

Luhring Family



The Luhring name came to Frankenmuth through David L. Luhring. David was born September 22, 1942, in Midland, Michigan, to Victor Clarence and Ruth Marie nee Hockmeyer. David was the first born of a set of twins. His twin brother, Donald, is a Lutheran pastor. The brothers were baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland.

David attended the School of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. At his graduation in 1966, he was awarded the Large Animal Clinician Award. His first veterinary practice was in Croswell, Michigan, with Dr. Harold Geiger.

While attending Michigan State University, he dated Pauline Rummel, daughter of Herbert L. and Lorna Rummel of Frankenmuth. During their courtship and after they were married, they would often come to Frankenmuth to visit Pauline's mother, who was widowed at that time. During those visits, Dave would ride around with Dr. Harold Braeutigam to gain some valuable experience in veterinary medicine. A number of years later, in 1968, Dr. Braeutigam asked Dave to help him in his practice in Frankenmuth. Dave accepted and, in 1968, he and Pauline moved to Frankenmuth, where they reside as of 2005.

Dave and Pauline were married September 12, 1964 at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth. They had two children: Beth Anne, born September 16, 1969 and Steven David, born May 16, 1972.

Beth married James D. Chinery on August 6, 1999. They have a daughter Ruth Catherine, born November 2, 2003 and a son Ivan James, born April 4, 2006. Jim is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Beth is a speech pathologist.

Steven married Maria Papathanasopoulos on February 24, 2001. They have two sons and a daughter: Dimitrios David, born June 7, 2003; David Stavros, born November 7, 2004; and Margarita (Rita) Pauline, born July 15, 2007. Steven is a financial analyst.

Dr. David Luhring is a member of the Saginaw Veterinary Medical Association, the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. He is a past member of the Frankenmuth Jaycees and a present member of the Frankenmuth Rotary Club.

Dave's father, Victor Clarence Luhring, was born in Owensville, Missouri, in 1911. His grandparents were Henry and Anna nee Fischer Luhring. Dave's great-grandmother, Doretha Louise nee Kahle Luhring, was born in Germany in 1843. She died in Missouri in 1930. Dave's mother, Ruth Marie nee Hockmeyer, was born in Midland, Michigan, in 1919. His maternal grandparents were Karl and Wilhemina nee Koenemann Hockemeyer.

Dave's grandfather, Henry, owned a service station in Staplehurst, Nebraska, in the 1930's. Dave's father also worked at the station during the years of drought and bad times. While visiting a tavern owned by Karl Hockemeyer's brother in Staplehurst, Victor was encouraged to go to Midland, Michigan, where he could find work. In 1937, Victor and three of his friends moved to Midland, and Victor worked as a master mechanic and crane operator for Fischer Contracting until his retirement. Two years after moving to Midland, Victor married Karl Hockemeyer's daughter, Ruth Marie Hockemeyer.



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