ray's grandparents, Carl Hermann Franz and Augusta nee Lewin Borchard were both born in Germany. Franz "Frank" (May 8, 1863-August 27, 1937) came to America in 1875. Augusta (March 21, 1863-August 13, 1956) came to America in 1883. They were married on May 18, 1889 and had three children: Frederick William Carl (March 12, 1890-October 27, 1967), Alma (October 25, 1891-August 16, 1961) married to Arthur Muehlenbeck, and Frank August (December 23, 1893-September 27, 1970).

Frederick William Borchard, Ray's father, married Wanda Gehrls on April 29, 1911. Frederick worked at Wickes Boiler Company for over 50 years. They had eight children: Arlene Elizabeth Eckert (December 20, 1912), Fred John (June 10, 1914), Robert Andrew (February 12, 1916-May 22, 1991), Donald Arthur (January 6, 1918), John William (October 25, 1919-December 20, 1919), William Frank (December 16, 1920), Marietta Ruth Weiker (July 24, 1923) and Raymond Carl.

Ray's mother, Wanda, died February 25, 1928 at the age of 36, leaving seven children ages 2 to 15 years old. Fred then married Esther Buttars on June 30, 1929. She became ill and died on January 31, 1938.

