

# Diamond Family



he year of September 1949 there was a young lad, who had just turned age 16 and began working for Fischer's Hotel in Frankenmuth. A year later, Fischer's Hotel was purchased by the William Zehnder family and renamed the Bavarian Inn. Forty-five years later, this lad, Virgil Diamond, was still working for the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant.

The Diamond family can be traced to William Diamond, who was born on October 12, 1882 in Arbela Township. William was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millington. He married Anna Pickelmann (born December 9, 1882) at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth.

William and Anna had eight children:

Alice was born on October 11, 1907 and died November 18, 1960. Alice married Carl Roth in October of 1925. They had three children: Ivan, Hazen and Dale.

Martin was born on December 9, 1908. Martin married Anna Brenner January 19, 1931. They had two children: Betty and Virgil. Martin died on October 2, 2001.

Harry was born on July 24, 1910. He married Elsie Reinert on October 1, 1939. They had two children: Shirley and Gordon. Harry died in December of 1994.

Walter was born on March 19, 1913 and died September 7, 1921.

Florence was born on July 7, 1915 and died June 2, 1922.

William Jr. was born on September 10, 1917. He married Bertha King June 10, 1941. They had five children: Mary Alice, Kathy, Clara Maria, Gene and Gail Lynn. William Jr. died on November 23, 1981.

Howard was born on March 28, 1919 and died September 1, 1939.

Lloyd was born on May 8, 1921. He married Elsie Groulx January 5, 1946. They had three children: James, Dave and Thomas. Lloyd died on August 18, 2001.

William Diamond died October 20, 1963. His wife Anna died December 1, 1970. They are buried in Pinegrove Cemetery.

Virgil, the grandson of William and Anna Diamond, was honored for 45 years of service to the Bavarian Inn Restaurant in September of 1994. During his time of employment, the Inn grew from one dining room serving 100,000 guests per year, to seven dining rooms serving more than 800,000 guests a year. Virgil was the Maintenance Manager since 1980. Before that time, Virgil worked at almost every job except being a waiter.

Virgil was semi-retired in September of 2000; he then worked part-time at River Place in Frankenmuth.

Virgil Diamond even met his future wife while working at Bavarian Inn. Barbara Zehnder started working there as a waitress in 1958. They were married April 30, 1960.

Virgil and Barbara had three daughters:

Cheryl Mossner married and then divorced Gary Mossner. They had two daughters: Elizabeth Peterson and Christine.

Julie married Robert Hayes and they had a daughter Hannah and a son Eric.

Amy married Scott Paten. They had a son Calvin.

