

# Varney Family



The Varney name came to this area through Thomas William (Bill) Varney when he moved to Frankenmuth in June of 1965. Bill was born April 16, 1933 in Huron County to Clifford A. and Anna Rees Varney. Bill was baptized and confirmed at Redman Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Alma College with a bachelor's degree. Bill married Sue Bryson on September 15, 1956 at First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw, Michigan. Sue died in August 2005.

Bill was a high school teacher for a year (1956-1957), and then began a 27 year salaried position with General Motors. This was followed by nine years computer work with EDS (Electronic Data Systems). Bill was very involved in serving the community of Frankenmuth. He was active in the Lions Club for over 35 years and a member of the City Beautification Committee for over 15 years. Bill worked with the Bavarian Festival Committee for 40 years, assuming the office of president in 1984-1985. Bill has been a member of the United Methodist Church and participates in their many activities.

Bill and Sue had three children:

Cynthia Ann, born February 6, 1960, married Stephen May on August 26, 1989. They had three children: Daniel Steven, born May 25, 1991; Emily Nicole, born April 19, 1993; and Brian, born February 6, 1997. They resided in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Jennifer Lynn, born September 19, 1961, married Glen Thompson on April 18, 1992. They had one son, Matthew William, born April 1, 1995. They resided in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Linda Sue, born January 12, 1968, married and divorced Michael Hauck. They had one son, Kyle Stephen, born September 20, 1994. Linda married Brent Velandra October 2003 and the family lives in Warren, Michigan.

Bill's father, Clifford Varney, died in 1973 and his mother, Anna, died in 1971. Clifford and Anna had six children and Bill was the oldest.

Bill's sister, Doris Ann Varney, was born August 16, 1934. She married Max McKenzie. They had three sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren. Doris and Max lived in Elkton, Michigan.

Douglas Clifford Varney was born September 14, 1935. Doug and his wife Donna had one son, three daughters and nine grandchildren. Donna died in 2000. Doug married Minnie in September 2005. They resided in Caro, Michigan.

Catherine Helen Varney was born August 1, 1937. She married Merle Sorenson and they had two daughters and two grandchildren. They resided in Cedarville, Michigan.

James Roderick Varney was born May 15, 1939. "Rod" had a son, three daughters and nine grandchildren. He resided in Caro, Michigan.

Bill's youngest sister, Carol Mary Jane Varney was born February 13, 1941. She married Alvin McKee and they had two daughters and seven grandchildren. They resided in Cass City, Michigan.

Bill's grandparents on his father's side were William and Sarah nee Cowie Varney; and on his mother's side they were Thomas and Catherine nee Bryce Rees.



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