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Richard John Heck **22 Mar 1928-25 Aug 2015**



From the Memorial Booklet from Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home.

Surrounded by his loving family, Richard J. "Dick" Heck Sr., age 87, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at his residence. Dick was born in Racine, March 22, 1928, son of the late Clarence and Frances (Nee: Pier) Heck.

During the Korean War, Dick proudly served in the United States Army. Dick was united in marriage to the love of his life, Cecelia Mae Catrine on April 24, 1954 at St. Rita Catholic Church, where he was a long-time and active member. He was also a lifetime member of Roma Lodge, a

4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Northside Businessmen Association. Beginning his career with his father and uncle at Keystone T.V. & Appliance, Dick carried on the family tradition for the next sixty-two years as owner and operator. Dick was a kind, loving, hardworking and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed woodworking and will be fondly remembered for his scrumptious fudge and delicious popcorn. More than anything, he cherished time spent with his family and friends.

He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Cel; his children, Rick Heck, Barbara (Dave) Schneider, Jim (Karen) Heck, Sherry Heck; his grandchildren, Angela Maynard, Melissa (David) Delaney, Ryan Schneider, Nick Schneider, Teresa Schneider, Matthew Heck, Robert Heck, Molly Heck; six great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Larry (Nancy) Heck; Robert (Lorraine) Heck, Clarence (Mary) Heck, Gene (Carol) Heck, Margie (Don) Johnson, Delores (Bernie) Kunka, Shirley Heck, Mary Kay (Dave) Hansen, Donna (Al) Benedict; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ann (Dr. Jim) Magestro, Teri (Lee) Miller; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Rita Catholic Church, 4339 Douglas Avenue Monday, August 31, 2015, 10:30 a.m., with Rev. James Wenzel officiating. Interment with Full Military Honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Hwy 32. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Sunday at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Roma Lodge Service at 4:00 P.M.) and Monday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Photo Memories of Richard J. Heck



A studio photo of Richard Heck when he was about five years old.



Standing L-R: Bob, Larry, Clarence, Dick, and Gene. Seated on couch L-R: Shirley, mother Fanny, Marjorie, and Mary Kay. Front L-R: Donna and Delores.



L-R: Karen and Jim Heck, Rick Heck, Barbara (Heck) Schneider, Angela Maynard, Sherry Heck, Richard Heck, and Steve Pfeiffer at the Heck Family Picnic on 12 July 2015. Richard always loved to play Bocce Ball at the picnic. He was really very good at the game and everyone wanted to be on his team.

The photo at top right was taken at the 80th birthday party of Shirley Heck in July, 2015. L-R: Mary Kay, Richard, Shirley, Donna, Clarence, Delores, and Gene, siblings of Richard.



The photo above shows a patient Richard Heck trying to feed his cousin, Bob Heck in 1942. This clip was from an 8mm movie.

A Tribute to Richard Heck by his granddaughter, Angela Maynard:

"The other day, we lost my grandfather, Richard John Heck, Sr. He was the strong, silent type; but when he spoke you knew it was important and listened. He was happy with the simple things; sitting in his chair watching Wheel of Fortune or the game, crossword scratch-off tickets, a glass of wine, playing cards with family and friends (canasta, bridge, sheepshead), making fudge, raking leaves for hours, washing dishes (from all the catering jobs), sitting on the dock with a fishing pole (whether fish were actually caught was inconsequential)."

"He has always been an important part of my life; from living with him and spending afternoons at his store when I was a small child to a strong, steady, always there, but never intrusive influence as I grew up."

"It has always seemed like Grandpa Dick would be around forever, loving and observing from his favorite chair. His rapid decline over the past month has been difficult to watch, but now he is at peace. After 87 years, he passed peacefully at home with the family that he loved more than anything."

Note from the Editor: Donald Walter Johnson, brother-in-law of Richard Heck, attended the funeral of Richard on August 31, 2015, and passed away the following day.

Donald Walter Johnson 8 Jun 1930-1 Sep 2015

"Donald Walter Johnson of Torrance, California, passed away peacefully surrounded with family and prayers on Tuesday, Sept 1, 2015 in La-

Crosse, WI. Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on June 8, 1930 to Walter and Irene Johnson, Don remained in Kenosha through high school. It was shortly after graduation that he met his wife, Marjorie Heck, of Racine. They married on November 15, 1952, and together moved to California, where Don began an aerospace career from which he would eventually retire after thirty-five years of service. An avid golfer, Don loved the game second only to his wife and family. He also enjoyed bowling and swimming in the beautiful beaches of southern California. He was a devoted husband, father and grandpa."



"Don is survived by four children, Jerry (Michele Mayo), Larry (Elaine Bustamante), Janice Schlesinger (Tom), Linda Niepke (Todd), a sister, Joyce Simo (Frank) and brother, Jim Johnson (Sharon) and 12 loving grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren."

"Don was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, in 2010."

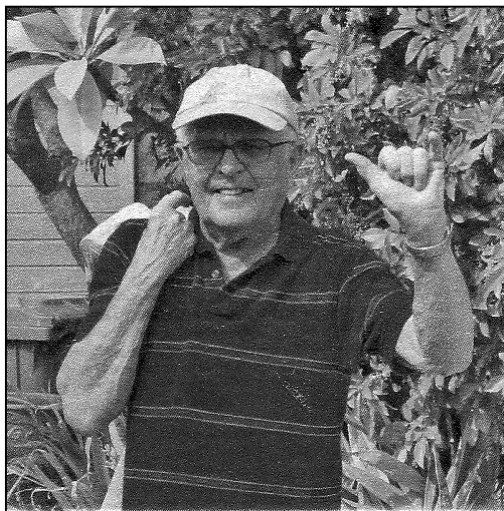
"A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, September 7, 2015, 11:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2201 Northwestern Avenue, with Rev. Ricardo Martin officiating."



Relatives and friends may meet with the family Monday at the church from 9:30 A.M. until time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society have been suggested by the family."



L-R: Don and Marjorie with their children: Larry, Linda, Janice, and Jerald.



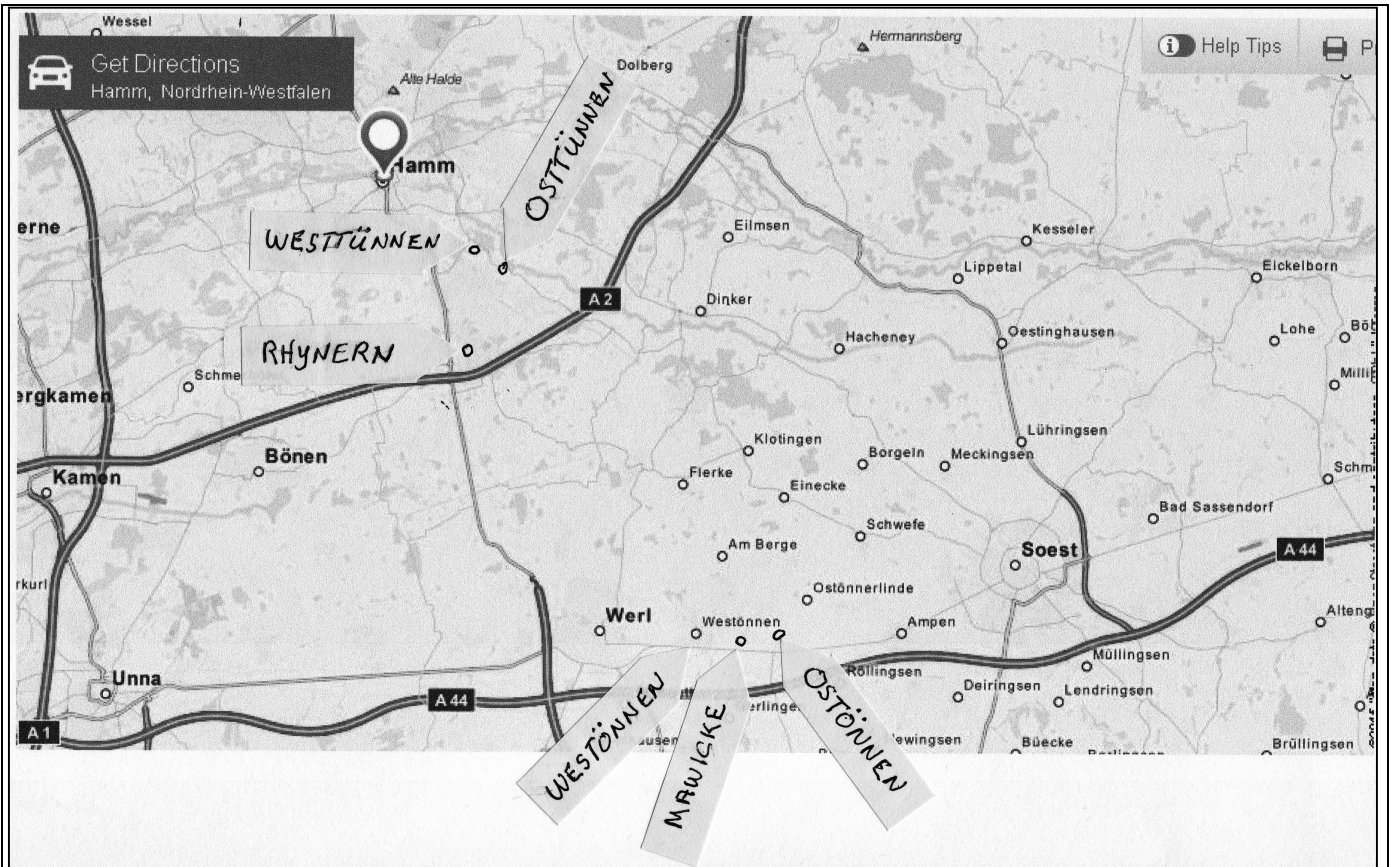
Cheryl Heck had interviewed all of her aunts and uncles from the Heck side of her family including Don and Marjorie Johnson. In that interview Don spoke about packing up their older car and driving to California. The car was packed with everything that they owned and was a sight to behold. Marjorie's father, Clarence Heck, told them that they would never make it with that old car. Well they did make it to Torrance, California and went on to raise a really great family.

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Our Family News Letter is published quarterly and is distributed without charge. Contributions to help cover the costs are greatly appreciated. If you would like to see some of your old photos in it, send them to me at my e-mail address: **bheck@execpc.com** along with a description. Please feel free to copy this newsletter and pass it on to other members of your family.

Our Research into our Guthoff – Stratman ancestors just got harder.

Cheryl Heck and I have been researching our Guthoff and Stratman lines of ancestry for over three years. We made some great discoveries and we were able to zero in on an area near Hamm, Germany.



We found that our families lived in two small villages located right next to each other. One was called Westönnen and one was called Ostönnen. The villages were located south of Hamm and in between Werl and Soest.

Recently we discovered that there were two other villages with similar spellings called Westtünnen and Osttünnen located just a few miles north between Rhyner and Hamm. We had been looking at Catholic Church records from Rhyner and were trying to figure out why members of our family would travel to Rhyner for services when there was a Catholic Church right in Westönnen?

What we found out was that there were Guthoff, Peiler, Duncker, and Schulte events that took place in Rhyner and in Westönnen.

Back to the drawing board...

Now we know that we have branches that don't seem to fit and we will have to revisit our notes.

Things to check on the Guthoff line.

4 Nov 1668 Antonius Gutthoff marries Anna Sodon.

Did they have a son named Joe Gutthoff? If so, Joe would have been 20-22 years old when his son Joannes Gutthoff was born.

If so, the line of descent would be as follows"

1. Antonius Gutthoff - Anna Sodon (married 4 Nov 1668)
2. Joe Gutthoff - Elisabeth Que (not married) **(Did they get married later?)**
3. Joannes (Joes) Guthoff - Maria Kampschulte (married about 1718)
4. Angela Margaretha Guthoff - Joes Henning (married 26 May 1754)
5. Joannem Christian Guthoff - Mariam Annum Duncker (married 20 Nov 1781)
6. Theodor Johan Heinrich Guthoff - Johanna Anna Catharina Peiler (married 8 June 1817)

7. Anna Marie Elisabeth Guthoff - Anton Stratman (married 19 Feb 1846)
8. Clara Stratman - Henry Henningfeld (married 6 May 1873)
9. Margaret F Henningfeld - Robert Steven Heck (married 15 Oct 1903)
10. Robert Gerald Heck - Mary Ann Mikel (married 29 Jun 1935)
11. Robert John Heck – Gloria Jeanne LaBerge (married 1 Jul 1967)

From the Photo Album...



The photo above of Bob Heck at right with his friend Earl Rapp in the early 1950's was taken from an 8mm movie film. It's a wonder that we were able to survive with that level of football equipment. The movie was taken on Jones Avenue in Racine, Wisconsin. Earl and Bob both served in the United States Air Force for four years and later both graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1967 as Electrical Engineers. After a career as an Engineer, Earl became a Lutheran Minister and serves in Indiana. Bob was an Engineering Manager and Quality Assurance Staff Manager and after retirement became your Editor of this newsletter.

The photo at upper right shows Lauren and Grace Heck, daughters of Dave and Judi Heck and granddaughters of Gloria and Bob Heck. Lauren on the left is a seventh grader at Forest Park middle school while Grace is a second grader at Robinwood elementary school in

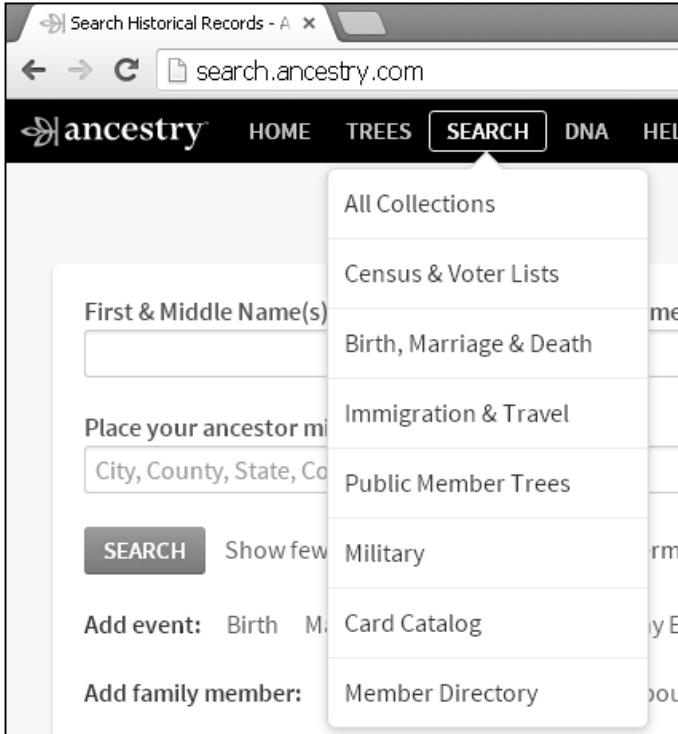


Franklin. The photo was taken on 31 October 2015.

New Web Site Addition...

Ancestry.com has added hundreds of thousands of Wills and Probate records to their web site covering the entire country. If you subscribe to Ancestry.com you can access the data from home. If you do not subscribe to Ancestry.com you can still access the data but you will have to

do it from your local library or LDS Family History Center Library.



Click on Card Catalog and then in the TITLE box enter the State followed by Wills.

I checked several wills and probate records in Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York, and Vermont and found quite a bit of information including hand-written Last Wills.

Newspaper Archives...

Another great source for research that you can access from home is a site containing newspaper archives for most of the United States but especially for Wisconsin. Go to Badger Link at the following address:

<http://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/>

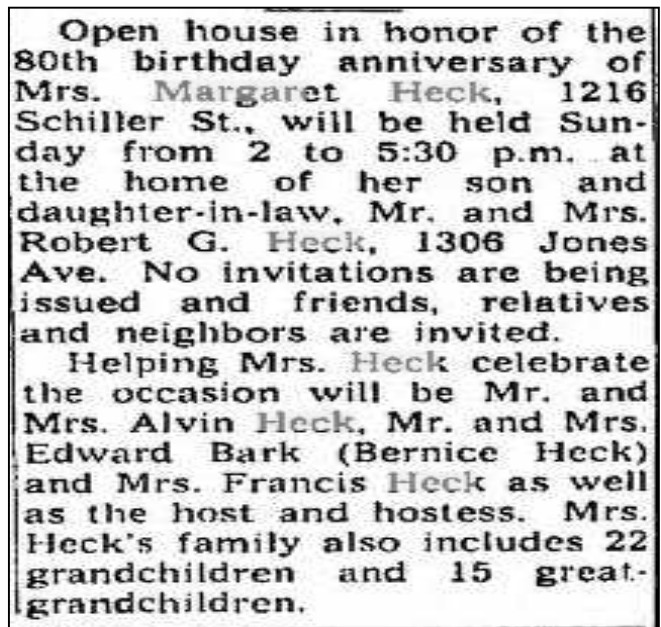
Click on I'm a Genealogist and then select Access Newspaper Archives. Scroll down and select Wisconsin. Scroll down and select Racine. That will give you access to Racine and Racine County newspapers from 1842-1977. Note that that 1842-year is not an error.

Next enter a surname and click on search. I entered Heck and got 20,533 connections. I then entered Robert J Heck and got 29 results. By clicking on any of the 29 newspapers you will get the actual newspaper page on which the name appears.

When you first enter Badger link you may be asked for your library card number or in some cases just the name of your local Wisconsin library.



The image above shows my grandfather, John Mikel, aged 92, dancing with a friend at a Senior Citizen Prom held at Horlick High School. The article and picture appeared in the Sunday, March 31, 1974 issue of the Racine Journal Times.



The news clip of Margaret Heck's 80th birthday celebration appeared in the Tuesday, March 29, 1960 issue of the Racine Journal Times. It is shown on the previous page.

Johnson-Heck Vows Solemnized Saturday

Marriage vows were spoken by Marjorie Jean Heck and Donald W. Johnson when Rev. Aloysius Klas officiated at a double ring ceremony at 10 a. m. Saturday in Sacred Heart Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heck, 2225 Harriet St., and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Irene Johnson, Kenosha.

Dolores Heck was maid of honor and Bernadette Markson, Jo Slinon and Margaret Noe were bridesmaids. Mary Kay Heck was junior bridesmaid and Donna Jean Heck was flower girl. The bride wore ice blue satin with a full train and an ice blue veil caught to a jeweled calot. The bridal flowers were white orchids and mums. The bride's attendants wore tafeta gowns of ice blue and rose and carried carnations.

Ted Williamson was best man and Jay Serpe, Richard Heck and Robert Heck were ushers. The bride's brothers, Eugene and Clarence Jr., served the mass and John Balestrieri was soloist. An evening reception was held in Roma Lodge. After a wedding trip to Quebec, Canada, the young Johnsons will live at 1836 Franklin St.

Racine Journal Times 15 November 1952 article about the wedding of Marjorie Heck and Donald Johnson.

Racine Journal Times 24 April 1954 article about Cel Catrine and Richard Heck.

Four Sisters Attend Mrs. Richard Heck

Four sisters of Cecelia Mae Catrine were in the bridal party when she exchanged marriage vows with Richard J. Heck at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. Rita's Church before Rev. Cajetan Riedmeier, O.S.A.

The bride, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Nick Catrine, 3343 Douglas Ave., appeared in white Chantilly lace and nylon net over satin, with tiered lace skirt extending in a full train. Pearls and iridescent sequins trimmed the bodice. A lace helmet studded with seed pearls secured her fingertip veil, and she carried red roses, white pompons and stephanotis.

Identical gowns of nylon net and allover lace were worn by the bridal aides, Connie Catrine as maid of honor in yellow, MaryvJane Clementi, Delores Heck and Marion Clementi as bridesmaids, Mary Kay Heck, junior bridesmaid, Ann Catrine and Donna Heck, flower girls, all in pastel green. Matching half-hats completed their ensembles. Terry Lynn Catrine, flower girl, wore a miniature bridal outfit, and Thomas Clementi served as ring bearer.

Attending the bridegroom, son of Mr. And Mrs. Clarence Heck, 2225 Harriet St., were Larry Heck as best man, Tony Clementi, Charles Franchino and Frank Rallo as ushers.

After a reception in Knights of Columbus club-rooms, the couple left for New York on their wedding trip. Their future home will be at 3357 Douglas Ave,

Editor's Note: We remember the many good times with our Heck cousins including the many weddings in the 1950's and 1960's. Just to mention a few dates: Nov 1952, Apr 1954, Jul 1954, Jun 1955, Sep 1955, Nov 1956, Jun 1958, Sep 1959, Feb 1960, Jun 1960, Oct 1960, Nov 1961, Sep 1966, Jul 1967, and Jul 1967. We also remember the July, Heck family picnics held at Lincoln Field, Wind Point Light House, and at The Leisure Center every year from the early 1960's to 2015. Never Forget Them.

The first Heck picnic took place at Brown's Lake, Burlington, Wisconsin in July 1948.