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Gloria & Bob Heck celebrate 50 years



Pictured above from left to right are Dave, Judi, Grace, and Lauren Heck, Bob and Gloria Heck, and Bill and Michelle Roloff Heck on board the Edelweiss at the Milwaukee harbor in July 2017. Dave and Bill are sons of Gloria and Bob Heck.

Gloria LaBerge and Robert J. Heck were married on July 1, 1967 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Milwaukee.

Gloria was a graduate of Alverno College in 1966 where she graduated with a BS degree in Elementary Education. She was a second grade teacher at the Grant Street Elementary School in Milwaukee.

Bob was a 1967 graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering where he graduated with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. He was employed by the McGraw-Edison Power Systems Division as an Electrical Test Engineer.

Ronald J Heck

January 2, 1949 – May 31, 2017

Loving Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather.

Ronald J. Heck known to his friends as “Hecter” or just “Ron”, age 68, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin passed away suddenly on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at the Beaver Dam Community Hospital.



Ronald J. Heck

Ronald was born on January 2, 1949 the son of Alvin J. and Stella (Celmerowski) Heck Sr. in Racine, Wisconsin. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Racine and was a 1967 graduate of Racine Horlick High School. He was a graduate of the Racine Police Academy. Ron had been employed with the Racine Police Department from 1968-1979, the Dodge County

Sheriff Department from 1980-1992 and later had been employed in security with John Deere of Horicon from where he retired.



Ron loved grade school baseball; he was an avid fan of baseball and football. He loved racing both NASCAR and Beaver Dam Racing. He enjoyed restoring his Pontiac GTO and

loved his Corvette. Ron also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time at Walker's with his friends.



The Alvin Heck Family in about 1953: Left to Right: Patricia, Alvin Jr., Ronald, Joanne, Stella, and Alvin Sr.

He is survived by his children: Matthew Heck, Robyn (Robb) Brunelle, Nathan Heck and Christopher Heck all of Beaver Dam and Olivia Heck of Milwaukee; his grandchildren: Evann Vockroth and Eleanor Budde; his sister and brother: Joanne Pfeiffer, Alvin J. (Carol) Heck Jr. and Patricia Merritt; former spouses and friends: Kathy Murray and Mary Long and his former sister-in-law "Aunt" Ginger Long. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, brothers-in-law Marvin Pfeiffer and Robert Merritt.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ron's "Walker's Family", and to the countless others who have helped him through the years.

Tour of WTMJ Studios

Judi and Dave Heck recently attended a charity auction and were the successful bidders on a private tour of the WTMJ Studios in Milwaukee. Judi arranged the tour for 14 people shown below on July 14, 2017.



Front row L-R: Grace Heck and her friend Abbie, Lauren Heck and her friend Maddy, Susan and Dave Kress. Middle L-R: Kathy Gardeto, Judi Heck and Joan Wehrman. Standing L-R: Dave Heck, Lisa Collins, Dale Wehrman, Gloria and Bob Heck. Below the group is shown in the studio with Vince Vitrano.



The Family Picnic

The annual Heck Family Picnic was held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 when we celebrated the 51st consecutive family picnic. A large crowd attended the picnic held at the Leisure Center north of Racine, Wisconsin.

Initially the picnic was a celebration of the descendants of Henry Heck and his wife Mary Ann McNulty. The picnic became known simply as the Heck Family Picnic. This year we were happy to include three special guests from our Irish side of our family.

Bob Quinlan, his wife Fay, from Chicago and his niece Tina Kaczmarzewski, and her daughter, Stephanie, from Indiana, joined us to help celebrate 51 years. Bob, Tina and Stephanie are direct descendants of Sylvester McNulty, the youngest brother of our Mary Ann McNulty.

About five years ago Bob and Tina came up to Wisconsin and I took them on a cemetery tour to show them where Peter McNulty and his wife, Patience Burgess were buried in Racine and Kenosha Counties. Up to that point we knew very little about Sylvester McNulty. We have since learned a lot more and thanks to Bob and Tina we now have pictures of their branch of our family.

At the family picnic I made available over 800 digital pictures of our family, a digitized movie of our family from 1940 through 1970, and a family history book of a detailed history of our family from 1699 – 2000's containing 564 pages. Also I provided 427 documents of our family history which included newspaper clippings, articles, obituaries, marriage announcements, and historical documents from church and civil records.

I offered all of this for free to any member of our family if they brought a flash drive to the picnic. Six of our family members remembered their flash drive and were rewarded with all of the above mentioned digital items. For those who

forgot their flash drive I had several new flash drives available for \$5.00 with all of the items pre-loaded.

I encourage our family members to share the digitized items with other family members who may have missed the opportunity. The digitized items represent about 45 years of my research into our family history.

Presidential Relative	Relationship
Abraham Lincoln	6 th Cousin 4 times removed
Chester A. Arthur	7th Cousin 2 times removed
Gerald R. Ford	8th Cousin 1 times removed
John Tyler	7th Cousin 3 times removed
Warren Harding	7th Cousin 3 times removed
Richard M. Nixon	9th Cousin
George H. W. Bush	9th Cousin 1 times removed
Lyndon B. Johnson	9th Cousin 1 times removed
Franklin D. Roosevelt	10 th Cousin
Herbert C. Hoover	10 th Cousin
James A. Garfield	8th Cousin 4 times removed
Andrew Johnson	9th Cousin 3 times removed
William H. Taft	9th Cousin 3 times removed
Calvin Coolidge	11 th Cousin
James Madison	10th Cousin 3 times removed
Thomas Jefferson	9th Cousin 5 times removed
Andrew Jackson	9th Cousin 6 times removed
Ulysses Grant	11th Cousin 2 times removed
Millard Fillmore	11th Cousin 2 times removed
Zachary Taylor	11th Cousin 2 times removed
George W. Bush	11th Cousin 3 times removed
Rutherford B. Hayes	12th Cousin 1 times removed
William H. Harrison	11th Cousin 3 times removed
Grover Cleveland	13 th Cousin
Harry S. Truman	13th Cousin 1 times removed
John Adams	12th Cousin 3 times removed
Franklin Pierce	13th Cousin 2 times removed
John Quincy Adams	13th Cousin 2 times removed
Theodore Roosevelt	13th Cousin 2 times removed
James Buchanan	14th Cousin 1 times removed

Did you know that you are directly related to 30 Presidents?

If you are a descendant of **Clarence H. Heck, Robert G. Heck, Alvin J. Heck Sr., or Bernice M. Heck Bark**, then you are directly related to 30 Presidents of the United States. The relationship is shown for any of the children of Clarence H. Heck, Robert G. Heck, Alvin J. Heck Sr., or Bernice M. Heck Bark. If you are a grandchild of any of them add one more generation removed. If you are a great grandchild add two more generations removed. If you are a great-great grandchild of Patience Burgess McNulty then the chart is the same for you. Add times removed for each additional generation. Thus if you are a great-great-great grandchild of Patience, add one more times removed.

What are Cousins and Times Removed?

Sometimes, especially when working on your family history, it's handy to know how to describe your family relationships more exactly. The definitions below should help you out.

Cousin (a.k.a "first cousin"): Your first cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. In other words, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

Second Cousin: Your second cousins are the people in your family who have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Cousins: Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents, and so on.

Removed: When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your grandparents), so the word "removed" is not used to describe your relationship.

The words "once removed" mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This one-generation difference equals "once removed."

Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

Meet your distant cousins.

Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess had 13 children between 1840 and 1869. Part of genealogy research involves trying to find out what happened to each of those 13 children.

The 13th child of Peter and Patience was Sylvester McNulty, born in Kenosha County, Wisconsin on 18 March 1869, and died in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Missouri on 30 April 1936.



Using census records, obituaries, and information provided by Bob Quinlan, from Chicago and his niece Tina Kaczmarzewski, from Indiana, we were able to put together a rather

complete history of Sylvester's branch of the family.

Bob and Tina provided 153 photos and documents of the Sylvester McNulty branch starting in 1891 and ending in about the 1950's.

The photo on the previous page was taken around 1891 when Sylvester McNulty and Ellen Loretta Conboy were first married.

Sylvester McNulty and Ellen Loretta Conboy had seven children, six daughters and one son. All of the children married.

The seven children of Sylvester and Ellen:

(1) Anna Mary McNulty was born on 16 September 1892. On 6 August 1916, she married James Edward Blanset in Shelbina, Missouri. Anna and James had one daughter, Virginia May Blanset born 21 August 1917.



James Edward Blanset and Anna Mary McNulty with Virginia May Blanset.

(2) Ruth Melva McNulty was born on 6 February 1896 in Shelbina, Missouri. On 18 January 1916, she married Paul R. King. Ruth and Paul had

four children: Mary Adeline King, Lorreta King, John R. King, and Charles King.



Paul R. King and Ruth Melva McNulty with Mary Adeline King.

(3) Sylvia McNulty was born on 18 October 1898 in Shelbina, Missouri. In 1921 she married Ward Peacher. Sylvia and Ward had two children: Darrell Peacher and Dale Peacher.



Ward Peacher and Sylvia McNulty.

(4) Lillian McNulty was born in 1901 in Shelbyville, Missouri. She married Leonard Crawford. Lillian and Leonard had four children:

Margie Crawford, Robert Crawford, Lazetta Crawford, and Lorretta Crawford.



L-R: Kathryn and Lillian McNulty

(5) Kathryn McNulty was born on 15 June 1903 in Shelbyville, Missouri. She married Fred Williams and she helped raise his three children from a previous marriage. Kathryn and Fred did not have any children of their own.



Fred Williams and Kathryn McNulty

(6) Thomas J. McNulty was born on 22 October 1906 in Shelbina, Missouri. Thomas married Eulah Maye Tolle on 4 July 1936 in Macon, Shelby County, Missouri. Thomas and Eulah did not have any children.



Thomas McNulty and Eulah Maye Tolle



Seated L-R: Ruth, Thomas, Anna. Standing L-R: Sylvia, Kathryn, and Lillian, the six children of Sylvester McNulty and Ellen Conboy.

Our Family News Letter On-Line.

Thanks to Bill Heck, 97 issues of Our Family News Letter are now available to you on-line and for free. They are available to you at the following web address:

<http://ourfamilynewsletter.com/>

Just go to the web address shown above and select a year and then an issue. There are four issues per year starting in 1993. Each issue is usually eight pages in length and in PDF format. That's 776 pages of our family history!

You should feel free to share the web address and the newsletters with other members of your family. If we don't share our family history, someday there won't be anyone around to tell our story.

Thanks to our contributors...

My deepest thanks go to all of our readers but especially to those who are the contributors who help keep this newsletter going with their generous donations. This list is for the period January 2017 to July 2017.

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Contributions to keep Our Family News Letter going are always welcomed and can be sent to:
**Robert J Heck, 4910 Steeple Drive,
Greendale, WI 53129.**

If you would like to contribute a story or an article that you wrote or copies of family pictures, please send them to me at bheck@execpc.com. If you can identify the people on the picture, that would be a big help.

Photos from the 2017 picnic:



L-R: Fay Quinlan, Tina Kaczmarzewski, and Bob Quinlan. Bob and his niece Tina are descendants of Sylvester McNulty, the youngest son of Peter and Patience McNulty. Fay and Bob are from Chicago and Tina is from Indiana.



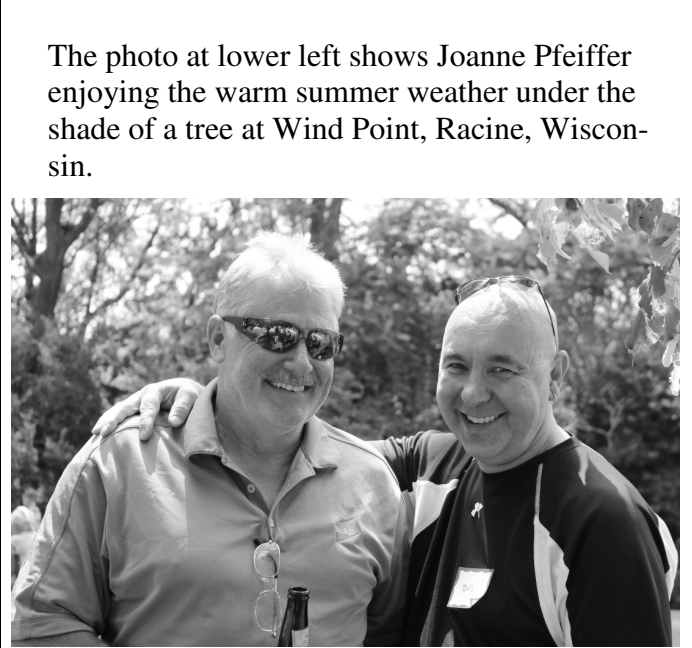
Delores and Bernie Kunka, sporting some really wild new hats.



Mary and Clarence Heck enjoying the great weather at the 2017 Heck Picnic.



L-R: A gathering of cousins: Barbara Schneider, Steve Pfeiffer, Bobbie Heck, Debbie Heck, and John Gibson. John was visiting from New York. Barbara is the daughter of Richard and Cel Heck, Steve is the son of Marvin and Joanne Pfeiffer, Bobbie and Debbie are the son and daughter of Mary and Clarence Heck, John is the son of Dolores and Jack Gibson.



L-R: Dennis Heck and Bobbie Heck. Dennis is the son of Eugene and Carol Heck.



L-R: Shirley Heck, Tim and Lois Hawkins.



L-R: Cel and Lorraine Heck.