

Karst Family



The Karst family name came to this area through Henry Karst Sr. Henry was born in Oberdorf, Russia. On March 25, 1906, he married Marion Katherine Urich, born in Oberdorf on January 21, 1884. On February 14, 1909 a son, Henry, was born to them. In 1913 they left Russia and came to Wisconsin. Three years later, in 1916, they came to Saginaw and settled in the Reese area.

Henry and Marion had ten children: Henry, Mollie, Anna, Emanuel, Mary, Clara, Godfred, Jacob (Jake), Edna and Lydia.

Mollie married Henry Lichtenwald Jr. and they had two children, Ervin and Joan.

Anna married David Ruppel. They had two children, Duane and Nancy.

Emanuel married Esther Meyer on December 29, 1943 and they had two children, Barbara and Kenneth.

Mary married Lester Schultz on September 6, 1952. They had a daughter, Carol.

Clara married Thomas Hedrick on December 3, 1949. They had five children: Bill, Sharon, Katherine, Janice and Mike.

Godfred married Martha Kerbel on May 6, 1944. They had two children, Jan and Timothy.

Jacob (Jake) married Olinda Weber on December 29, 1956. They had no children.

Edna died as an infant.

Lydia Eurich died in 1936 at the age of 21.

Henry Karst Jr. married Emma Mohr on April 19, 1936 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Saginaw. Emma was born August 28, 1912 to John and Christine nee Pauli Mohr. Henry was employed by Saginaw Division of General Motors for 37½ years, retiring in 1971. His wife, Emma, worked at Fischer's Hotel, not the Bavarian Inn Restaurant, for many years. They resided on South Reese Road and all of their children attended Frankenmuth schools. Henry died June 6, 1990.

Henry and Emma had three children: Sandra, James and Robert.

Sandra Karst was born July 11, 1940. She married Raymond Williams September 1, 1961. They had three children: Christine, who married Michael Diaz on May 16, 1987; Daniel; and John, who married Jennifer Johnson on June 26, 1993. Sandra worked in the cafeteria at Western Michigan University.

James Karst was born May 2, 1943. He married Diane Schluckebier on June 5, 1965. They had two children, Cheryl and Jeffrey. Cheryl married David Dzioba on August 18, 1990; James had a salaried position with General Motors.

Robert Karst was born October 26, 1944. He married Sharon Schoenknecht on June 28, 1964. They had two children, Paul and Merri. Merri married Douglas Lemcke October 17, 1987. Robert went on disability from the Carling Brewery Company (later the site of River Place).



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