

Marcet Family



he Frankenmuth Public School offered Kindergarten through Grade 10 until 1954. Those who wanted to finish high school were bussed to Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, Michigan. In 1954, with James Matteson as Superintendent, Frankenmuth decided to offer a full high school curriculum. Grade 11 would be added in 1955 and grade 12 in 1956.

Marco Carl Marcet was hired as business teacher, athletic director, basketball coach, baseball coach, and City Recreation Director. Marco spent the next 36 years in Frankenmuth, dedicating his life to instructing young people and leading them by example.

Marco Carl Marcet was born November 29, 1924 in Flint, Michigan to Michael Ivan and Katherine nee Srdish Marcetic. Michael was born October 1, 1893 in Pisarovina, Croatia (Yugoslavia). Michael came alone to the United States at the age of 16 and worked in factories in Pennsylvania, Detroit and Flint. He married Katherine October 25, 1922 in Detroit. Michael worked for General Motors in Flint until his retirement in 1960.

Marco attended elementary school in Flint and went on to Flint Technical for junior and senior high. He entered the service upon graduating in 1943 and spent three years in World War II in the Pacific with the 500th Bomb Squadron, 345th Bomb Group (B-25's), 5th Air Force.

After the war Marco attended Central Michigan University under the GI Bill and graduated in 1950 with a secondary teaching certificate. During his sophomore year he married his high school sweetheart, Sophie Cuz, in Flint, Michigan. Sophie was a paraprofessional elementary librarian at List School in Frankenmuth for 18 years.

Marco and Sophie had two sons, Mark and Jerry. Both sons graduated from Frankenmuth High School and then Central Michigan University with teaching certificates. Mark is single and teaches physics. Jerry married Nancy Butterfield and they had two sons, James and Alan. Jerry is a carrier for Federal Express.

Marco also had an older brother, Emil Michael Marcet, who married Eda Taylor in 1943. They had two sons, Wayne and Ronald. Eda died and Emil later married Marcella Galonska nee Ryan. They lived in Saginaw, Michigan.

Following graduation, Marco first taught in Kingsley, followed by three years at Manton, where he also coached basketball. He then came to Frankenmuth where he coached baseball for 16 years, varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball for 16 years, driver's education for 20 years, along with teaching accounting, shorthand, typing, business law, geography, and physical education.

Marco was Michigan High School State Basketball Tournament director for 29 district, regional, and quarter-final tournaments. He was inducted into the Frankenmuth Softball "Hall of Fame" in 1992. He was honored at the 7th Thumb Track and Field "Meet of Champions" in Caro as the "Thumb Sports Leader" award recipient for 1979. At the 1994 "Meet of Champions", Marco received the "Friend of Youth" award.

Marco Carl Marcet retired from teaching in 1990. Altogether he taught 40 years and was athletic director for 34 years. After retirement he continued as a substitute teacher and athletic assistant at Frankenmuth High School.

