

Kuehnemund Family



he Kuehnemund name came to this area through Walter Kuehnemund when he moved to Frankenmuth in 1945, shortly after he was discharged from the United States Army.

Walter entered the service on December 10, 1941 at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan. He served in the North West Command and the European Theatre for three years and four months. Sergeant Walter Kuehnemund was honorably discharged on May 4, 1945, shortly before Germany surrendered and the war in Europe ended.

Walter A. Kuehnemund was born February 17, 1917 in Munger, Michigan, to Fred and Elsie nee Ruterbush Kuehnemund. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity St. James Lutheran Church in Merritt Township, Bay County.

Walter went to school through ninth grade and then entered General Motors Institute where he learned the skills of a tool and die maker. He was employed by the General Motors Fischer Body Plant.

In 1941, Walter married Arbella B. Felske in Napoleon, Ohio. They had three children: Larry, Judy, and Debbie.

Larry Kuehnemund was born August 8, 1943. He had two daughters, Dianne and Amy. Larry retired from Lockheed Aircraft and then lived in Arizona.

Judith Kuehnemund was born March 6, 1948. She married Charles Nemecek on June 30, 1973 in Reese, Michigan. They had two children, Scott and Kristy. Judy worked at the Frankenmuth Credit Union. They lived in Frankenmuth.

Debra Kuehnemund was born May 19, 1960. She married Alan Muehlfeld on September 10, 1983. They had two children, Matthew and Rachel. Debra and Alan lived in Augusta, Georgia. Debra was employed by Westinghouse as a human resource manager.

Larry, Judith and Debra were all baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese, Michigan, a town about 15 miles from Frankenmuth. They attended St. Lorenz Lutheran School in Frankenmuth for their elementary education, and then Frankenmuth High School.

The Kuehnemunds came from the Harz Mountains in northern Germany, settling there in the 1600s. The name was originally spelled "Kunimunt", meaning someone in direct protection of a king.

Walter's grandfather was Louis Kuehnemund, who married Elvina nee Hopp.

Walter's father, Fred, was born in the United States and was a farmer. He died at an early age due to a flu epidemic.

Fred and his wife, Elsie, had three children: Ruth, Walter, and Harold.



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