

Fox Family



The Fox family name came to Frankenmuth in 1966 when Edward L. Fox moved to the area. Edward was transferred to the Saginaw Division of General Motors and because he did not want to live in a big city, he and his wife chose Frankenmuth to live and raise their young family. Edward was born January 11, 1929 in Lyons, Michigan to Sylvester and Irene nee Wohlfert. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pewamo, Michigan. He graduated from Lyons High School and then in 1950 from Michigan State University as an accountant.

August 16, 1950, he married Marguerita I. Fabiano in Coldwater, Michigan. Marguerita graduated from Michigan State University in 1950 with a teaching degree. Edward worked for General Motors Chevrolet Assembly in Flint from 1950 to 1960. From 1960 to 1966 he worked at the General Motors Central office in Detroit and then in Saginaw from 1966 until his retirement in 1985. Edward and Marguerita Fox were charter members of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Frankenmuth where Edward served on many boards and committees. He was a member of the Civic Events Council Board and a member of the Lions Club. Marguerita taught school until 1987, the last 17 years were for the Frankenmuth Public School system. Edward and Marguerite had four children:

John was born January 26, 1959 and married Michelle Springer. They had two children, Adam and Tony. John is a marketing supervisor.

Elizabeth was born February 10, 1961 and married Wes Parsons. They had two children, Andrew and Christine.

Peter was born March 15, 1962 and married Lisa Likens. They had three children: Emilie, Jacob and Elizabeth. Peter is a teacher/coach.

Patrick was born February 26, 1965 and married Rene Tong. They had two children, Kate and Hallie. Patrick is a teacher/coach.

Edward traces his ancestors back to the village of Langenfeld, Canton of Virneburg, Department of the Rhine-Moselle, of the French Empire. Here his great-grandfather, Anton Fuchs, was born to Johann and Anna Maria nee Schueller August 31, 1811 (Fuchs is the German name for Fox). He was baptized the same day at St. Quirinius Catholic Church in Langenfeld. After serving the customary three years in the army, he emigrated with his parents and brothers (Mathias, Johann, Joseph, Paul, Peter Joseph, and Johann Peter). They embarked at the Port of LeHavre, France, and debarked at the Port of New York October 1, 1840. Anton worked on the canals near Buffalo, New York, and then moved with his parents and brothers to Westphalia, in Clinton County, Michigan, arriving May 29, 1841, and settled on 29 acres in section five.

On October 1, 1846, Anton married Anna Maria Schaefer and 13 children were born to this 54 year union. One of these was Edward's grandfather, Stephen Fuchs, by then probably changed to Fox. Anton died January 31, 1882 and Anna Maria died July 9, 1895. Both are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia, Michigan.

Stephen Fox was born March 22, 1858 and baptized the next day at St. Mary's in Westphalia. November 13, 1888 he married Elizabeth Thelen. They had four children: Sylvester, Mary Ann, Joseph Louis and Theresa. Stephen Fox died April 18, 1931 and Elizabeth died March 29, 1959. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Pewamo, Michigan.

Sylvester Fox, Edward's father, was born March 19, 1891. He married Irene Wohlfert May 29, 1917 at St. Mary's Church in Westphalia. They had four children: Irma, Viola, Stephen and Edward. Sylvester Fox died September 15, 1943 and Irene died December 25, 1974. They are buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Pewamo, Michigan.

