Kreil Family

The researching of family histories often shows that people moved to Frankenmuth because the men married a Frankenmuth girl. This was the case for Harold Kreil.

Harold Earl Kreil was born May 25, 1925 to Anton and Ellen Mae nee Whidden Kreil in Spring Wells, Michigan. Spring Wells is now called Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit. Harold’s parents moved to Vassar, Michigan in 1929, where his father worked at the Eaton Foundry. Harold attended Vassar schools through the eleventh grade. He quit school to join the military, serving in the Navy from 1943 to 1949.

Harold married Gladys L. Schluckebier, daughter of Louis and Martha Schluckebier, on August 16, 1952, at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. They lived in Frankenmuth and Harold worked at Universal Engineering Company from March 4, 1952 to November 1993. Harold and Gladys had two children, Dennis J. and Duane E.

Dennis J. Kreil was born July 20, 1953. He attended Frankenmuth schools and graduated from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan in 1975. In 1981, he earned a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He then worked as a pharmaceutical process researcher for Dow Chemical. Dennis married Cynthia Thompson on May 31, 1975. They had three children: Katherine R., Stephen M. and Elizabeth J.

Duane E. Kreil was born September 4, 1965. He was educated in Frankenmuth schools and graduated from Michigan State University in June 1987. He attended Wayne State Medical School for four years, graduating in June 1991. A four year residency followed at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, which ended in 1995.

Duane was an OB-GYN medical doctor and practiced in Dearborn. He married Debra Kramer, daughter of Loren and the late Jan Kramer, on July 2, 1988. They had a daughter, Emma Rae, born April 16, 2000.

Harold Kreil’s grandfather, Joseph, born in 1864 in Bohemia, was a tailor. He and his brother James immigrated to the United States, where they married the Guschel sisters. Joseph Kreil died on October 14, 1934.

Anton Kreil, Harold’s father, was born October 15, 1893. Anton died August 31, 1986. He and his wife, Ellen Mae, had seven children. Harold was the oldest.