

# The Henry Rippe, Jr. & Louise Hintz Family

By Sharlene K. Miller

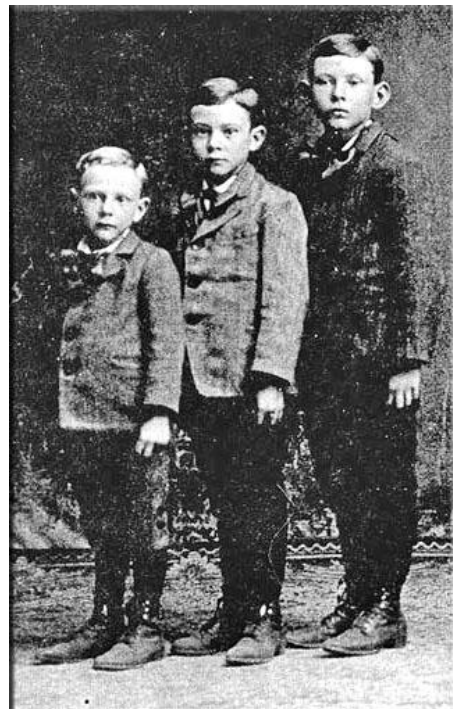
**Name:** Heinrich Edward Rippe  
**Called:** Henry Edward Rippe, Jr.  
**Born:** 05 May 1901, Fillmore County, Nebraska  
**Died:** 19 March 1958, Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska

**Wife:** Louisa Albertine Wilhelmine Hintz  
**Called:** Louise A. Rippe  
**Born:** 26 December 1905, Saline County, Nebraska  
**Died:** 28 August 1989, Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska

October 1901; baptismal sponsors were: Willy Sieckmann, Louis Rippe, Edward Rippe, Wilhelm Meier and Heinrich Kappmeyer.<sup>3</sup> Henry was confirmed when he was 15 years old at the same church on 16 April 1916.<sup>4</sup> He lived with his mother on the family farm until he married Miss Louise Hintz on 10 April 1929 at York, Nebraska.<sup>5</sup>

Louise was the daughter of William Frederick and Hedwig Anna Augusta Hintz nee Kohrt. She was born on 26 December 1905 at the home of her parents in Saline County, Nebraska.<sup>6</sup> She was baptized on 11 February 1906 at St. John's Evangelical Church in Western, Nebraska. She was confirmed at St. John's on 12 October 1919.<sup>7</sup> Louise attended rural school northeast of Western. Henry and Louise first lived on a farm owned by

Henry Rippe was the ninth child of Henry and Catherine Rippe nee Rötter. He was born at the family home which was located a few miles southwest of Ohioa, Nebraska.<sup>1</sup> His parents' farm was located in the NE ¼ of Section 24 in Belle Prairie Township.<sup>2</sup> Henry Edward Rippe was baptized at the St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, south of Ohioa on 06



Ted, August and Henry Rippe,  
photo taken about 1910;  
courtesy of Gordon Rippe.

<sup>1</sup> "Henry Rippe, Ohioa Native, Called by Death," *The Nebraska Signal*, March 1958, page and column not cited.

<sup>2</sup> Ohioa Centennial History Book Committee, *Ohioa 1887 to 1987*, (Nebraska: Self Published, 1987), page 35.

<sup>3</sup> St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), Baptism Certificate (privately held by Sharlene Miller), Heinrich Edward Rippe; issued 06 October 1901.

<sup>4</sup> St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), Confirmation Certificate (privately held by Sharlene Miller), Heinrich Edward Rippe; issued 16 April 1916.

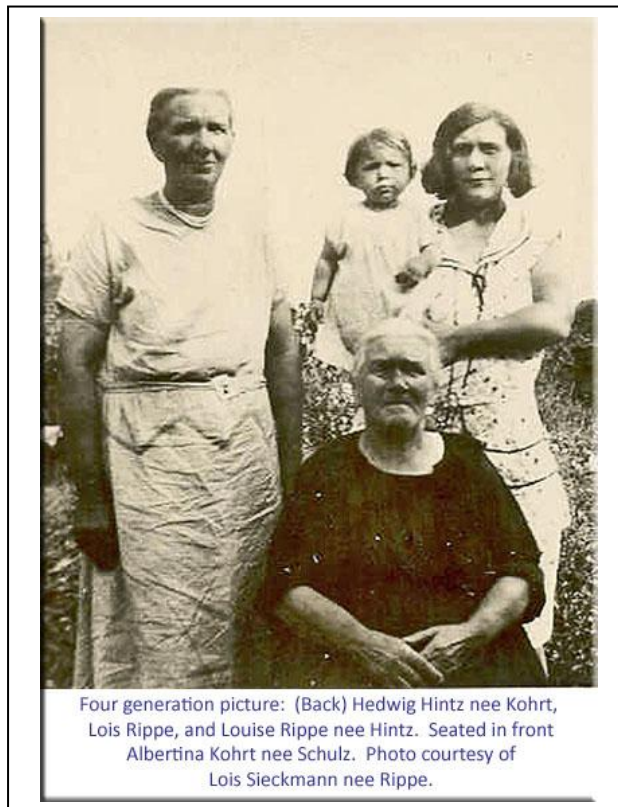
<sup>5</sup> "Henry Rippe, Ohioa Native, Called by Death," *The Nebraska Signal*, March 1958, page and column not cited.

<sup>6</sup> Obituary for Louise A. Rippe, *The Hebron Journal*, 30 August 1989, page and column not cited.

<sup>7</sup> St. John's Evangelical Church (Western, Nebraska), Confirmation Certificate (privately held by Sharlene Miller), Louisa Albertine Wilhelmine Hintz; issued 12 October 1919.

Edward Smith, located in the SW ¼ of Section 25 in Belle Prairie Township in Fillmore County.

They were the parents of two daughters: Lois Lavone and Loretta Loraine. Lois was born at the family home on 28 June 1930.<sup>8</sup> She was baptized at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on 19 October 1930<sup>9</sup> and was confirmed at the same church on 23 April 1943.<sup>10</sup> Loretta was born 08 December 1931<sup>11</sup> and was baptized at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on 22 December 1933.<sup>12</sup> She confirmed her faith at that church on 24 June 1951.<sup>13</sup> Both girls attended grades one through eight at the District #83 school. This school district was formed by joining Fillmore County District #83 with Thayer County District #76. They both graduated from Ohioa High School. Lois graduated in 1947 and Loretta in 1949.<sup>14</sup>



Henry and Louise worked very hard to earn a living. They produced most of the food they needed. Louise raised 200-300 chickens each year, which provided income as well as eggs and meat for the family. Each year they raised a large garden and canned tomatoes, beans, carrots, beets and other vegetables. The family had dairy cows for milk, cream and butter. Any extra eggs, cream, butter and milk were taken to town on Saturdays and sold.<sup>15</sup>

Since the family lived in the country rather than in town, they did not have any electricity while the girls were growing up. They remember doing their laundry using a copper boiler with a wringer washer that sat on the porch. Their clothes were ironed with flat irons made of cast iron. The irons were heated on the stove. One had to be quite careful not to burn the clothes while ironing. Lois and Loretta remember styling their hair with curling irons that were heated on the stove too. Their mother cooked the family's meals on a kerosene stove. She was an excellent cook and baked the best bread, cakes and pies.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Baptism Records 1888-1981," Lois Rippe entry (19 October 1930); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Confirmation Records 1888-1981," Lois Rippe entry (23 April 1943); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>11</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Baptism Records 1888-1981," Loretta Rippe entry (22 December 1933); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Confirmation Records 1888-1981," Loretta Rippe entry (24 June 1951); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>14</sup> Ohioa High School Alumni Directory, 1998.

<sup>15</sup> Conversations with Lois Sieckmann nee Rippe and Loretta Schleif nee Rippe held in 1997.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

Radio programs were a great source of entertainment for the entire family. They enjoyed listening to Gene Autry and other programs. On Wednesday and Saturday during the summer months, they would go to the free movies offered in Ohioa. They especially liked watching movies with actors Roy Rogers, Gene Autry and Randolph Scott. The Rippes all enjoyed dancing to polka music and were frequent attendees at the local dances.<sup>17</sup>

On 10 April 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rippe celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. An open house was held at their home on 11 April to celebrate the event. They spent the evening visiting, playing cards and taking pictures. Their daughter, Loretta Schleif, baked a cake for the occasion.<sup>18</sup>

Henry and Louise continued to farm in Fillmore County until 1951 when Henry's health no longer permitted them to farm. He suffered from asthma and emphysema. After retiring from farming, they moved to Geneva where they lived until 1953 then they moved to a home east of Strang. In 1956, they moved into the town of Strang in the house next to the Mennonite Church.

On 03 March 1958, Henry was taken to the Hebron Memorial Hospital where he remained until his death on 19 March 1958. Following services at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on 22 March at 2 p.m. he was buried in the Ohioa Public Cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Henning B. Pearson.<sup>19</sup>



The Henry Rippe Family taken in front of their farmhouse in Belle Prairie Township, Fillmore County, Nebraska about 1936; photo received from Lois Sieckmann nee Rippe.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>18</sup> "Honor Couple on Silver Anniversary," *The Nebraska Signal*, May 1954, page and column not cited.

<sup>19</sup> "Henry Rippe, Ohioa Native, Called by Death," *The Nebraska Signal*, March 1958, page and column not cited.

Louise continued to live in Strang for several years. She sold Avon and worked as an egg candler for Elmer Messman in Strang. Louise suffered from health problems and had a stroke which left her unable to live at her home in Strang. She moved into a small house in Hebron in approximately 1969. She became a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Hebron in 1969. Within a short time she had more health problems and could no longer manage living in her home. She moved to the Blue Valley Lutheran Home and lived there for about 20 years until her death on 28 August 1989. Her funeral service was held at the Blue Valley Home in Hebron and burial followed at the Ohioa Public Cemetery on 01 September 1989.<sup>20</sup>



Back: Lois Sieckmann nee Rippe, Sharlene Mille nee Sieckmann and Loretta Schleif nee Rippe; seated: Louise Rippe nee Hintz.

## Lois Rippe and Everett Sieckmann Family

Lois, the eldest child of Henry and Louise Rippe nee Hintz spent her entire childhood in rural Fillmore County, Nebraska. She and her sister, Loretta, had a typical childhood for children growing up in the “Depression Era” in rural Nebraska. She remembers playing dolls with her sister. They had two dolls and a baby buggy and crib. Other times they liked to play house or card games such as “Old Maid” or marble games. Their parents would try to make the holidays enjoyable for Lois and Loretta. Lois remembers one holiday incident that occurred when she was about eight years old. About two weeks before Christmas, her mother and father had gone to the barn to mild the cows and the girls got the idea to search through their mother’s closet. There they found the hidden Christmas presents. They were so busy enjoying themselves with the new toys that they did not hear their parents come in. Their mother became very upset with the girls and told them if that was the way they wanted to spoil their



District #76 & #83 School Back: Luella Hinrichs, and Lois Rippe;  
Middle: Bernard Schulte, Clifford Rippe and Loretta Rippe;  
Front: Alda Mae Wolfeich, Wesley Rippe and Peggy Schulte.  
Photo taken from *History of Ohioa 1887 to 1987*.

<sup>20</sup> Obituary for Louise A. Rippe Obituary, *The Hebron Journal*, 30 August 1989, page and column not cited.

Christmas that from then on there would be “no more Santa Claus.” She held to her words too.<sup>21</sup>

At Easter time the Easter Bunny would visit the Rippe home. He would hide their eggs outside. There was a problem though – the family dogs were faster at finding the eggs than the girls were and would eat many of the eggs before they could finish their Easter egg hunt.<sup>22</sup>

As a young girl, Lois attended a one-room school in the combined school district #83 and #76 for grades one through eight. After graduating from the eighth grade she attended Ohioa High School and graduated in 1947. She received a scholarship to attend Fairbury College and completed her teaching certificate. She taught at the Harmony School (District #38) from 1947 to 1951.<sup>23</sup>

After the school year was completed in 1951, Lois went to Tallahassee, Florida by bus to visit her fiancé, Everett Sieckmann. She decided to stay in Florida and on 28 August 1951, they were married at 4:00 p.m. by Reverend Clare Cotton at the Trinity Methodist Church of Tallahassee, Florida. Everett was a graduate student at Florida State University, so they lived there until he finished his Master of Science degree in Chemistry. Lois worked as a waitress while Everett was in school. In



Lois Sieckmann, Class of 1947  
Ohioa High School



Everett F. Sieckmann and Lois L. Rippe wedding photo, taken circa 28 August 1951 in Tallahassee, Florida; photo courtesy of Lois Sieckmann nee Rippe.

1952, he graduated from Florida State University and decided to continue his education at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Lois and Everett moved to Ithaca in 1952. Everett worked on his Ph.D. degree in physics and graduated in 1960. Lois continued to support the family doing waitress work in Ithaca. After Everett began his career at the University of Idaho in 1962, Lois was able to continue her education. She attended the University of Idaho and graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. After graduating she taught English at the Moscow Junior High School. She continued her schooling while teaching and received a Master of Science degree

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

in Education in 1973. Lois continued teaching ninth grade English until 1994 when she retired after 27 years of teaching in Moscow.<sup>24</sup>

Everett and Lois Sieckmann had two daughters: Sharlene Katherine (b. 16 February 1954<sup>25</sup>) and Christine Elizabeth (b. 21 June 1958<sup>26</sup>). Lois and Everett continued to live in Moscow, Idaho until Everett's death on 07 May 1997. Funeral services were conducted in Ohiowa, Nebraska at the First Methodist Church on 13 May 1997.<sup>27</sup> He was buried at the Ohiowa Public Cemetery.<sup>28</sup> Following Everett's death, Lois moved to Spokane, Washington to be near her daughter, Christine Ambrose.

### Sharlene Sieckmann and Melvin Miller

Sharlene was born on 16 February 1954 in Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York at 1:12 a.m. at the Tompkins County Hospital.<sup>29</sup> She was the eldest child of Everett F. and Lois L. Sieckmann nee Rippe. She was baptized at the First Methodist Church in Ithaca, New York on 08 August 1954.<sup>30</sup> She was confirmed on 06 April 1969 at the First United Methodist Church in Moscow, Idaho.<sup>31</sup>

Sharlene lived with her parents in Ithaca, New York until 1957. They moved to Lexington, Kentucky where her father taught physics at the University of Kentucky. The family continued to live there until 1962. Sharlene started her elementary education in Lexington at the Jefferson Davis Elementary School. She attended grades one and two there. In 1962, her parents moved to Moscow, Idaho so she continued her elementary schooling at the Lena Whitmore Elementary School for grades three through six. She then went to the Moscow Junior High School for grades seven through nine and



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<sup>24</sup> Ibid.

<sup>25</sup> New York Department of Vital Statistics, birth certificate, Sharlene Katherine Sieckmann, (16 February 1954) Albany.

<sup>26</sup> Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics, birth certificate, Christine Elizabeth Sieckmann, (21 June 1958) Frankfort.

<sup>27</sup> Sharlene K. Miller attended funeral services and burial in Ohiowa, Nebraska.

<sup>28</sup> Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, death certificate, Everett Frederick Sieckmann, (07 May 1997), Boise.

<sup>29</sup> New York Department of Vital Statistics, birth certificate, Sharlene Katherine Sieckmann, (16 February 1954) Albany.

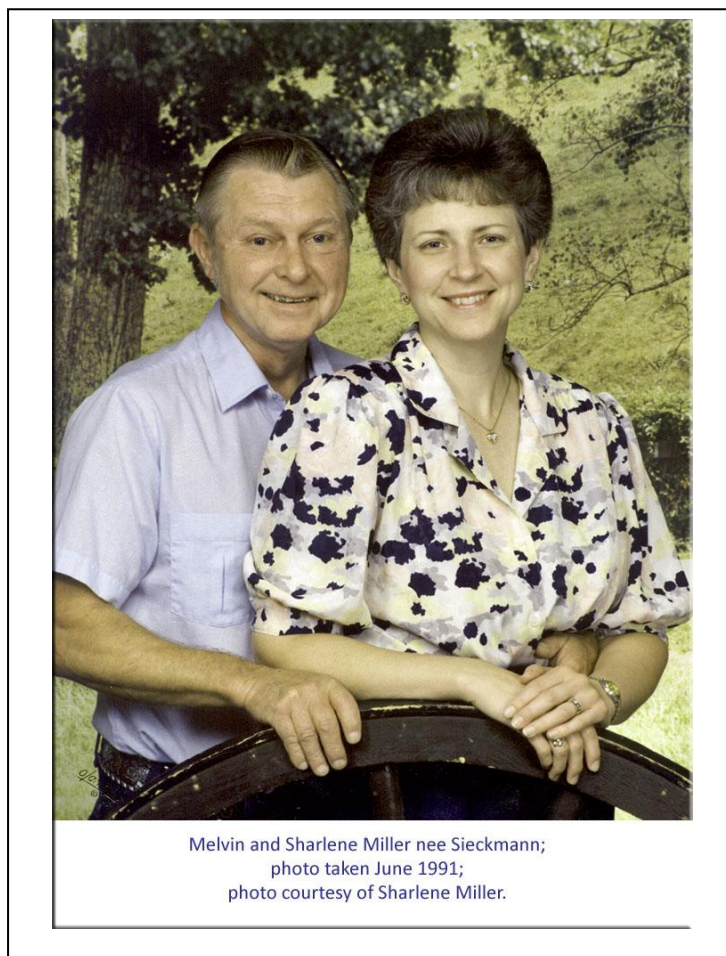
<sup>30</sup> First Methodist Church (Ithaca, New York) baptism certificate, Sharlene Katherine Sieckmann (08 August 1954).

<sup>31</sup> First United Methodist Church (Moscow, Idaho) confirmation certificate, Sharlene Katherine Sieckmann (06 April 1969).

then attended Moscow Senior High School. She graduated from high school in 1972.<sup>32</sup>

After completing high school, Sharlene attended the University of Idaho. In 1976, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science. She continued studying at the University of Idaho and graduated with a Master of Science degree in plant science in 1978.<sup>33</sup>

Sharlene married Stephen Gard Bickford on 24 December 1977 in Moscow, Latah County, Idaho.<sup>34</sup> They lived in Moscow where Stephen was an architecture student. After graduation, she worked at the University of Idaho as a laboratory technician in the Veterinary Science Department. In 1979, Sharlene and Stephen moved to Golden, Colorado where Sharlene worked as an extension agent for the Jefferson County – Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service. They divorced in 1980.<sup>35</sup>



In 1981, Sharlene married Melvin Neal Miller at the Dockery Chapel Methodist Church in Trenton, Grundy County, Missouri.<sup>36</sup> Sharlene and Melvin lived in the country southwest of Trenton for the next four years. Sharlene taught science for the Tri-County R-9 School District in Jamesport, Missouri.<sup>37</sup> In 1985, Sharlene and Melvin moved to St. Joseph, Missouri where they are still living in 2008. Sharlene is employed by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. She worked in research and development for 17 years and developed several animal vaccines that are marketed globally. In 2002, she accepted a position in the International Regulatory Affairs Department and is currently the liaison for the company with the USDA-APHIS and registers animal vaccines in the United State, Canada and Mexico. She has had the opportunity to travel extensively for business. Some of the places she has been include: England, Germany, France, Belgium, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

<sup>32</sup> Sharlene K. Miller nee Sieckmann

<sup>33</sup> Ibid.

<sup>34</sup> Ibid.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

<sup>36</sup> Grundy County, Missouri (Trenton, Missouri), marriage certificate, Miller – Bickford marriage (21 June 1981); held by Sharlene Miller in 2008.

<sup>37</sup> Sharlene Miller

Melvin Neal Miller was born 21 September 1934 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri.<sup>38</sup> His parents were Kenneth Neil Miller and Frankie Ethel Beaman. Melvin was raised near Jamesport, Missouri as a young boy. When he was about 14 years old, his family moved to Denver, Colorado. He joined the U.S. Navy when he was 17 years old and served during the Korean War. Melvin was married to Dolores Eileen Stafford on 24 January 1953 in Englewood, Arapaho County, Colorado.<sup>39</sup> He and Dolores were the parents of two children: Michael Neal (b. (08 December 1955) and Linda Eileen (b. 22 April 1962).<sup>40</sup> Dolores died from cancer in 1975 in Jefferson County, Colorado.<sup>41</sup>

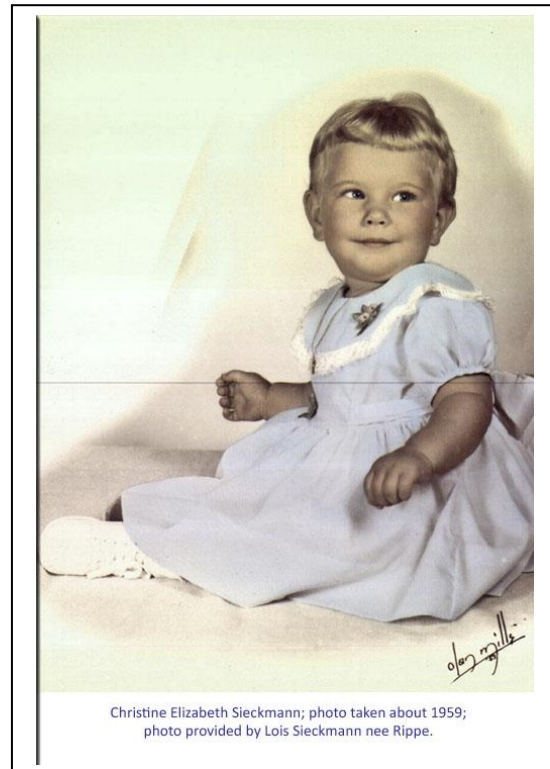
After serving in the Navy, Melvin returned to Denver and became an apprentice linoleum installer. After two to three years training he became a journeyman installer and continued in the floor covering trade until his retirement in 1996.

Sharlene and Melvin do not have any children, but the family pets are treated like children. In 2008 they have a Welsh Terrier named Lucy.

### Christine Sieckmann and Allen Ambrose

Christine is the youngest daughter of Everett and Lois Sieckmann nee Rippe. She was born in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky on 21 June 1958.<sup>42</sup> She was baptized at the Centenary Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky on 21 December 1958.<sup>43</sup> As a child, she enjoyed playing with the children in the neighborhood where her family lived. Some of the games they played were cowboys and Indians, horses, riding bicycles and playing with her dolls. She also was a member of the Girl Scouts. Other activities included taking piano lessons and she was a member of the high school drill team.

Christine and her family left Lexington in 1962 and moved to Moscow, Idaho. She completed her entire education there. She attended Lena Whitmore Elementary School for grades one through four and transferred to Russell Elementary School during her fourth grade. She then went to the Moscow Junior High School for grades seven through nine and graduated



<sup>38</sup> Missouri Division of Vital Statistics, birth certificate no. 55912, Melvin Neal Miller (21 September 1934), Jefferson City.

<sup>39</sup> Melvin N. Miller conversation in 1997.

<sup>40</sup> Ibid.

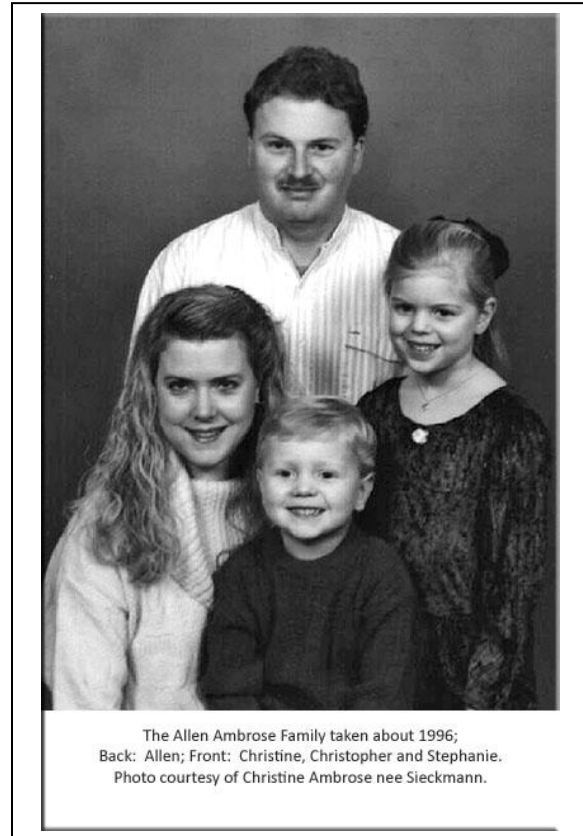
<sup>41</sup> Ibid.

<sup>42</sup> Office of Vital Statistics, birth certificate, Christine Elizabeth Sieckmann, (21 June 1958) Frankfort.

<sup>43</sup> Conversation with Lois Sieckmann in 1997.

from Moscow Senior High School in 1976.<sup>44</sup> After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Idaho and majored in Accounting and Business Management. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business in 1981.<sup>45</sup>

After graduating from college, Christine accepted a position with St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane, Washington as an accountant. She met Allen Ambrose in Spokane and on 26 May 1984, they were married at the Manito Presbyterian Church.<sup>46</sup> Allen Vernon Ambrose (b. 25 September 1956) is the son of Vernon and Mary Ann Ambrose nee Bjornton of Loon Lake, Washington.<sup>47</sup> Allen has lived most of his life in Spokane and attended Lynnwood Elementary School in Spokane and Osburn Elementary School in Osburn, Idaho. He attended Salk Junior High School in Spokane and then he graduated from North Central High School in Spokane in 1974.<sup>48</sup> Allen attended Eastern Washington State University where he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in geology in 1979. He is currently the President and Director of Minera Andes, Inc. a mining exploration company based in Spokane, Washington.



Allen and Christine are the parents of two children: Stephanie Michaela (b. 10 August 1989) and Christopher Allen (b. 04 October 1992).<sup>49</sup> Both children were baptized at the Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church on 10 October 1993.<sup>50</sup> They have attended school in Spokane. Stephanie graduated from Mead Senior High School as a Valedictorian in 2008. She is currently attending college at the University of Idaho and has pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She is studying business. Christopher is a high school student at St. George's School in Spokane.

The family enjoys many activities. They have two dachshunds, Rocky and Buddy. They all participate in school activities and like water sports.

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<sup>44</sup> Questionnaire complete by Christine Ambrose nee Sieckmann in 1997.

<sup>45</sup> Ibid.

<sup>46</sup> Ibid.

<sup>47</sup> Ibid.

<sup>48</sup> Ibid.

<sup>49</sup> Ibid.

<sup>50</sup> Ibid.

## Loretta Rippe and Dorral Schleif



Loretta Rippe, Class of 1949, Ohioa High School;  
photo courtesy of Loretta Schleif nee Rippe.

Loretta Rippe is the youngest child of Henry and Louise Rippe nee Hintz. She was born on 08 December 1931<sup>51</sup> in Fillmore County on the family farm. She was baptized at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on 22 December 1933<sup>52</sup> and was confirmed at the same church on 24 June 1951.<sup>53</sup> As a youth, she attended District#76 and #83 school and graduated from Ohioa High School with the class of 1949. There were 12 students in her class.<sup>54</sup> After graduation, Loretta attended Fairbury Junior



Loretta Rippe and Dorral Schleif Wedding Photo;  
taken 26 June 1953;  
courtesy of Loretta Schleif nee Rippe

College in the summers of 1949 and in the summers of 1950 and 1951 she attended Doane College. She obtained a teacher's certificate and taught school for four years at the District #42 school. This school was also known as the Goldenrod School.<sup>55</sup>

Loretta Rippe married Dorral Schleif on Friday, 26 June 1953 at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. The double ring ceremony was performed by Reverend C. E. Schaff at 8 p.m. Following the

<sup>51</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Baptism Records 1888-1981," Loretta Rippe entry (22 December 1933); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>52</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Baptism Records 1888-1981," Loretta Rippe entry (22 December 1933); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>53</sup> Grace Evangelical Church (Ohioa, Nebraska), "Confirmation Records 1888-1981," Loretta Rippe entry (24 June 1951); Nebraska State Historical Society microfilm publication MS4202 Lincoln.

<sup>54</sup> Ohioa High School Alumni Directory, 1998.

<sup>55</sup> Conversation with Loretta Schleif nee Rippe in 1997.

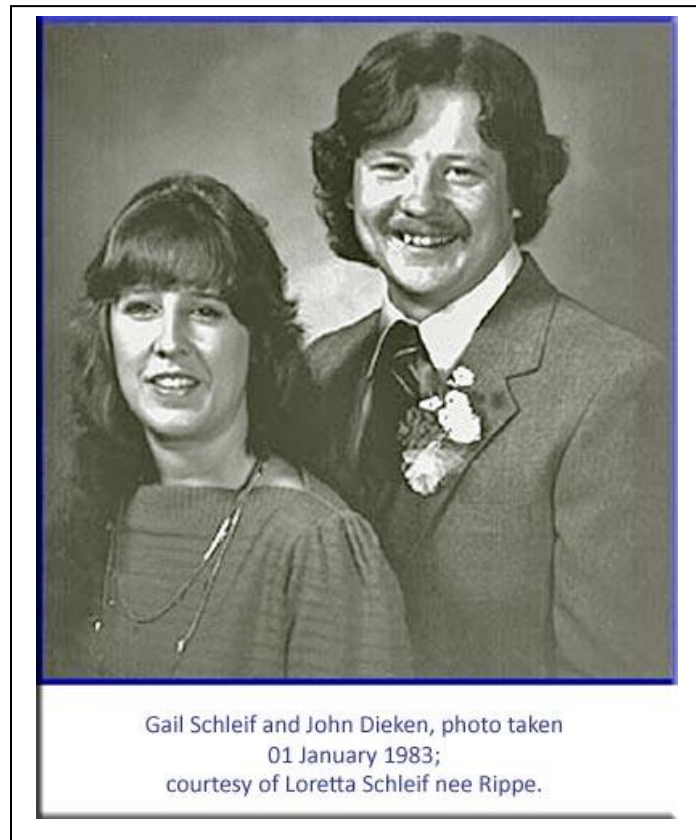
ceremony they took a short wedding trip and then made their home in the country near Hebron in Thayer County. Dorral and Loretta eventually became the owners of the John Deere dealership in Hebron. Dorral was the general manager of the store and Loretta the bookkeeper. They are active members of their community and belong to several civic organizations. They are the parents of two children: Gail Ann and Leslie Lee. Their children both attended school in rural Thayer County and graduated from Hebron High School.

They retired and sold the dealership after owning it for 22 years. Since retiring, Dorral has been an avid golfer. Loretta likes to play bridge. In 2008, they still live in the country on the home place that they bought from Dorral's parents.

### Gail Schleif and John Dieken

Gail was born in Hebron at the Thayer County Hospital on 11 November 1954.<sup>56</sup> She was baptized on 05 December 1954 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Deshler, Nebraska.<sup>57</sup> Gail was confirmed on 06 September 1970 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Hebron.<sup>58</sup> She graduated from high school in 1973.<sup>59</sup> Gail grew up on the farm where her father was born and raised. She liked to draw pictures of horses as a child and had a beautiful dollhouse and several dolls that she enjoyed playing with. The family also had several cats and dogs and Gail always enjoyed playing with them.

Following high school, Gail attended the Hasting Beauty College. After she finished her schooling, she worked as a beautician for about four years. She married Michael Doyle on 25 July 1975.<sup>60</sup> They divorced in 1976. Gail continued living in Hastings and began working for Great Plains Container Corporation. She has worked there for over 25 years.<sup>61</sup>



On 01 January 1983, Gail married John Dieken in a private home in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. John is the son of Walter and Betty Dieken. He was born on 25 December 1957 at Lincoln, Nebraska.<sup>62</sup> John was baptized at

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<sup>56</sup> Questionnaire completed by Loretta Schleif in 1997.

<sup>57</sup> Ibid.

<sup>58</sup> Ibid.

<sup>59</sup> Ibid.

<sup>60</sup> Ibid.

<sup>61</sup> Ibid.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on 01 January 1983.<sup>63</sup> He has worked as a laborer at several different jobs in Hastings. John and Gail like to garden each summer and can many vegetables from their garden. They also have an RV and like to go camping and fishing. They do not have any children. In 2008, John and Gail live in Hastings, Nebraska.<sup>64</sup>

### Leslie Schleif and Dawn Hynek

Leslie Schleif is the youngest child of Dorrall and Loretta Schleif nee Rippe. He was born at the Thayer County Hospital in Hebron on 06 August 1961.<sup>65</sup> He was baptized on 03 September 1961 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Deshler.<sup>66</sup> Leslie continued his religious training and was confirmed at the Faith Lutheran Church in Hebron on 11 April 1976.<sup>67</sup> Leslie attended school in Hebron and graduated from high school in 1980.<sup>68</sup> After high school he went to the Milford Technical School where he studied to be a parts man. He finished his schooling in 1981.<sup>69</sup> He then returned to Hebron and worked for his parents at the Schleif Implement Company for a few years.

At the age of 22, Leslie married Dawn Marie Hynek, daughter of Donald and Paulette Hynek nee Meyers of Deshler.<sup>70</sup> They were married by Pastor Benson at the Faith Lutheran Church on 03 September 1983. Dawn was born at the Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington on 04 January 1965. She was baptized on 28 February 1965 at the Ft. Lewis Post Roman Catholic Chapel.<sup>71</sup>



Following their wedding, they lived on the farm where Leslie grew up. A few years later they moved to Seward where they lived a short time and then moved back to Deshler. Leslie works for Cargill and Dawn works for the Deshler newspaper.<sup>72</sup>

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<sup>62</sup> Questionnaire completed by Loretta Schleif in 1997.

<sup>63</sup> Ibid.

<sup>64</sup> Sharlene Miller

<sup>65</sup> Conversation with Loretta Schleif nee Rippe in 1997.

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<sup>67</sup> Ibid.

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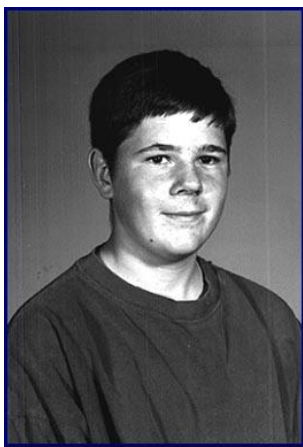
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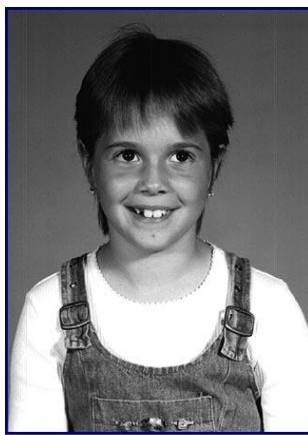
<sup>72</sup> Ibid.

They are the parents of three children. They have two sons and one daughter. Cole Lee, their eldest son was born on 10 March 1984 in Seward, Nebraska.<sup>73</sup> Cole graduated from high school and technical school in heating and air conditioning. He is employed in Wyoming and installs heating and air conditioning for a contractor. He was baptized at the Faith Lutheran Church in Hebron in 1984. Their second child, Karissa Layne was born 01 July 1989 at Seward. She was baptized on 10 September 1989 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Utica.<sup>74</sup> She graduated from Deshler High School in 2008 and is currently working at a nursing home and plans to become a registered nurse.

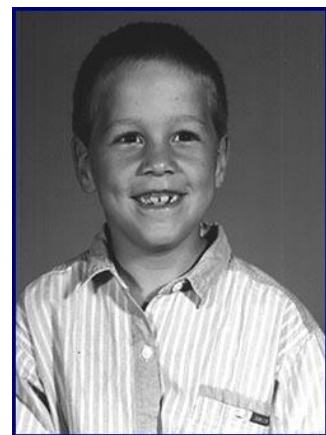
Derek Joseph is the youngest child of Cole and Dawn Schleif nee Hynek. He was born on 04 April 1991 in Seward and was baptized on 09 June 1991 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Utica.<sup>75</sup> He is still living at home with his parents and attends school in Deshler.



Cole Schleif



Karissa Schleif



Derek Schleif

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<sup>73</sup> Ibid.

<sup>74</sup> Ibid.

<sup>75</sup> Questionnaire completed by Loretta Schleif in 1997.