

Stoner Family



The Stoner name was brought to America in the late 1700's from northern Germany, by Christian von Steiner. He settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and in 1790 moved to Welland County Ontario, Canada. The surname was changed from "von Steiner" to "Stoner" when they came to Pennsylvania.

The Stoner name came to this area through Douglas D. Stoner when he had a job transfer from Detroit, Michigan to Flint, Michigan in 1969. Doug and his wife, Doris, wanted to bring their children up in a small Christian community and that is how they came to settle in the nearby village of Frankenmuth.

Douglas D. Stoner was born on January 5, 1935 in Battle Creek, Michigan to Thomas A. and Bertha McCarty Stoner. Thomas Stoner died March 12, 1937 and Bertha then married Kenneth F. Jacobs. Bertha Stoner Jacobs passed away in 1992.

Doug's grandfather, Guy Stoner, was born near Toronto, Canada in 1877, and worked for the Canadian National Railroad. He married Minnie Silk. They had three sons and one daughter. They moved to Port Huron, Michigan when Doug's father, Thomas, was born (1907). Grandpa Stoner was reported to be the fastest barber in Michigan. Guy Stoner passed away in 1921 and Minnie died in 1947.

When Douglas was eight years old, the family moved to Gull Lake, which is located between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, Michigan. Doug graduated from W.K. Kellogg Agriculture School in 1953 and attended Western Michigan University.

July 31, 1955 Doug married Doris V. Rozell of Battle Creek, Michigan, and also started his employment with Eaton Manufacturing Company in Battle Creek.

They were blessed with a daughter, Teryl Lynn, born December 16, 1957 and a son, Richard Dean, born November 4, 1962.

August 1, 1982, Doug and Doris purchased The Village Store in Frankenmuth from Bob and Donna Foss.

Doug was very involved in the Frankenmuth community. He served on the City Council from 1988 to 1996 and was chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau during 1985 and 1986. He was chairman of the City Beautification Committee from 1989 to 1998 and served on the Historical District Committee from 1985 to 1997. Doug served on the Board of Directors of the Civic Events Council for eight years. He continues to be a member of the Frankenmuth Lions Club. He and Doris are members of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.

Doug and Doris' daughter, Teryl, graduated from Northwood University. In 1982 she married David Bender of Frankenmuth. They had three children: Amanda, Stephen and Matthew. They reside in Midland, Michigan.

Doug and Doris' son, Richard, graduated from Michigan State University in 1986. In 1996 he married Sheri Wolthuis. They have two daughters, Natisha and Amber. Natisha married Benn Jorae in 2004. Richard and Sheri are Foster Parents to two children, Nathaniel and Lourdes. Richard and Sheri live in Lansing, Michigan.

Doug had one brother, Thomas A. Stoner Jr. He was born in Port Huron, Michigan in 1925. Thomas fought in the Italian Campaign during World War II. He worked for the Federal Government until his retirement. Tom passed away in 2002.



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