

# Kisabeth Historical Review

FROM OUR MEDIEVAL NAME OF KÜSCHWERT  
THE FOLLOWING NAMES HAVE EMERGED:

KÜSPERT - KISPERT - KISSEBERTH -  
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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

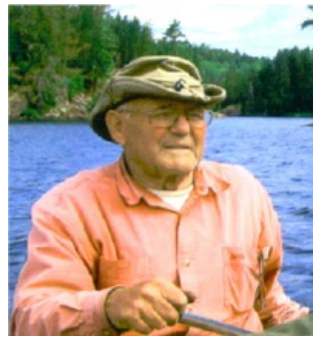
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## Outdoorsman Loses his life

**A** son, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a brother, an uncle, a cousin, a friend, a role model, an outdoorsman, and an exceptional human being easily describes Fred



**A. Kisabeth.** Those close to Fred already know this to be true. But to our readers I would like to tell you a little about him for this newsletter. Even

though Fred has left us he will still be remembered through our family history book, newsletter and database. It is our hope that following generations will read about this wonderful man.

Fred A. Kisabeth passed away Sept. 7, 2007 as a result of a canoeing accident on Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park. He died with his friend Charlie Peters and died while doing what he loved, canoeing. The two men drowned after their canoe flipped. Fred and Chuck were experienced canoeists. They were discovered wearing life jackets. The two men had fishing permits and a backcountry permit for three days all at different campsites along the shore of Shoshone Lake, located in the backcountry southeast of Old Faithful. Windy conditions had been reported on the lake.

Years ago (roughly 1955) my family was vacationing & sightseeing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. My father noticed a wooden sign that had "Kisabeth" on it. This was in front of cabin. Intrigued by the name (Kisabeth is a very rare surname) he asked the man in the

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## Miss Madison Kate Kisabeth



Miss Madison Kate Kisabeth arrived one day after Christmas (December 26, 2007). She was

born at 6:23 pm in St. Mary's Medical Center, Knoxville, TN. Madison is the new lovely daughter of Beau (Craig Harris Jr.) & Kendra Kisabeth. She is also the granddaughter of Craig Harris

& Connie (White) Kisabeth of Dandridge, Tennessee and is the great granddaughter of the late Robert McClellan & Jimmye Joy (Harris) Kisabeth who are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

Beau & Kendra are first time parents having married in early 2007. Craig & Connie are also first time grandparents. Congratulations on yet another Kisabeth.....

Beau is manager of Mountain Valley Rx., while Kendra teaches at Ben W. Hooper Vocational School. She holds

degrees from Walters State, Carson-Newman and a Masters of Science degree from Tusculum College.



## Bavarian Sausage Salad

### Ingredients:

- ½ lb. knockwurst, cooked / cooled
- 2 each pickles, small
- 1 medium onion
- 3 tbsp. vinegar
- 2 tsbp vegetable or olive oil
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- ¼ tsp. sugar or ( Equal/generic sweetener)
- 1 tsbp. capers
- 1 tsbp. parsley, chopped

### Cooking Bavarian sausage salad

1. Mustard must be strong (dijon or gulden Type)
2. Cut the knockwurst into small cubes
3. Mince the pickles and onion.
4. Mix together the vinegar, mustard and oil. Add salt, pepper, paprika & sugar.
5. Adjust seasonings if desired.
6. Add the capers; mix well.
7. Stir in the chopped knockwurst, pickles, and onions.
8. Just before serving, garnish with chopped parsley.



## Bavarian Liverwurst Dip

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup liverwurst
- ½ cup sour cream
- ¼ white onion; minced
- 1 tsbp. dill pickle relish
- 1 tsbp. Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp. white pepper

### Cooking:

1. Blend the liverwurst & sour cream until smooth and creamy.
2. Add all the other ingredients blending well.
3. May be served at room temperature or chilled.
4. Makes about 1 ¾ cups of dip.

**\*Suggested Dippers:** Cucumbers, Cherry tomatoes, radishes, asparagus, cocktail rye bread, crackers, celery, carrots, mushrooms & taco chips.....

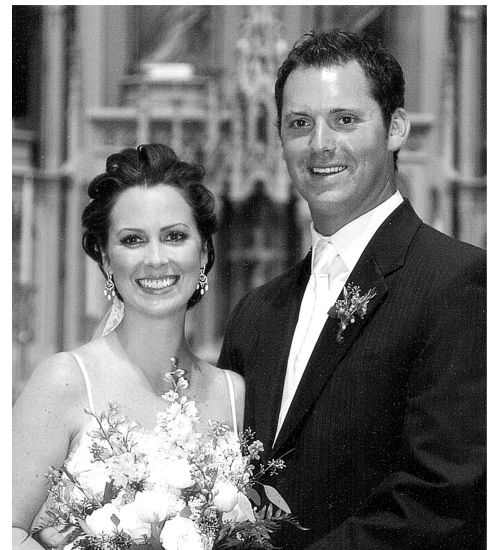
## *Andrew McClellan & Melissa Renee (Price) Kisabeth*

Drew Kisabeth & Melissa Renee Price were married June 30, 2007 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey, Michigan. Drew is the son of Gerald L. & Pamela A. (Kampo) Kisabeth of Canton, Michigan. Melissa is the daughter of Robert & Diane (Farrugia) Price of Dearborn, Michigan. Dr. Daniel Kisabeth served as best man for his brother. Cousins Shea & Bryan Kisabeth were included in the wedding party. Other Kisabeths making the trip "up north" were Kenneth & Joan Kisabeth, Gordon & Michele Kisabeth, Michael & Maureen Kisabeth, Charles & Barbara (Kisabeth) Shipley, Robert F. & Stephanie Kisabeth, Lisa Kisabeth.

Drew graduated from Eastern Michigan University (Bachelor in Science) and teaches physical education and health at Rochester High School. He is also head varsity football coach at the school. Drew is also Director of Operations & Sports Enhancement Director at Edge Elite Sports Training ([www.EdgeEliteSports.com](http://www.EdgeEliteSports.com)).

Melissa graduated from Western Michigan University (Bachelor in Biology) and currently works for Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals as a sales representative.

The couple is expecting their first child in August 2008. Like cousin Craig (Connie) Kisabeth of Dandridge, Tennessee celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild this will also be Gerald & Pamela's 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild!!



## Outdoorsman Loses his life

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driveway if we were related. The man abruptly replied, “No, I don’t believe so.” After thirty some years I found out that the man in the driveway was Everett Leroy Kisabeth, the father of our Fred and yes we were (are) related!!

I contacted Fred by phone and letter for many years. He was the “family historian” for his immediate family back to his George Kisseberth (1847-1919). The information that Fred sent me was thorough and very informative. He also sent old pictures of his family from the Upper Peninsula and from his grandfather Fredrick A, Kisabeth’s life in West Hickory, Pennsylvania. I still have all of Fred’s correspondence in a file. Fred also has contributed both his time and has sent a few generous donations to our history project. He made sure his brothers & sisters received a copy of our book. That’s how Fred was.....

Born in San Diego, California to Everett Leroy & Essie Evelyn (Cook) Kisabeth on October 14, 1932, Fred was the oldest of six children. In order of age the children were, Fred, Ted, Jean, Jack, Jerry and Helen. Before settling in Curtis, Michigan the family lived in Erie, Pennsylvania. It was at South Manistique Lake where he learned to hunt and fish at an early age. After graduating from Newberry High School Fred enrolled at Michigan Tech University studying Forestry. After two years at MTU Fred worked in Detroit for a year and then joined the U.S. Army. He was stationed in the Mariana Islands for most of his service time. He returned to Houghton in 1956 to finish his degree at MTU. This is where he met his future bride, Rita. They were married on June 19, 1957. The couple was blessed with three lovely daughters, Lisa, Diane, and Suzanne. Fred and Rita celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past summer.

Fred graduated from Michigan Tech in 1958 and the couple moved to Orofino, Idaho where he went to work as a forester with the Idaho Department of Forestry. In the summer of 1967, he went to work for the Department of Lands so the family moved to Boise. Fred worked there until his retirement from the State in 1993. A lot of Fred’s free time was spent camping, backpacking, hiking, fishing, and hunting. He loved the outdoors and was particularly fond of the Sawtooth National Wilderness He backpacked the Queens River Loop numerous times with his good friend Chuck Peters. Fred met Chuck after his retirement and enjoyed their canoeing and fishing trips. Fred spent many years hunting with Gordon and Steve Trombley and Elwood Klein. To, Fred, it was more about the camaraderie in the hunting camp than the hunting itself.

The YMCA was like a second home to Fred. He worked out there almost every day. He participated in the Robie Creek Run, as well as several marathons. Although he was almost 75 years old, he was more fit than many people half his age. He was a very social person; no one was a stranger to him. Our Kisabeth website’s motto; “Remember, you are a stranger just once” is what Fred was all about.

His passing will leave a large void for all his family and friends. Fred is survived by his wife Rita; his daughters, Lisa Cox, Diane Kisabeth, and Suzanne Kisabeth; his grandchildren, Jared, Morgan, and Jeff Cox, Vanessa Branson and Victoria Brower; his sister Jean (Kisabeth) Cochran; his brothers, Ted Kisabeth (Joanne), Jack Kisabeth (Shirley), and Jerry Kisabeth (Donna); and “the girls”, Maddie, Sasha, and Saba. He also leaves behind three great-grandchildren, Kylie, Tanner, and Brenna; as well as 15 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Helen.

I want to thank Fred’s daughter and family for providing this information and family pictures. I will make sure that the story and family picture page will be inserted in future editions of our Kisabeth Family History Book.

**Remember, next time you are hunting, fishing or even backpacking take a moment to whisper a short prayer for our wonderful Fred.**

### Robert McClellan Kisabeth Memorial

Our dear uncle, Bob Kisabeth passed away on August 11, 2007 after an extended illness in Charleston, S.C. . A memorial was held on September 11 in Newport, Tennessee, the longtime residence of Bob & Jimmye (Harris) Kisabeth. His detailed biography appears in our archival newsletter section on our website. His bio also appears in our history book & CD.

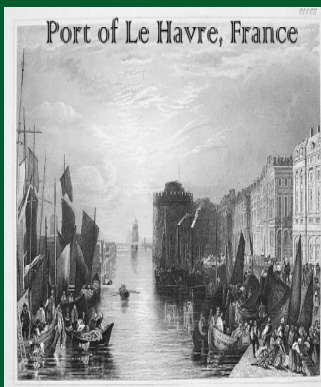
Robert M. Kisabeth was born on the family farm in Loudon Township, Seneca Co., Ohio on June 8 , 1920. His parents brought the family north settling in Plymouth, Michigan in the late 1920s. Bob along with his siblings attended the old Plymouth High School. After serving in WWII he was employed at Wall Wire Company. With the company merger in 1956 Bob was forced a relocate in Newport.

To honor our dear uncle his Plymouth nephews purchased a brick “paver” in the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park. It is only fitting that this memorial plaza sits directly in front of the old Plymouth High School. Bob’s paver rests along side his nephew’s paver (Gerald Kisabeth, Sgt. Vietnam (1968-69).





# Immigration 2008



Port of  
Le Havre  
France



Passenger List- July 1, 1842  
Ship Baltimore Le Havre, France  
to New York

George Kessenbirth	3	0
Anna	3	8
Maria	1	1
Johanne	1	4
Wilhelm	1	8
Philip	1	4
Margaretta	1	2
George	2	6
Elizabeth	2	3
George	2	8
Elizabeth	2	2
George	1	1

Most of our readers are familiar with our Kisseberth immigration history. In future issues of our newsletter we are going to provide information on the immigration of our other surname spellings. We will tell of the arrivals of our Kispert, Kuespert, Kuspert and Kissenberth families. Also if you have any specific information and/or stories of your family's immigration please contact us.

## Kisseberth Immigration – 1842

Back in the late 1990s I wrote our Kisseberth immigration story which appears in our 2002 book

**“Küschwert to Kisabeth”** based on the records from Nieder-Kinzig, Germany. These records are from an old book of the village history. It shows a Georg Friedrich Kisseberth I., his wife, two sons and one daughter having left for America in the summer of 1842. The book also shows Georg Friedrich Kisseberth II., his

wife, one daughter and two sons also leaving in the same year.

Since 1985 we have searched countless records, microfiche and microfilm reels trying to locate our specific ship passengers list. We suspected that the family emigrated from Germany between April and August 1842 with one brother coming to America ten years prior in 1832.

For the past 23 years our search proved futile. That is until last fall when we visited the Allen County (Indiana) Library (2nd largest genealogical library in the U.S.A.).

In our prior research we knew about the 1842 arrival but did not have specific information on the date and port of arrival and the name of the ship. We also didn't even know the European port. While researching general information on our family tree we found a microfilm copy of ships arriving in New York Harbor in the 1800s and specifically

ships arriving in 1842.

There were films for every two months of the year. We grabbed a few and started searching (probably for the last time). The first film we hit pay dirt! About two thirds of the way through this large film we found our ancestors. The person or persons recording this film had our name indexed wrong. This listing was a prize. It not only had both the Georg Friedrich Kisseberths, I & II, but also Elizabeth Daum and Georg Konig (who became George King later). Both of these names married into the Kisseberth family.

The information on the film showed that the group arrived in New York Harbor on July 1, 1842 on the ship **“Baltimore.”** They left from the port of Le Havre, France.

Briefly what follows is a summary of this recent film.

**July 1, 1842 Le Havre, France to New York aboard Ship SS Baltimore.**

## Here are the individuals:

### Name spelled –Kessenbrith

George Kessenbirth	age 36	actually was	Georg Friendrich Kisseberth	1806-1870
Anna Kessenbirth	age 38		Anna Maria Widder	1802-1874
Maria Kessenbirth	age 17		Anna Maria Kisseberth	1826- ?
Johanne Kessenbirth	age 9		John Kiseberth	1830-1908
Wilhelm Kessenbirth	age 8		William Kisseberth	1833-1905
Henrick Kessenbirth	age 64		George Friedrich Kisseberth Sr.	1777- ?
Catherine Kessenbirth	age 62		Maria Catherina (Schimpf)	1782- ?
Philip Kessenbirth	age 26		Philip Kisabeth Sr.	1815-1892
Margaretta Kessenbirth	age 23		Elizabeth (Kisseberth) King	1821-1879
George Koenig	age 28		George King	1810-1885
Elizabeth Dauman	age 22		Elizabeth (Daum) Kisabeth	1817-1880
George Dauman	age 1		George Kisabeth	1840-1879

We will be providing a more detailed description of our immigration to America including drawings, ports, methods & routes of travel of our Kisseberth ancestors later in 2008. We hope to complete this story in the fall of 2008.

# Our Family Reunion

How can we get more family members to attend our annual family reunion?

To keep our family reunion going each of us should try to attend our annual gathering at least once in their lifetime. Our main purpose of having this get-together each year is to have each of us attend when time permits without having to wait two or five years like many families do.

Many of our older relatives that helped make up these nice crowds have since passed on. They shared many family stories and all enjoyed their company. Some of our older relatives that seemed to be there each year were, Fos & Bert Kisabeth, Bob & Jimmye Kisabeth, Clyde Kisseberth, Edward & Thelma Kisabeth, George Lewis & Dorothy Kisseberth, Maxine Steffanni, Farrell Hanna, Wm. Burdette & Margaret Kisabeth, Jack & Margaret D'Haene, Nellie Kisseberth, Mary M.( Barto) Kisseberth, Mary Kisaberth, Pauline Haspeslagh.....

Our first all name family reunion was started in August 1991 with close to 150 attending. Since then we have seen attendance gradually decrease. Last year (2007) our total was down to 30 family members. What happened to the Clyde Kisseberth descendants in the Toledo area or the George Lewis Kisseberth family near Findlay? And what about all the local Fostoria/Tiffin relatives & descendants of Adam Kisabeth?

**We need your help by contacting other relatives and telling them to try to make one of our annual reunions.**

Keep in mind that we have the Beech Shelter reserved the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August each year**. This is a recently upgraded facility located at the Meadowbrook Park, long known for hosting family reunions. It is located in small Bascom, Ohio which is located off State Route Highway 18 between Fostoria & Tiffin, Ohio. A full description with pictures of Meadowbrook Park is listed on our website at: [www.kisabeth.com](http://www.kisabeth.com)

We have printed history books & CDs available at each reunion. We also have our computer with the complete database ready for additions, corrections and updates. We can pinpoint your specific family information in seconds. And we can easily add pictures that you bring of your ancestors and family.

Again, I must emphasize that we must have more people attend our event to keep this project going. Whether you come for the entire day or only for a few hours or just stop by, we would love to see you. Remember you can always drop us a note by regular mail telling us about recent news regarding your family.

Everyone loves to share old stories, look at old pictures and get acquainted with new found cousins.

Our Kuschwert origin has branched into the various surname spellings of Kispert, Kuspert, Kisseberth, Kissenberth, Kisaberth and Kisabeth during our 600 years of known history, a truly remarkable feat and something to be proud of. Keep our family history going and spread the word.....**attend our family reunion.**



Old Beech Shelter

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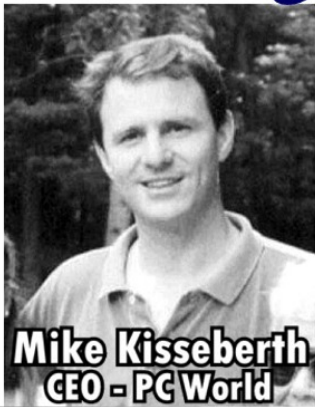
Playground  
Also at park  
Is a large  
outdoor  
pool



Information on park; <http://www.mbpark.org/>



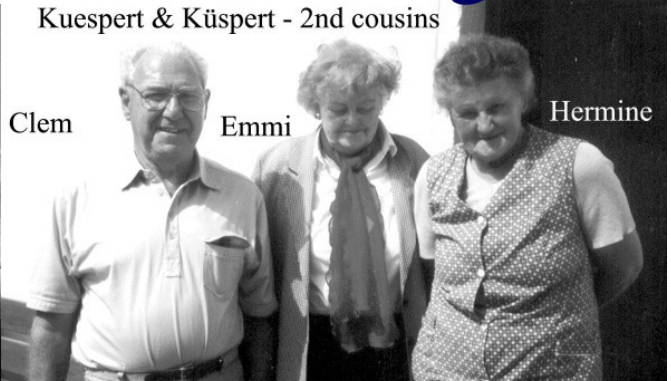
# It's all relative(s)



**Mike Kisseberth**  
CEO - PC World



**Carl Kisabeth**  
(1907 -1980)



Kuespert & Kuspert - 2nd cousins

Clem

Emmi

Hermine



Sandra (Kisabeth) Freeman & grandson Justin

Jina (Freeman) Baks



George Kisseberth Family

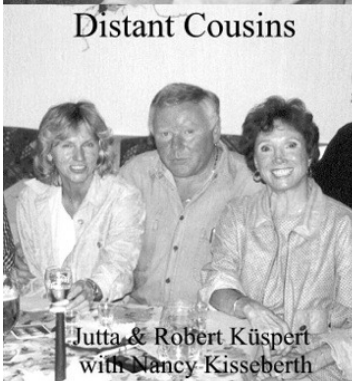


Kisabeth

Family

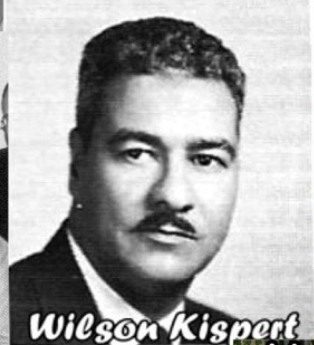
Charles

Betty Richard

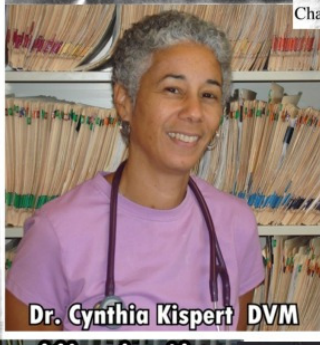


Distant Cousins

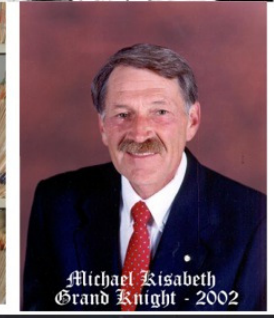
Jutta & Robert Kuspert with Nancy Kisseberth



**Wilson Kispert**



**Dr. Cynthia Kispert DVM**



**Michael Kisabeth**  
Grand Knight - 2002



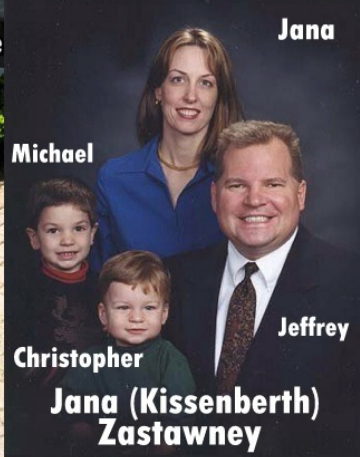
Kissenberth Family - Bludenz, Austria

Manfred



**Lisa Kispert & son Cole**

2008



Jana

Michael

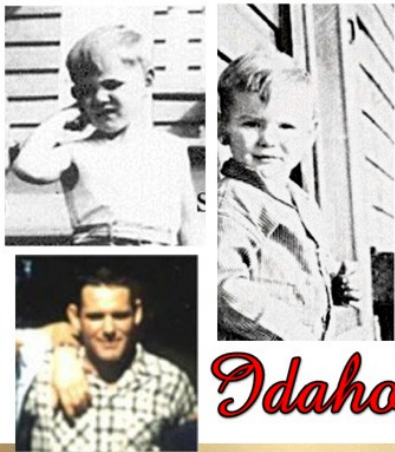
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Jeffrey

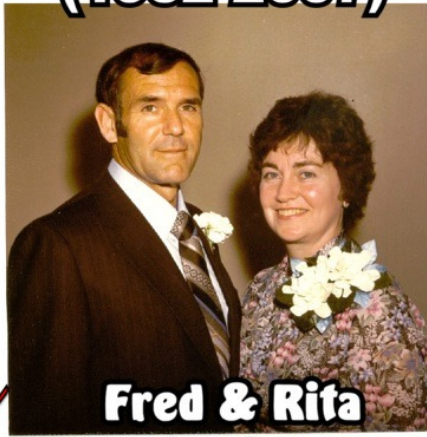
**Jana (Kissenberth) Zastawney**



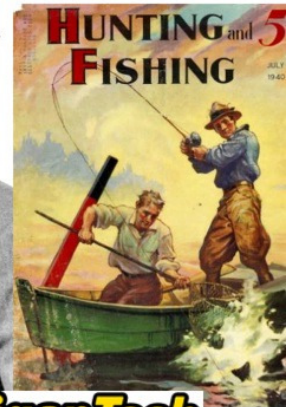
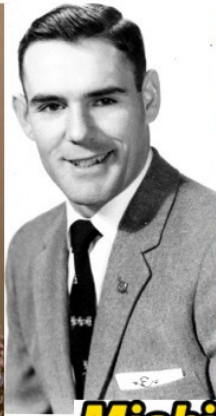
# The Fred Alden Kisabeth Family (1932-2007)



Idaho



Fred & Rita



MichiganTech

1979



Lisa

Diane

Suzanne

Fred Rita

Grandpa Fred



Jared

Jeff

Fred Kisabeth's Family ...planting his memorial tree



Great-grandchildren with their mothers



Marilyn

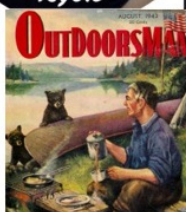
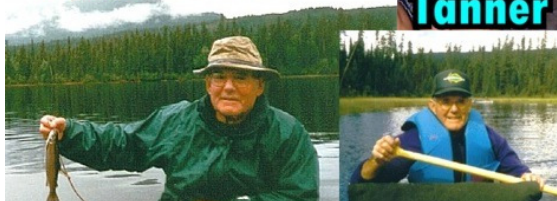
Morgan

Kylie

Tanner



Kylie



Vanessa

Suzanne

Victoria

Rita

Brenna

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**you are but a stranger but once.**

### **.Important Notice**

In an effort to keep our family newsletter going we are asking for your help.

We would like to publish our newsletter four times a year like most large family newsletters. We would also like to keep our website updated with current information.

Both Gordon & Gerald ask all our readers and relatives to simply show us that you like to read our newsletter and website. You can do this by just sharing any family news both current and past.

We ask you to send us copies of newspaper clippings, copies of pictures, obituaries, honors, military, births, deaths, and any family news that our readers may like to see.

You can reach us by email, regular mail or even telephone us. Our contact information is listed in this newsletter and website.

It is important to preserve our family history. We owe it to our grandchildren and to future generations to be aware of our recorded beginnings.....

Thanks and please drop us a note with any family news. Your help will keep this project going.

