

Ramm Family



The Ramm name came to this area through David Paul Ramm, when he arrived in Frankenmuth in 1974 to work in the community's original occupation-agriculture. David was hired as farm manager for William "Tiny" Zehnder Jr. Farms. He managed and worked nearly 500 acres of land near the city limits, raising corn, hay, oats, wheat and soybeans. The crops mainly were used to feed a herd of Simmental cattle that originated in Bavaria.

There were as many as 100 breeding cows and 300 steers on the farms located on Weiss Street and Curtis Road, west of Block Road. An aggressive program of artificial insemination and embryo transplants produced prize animals for Saginaw County and Michigan State fairs as well as for statewide sales and cow-calf operators throughout the Midwest. David was named Frankenmuth's Young Farmer of the Year in 1979. He earned an associate degree in agricultural production from Michigan State University in 1972.

David was born February 9, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan to Helen and Herman Ramm. He spent his childhood summers on a dairy farm in Caro, Michigan. It was there that his love for farming took root. He served two years in Vietnam from 1967-1969 in the U.S. Army Infantry.

David married Joan Ryzak, daughter of John and Mary Ryzak, September 2, 1972 at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan. Joan was a reporter for *The Detroit News*, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Wayne State University, and a Master of Arts degree in English from Michigan State University. She advised the college newspaper at Delta College for 25 years and was employed as a professor of English and Journalism at Delta College.

The couple had three children:

Michael is assistant principal at East Rockford Middle School in Rockford, Michigan. He married Tanya Olson July 9, 2005. Each earned a master of educational administration degree from Michigan State University. They live in Cedar Springs, Michigan.

Elizabeth, a certified public accountant who earned her degree at Western Michigan University, is an auditing manager at the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche. She married Patrick Nellenbach August 21, 2004. He is an environmental manager who graduated from Michigan State University. They live in Flushing, Michigan.

Carrie Lynn has a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Saginaw Valley State University and works as a traveling nurse in emergency rooms across the country.

David and Joan live in the city of Frankenmuth. They also own a farm at Ormes and Lewis Roads, where they raise Simmental Cattle. David is employed at the Frankenmuth School District.

David has one sister, Evelyn, who married Karl E. Boettger in 1959. They raised their family in Dearborn, Michigan. Their five children are: James and Jackie Boettger, John and Sheri Boettger, Sue and John Fitzmaurice, Edward and Michelle Boettger and Thomas and Mary Boettger. They have 13 grandchildren.

Joan's sister, Elaine, married Richard Allison in 1970. They live in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Ft. Myers, Florida. They have two married daughters, Dana Kraus and Rebecca Blue. They have three granddaughters.



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