

The New

MANFRED NEWS

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125th Anniversary of Manfred – 1894-2019

This issue:

- Shares special Manfred happenings during the past year
- Features the history of the Joe and Ida Strauss Family

Reflecting on a fun time of learning for all ages at the 2nd Annual

Manfred Pioneer Festival - 2019

As an educational entity, the Manfred Heritage Museum is **rockin'** in pioneer spirit through the Manfred Pioneer Festival



↑ →
Early clothes washing and use of irons demonstrated by Doris Griffin



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Blacksmithing demonstration by Dean Hagen



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Sandy Rudolph demonstrated 'Angel Gowns' she creates for tiny babies unable to live



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Old-fashioned games led by interns



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Bonnet making led by Roberta Cotton, assisted by Hannah Tuenge



'Students' give thought to 'Teacher' Hannah Tuenge's interesting question, "If you had been a pioneer moving to North Dakota by covered wagon with its limited space, what essential things would you have wanted to take with you in starting your new life on the prairie?"



Other activities **rockin'** in pioneer spirit at the Manfred Pioneer Festival:

Standing Still Parade of historic implements

Church Talk Ice Cream Social

Knot Tying Demonstration by the Boy Scouts

Quilt Display and Scavenger Hunt by interns

Food by M & M Munchies

Self-Guided Touring - Outdoor Interpretive Signs

Yard games of croquet, kubb, and horseshoes

Program celebrating the Manfred School Opening

Photography by Donna English and others

More →

More photos from Manfred Pioneer Festival - 2019 and Preparing for

Manfred Pioneer Festival - 2020

Planned for Thursday, September 10, 2020
Early Afternoon to Evening



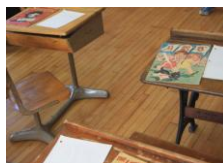
1906 Vang Church



Functioning Vang
Church Privy



Viewing Manfred
School artifacts



↑ Student desks and
↓ a teacher's desk
in their historic setting



Thank you

- To the volunteers and attendees of the first two Manfred Pioneer Festivals of 2018 and 2019!
- Special thanks to interns Torie Jones and Lindsey English (2018 and 2019) and Typhanie Schafer (2019) whose leadership and hands-on participation helped make those festivals possible!

Manfred Pioneer Festival – 2020

We're game for **rockin'** in the pioneer spirit for the third annual Manfred Pioneer Festival planned for the afternoon and evening of Thursday, September 10, 2020

This educational event is for people of all ages and especially suited for Grades 4 and 8 as part of their North Dakota Studies classes

Come Volunteer

The public is invited to join the fun of participating as a volunteer in the 2020 Manfred Pioneer Festival. Here are a few ideas of ways one can help:

- Demonstrate or help with a historic craft or skill
- Assist with parking and other festival matters
- Help with old-fashioned games
- Help with old-fashioned music and dancing

To participate, contact Wanda Melchert, Museum Director 701-870-4627 or wrmelchert@gmail.com



Doris Griffin shares about the use of early irons



Blacksmith demonstration on the very site of a former blacksmith shop



Rinsing and wringing clothes



Bonneted attendee on the go



Rope tying demonstration by the Harvey Boy Scouts



Prairie Churches Exhibit on display in the school



Information Booth

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Manfred Heritage Museum

Museum open May through September – Website: www.manfrednd.org
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Restoration of the Main Level of Manfred School

We are very pleased to say that restoration of the main level of Manfred School was finally completed in 2019, except for the windows. The projects included wall and ceiling repair, sanding and refinishing floors, reinstalling wainscoting and molding as needed, and painting the east classroom, hallway, and entry. The west classroom had been completed in time for the Manfred Pioneer Festival – 2018. A school grand opening was held during the Manfred Pioneer Festival – 2019, in celebration of completing this project.

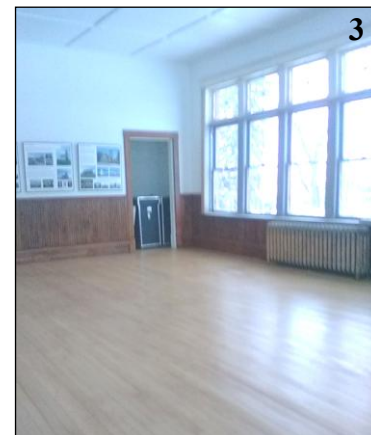
Thank you to the following people for their part in restoring the main level of Manfred School – Contractors: Greg Seidel and crew, Gene Kaul and crew, and Mike Browning; Volunteers: Wanda Melchert, Jamie Schindler, Pam Norstedt, Torie Jones, Lindsey English, Tim and Lyn Boese, and the Harvey Boy Scouts.

Photos L/R:

1 Entry showing the front door and beautiful transom window

2 View of hallway taken from the front entry

3 East classroom showing part of the Prairie Churches Exhibit from the State Historical Society of North Dakota



Winter sun casts a blue hue on the white school walls

Restoration of the School Windows is Next

The Manfred School Window Restoration Project was launched during the Manfred Pioneer Festival – 2019. Intern Lindsey English had taken note that 2019 was the 125th Anniversary of Manfred, from when the Manfred Post Office was opened in 1894. After estimating the material and labor expense of restoring one window, the cost of each window came very close to \$125.00!

WOW! There are 40 windows in Manfred School; so far, 6 windows have been sponsored at \$125.00 each. We invite folks to sponsor one window at \$125.00, a set of four windows at \$500.00, or any donation amount you wish toward the window restoration project. This project will also be featured in MHP, Inc.'s upcoming annual letter.

→ Sponsor one window for \$125.00 in honor of 125 years since Manfred began



← Sponsor a set of four windows for \$500.00, such as this set of south-facing windows in the east classroom

Check Out Your Old Photo Albums

If you have old photo albums regarding Manfred, we would be grateful if you could please look through them for photos regarding Manfred and especially when Manfred School was in session during 1910-1973 of students and class groups. During the first half of 2020, we will be creating exhibit panels on the history of Manfred School. If you could by February of 2020, please email high resolution digital copies of photos to asolheim@bis.midco.net or wrmelchert@gmail.com, or mail photos or good quality copies of photos to MHP, Inc., 130 South Lake Ave, Manfred, ND 58341. We will be happy to return your original photos to you. Thank you!

Thank you for your support of MHP, Inc. enabling the story of Manfred to come to life for the enjoyment of all!!

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In Memory

Dolores Bullis

July 14, 1928 – December 6, 2018

The wife of Harold O. Bullis who was the son of Harold E. and Clare (Hedahl) Bullis, grandson of Ole S. and Ingrid Hedahl

Harlan Miller

January 24, 1934 – December 27, 2018

Grew up near Manfred the son of William and Emelia (Wagner) Miller

David Johnson

August 22, 1950 – January 5, 2019

Grew up on a farm near Manfred the son of Leslie and Olga Johnson, grandson of John and Malena Johnson

Lucille 'Lou' Strauss Wahl

December 31, 1933 – January 12, 2019

Grew up on a farm near Manfred the daughter of Joe and Ida Strauss

Marlys Koenig Welstad

April 4, 1928 – April 8, 2019

The wife of Fred Koenig who was the son of Jacob and Fredericka Koenig

Dale Miller

March 3, 1927 – May 29, 2019

Grew up on farm near Manfred the son of Alex and Molly (Deede) Miller

LeRoy Dybing

September 13, 1935 – June 23, 2019

The son of Clarence and Clara (Solberg) Dybing. Clara grew up near Manfred. LeRoy donated his mother's reed organ to Manfred placed in the Ostrem House

Shirley Strauss Schisel

August 5, 1935 – July 21, 2019

The former wife of Donald Strauss who was the son of Joe and Ida Strauss

Larry Johnson

March 21, 1940 – November 12, 2019

Grew up on a farm near Manfred the son of Leslie and Olga Johnson, grandson of John and Malena Johnson

Joseph and Ida Strauss Family History

Joseph 'Joe' Henry Strauss

was born March 11, 1904
on a farm near Harvey, North
Dakota to John Francis Strauss
and Mary Helen (Jenny) Strauss.

Joseph and his siblings:

- 1-Arthur 1901-1995, m. Pat Sanders Arneson
- 2-**Joseph** 1904-1997, m. Ida Schnabel
- 3-Gertrude 1906-1993, m. Frank Schmitz
- 4-Francis 1908-1990, m. Alice Nelson
- 5-Edwin 1910-2002, m. Helen Ferrari
- 6-Aloysius 1911-1958, m. Marcella Engelhard
- 7-John 1913-2004
- 8-Marie 'Mary' 1915-2009, m. Kenneth Bartholomay
- 9-Bernard 1916-1916
- 10-Henry 1920-1920



Joseph 'Joe' and Ida Strauss
Married December 27, 1927

Ida Catherine (Schnabel) Strauss

was born September 3, 1908
on a farm near Harvey, North
Dakota to Frederick 'Fred'
Schnabel and Kathrina 'Kathryn'
(Kafton) Schnabel.

Ida and her siblings:

- 1-Theodore 1901-1994, m. Amelia Erfle
- 2-Alvin 1903-1984, m. Agnes Christianson
- 3-Walter 1905-2000, m. Blossom 'Bobbie' Meitz
- 4-**Ida** 1908-2003, m. Joseph Strauss
- 5-Eleanor 1913-2009, m. Alvin Schimke
- 6-Furbie 'Bea' 1919-2006, m. Donald Schimke

Joe's heritage
in black on map

Ida's heritage
in red on map

Birth Places of Joe and Ida Strauss and Their Parents and Grandparents

- Finding their way to North Dakota -



Birth Places of Joseph, His Parents and Grandparents

* Joseph – near Harvey, North Dakota

Joseph's Ancestors:

- Father, John Strauss – Bellechester, Minnesota
- Mother, Mary (Jenny) Strauss – Langschwarza, Austria
- ◇ Paternal Grandfather, Heinrich Strauss – Hostert, Luxembourg
- ◇ Paternal Grandmother, Katharine (Prom) Strauss – Boevange, Luxembourg
- Maternal Grandfather, Joseph Jenny – Ullrich, Austria
- Maternal Grandmother, Maria (Weiss) Jenny – Kurzschwarza, Austria

Birth Places of Ida, Her Parents and Grandparents

* Ida – near Harvey, North Dakota

Ida's Ancestors: Born in various areas within red box on map

- Father, Frederick Schnabel – Kassel, Russia
- Mother, Kathrina (Kafton) Schnabel – Kronental, Crimea, Russia
- Paternal Grandfather, Jacob Schnabel – Kassel, Russia
- Paternal Grandmother Elizabeth (Rosch) Schnabel – Gluckstal, Russia
- Maternal Grandfather, Michael Kafton – Kaltschinowka, Crimea, Russia
- Maternal Grandmother, Louisa (Stern) Kafton – Kronental, Crimea, Russia

Joe and Ida Strauss Family History

Joe and Ida were each born on farms near Harvey, Joe in 1904 and Ida in 1908. They grew to adulthood on these farms and attended nearby schools. On December 26, 1927, Joe and Ida were married in Harvey and settled there for a time before moving to the Strauss family farm south of Harvey. Their first three children were born in the hospital at Harvey: **1**Kathryn 1928, **2**Donald 1930, and **3**James 1931. Children born to them on the Strauss farm were: **4**Elaine 1932, **5**Lucille 1933, **6**Arlene 1935, **7**Audrey 1937, and **8**Joseph 1938. Their son, **9**Richard was born in the hospital at Harvey in 1941.



The farm Joe's parents, John and Mary Strauss homesteaded – 'Longview Farm'
The first farm where Joe and Ida and family lived

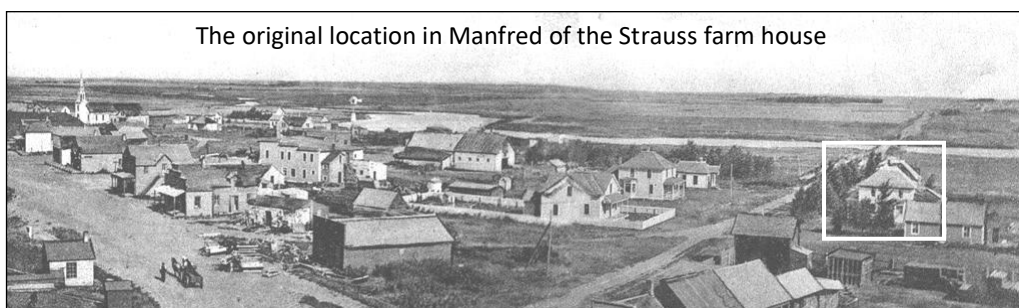
'Longview Farm' located south of Harvey in Forward Township on Sec. 29, T149N, R72. Other farmland a part of this farm were the South half of Section 20 and the SW Quarter of Section 21

In April of 1942, Joe and Ida and family moved to a farm east of Manfred together with Joe's brother, Arthur 'Art.' Though the house on their new farm was very small, they made do. As reported in the Manfred News of the April 2, 1942 issue of the Wells County Free Press, "Art Strauss and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strauss are moving to their farm this week recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ehni." Art left in October of that year for Ft. Snelling where he entered military service.



Joe and Ida Strauss after moving to their new farm in 1942

Joe and Ida's final children were born in the Harvey hospital: **10**Judy in 1943 and **11**John in February of 1945. In July of 1945, Joe and Ida had the Burkum house in Manfred moved to their farm, located one mile east of Manfred. This house provided much more space for the family. Joe's brother, Art joined them in August of that year, following his discharge from the service.



The original location in Manfred of the Strauss farm house



This c.1907 photo shows where the Strauss house had been located in the village of Manfred, as indicated in a white box

17	16	15	14	13
20	21	22	23	24
29	28	27	26	25
32	33	34	35	36



Located on part of E½ of Section 27, with other farmland on W½ of Section 26 and NE Quarter of Section 34



A 1976 aerial view of the Strauss Farm showing the house that was moved from Manfred

Joe and Ida Strauss Family



L/R: Joe and Ida Strauss Family
 Back: Audrey, Lucille, James, Donald, Kathryn, Elaine, Arlene
 Front: Joseph, Judith, Ida, Joseph, John, Richard



Joe and Ida Strauss Family gathered
 for Joe and Ida's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1977
 L/R: Katie, Lou, Elaine, Jim, Judy, Don, Ida, Dick, Joe, John,
 Audrey, Arlene, Joe



L/R: Joe and Ida Strauss Family gathered at Fessenden in 1982
 for the wedding of Elaine and Art Weigelt's son Mike and his bride Michelle
 Back: Joe, Dick, Don, Ida, Joe, Arlene, John, Jim
 Front: Audrey, Judy, Elaine, Katie, Lou

With the Strauss family's move to a farm near Manfred, Joe and Ida's children attended the school in Manfred. Joe, together with his brother, Art continued farming together. In addition to farming, Art managed an elevator in Manfred.

Important to Joe and Ida was enjoying time to gather with family and friends. In 1950, Joe served as the census taker in the Manfred area. Here follows a fun May 11, 1950 news entry for Joe: "The Manfred county paper reporters had a very thrilling experience on May 7th while they were gathering the weekly news. Joe Strauss was in town with his horse-drawn sleigh and gave us a ride, which was very unusual for this time of the year." Joe and Ida's daughter, Arlene, recalls riding to school sometimes in a horse-drawn sleigh.

In about 1955, Joe and Ida moved from the farm into Fessenden. Joe's brother, Art, at 70 years young, married Pat Sanders Arneson. In 1990, Joe and Ida moved to Harvey. Joe became a resident of the St. Aloisius Nursing Home and Ida lived nearby in an Assisted Living Apartment. In 1993, Ida joined Joe in the St. Aloisius Nursing Home. Joe died June 7, 1997 in the Harvey St. Aloisius Medical Center and Ida died there April 14, 2003.

At the time of Ida's passing, she had 39 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren. The funeral services for Joe and Ida were each held in St. Augustine Catholic Church, Fessenden, with internment in Hillside Cemetery of Fessenden.

Acknowledgements for the Strauss Family History

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The Children of Joe and Ida Strauss

<i>Children</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Married</i>
1 Kathryn 'Katie'	1928	Ordean Gladheim
2 Donald 'Don'	1930-2014	Shirley Marie Johnson
3 James 'Jim'	1931-1986	
4 Elaine	1932-2010	Arthur Weigelt
5 Lucille 'Lou'	1934-2019	Maynard Wahl
6 Arlene	1935	Ellery Ehni
7 Audrey	1937	James Larson
8 Joseph 'Joe'	1938	
9 Richard 'Dick'	1941	Patricia O'Tool
10 Judith 'Judy'	1943	Tom Schudel
11 John 'Johnny'	1945	Jennifer Rickter Kabanuk

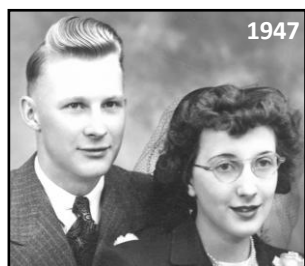


L/R: Gathered for the 80th Birthday of Lou in 2013

Back: Joe, John, Dick and Don

Front: Audrey, Katie, Lou, Judy, Arlene

1 KATHRYN 'Katie'



Ordean and Kathryn Gladheim

Kathryn "Katie" Strauss was born in 1928 at Harvey, North Dakota. She spent her youth on the Strauss family farm south of Harvey and completed her primary education at a nearby rural school. In 1942, her family moved to a farm east of Manfred. Kathryn graduated from Harvey High School in 1946.

In 1947, Kathryn married Ordean Gladheim, born in 1926 to Ole and Clara Gladheim* also of rural Manfred. Kathryn and Ordean first lived at Hamberg where Ordean worked in the elevator. Their first two children, Linda and Daryl, were born while they lived at Hamberg. The family then moved to Butte, North Dakota where their children Diane and Marla were born. They lived there for several years and later moved to Vancouver, Washington. Ordean passed away at Vancouver in 2003. Kathryn continues to live at Vancouver near many of her family.

Ordean and Kathryn Gladheim had four children:

1Linda Bonnet had three children: **1**Jackie Bonnet married Dennis Verkuiler and they have a son Anthony, **2**Laura Bonnet married John Wittmann and they have a daughter Amanda, and **3**Tanya Bonnet married Dave Pahl and they have two daughters: McKaleigh and Madison; **2**Daryl married Doreen Wilton and they have five children: **1**Jeff married Christy and they have four children: Avery, Karsen, Cohen and Bereket, **2**David married Kelli and they have two children: Kellen and Kate, **3**Rob married Windy and they have two children: Addyson and Morgen, **4**Matthew, and **5**Jenny; **3**Diane married Pat Miller and they have one son: **1**Chris married Jenny Harrison and they have four children: Matthew, Kathryn, Sarah, and Grace; and **4**Marla Ann married Mike Black and they have two children: **1**Waverly married Oswin Mithmeuangneua and they have three children: Kayla, Preston and Jonathan, and **2**Jonathan married Megan Call and they have a son: Branson.



L/R: Ordean and Kathryn Gladheim Family

Back: Diane, Daryl, Linda

Front: Ordean, Katie, Marla

*For Gladheim Family History see Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. website – History: Newsletters - Ranum Family History Volume 7, Issue 2

2 DONALD 'Don'

Donald "Don" A. Strauss was born in 1930 at Harvey. He began his schooling south of Harvey and continued at Manfred School where he graduated from the 8th grade in 1944. Don helped his father with the farming and also worked at an elevator in Manfred where his uncle, Art was the manager. In 1953, Don married Shirley Johnson in Bowdon. Don worked at various jobs before taking over the family farm near Manfred. Their children received their education at both Manfred School and Fessenden School. Don and Shirley received the honor of the Soil Conservation Award in 1976. In that same year, the family moved to Kaukauna, Wisconsin where Don served as a farm assessor.

After retirement, Don moved to Billings, Montana, married Muriel Knodel and worked at a golf course. After divorcing Muriel, he moved to Mesa, Arizona where he served as a security guard part-time. He enjoyed gardening, softball, the New York Yankees, the Green Bay Packers, and dancing. In December 2013 with rapidly declining health, Don moved back to Brillion so his family could help take care of him. He stayed with his daughter Debbie. Don died June 11, 2014 at Brillion, Wisconsin. Shirley, died July 21, 2019 at Brillion.

Donald and Shirley Strauss had eight children: **1**Darcie married John Franz. Darcie had a daughter **1**Heidi who married Nick Marcks. Heidi had two children: Evan Goodwiler and Gabrielle 'Gabby' Jansen had a daughter Violet; **2**Randy died in 1972; **3**Ricky died in 1973 (Classmates of Randy and Ricky remember how they learned much about compassion through helping these two handicapped brothers); **4**Debbie married Jay Larson and they had one son **1**Cody; **5**Tammy married Jeff Schroeder and they had two children: **1**Samantha and **2**Travis and his fiancé Jenna had a daughter Gracelyn. Travis also had: Marissa, Allie and Colton; **6**Mary married Jeff Bermann and they had one daughter **1**Katie; **7**Brigitte married Ted Petrie and they had four children: **1**George married Kaitlin and they had a daughter Charlotte, **2**Jedediah married Corinne and they had a son Oliver, **3**Silas married Lianna, and **4**Cecilia; and **8**Rob.



L/R: Don and Shirley Strauss Family
Shirley, Brigitte, Debbie, Ricky, Darcie,
Mary, Tammy, Randy, Don holding Rob



Donald and his daughter Debbie

3 JAMES 'Jim'

James "Jim" F. Strauss was born in the hospital at Harvey, North Dakota in 1931. His early years were spent on the Strauss farm south of Harvey where he began his schooling. He continued his studies at Manfred School after his parents settled on a farm east of Manfred.

A March 22, 1945 news entry in the Wells County Free Press about James and his brother Donald follows; "Under the direction of Perry Anderson, the Manfred Agricultural 4-H Club has begun its sixth year of work with 12 boys. Officers and members of this club are: Harley Rogelstad, president; Gene Melby, vice president; Donald Anderson, secretary and treasurer; and Roger Flick, Allan Flick, Donald Strauss, James Strauss, Kenneth Elton, Edward Ravnaas, Joe Holzer, Dale Opdahl and Gerald Froeber." James and his sister Elaine being only about a year apart in age, were in the same grade in school. Both graduated from 8th Grade at Manfred School in 1946 and then from Fessenden High School in 1950.

In November of 1950, James enlisted in the United State Air Force serving until 1954. After his discharge, he returned to the Fessenden area where he was employed for a short time by the Wells County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, before moving to Omaha, Nebraska later that year where he worked as a counselor at Boys Town. Later, he worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha as a business administrator. In 1977, he moved to Irving, Texas and was employed by Uniroyal Company until his passing on June 11, 1986 in Irving at age 55. The service was held at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Fessenden with burial in Hillside Cemetery near Fessenden.



James Strauss

4 ELAINE

Elaine Elenore Strauss was born in 1932 at the Strauss farm south of Harvey. She began her schooling south of Harvey, and continued at Manfred School beginning in the 4th grade. In 1944 with Jennie Lloyd as teacher of the Upper Grades room, a production was presented as noted in the April 6th issue of the Wells County Free Press: "Manfred School to Present Operetta — On Friday, April 14, the Manfred public school will present an operetta, 'The King's Sneezes' at 8 o'clock p.m. A good deal of preparation has been put on this production, and it promises to be excellent entertainment for the people of the community. Featured in the operetta are Wesley Boese, Verna Anderson, Ethel Melby, James Strauss, Wayne Hustoft, Kenneth Elton, Donald Strauss and Elaine Strauss."

Elaine graduated from Fessenden High School in 1950 and then attended Minot State Teacher's College for one year. She taught in West Norway Township during the school year 1951-1952 and at Chaseley for the school year 1952-1953. On August 11, 1953, Elaine married Arthur Weigelt at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Fessenden, North Dakota. They made their home on the Weigelt farmstead where they raised their children. Elaine died May 3, 2010. Services were held at St. Augustine Catholic Church with burial at Hillside Cemetery near Fessenden. Arthur continues to live on the farm.

Arthur and Elaine Weigelt had four children: **1**Pam married Mike Srur and they had two children: **1**Megan and **2**Kellan; **2**Michael married Michelle 'Shelly' Pepple and they had four children: **1**Tonya married Doug Zinke and they had three children: Emilie, Branson, and Berkley, **2**Tyler married Jennifer Streifel and they had one child: Trey, **3**Maria married Adam Griffith and they had three children: Bennett, Beauden, and Brewer, and **4**Beau and Jessica Harding had two children: Ford and Foster; **3**Lynn married Carl Monico; and **4**Patrick married Amy Schuler.



Arthur and Elaine Weigelt
August 11, 1953



Art and Elaine Weigelt in 2008
with their children standing in back:
L/R: Pat, Pam, Lynn, Mike

5 LUCILLE 'Lou'

Lucille "Lou" Strauss was born in 1933 on the Strauss family farm south of Harvey where she attended her first two years of school. In 1942, the family moved to a farm just east of Manfred where Lou continued her education at Manfred graduating 8th Grade from there in 1948 and from Fessenden High School in 1952.

In 1952 she was married to Maynard Wahl in Fessenden where they made their home. In addition to raising her six children, Lou worked at the Pioneer Bar, which she and Maynard owned. She later worked as a waitress at the Cabaret for many years. Maynard died in 2003. Lou died January 12, 2019 with the service held at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Fessenden and burial at Hillside Cemetery near Fessenden.

Lou and Maynard were the parents of six children: **1**Shari married Steve Burgess and they had one daughter and Steve's three children from a previous marriage: **1**Jodi married Robert and they had two sons: Brindin and Traeden and one stepdaughter Sarah, **2**Travis had two sons and one daughter: Joshua had one daughter Maylee, Ryan had one daughter Delilah, and Rianna married Dallen, **3**Michael married Angie and had two sons and a daughter: Jeffrey married Amanda and they had Tatum, Jordan married Brandy and they had Emmi and a baby girl due in March 2020, and Destiny, **4**Dawnel had a son and a daughter: Jacob married Melanie and they had a son Clayton, and Alexis; **2**David had one daughter Ericka; **3**Loreli; **4**Carla married Doug Kroll and they had one son: **1**Jamie. Doug had three children: **1**Melanie married Papiahdinho Sarwee and they had five children: Victoria had four children: (Xavier, Xander, Zoe and Zailee), Macy, Colton, Elijah, and Gabriel, **2**Craig, and **3**Lindsey married Andrew and they had a son Braylon and twins Easton and Everly; **5**Craig had one daughter: **1**Ericka married Davr and they had two daughters: Amora and Solana; and **6**Steve.



Lou and Maynard
in 1952



L/R: Celebrating Lou's 80th Birthday in 2013
Back: David, Craig, Ericka, Steve
Middle: Carla, Lou, Loreli, Shari
Front: Robert, Brindin, Traeden, Jodi

6 ARLENE

Arlene Strauss was born in 1935 on the Strauss family farm south of Harvey. When her parents moved to a farm near Manfred, Arlene began her schooling there. Arlene graduated from 8th Grade in 1949 at Manfred School and from Fessenden High School in 1953. That year, she was married to Ellery Ehni and initially they lived with his parents, John and Ann Ehni, on their farm south of Manfred. In 1958, they moved to a farm north of Manfred where Ellery continued to farm. The first three children, Cindy, Skeet, and Kim attended Manfred School. In 1963, the three children switched to the Fessenden school. In 1969, Ellery and Arlene bought a farmstead and land on the west edge of Manfred. Their son, Skeet, continues to farm that land today. In 1974, Ellery and Arlene purchased a home in Fessenden and moved the family into town. The children all attended Fessenden School. Ellery died in 2012. Arlene has lived in Devils Lake and Fargo, and presently lives in Bismarck.

Ellery and Arlene Ehni had nine children: **1**Cynthia 'Cindy' had two daughters: **1**Christa Pottenger had one son and has two step-sons: Canyon Kekoa Ho, Kawika Ho, and Kainoa Ho, and **2**Chantell Bernard had two sons: Carter Montoya and Axton Montoya. Chantell is married to Brett Kirk; **2**Jeffery 'Skeet' had two children: **1**Roger and **2**Lisa; **3**Kim had three children **1**JaeLynn had two children: Jessen and Kayden. JaeLynn married Jamie Bonderson. He had two children: Morgan and Houston and they had twin daughters: Kylee and Krissa, **2**John married Brandi Weippert and they had three children: Izabell, Michael and Byrnn, **3**Danielle married Josh Schwab and they had three children: Presten, Brooklynn and Gavin. Kim is married to Ronnie Opp. Kim and Ronnie also raised two more children from the Marshall Islands: **4**Christy Ann married Tyler Medley, and **5**Dominick married Jenna Seidler; **4**Karen married Rich Turner and they had three children: **1**Alex married Kortnie Sisk. She had one son and they had one daughter: Liam and Artemis, **2**Elizabeth married Josh Honeycutt, and **3**Nick; **5**Jeanne married Kurt Rudel and they had three children: **1**Matt married Emily Van Vleet and they had two children: Jazzlynn and Kasen **2**Dylan married Alexis Erickson and they had four children: Aubree, Alivia, Jack and Cora, and **4**Paige married Beau Bryant and they had two children: Graydin and Parker; **6**Dawn married Stephen Morcomb and they had four children: **1**Michael married Keri Hayes and they had six children: Ivory, Leala, Greydin, Canyon, Haven and Lockton, **2**Amy, **3**Brandon, and **4**Brock; **7**Kay married Brad Brown and they had two children: **1**Alyssa had two children: Aiden and Eisley. Alyssa is married to Steven Tomanek, and **3**Eric; **8**Kathy had four children **1**John Ockert married Megan Janvrin and they had two children: Cambria and Emery, **2**Josh Ockert, **3**Ben Ockert, and **4**Sam Ockert married Peyton LaPorte and they had one son: Waylon. Kathy is married to Dan Loegering and he had two daughters: Breanna Loegering and Megan Loegering; **9**Ellery 'Tic' married Angie Keyes. She had one son Cody. Tic and Angie had one daughter Brianna.



Arlene in 1953



L/R: The Ehni Family
Back: Kathy, Kim, Skeet, Jeanne, Kay
Front: Dawn, Ellery, Tic, Cindy, Arlene, Karen



Audrey in 1959



Audrey with her grandson, Thomas



Audrey on her 80th Birthday with her sister Katie

7 AUDREY

Audrey Strauss was born in 1937 on a farm south of Harvey, North Dakota. She had her schooling in Manfred with the following teachers: Mrs. Hans Peterson for Grade 1, Myrtle Mortenson for Grades 2-4, and Lorraine Roland Jenny for Grades 5-7. While in the 7th grade, a February 23, 1950 Manfred News entry in the Wells County Free Press included the following: "Audrey Strauss and Marlys Boese went to Fessenden Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Anderson. They helped serve coffee and doughnuts for the 4-H clubs at the Winter Show. Due to the storm they had to remain in Fessenden overnight." Audrey was one of the winners in the essay contest for which she received a certificate and prize money. Her 8th grade teacher was Myron Stroh. She graduated from the 8th Grade at Manfred School in 1951 and from Fessenden High School in 1955.

Audrey graduated in nursing at Minot in 1959. She began her career as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. She also worked at the John Moses Veteran's Hospital and the hospital on the Minot Air Force Base. In 1965, she married James D. Larson. They had one child, Michelle. Michelle married Ted Bagley in 1986 and they moved to Portland, Oregon and had one child, Thomas.

James died in 2008 in Minot. Audrey lived in Minot until 2010, at which time she moved to Portland to be closer to her daughter. Since relocating to Portland, she has stayed active by volunteering at her local parish St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and frequently sees her sister, Kathryn Gladheim, and nieces of Vancouver, Washington.

The Children of Joe and Ida Strauss

8 JOSEPH 'Joe'

Joseph 'Joe' was born in 1938 on the Strauss family farm south of Harvey, North Dakota. In 1942, he moved with his family to a farm just east of Manfred. He began his schooling at Manfred School in 1944 where he was known as 'Joey'. Myrtle Mortenson was his teacher for Grades 1-4, Lorraine Jenny for Grade 5, Myron Stroh for Grade 6 and Marjorie Cook for Grades 7 and 8. Joe graduated 8th grade from Manfred School in 1952 and attended Fessenden High School until 1955.

Joe joined the United States Air Force and completed his basic training in San Antonio, Texas. He attended a Radio and Radar Course at Kessler AFB, Mississippi and then for six more months he provided Radio and Radar training to other Air Force trainees. He was transferred to Laughlin Air Force Base, in Del Rio, Texas where he worked in several areas in the recreation field.

After his discharge from the military in 1963, Joe worked as a carpenter and cabinetmaker in the Fargo, North Dakota and Minneapolis, Minnesota areas. In 1968, Joe attended the Minneapolis School of Business where he obtained a Certificate in Computer Programming. He was hired by Land O'Lakes in the business office and worked there until his retirement in 1989. Joe moved to Arizona where he worked at a golf course in Fountain Hills for several years. Joseph currently lives in Mesa, Arizona.



Joe Strauss
on his 80th Birthday

9 RICHARD 'Dick'

Richard Strauss was born in 1941 in the hospital at Harvey, North Dakota. Known as "Dicky" when young, he began his schooling in Manfred in 1947 with Myrtle (Mortenson) Rogness as his teacher for Grades 1-4. (Myrtle married Sam Rogness in 1948). Dick had Marjorie Cook as his teacher for Grade 5 and Betty Lou Ellingson for Grades 6 and 7. Dick transferred to Fessenden for his 8th grade. He then attended high school at the Notre Dame Academy in Willow City, North Dakota where he enjoyed playing basketball. He graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 1959.

Dick attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. After graduation, he was introduced to Pat O'Tool by his sister, Judy, to whom he will be forever grateful. Dick and Pat were married October 1, 1966. They made their home in Omaha where Dick worked as an accountant. Pat died January of 2018. Dick continues to live in Papillion, Nebraska, a suburb of Omaha.

Dick and Pat had three children: **1**Julie married Garrett Soukup and they had two daughters: **1**Megan and **2**Olivia. Julie and Garrett are both PhDs who teach and do research at Creighton University; **2**Andrea married Robert Mendick and they had three children: **1**Emily, **2**Molly, and **3**Sebastian; and **3**Mary married Chad Anderson and they had three children: **1**Thomas, **2**Christian, and **3**Evan.



Dick and Pat Strauss



Dick and Pat Strauss Family in 2016

← L/R: Standing
Julie and her family:
Garrett, Megan, Olivia, Julie
Andrea and her family:
Andrea, Rob, Sebastian,
Molly, Emily
Mary and her family:
Mary, Christian, Thomas,
Evan, Chad
Seated
Pat and Dick