

Chapter 9

Descendants of Irvin H. Dietle & Alma C. (Miller) Dietle

Luther Lloyd Dietle

Uncle Luther Lloyd Dietle, eldest son of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. (Miller) Dietle, was born on May 3^{9,14,82,331}, 1925^{9,14,82,312,331}. Luther was known by the nickname “Bud”. He was an easy going, kind individual who would do anything for anyone if he could⁵³. He played the violin, and liked to hunt⁵³. Uncle Bud graduated from the Meyersdale High School in 1942⁷³. He was inducted into the U.S. Army and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps in the rank of Sergeant¹¹. Ten months of his 18 month military hitch were spent in Italy as a Special Agent of the CIC ⁷³. Lerene recalls that he went into the service on March 29, 1946, and returned in August of 1947⁷². Dad recalls that Bud had the uniforms of an officer and of an enlisted man so that he could assume different roles in his investigations of black market activities¹³⁵.



Luther “Bud” Dietle with Lerene

Uncle Bud was married to Lerene^{2,73} Viola⁷³ Geiger^{2,73} on June 20, 1948^{14,71b,132}. She was born Feb. 23, 1925^{9,14,73} at Wittenburg⁷³, in Larimer Twp.³⁷⁵. Lerene* is the daughter of John Henry Geiger^{73,239} (b. May 5, 1892^{62,72,73,239}, d. June 25, 1974⁷²) and Lydia Gertrude Petenbrink^{72,73} (b. March 29, 1888^{72,73,273}, d. July 4, 1972^{72,273}). Lerene graduated from the Meyersdale High School in 1943, and was then employed at the Meyersdale Manufacturing Co. as a seamstress for 9 years⁷³. Bud and Lerene knew each since childhood, as their families attended the same church and visited one-another⁷³. Their daughter Judy noted in a high school report (during her junior year) that Lerene liked to spend her free time knitting, crocheting, baking, sewing, and preparing new food dishes for her ladies club meetings⁷³. I recall that she used her hand-made crafts as decorations in her well kept home, and on occasion gave them as gifts.

Bud worked for the Saylor Motor Co. as Parts Man for 18 years^{72,73}. After that, he was the Manager of the Somerset Auto Parts store in Meyersdale for 9 years⁷². I went to his place of employment one time as a boy, and there saw my first paint can shaker, which was quite a spectacular contraption to an impressionable youngster. Another spectacular contraption from about the same time period (1959/62) was Bud's shiny new, bright red Dodge with gigantic tail fins; it too left a vivid impression on my young mind. When I was a youngster, Bud and Lerene lived in a well kept frame house in Meyersdale, PA. With all the care and pride they put into it's upkeep, they were understandably very upset when someone built a shabby-looking (in my opinion) car repair shop next door.

Later on, in 1975, they bought a house in Somerset, PA. After moving to Somerset, Bud was employed in the Research Department of Wheeler Brothers, Inc. up until the time he passed away in 1976. After moving to Somerset, Lerene first worked at Grants, and then later was a Receptionist and Accounts Payable Clerk for Wheeler Brothers until her retirement in 1985⁷². She now (1993) does volunteer work at the Somerset Court House. Her hobbies are crafts and traveling in the States, abroad, and on cruises. Bud and Lerene's children are:

Judy Ann Dietle, born June 21^{9,14,131a} or 28³⁵, 1951^{9,14,131a}, and
Kay Colleen Dietle, born Oct. 18, 1955^{2,9,14,35,71b,132}.

Uncle Bud died of a heart condition at age 51⁸² on November 12^{14,82,331}, 1976^{14,82,312,331} in the Somerset Community Hospital⁸². The seriousness of his condition wasn't discovered until a few days before he died, and his doctor inexplicably delayed action due to a weekend or holiday, during which time Uncle Luther passed away. He was much loved by those of us in his extended family, and it was very distressing to lose him at a relatively young age. He is buried at the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹². I was a pall-bearer at his funeral, where he was given a formal rifle salute by a local Army or VFW unit. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset at the time of his death⁸².

On Sept. 15, 1984, eight years after Bud passed away, Lerene married the widower Bernard A. Murray ⁷². Bernard, who is also mentioned elsewhere herein, had been married to Norma Christner (a Dietle descendant) until she passed away⁵⁵. Tragically, Bernard died on April 18, 1986, not long after marrying Lerene⁷². He had been an employee of the B&O Railroad for 30 years⁷². Lerene says he was an Engineer who took his work very seriously, and his pipe smoking just as seriously⁷². His fellow workers admired his love for his job⁷². She recalls that when people saw his train go by, they would say "That's Bernard and his pipe"⁷². He was an accomplished card player, and one of his pleasures in life was driving nice cars⁷².

Lerene reports that all of her family are (1993) active members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset⁷². Bernard was a member of the White Oak Lutheran Church⁷².

* Lerene is a distant cousin of ours through common ancestors Peter Frederick Petenbrink and George Klingeman on our mother's side. Lerene's ancestry can be traced using Ref. 38, 62,72,73,179, 239, 273, 302, 312, 326, 329, 354, 360, 362, and 405.



Judy (Dietle) Zeigler & husband Joseph Zeigler

Judy Ann Dietle, daughter of Luther Dietle and Lerene (Geiger) Dietle, was born at the Hazel McGilvery Hospital at Meyersdale, PA⁷³. Judy was married to Joseph Alan Zeigler^{14,35} on Aug. 19, 1972^{14,35,132}. Joseph, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Zeigler³⁵, was born on June 4, 1954¹⁴. Joseph was formerly (1993) a Plant Man for the Somerset Limestone, Blacktop and Concrete Co.⁷². He started working for the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home in Somerset as a Funeral Assistant on April 15, 1994⁷². Joseph was a member of the volunteer fire department for 12 years, and one of his hobbies is (1993) driving his black 1987 Corvette sports car⁷². Judy is the Billing Secretary for Dr. Debrah Baceski⁷². Judy and Joseph live in Somerset⁷², and have a daughter Jill Elaine Zeigler, who was born on Feb. 3, 1973^{14,132}. Judy's hobbies are travel and reading⁷².



Jill Zeigler

Jill Zeigler, daughter of Judy (Dietle) Zeigler and Joseph Zeigler, was attending Allegany Community College and working part time as a Sales Clerk at Leather Loft in 1993⁷². She graduated on May 15, 1994 as a certified Dental Assistant, and also has an Associate Degree in Business Administration⁷². She is (July 1994) living in Cumberland, MD and working in MD as a Dental Assistant for Dr. Frank Mitchell⁷². Her hobbies are cross-stitching and music⁷².



The family of Donald and Kay Albright, 1994.

Kay Colleen Dietle, daughter of Luther Dietle and Lerene (Geiger) Dietle, was married to Donald Charles Albright on June 25, 1976¹⁴. Don was born on Sept. 19, 1951¹⁴. He is (1993) the Inside Sales and Purchasing Agent for Penstan Plumbing and Heating Supply⁷². Kay is (1993) a Paraprofessional at the Somerset Area Schools⁷². Kay's hobbies are reading, walking, and trying out new recipes. Don's hobbies are hunting and walking⁷². Kay's sister Judy noted in a high school report that Kay had quite a sense of humor as a youth, and liked to play tricks on her⁷³. Kay and Don have the following children:

Candace Renee Albright, born Jan. 11, 1978^{14,72}, and
Valerie Dawn Albright, born May 9, 1981⁷².

Candace is (1993) a Sophomore at the Somerset Area Senior High School. She loves to read, and does baby sitting.

Valerie is (1993) attending the Somerset Area Junior High School. She loves animals, and sometimes dog-sits for the neighbors.

Julia Lavaughn Dietle

Julia Lavaughn Dietle, the only daughter of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. (Miller) Dietle, was born on Oct. 13, 1926⁹. She is quiet and has an easy going personality⁵³, and is known among the family by the nickname “Sis”. She learned to cook quite young⁵³, and graduated from the Meyersdale High School in May 1944²³⁶. After graduation she worked at home for \$4.00 a week, with \$2.00 going for room and board, which she says helped her learn the value of a dollar¹⁰¹. She also worked in a grocery store before she was married⁵³.



Julia Dietle

Julia married Irving L.⁴³⁵ Saylor^{2,9,14,71b,132} on October 23, 1946^{9,14,71b,132}. Irving, who was the son of “Jerry” Saylor and Ardella^{101,435} L.⁴³⁵ (Benning) Saylor^{101,435}, was born on April 1, 1923^{14,435} or 1924¹³² in Mance⁴³⁵ and died on July 30, 1995 at Somerset Hospital⁴³⁵. Jeremiah²³⁹ “Jerry” Saylor, son of Peter Saylor and Ellen (Beal) Saylor^{101,239,274}, was born on Sept. 11^{101,239,251} 1891²³⁹ or 1892^{101,251,274} in Brothersvalley Twp.^{239,274} and died on Nov. 11¹⁰¹ or Nov. 15^{132,251,274}, 1970^{101,132,251}. Ardella (Benning) Saylor, daughter of Adam Benning and Sarah (Oyler) Benning, was born on May 14, 1900¹⁰¹ and died July 17^{101,132}, 1961^{101,132,274}. Irving Saylor is buried at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery⁴³⁵.

Jerry Saylor was a World War I veteran^{101,274} who saw action in France¹⁰¹, including the Marbache Sect. and Meuse-Argonne engagements²³⁹. Dad recalls hearing that Jerry was involved with using horses to draw artillery there, and also recalls fondly that Jerry took the time to write letters to him when he was in the Army¹³⁵. Jerry joined Battery D, 319th Field Artillery as a Private on Oct. 6, 1917 at Rockwood, PA, and served overseas from May 19, 1918 to May 12, 1919²³⁹. He was a member of St. John’s United Methodist Church²⁷⁴, and is buried at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery^{251,274} in Glencoe²⁷⁴.

“Sis” and Irving lived most of their adult lives on a dairy farm in Larimer Twp. (the Saylor home place which is adjacent to Grandpa Dietle’s farm) and raised Jersey cows. Sis worked very hard on the farm with Irving⁵³. There were two houses on the Saylor place. Sis and Irving lived in one house, and Irving’s father Jerry Saylor lived in the other. In my opinion, Irving and Jerry had the most pleasant and interesting voices of anyone I’ve ever heard; no doubt Irving acquired his unique inflections from his father. The Saylor home place was atop a steep and lonely mountain, and in the wintertime the road up was subject to severe drifting. This meant that it could be something of an adventure to visit them at Christmas time, often requiring tire chains, an experienced foot on the throttle, and a firmly clenched jaw. I have memories of being driven there as a child when the snow seemed impossibly deep, but somehow we always made it up and back without mishap.

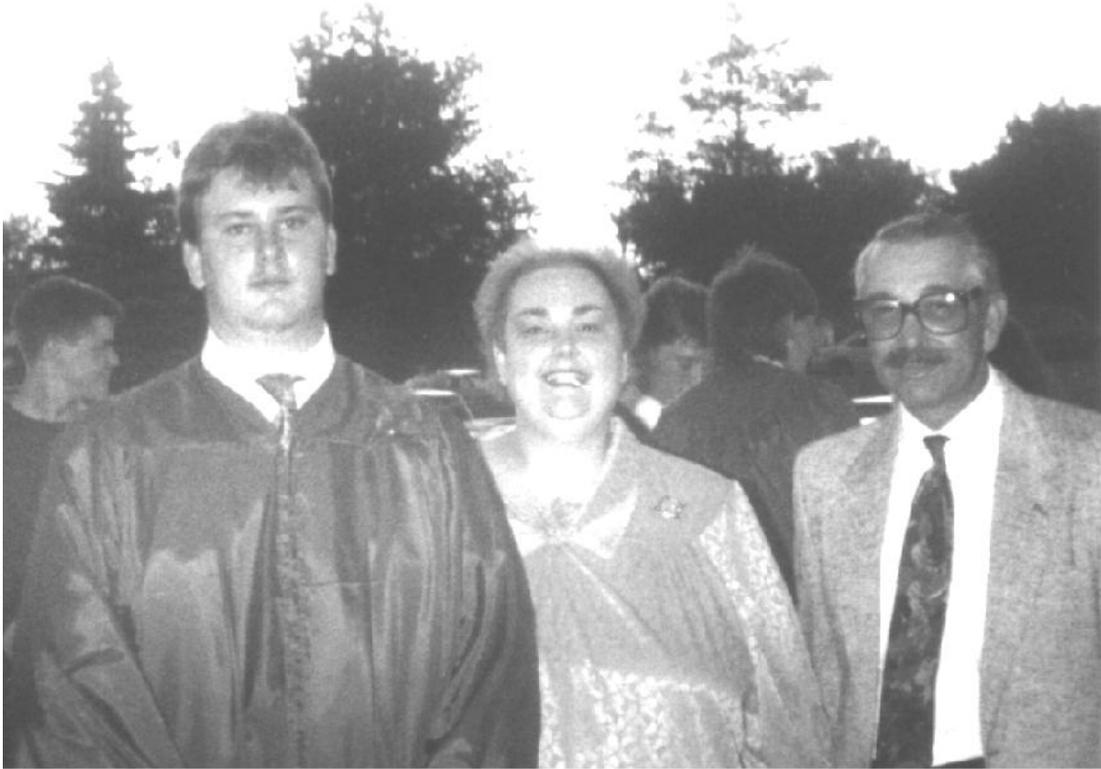


Irving Saylor, Sr. and his wife Julia (Dietle) Saylor

Irving served in World War II in the 702nd Tank Battalion. He saw action in France and Germany¹⁰¹, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge^{101,435}. One of the few tales I ever heard him tell about his military service was the practice of shooting the tank's machine gun in combat until the barrel got so hot that it started to droop from its own weight (At least this is how I recall the story over 30 years later). The barrel would then have to be replaced with a spare. He also spoke once of his involvement with tanks that carried whole batteries of rockets on top. He was injured in WW-II, and discharged in 1945¹⁰¹.

Irving was a member and the Secretary of Church Council at the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, and for many years was the Larimer Township Secretary⁴³⁵. When Irving retired from farming, they put their farm up for sale and bought a pleasant brick house in Berlin. Sis got a job at the Snyder's potato chip factory in Berlin as a bagger and packer⁵³. Irving tended a neat, well kept vegetable garden in the back yard which any gardener would be proud of. Sis and Irving's children are:

Irving^{12,132,435} Leroy¹³² Saylor, Jr.^{2,132}, born July 5, 1948^{2,9,14,71a},
Linda Dianne Saylor, born March 2, 1951^{2,14,71a,132}, and
Donna Jean Saylor, born June 11, 1960^{2,9,14,71a}.



Irving Saylor, Jr., his wife Debra, and son Matthew.

Irving Saylor, Jr., son of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, has always been known to the extended family as “Junior”. He was married to Debra^{14,435} Ann¹⁴ Weyant^{14,435} on September 14, 1974¹⁴. She was born on Sept. 6, 1951¹⁴. At one time they ran an antique store together. Debbie is (1993) a Real Estate Dealer, and Junior is the Maintenance Supervisor at the Somerset Mall¹⁰¹. In 1995 their address was listed as Central City⁴³⁵. Irving, Jr. and Debbie have a son Matthew Aaron Saylor, who was born on May 18, 1975^{14,101}.

Matthew Aaron Saylor, only child of Irving Saylor, Jr. and Debra Ann (Weyant) Saylor, was attending the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown in 1993¹⁰¹.



Linda Dianne (Saylor) Shirley with her husband Frankie Shirley and children, Franklin Chad (top) and Jeremiah Adam (bottom).

Linda Dianne Saylor, daughter of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, was married to Frankie Shirley on Feb. 5, 1971^{14,132}. Frankie was an Army cook at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School in Ft. Belvoir, VA prior to their marriage¹⁰¹. He is presently (1993) employed as a technical Plant Manager for Asheboro Sox and Active Wear¹⁰¹. Linda is (1993) the Business Manager of the Randolph County Public Library.

They presently (1995) make their home in Asheboro, North Carolina⁴³⁵. Frankie was born on March 8, 1947¹⁴, and enjoys cooking for the family. Dad and Mom have visited Frankie and Linda, and tell us that Frankie has a pleasant sense of humor, and is also an entertaining story teller. Frankie and Linda have two children, as follows:

Franklin Chad Shirley¹⁰¹, born July 6, 1971^{14,132}, and
Jeremiah Adam Shirley¹⁰¹, born June 6, 1982¹⁰¹.

Franklin Chad Shirley is known as Chad. He was in the Army in 1992, which is the last time I have seen him. His grandmother Julia Saylor reports that he served in the 82nd Airborne, and was

an Aircraft Armament Missile System Repairer¹⁰¹. He was in Dhahran and Al Hufuf during the Gulf War¹⁰¹. In 1993 Chad was working for Klausner Furniture in Asheboro and studying micro-computer technology at Randolph Community College¹⁰¹. He was married in the fall of 1995.



Donna Jean Saylor, daughter of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, 1978

Donna Jean Saylor, daughter of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, graduated from the Meyersdale Area High School²⁸². She was married to Clark Evans Brant¹⁰¹, Jr.²⁹² on Nov. 5, 1977^{12b}. Clark, the son of Clark Brant, Sr. and Patricia (___) Brant²⁹², was born on May 29, 1957¹⁴. They had a son Michael^{101,280,292} Ryan Brant^{280,292} who was born in May 31, 1978¹⁰¹. Michael died tragically at the age of 33 months due to smoke inhalation²⁸⁰ in a home fire which occurred on the morning of Feb. 8, 1981¹⁰¹. The home was completely gutted, and all of the family's belongings were lost²⁸⁰. Five fire trucks and 30 Firemen responded to the blaze, but the Firemen were hampered in reaching the home by snow and ice on the road, and by smoke which obscured the road²⁸⁰. Donna, Clark, and their overnight guests were forced to jump to safety from a second story window, and were unsuccessful in their attempts to re-enter the home to rescue the child²⁸⁰. Michael was buried in the Berlin Cemetery²⁹².

Donna and Clark were divorced, and Donna was subsequently married to David Ansell on July 24, 1984, but they are now (1993) also divorced¹⁰¹. She presently (1993) lives in Berlin and works at the Giant Eagle store in Somerset as a Health and Beauty Care Assistant Manager¹⁰¹.



Michael Ryan Brant

Irvin Dietle, Jr.

Uncle Irvin Dietle, Jr., son of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma Catharine (Miller) Dietle, was born on May 28, 1928⁹. Dad recalls that Irvin, Jr. was a tease in his childhood days, and played coronet in the high school band⁵³. As children, Dad and Irvin, Jr. liked to fish together in the stream which ran through their father's farm⁵³. Fishing and hunting are activities which dad and Irvin have also pursued together as adults. They have taken several fishing trips to Canada, and have often visited one another in the fall for bird and deer hunting.



Irving Dietle, Jr. & his wife Patricia (Smith) Dietle

Irvin was married to Patricia^{2,14,71b,132} Lou³²⁵ Smith^{2,14,71b,132} on October 7, 1950^{14,71b,132} at the White Oak Church³²⁵. For a time after they were married they stayed at the home of Irvin Dietle, Sr.¹³⁵. Aunt Patricia was born on Oct. 29, 1931^{9,14}. She was the daughter of Elmer Samuel Smith (b. 1904, d. 1981) and his wife Irene Cathern (Benning) Smith (b. 1907, d. 1935), and the grand-daughter of Harvey Samuel Smith. Patricia's mother died of cancer when she was only 3 1/2 years old¹³⁰. Her mother was confined to bed for about a month before dying, during which time her sisters came to the house to care for her¹³⁰. Pat can remember taking turns sleeping at the bottom of her mother's bed, and recalls that the day she died she came and sat at the table while the family ate¹³⁰. Pat's dad tried to keep the family together in their home in Berlin, but with her brother Dale only a year old and her brother Harold only 5 years old, it was too much¹³⁰. Her Grandparents Harvey and Elizabeth Smith raised her awhile¹³⁰, then when she was a teenager she went to live with Jerry & Ardella Saylor⁵³. Ardella and Pat's mother were sisters⁵³. Jerry Saylor, father of Julia Dietle's husband Irving, was Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle's neighbor.

Our family has traditionally called Aunt Patricia and Uncle Irvin by the nicknames "Pat and June", however since Grandpa has died there is more of a tendency to call Uncle Irvin by his given name. Uncle Irvin received a B.S. in Agriculture from Penn State University⁵³. Irvin is retired now, but in his working days taught school⁹, managed a Farm Bureau store⁹, and worked for Agway after Farm Bureau and Agway merged. He was employed with Farm Bureau and Agway for a total of about 34-35 years⁵³. He started to work at Farm Bureau as a Field Man and Salesman, and then managed the farm store at Chambersburg⁵³. Later he worked for Agway as a Dairy Specialist and Soils & Crops Specialist⁵³.

After Pat and June's children were all in school, Pat went to work for the Tuscarora School District as a Teacher's Aide¹³⁰. Later she transferred to the Chapter I Program as a Teacher's Assistant, then as a Chapter I Reading Assistant¹³⁰. Chapter I is a Federally funded remedial education program¹³⁰. She retired in 1993 so that they could travel, which is one of their biggest joys in life¹³⁰. During 1993 they

drove 12,000 miles during a trip to Alaska on a motor-camping trip with our parents Roy and Estalene Dietle¹³⁰.

Pat and Irvin have lived in a rural area near Chambersburg, PA for as long as I can remember. They are both active members of the St. Thomas Lutheran Church, where both have been choir members for about 30 years¹³⁰. They have also served as Teachers and Council Members, and served on numerous Committies¹³⁰. One of them also served as Sunday School Superintendent for about 10 years¹³⁰. They are also both active in the St. Thomas Ruritan club, where they have served as officers and workers in community service¹³⁰.

Pat and Irving's children are:

Sandra Lynn Dietle, born Aug. 24, 1951^{2,9,14,71a,132,154},
Debra Lou Dietle, born Feb. 14, 1953^{2,9,14,71a,132},
Craig Irvin Dietle, born Jan. 11, 1958^{2,9,14,130} and died Dec. 5, 1990¹³⁰, and
Kimberly Sue Dietle, born Sept. 15, 1964^{2,14,132}.



Sandy (Dietle) Michaels, her husband Barry Michaels, and children.

Sandra "Sandy" Dietle, daughter of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, married Barry Michaels on Aug. 12, 1972^{132,154} at the Mercersburg Academy Chapel³⁸¹. Barry, the son of Philip Michaels and Joyce (_____) Michaels ¹⁵⁴, was born on July 16, 1951¹⁴. He graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1969 ¹⁵⁴. He received a degree in Elementary Education from Shippensburg State University, and has (1994) worked at Pittsburgh Plate Glass as an Inspector for 20 years ¹⁵⁴.



Sandy (Dietle) Michaels

Sandy graduated from James Buchanan High School in 1969, and graduated from Harrisburg General Hospital as an RN in 1972 ¹⁵⁴. At one time Sandy worked as a Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at the Carlisle Hospital ¹⁵⁴. She presently (1994) works at the Newville Nursing Home-Retirement center, where she has been a Nursing Supervisor for 4 years ¹⁵⁴. She has also been a Lactation Consultant for 10 years, and was among the first to receive nursing certification in this field ¹⁵⁴.

Sandy and Barry live (1994) in Newville, PA ¹⁵⁴. Their children are as follows ¹⁵⁴:

Justin David Michaels, born July 26, 1976,
Ryan Craig Michaels, born Oct. 4, 1980, and
Dean Stewart Michaels, born Jan. 11, 1982.

Justin David Michaels, son of Sandra (Dietle) Michaels and Barry Michaels, will graduate from High School in June, 1994, and has been accepted at Penn State University, Mt. Alto in Engineering ¹⁵⁴. His Grandmother characterizes him as a tall, quiet mannered A-Student who enjoys reading and watching TV ¹⁵⁴.

Ryan Craig Michaels, son of Sandra (Dietle) Michaels and Barry Michaels, is (1994) attending Big Spring High School, where he excels in his studies ¹⁵⁴. He is (1994) very sports minded, and participates in soccer, basketball and baseball ¹⁵⁴. He is also talented at writing and art ¹⁵⁴.

Dean Stewart Michaels, son of Sandra (Dietle) Michaels and Barry Michaels, is (1994) attending Big Spring Middle School, where he is an A student ¹⁵⁴. Like his brother Ryan, he loves sports, and participates on the soccer and baseball teams ¹⁵⁴. He enjoys playing the piano, and has knife, baseball card, comic book, coin and rock collections ¹⁵⁴.

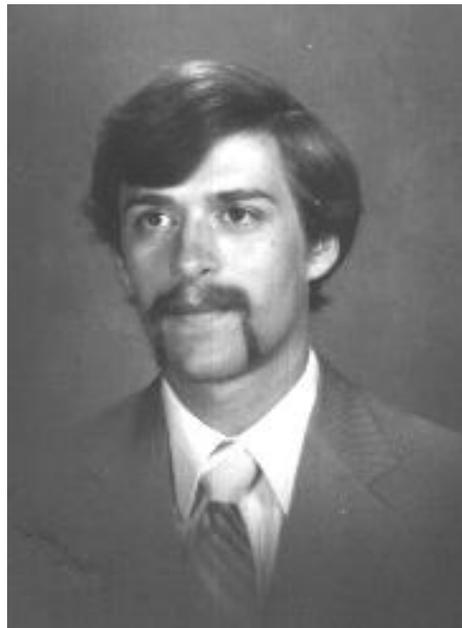


Glenn Irvin Martin, Jr., his wife Debra Lou "Debbie" (Dietle) Martin, and their children.

Debra Lou Dietle, daughter of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, married Glenn Irvin Martin, Jr.³⁹⁰ on Sept. 1, 1973¹⁴. Glenn was born on April 18, 1952¹⁴, and is a self-employed Cabinet Maker. His company makes furniture, showcases, kitchen cabinets, baths, vanities, etc.³⁹¹. Debra had previously worked in Washington, DC for the FBI¹³⁰. They live on Shimpstown Road near Mercersburg, PA³⁹¹. Their children are as follows:

April Marie Martin, born Sept. 11, 1978^{12b,390},
Anya^{12b,390} Adel³⁹⁰ Martin^{12b,390}, born Oct. 4, 1980³⁹⁰,
Amelia Dawn Martin, born Sept. 21, 1982³⁹⁰, and
Aileen Rebecca Martin, born Feb. 24, 1988³⁹⁰.

When I spoke with Debra in July of 1994, she said that April played the clarinet, Anya played the flute, and Amelia played the french horn, and Anya is involved with gymnastics³⁹⁰.



Craig Dietle's college graduation photo.

Craig Dietle, son of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, made his home in the Bronx¹³⁰, NYC and never married. He graduated from the James Buchanan High School in 1976²⁹⁶, and graduated with honors from Penn State University in 1980 with a B.S. In Political Science¹³⁰. He accepted a President's Fellowship in Political Science at Columbia University, NYC, where he received his Master's degree in 1982¹³⁰. While attending Columbia, Craig started working for the publisher R.R. Bowker in Manhattan, NY, and continued working there after graduation as an Editor¹³⁰. They were in the business of publishing lists of unpublished works for libraries¹³⁰. Craig worked his way up to Manager of Electronic Publishing, which provided a computer service to clients¹³⁰. He died of cancer of the liver on Dec. 5, 1990, having worked up until three weeks before his death¹³⁰. I never knew him as an adult, but as children we often played and explored Grandpa's farm and woods together.



Michael Vuocolo, his daughter Lauren and wife Kim in 1994.

Kimberly Dietle, daughter of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, married Michael¹³⁰ Anthony³⁷⁹ Vuocolo¹³⁰ at the St. Thomas Lutheran Church³⁷⁹. Michael is the son of Lewis Vuocolo and Shirley (_____) Vuocolo³⁷⁹.

When we saw Kim and Michael in July of 1994, they were living in Williamsport, PA³⁷⁹ in a colonial style home. They enjoy camping and hiking together, and Michael plays the Piano³⁷⁹. Kim has an Associates Degree from the Central Pennsylvania Business School, and Michael has a B.S. from Lockhaven University³⁷⁹.

Kim and Michael have the following children:

Lauren Elise Vuocolo^{130,379}, born July 27, 1992³⁷⁹, and
Caleb Michael Vuocolo, born January 4, 1995³⁹¹.

Roy Emerson Dietle

Our father, Roy Emerson Dietle, is the fourth child of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma Catharine (Miller) Dietle. He was born at the Larimer Township, Somerset County, PA farm home of his parents on January 3, 1932. While growing up on the farm, he attended the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church at White Oak with his parents. He attended the Geiger one room school for grades 1-8, and attended the Meyersdale High School for grades 9-12.

Our mother[†], Estalene (Korns) Dietle, is the daughter of Allen Lester Korns (b. Nov. 7, 1904^{1,246}, d. May 8, 1974^{1,35,246}) and his wife Gladys Edna (Bittner) Korns (b. May 9, 1904¹), and was born on April 13, 1933^{14,15,35} at her grandmother Bittner's house¹³⁵. She grew up on her parents' farm in Southampton

[†] Mother's ancestry can be traced using Ref. 1, 9, 14,15, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 45, 47, 52, 62, 66, 72, 73, 77, 83, 84, 86, 91, 114, 147, 152, 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 240, 246, 266, 283, 284, 286, 289, 299, 300, 301, 303, 304, 310, 311, 314, 316, 323, 328, 330, 332, 333, 339, 340, 351, 353, 359, 360, 361, 363, 364, 365, 366, 403, 404, and 429.

Township, Somerset County, PA near Wellersburg.[§], which was originally owned by our GGG-Grandfather Daniel Korns, Sr.¹⁵ and has been in the family ever since. Mother attended the Korns School for grades 1-8, and then attended the Meyersdale High School³⁹¹.



Our father & mother Roy Dietle & Estalene (Korns) Dietle, circa 1994.

Father and Mother were married on Nov. 22, 1952^{14,132,195} at the E.U.B. Church in Ellerslie, MD¹³⁵ by Rev. A.W. Raley¹⁹⁵, the Pastor of Mother's home church in Wellersburg¹³⁵. Rev. Raley had also married mother's parents. Both churches were part of the same charge, and both churches eventually became Methodist Churches¹³⁵. Dad believed he would soon be drafted, so they decided to get married before it happened¹³⁵. His hunch was right, as he received his draft notice the day after they returned from their honeymoon¹³⁵. He was employed for the H.A. Miller Saw Mill Co. of Meyersdale as a Power Saw Man before being called to the Army^ø¹³⁶.

Dad was inducted into the Army in Pittsburgh¹⁹⁶ on December 10, 1952^{53,196} near the end of the Korean War, and served through November 1954^{53,196}. His basic training was at Ft. Hood, TX in Company A of the 4th Medium Tank Battalion⁵³. During his basic training, mother stayed at home with her parents¹¹⁰. When dad was stationed at Fort Smith, Arkansas, they rented a small two room apartment¹¹⁰. Later, when dad was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, they lived in a 25 foot long trailer (including the tongue) at a trailer park in West Point¹¹⁰. When they moved to Killeen, TX. (Ft. Hood) they took the trailer with them, loosing a wheel and having 7 flat tires along the way¹¹⁰. Dad had only been stationed at Ft. Hood for 4-6

[§] The Korns farm is shown as the D. Korns farm in the approximate middle of the Korns District shown on the 1876 map of Somerset County included on page 249 of **The Reiber Genealogy**.

^ø Once when father was sawing trees for the lumber mill he found the skeletal remains of a man. It was determined from artifacts found with the skeleton that it was the remains of an elderly man who wandered off into the forest and died.

weeks when he got word that he was being shipped to Germany, so they sold the trailer to some other "lucky" GI, and went back to Somerset Co., where Mother stayed while Dad was away¹¹⁰. Dad was shipped to Germany from New York, and was stationed at Bad Hersfeld (occupied Germany) for a year¹¹⁰ in Company G of the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment. When dad came back, they stayed temporarily at the Korn's farm while Dad secured a job on the pipeline¹¹⁰. They followed this job to West Virginia, staying for a brief time at Wheeling, Elkins, and Buchanan¹¹⁰.

After the pipeline job they moved back to the Korn's farm in a new 35 ft. (including tongue) mobile home¹¹⁰. While living there, dad attended a machinist's school in Cumberland and worked at a gas station¹¹⁰. My earliest memory is from this time; the trailer and the farm house were connected by an old crank telephone, but one cold day the phone wouldn't work, and mother bundled me up and had me take a note down to Grammy.

After dad finished machinist school, he set out looking for work in Altoona, Allegheny Co. and many other places¹¹⁰, and finally found work in Western PA as a machinist at Westinghouse¹¹⁰. As a result, when I was about 3-4 years old, we moved, trailer and all, from Somerset Co. to a mobile home park in Mercer Co. PA just off of Route 62 at the top of Wallace hill near Charleston. As with most family displacements, this one was for economic opportunity. During this time we attended the Methodist Church in Charleston, PA. As young as I was, I remember this time of my life clearly. We lived there about a year¹¹⁰.

Dad & Mother purchased a 25 acre parcel of land along the Millbrook road in Jackson Twp. and moved the trailer there in October 1957¹¹⁰. This property had a completed, roofed basement on it at the time of the purchase, but the house had never been built. On January 1, 1958 dad started working for Farm Bureau in Mercer, which later merged with Agway. This, finally, was the steady work which he was hoping for. He spent the rest of his working days with the company, and retired as an accomplished Master Service Technician on Oct. 31, 1992¹¹⁰.

In the spring of 1959 they added a garage to the basement for their 1955 Plymouth, and in the fall of 1959 we moved from the trailer into improvised basement living quarters, and sold the trailer¹¹⁰. Pappy Korn's came up to help us with this chore¹¹⁰, after which the trailer was sold. In the spring of 1960 they began building a frame house on top of the basement¹¹⁰. They completed the house themselves with very little outside help*, and no borrowed funds except a small amount from parents. Dad traded work with Don Smith and next door neighbor Vic Marburger when he needed an extra hand¹¹⁰. Pappy and Melvin Korn's came for 2 weeks to help, and dad's brother Bud came for a weekend, but Mom and Dad did the rest¹¹⁰. I was too little to help, but enjoyed playing in the excavated dirt while Mother and Father toiled. We moved upstairs in the fall of 1961, and the kitchen was finished in 1962¹¹⁰. Mother built a beautiful tiered rock retaining wall (using rocks from local farm rock piles) following the curved driveway which provided space for flower gardening, one of her life-long hobbies.

We led an idyllic existence there, nestled between two dairy farms, but 3 years after finishing the house, our lives were rudely interrupted by the construction of Interstate Highway 79¹¹⁰, which was destined to cut lengthwise through the property. The state intended to give them a nominal amount for the land taken for the highway, and leave them cornered between the noise of the interstate a few yards away, and the eyesore of an bridge embankment in their front yard. This would have given them a tortuously steep driveway which would have been impractical to maintain, and would have left them with the un-lovely view of a dirt embankment right out of their living room picture window. This proposed settlement was unacceptable to them, and they successfully fought it.

With funds from the settlement, they moved the house to its present location on Millbrook road, which is about 1 mile from the original site¹¹⁰. Chester Shepp performed the move by jacking up the house and placing 2 sets of tandem wheels under it, then towing it to the new location¹¹⁰. The house was backed into the hole for the basement, jacked up to the correct height, then the basement walls were built up to meet the house¹¹⁰. Dad, myself and friends and neighbors poured the basement floor, bringing all the cement down by hand in wheelbarrows. The land had to be cleared, the driveway had to be laid, a new well and septic

* The total expenditure for outside help was \$63.00¹¹⁰.

system were required, the plumbing had to be redone, and the electric and furnace had to be reconnected¹¹⁰. This was a time of intensive labor for Dad and Mom, but their efforts produced a beautiful place which we are all proud to call home.

While we were working on the place, James and Francis Magargee let us stay the winter in their farm house near Jackson Center while they visited a son in California - which was a real blessing for us. Of course, trust and friendship like that don't happen by accident. Mom and Dad have always had a quiet, unselfish way of helping out when other members of the community needed a helping hand, particularly the elderly. Not too long ago, an elderly neighbor woman passed away whom dad and mom had been helping for over thirty years. Soon after her death the neighbor's grandsons stopped by to give their heart-felt thanks, as they had found their Grandmother's diary which was filled with references to Mom & Dad's generous assistance.

Mother has been gifted with a sharp intellect and a strong work ethic which she applies with good effect to any task she tackles, whether it be husbanding the family finances, preparing an elaborate meal, or decorating the home. Some of her passions in life have been sewing, gardening and landscaping, cooking, and service to the church. Her interest in sewing became focused when she received a sewing machine as a high school graduation gift. In the 40+ years since then she has honed her skills to perfection, and the dresses which she makes for her grand-daughters are wonders of craftsmanship and fine detail. Once she even reupholstered a reclining rocking chair for Amy and I, which involved the meticulous hand fitting of 52 pieces of heavy fabric. After Dana and I were out of school, mom went to work part-time for Interstate Auto Auction in the office, and is still employed there in 1995³⁹¹. Mom and Dad both enjoy traveling & camping, particularly in the American west³⁹¹. They have also seen parts of Alaska, Canada and Mexico³⁹¹. They attend the Vincent United Methodist Church in Jackson Center, where they have served as Teachers and Board Members³⁹¹. Mother has been active in the United Methodist Women group there, and has served as President³⁹¹. Both have been choir members in one church or another since they were teenagers³⁹¹.

Mom and Dad have two children, as follows:

Lannie Laroy Dietle (myself) born on August 23, 1953³², and
Dana Doreen Dietle, born July 14, 1959^{14,132} at Grove City, PA.

I, Lannie Laroy Dietle, only son of Roy E. Dietle and Estalene (Korns) Dietle, was born on August 23, 1953 at the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Hardin Co., Kentucky³². Dad was a soldier, and he and mother were living at West Point, Ky³². The total delivery cost for me was only \$5.30⁵³. We lived in several states when I was a baby, including Texas, then moved into a trailer on Pappy Korns' farm in Somerset Co.. When I was about 4, we moved near Charleston, PA, and not long afterwards we moved to the neighborhood where Dana and I grew up near Mercer and Jackson Center, PA on the Millbrook road.

I graduated from Lakeview High School in 1971, and graduated with honors from California State College, California Pa with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts Education on May 18, 1974. After graduation I worked as a truck mechanic at Agway Petroleum Corporation in Mercer, PA for about 3 1/2 years.



Lannie Dietle & his wife Amy (Jones) Dietle

My wife Amy Lou (Jones) Dietle was born on November 20, 1960¹⁶ at the Mercer Cottage Hospital, Mercer, PA²⁰. Amy* is the daughter of Donald Charles Jones³⁹ (b. Dec. 16, 1915³⁹, died April 8, 1968³⁹) and Eleanor Ruth Davis³⁹, b. October 14, 1917). Amy graduated from the Mercer Area High School on June 7, 1978. One of her fondest high school memories is her starring role as the singing “Maria” in the Senior Class Play, *The Sound of Music*. She was also a vocalist in the Sr. Jazz Band.

Amy and I were married on March 1, 1980²⁰ at the Bethany United Presbyterian Church in Mercer, PA by Rev. Ronald Sellers, who served at the Vincent Methodist church when I was growing up. The next day Amy and I flew from Pittsburgh to my apartment in Houston, TX to begin our married life together.

I was a draftsman with NL Baroid at the time of our marriage. Amy and I had met when I was working for Agway Petroleum Corp. in Mercer, PA. There was an oil shortage in the late 1970’s, and I sensed that my job with Agway wasn’t necessarily very secure. I had by chance been to the Agway bulk storage facility with the District Manager, and learned that the company barely had any product on hand. This same petroleum shortage was driving a booming economy in Houston, so when NL invited me down for an interview and made me a job offer, I accepted.

Unfortunately, the boom turned to bust, and in 1982, just after Emily was born and we had bought a house in NW Houston, I was laid off when the plant was closed down. Amy was working at Traveler’s Insurance at the time which gave us a financial buffer, and I stayed home for a few months to raise Emily. As often happens, the layoff seemed tragic, but turned out to be opportunity in disguise. Baroid had used a small 4-person consulting mechanical engineering firm named Kalsi Engineering, Inc. (KEI) on a project before the layoff, and since KEI had no draftsman, I did the drafting. The owner of the company is M.S. Kalsi, PhD, an immigrant from India, and the former Director of Research and Development at WKM Valve. After the layoff, KEI hired me because they were already familiar with my capabilities. I’ll always be grateful to Dr. Kalsi for taking the risk of hiring me in such a depressed local economy. It has been enjoyable to participate in the growth of the company, and today KEI has a

* Amy’s ancestry can be traced using Ref. 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 155, 224, and 380.

well-deserved reputation for valve expertise in the U.S. nuclear industry, and also has a proprietary rotary shaft seal product line which is used in oil well drilling*.

In Pennsylvania I had a keen interest in deer hunting, and collected deer with bow, pistol, flintlock, and center-fire rifle. This interest waned after moving to Texas due to the different hunting philosophy found here, so my interest evolved into competitive target shooting. Pistol Silhouette was my forte, and for a number of years I was the club champion at Bayou Rifles, Inc., a club of about 1000 members. Pistol Silhouette involves knocking down metal targets at 25, 50, 75 and 100 meters. On my best weekend, I won a Texas Regional Championship on Saturday, and on Sunday won the Bayou Rifles club championship and set new range records at 25 and 100 meters. The 25 meter record had been 35 in a row, and I managed to raise it to 134. My interest in the shooting sports also lead me to service in the club, where I have served as Vice Chairman of the Pistol Silhouette Division, Director at Large, Newsletter Editor, and on various committees.

One of my other interests is writing, and I have had a number of articles published on shooting and drafting, including one about a computer program I created which was translated and reprinted in Japan.

Amy and I have the following children:

Emily Christine Dietle, b. Sept. 15, 1982 at Memorial Hospital SW, Houston, TX.

Carl Jacob Dietle, b. October 27, 1995 at .

Emily Dietle was born in Houston, Texas at the Memorial Hospital SouthWest on September 15, 1982^{17,33}. She has done well at school, and had distinction of having the highest TAAS test score of all pupils in her grade at Ermel Elementary.



Emily & Carl Dietle, children of Lannie & Amy Dietle

* Lannie has several U.S. Patents which are used by KEI.



Dana (Dietle) Moore & husband Dale Moore

Dana Doreen Dietle, only daughter of Roy E. Dietle and Estalene (Korns) Dietle, was born July 14, 1959^{14,132} at Grove City, PA. Dana married Dale Wilson Moore on Jan. 26, 1979^{12b} at the Vincent United Methodist Church, with our Great Uncle Rev. John Sass[†] presiding. Dale grew up on his parents' Holstein dairy farm near Mercer, PA. Dale and Dana met each other through the 4-H club, where both participated in square dancing. Dale was born on June 3, 1958. He is the son of Arthur Wilson Moore (b. Oct. 13, 1939) and his wife Shirley Mae (Vogan) Moore (b. Sept. 13, 1938). He attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and presently works there as a Senior Research Systems Programmer. Dale takes a 10 1/2 mile bicycle commute to work and back, and typically takes a 40-50 mile bike ride on Sundays. Dana enjoys sewing, crafts and gardening. She the de-facto chauffeur for her teen-age daughters, and is the leader for their 4-H club. Dana is (1995) working for the Shaler School District as a substitute clerical worker. Dale and Dana recently acquired a new home in Allison Park, PA. Their former home was in Stanton Heights, Pittsburgh. They have two children, as follows:

Lisa Laura Moore, born May 9, 1979^{12b}, and
Wendy Renee Moore, born April 4, 1980^{12b}.



Lisa & Wendy Moore

Lisa Moore is (1996) a Jr. in Shaler High School where she is taking accelerated classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the marching Band. She is also a volunteer at West

[†] Rev. Johnny Sass is the husband of Mildred (Bittner) Sass, the younger sister of our Grandmother Gladys (Bittner) Korns.

Penn hospital. Lisa is active in her church youth group and belongs to a 4-H club. She hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Wendy Moore is (1996) a sophomore in Shaler High School where she is taking accelerated classes and has had five years of Japanese. This year Wendy was able to spend ten days in Japan. She is working at Shaler North Hills Library. She is active in her church youth group and belong to a 4-H club. She hopes to become a teacher.

Ralph Dietle

Uncle Ralph Dietle, the youngest son of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. (Miller) Dietle, was born on July 18, 1944^(9,14). He was still living at Grandpa's when I was growing up, and I recall that as a teenager he raised strawberries for income.

Ralph married Margaret Hahn^{2,14,132} on Feb. 3, 1965^{14,132}. "Marg", as she is known by the extended family, was born on April 26, 1944^{14,132}. Ralph and Marg make their home in a scenic rural area near Meyersdale, PA. They have no children. Ralph collects metal John Deere toy farm implements, and for many years maintained a dog for rabbit hunting. Ralph and Marg also enjoy trailer camping and country music¹³⁵.

Ralph has an easy going personality, and dad says he is the type of person who would do anything for you if he could⁵³. Ralph has worked in farm equipment maintenance all of his adult life. He first worked as a John Deere mechanic, then as shop foreman and parts man for Cecil Jackson John Deere⁵³. He presently (1993) is working as a farm implement parts salesman for one of Cecil Jackson's sons. Marg worked at Clapper's Manufacturing from 1962-1984, and for Cecil E. Jackson during 1984/85. From 1985-1989³⁴⁸ Marg had a clothing store in Meyersdale¹³⁵ known as Dietle's Apparel³⁴⁸. She is now (1994) working for the Dean O'Neal Ford Dealership^{70,348} and has worked there since 1989³⁴⁸.



Ralph Dietle, son of Irvin Dietle, Sr.



Margaret (Hahn) Dietle

Ralph has always been a big fan of trout fishing. When he was small and had no equipment, he would go fishing with a string and use a safety pin for a hook⁵³. This occurred in the mid-1950's when he was 7 or 8 years old³⁴⁸. He wrote the following to us in 1994³⁴⁸:

I would go fishing in the barnyard below the corn crib in the upper end of Will's Creek. I took a steel rod approximately four feet long and put a piece of cord string on it with a safety pin bent in a hook fashion. I would bait this with a red worm, push the steel rod in the bank and throw the hook in the water. I would come back the next day to find the worm gone but no fish. It's a wonder I didn't get disgusted with fishing at an early age, but as I got older my equipment got better. I went from the steel rod to a five foot wood stick to a five foot fiberglass rod to an 8 1/2 foot graphite rod with a graphite reel. My love for trout fishing has been my favorite pastime. Years ago you went fishing in April and maybe in May. Now I go every chance I get; spring, summer and fall. It is a way of relaxing and getting away from everyday stress. I only enjoy stream fishing where I can walk - the further back into nowhere, the better. The last few years I've had fishing licenses in PA, WV and MD. It is not how many, or how big, but being out in God's country.



Ralph Dietle's High School picture.