

# Our Family News Letter

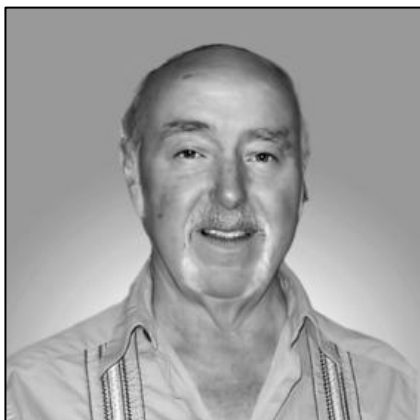
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## Clarence J Heck

September 2, 1937- December 31, 2021



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Clarence Joseph Heck on New Year's Eve day in Racine, Wisconsin. He will be missed by all of us.

Here is his obituary as published in the Racine Journal Times.

"Clarence J. Heck, age 84, passed away peacefully Monday December 31, 2021, at his residence with his family by his side. He was born in Racine, September 2, 1937, son of the late, Clarence H. and Frances (Nee: Pier) Heck.

Clarence was a graduate of St. Catherine's High School, "Class of 1956". He proudly served his country in the United States Army. On June 17, 1961, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church he was united in marriage to Mary Vilagi. He was a man of great talent and had a strong work ethic. In his earlier years he was a trained electrician. He also owned and operated, along with his brother, Larry, Heritage Building Supply. He was very proud of his home he built on the lake and will forever be remembered for his craft in woodworking. He loved gambling at Potawatomi and Vegas, fishing, cheering on the Packers, Brewers and Badgers. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family.

He was loved dearly and will be sadly missed by his wife, Mary of 60 years; children, Robert

Heck, Debra Heck, Kelly Heck (Jon Firehammer), Jody Heck (Burton Hathaway); sisters, Shirley Heck, Delores (Bernie) Kunka, Donna (Al) Benedict, Mary Kay (David) Hansen; sisters-in-law, Cel Heck and Lorraine Heck; nieces, nephews other relatives and dear friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Peggy Heck, his brothers, Richard Heck, Larry (Nancy) Heck, Robert Heck, Gene (Carol) Heck, sister, Marjorie (Don) Johnson.

Funeral services celebrating Clarence's life will be held at the funeral home, 6:00 PM, Sunday, January 9, 2022. Relatives and friends are welcome to meet with the family for Visitation, Sunday, 4:00 until time of service. Private interment with Full Military honors will be held at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital have been suggested by the family."



This photo was taken at Lincoln Field in 1942 and shows standing L-R: Margaret, Frances, Clarence Sr., Robert and Bob Heck. On the slide from bottom to top are Gary, **Clarence Jr.**, Bob, Eugene, Shirley, Mary Kay, Delores, Pat, Alvin and Joanne Heck. All together there are 15 Heck's in the photo.



Shown above is a collection of photos of Clarence J. Heck with his wife Mary at center. The collection is from the Maresh-Meredith-Acklam Funeral Home in Racine.

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## William (Bill) J. Stiner

1944-2021

We were saddened to learn that Bill Stiner, husband of Ellen Rose Heinrichs, passed away in Golden, Colorado last August.



Bill and Ellen are longtime and loyal supporters of Our Family News Letter. Ellen is the daughter of Anthony Gordon Heinrichs and the granddaughter of Dorothy Amelia (Molly) Henningfeld and Frank Heinrichs from Wausau, Wisconsin.

Bill was sworn in to the U.S. Army Reserve Military Police Detachment on Dec. 24, 1968. Bill became assistant prosecutor and then chief assistant prosecutor for Calhoun County and headed up the Citizens Grand Jury. Later he went into private practice. He was active in the county Democratic Party, the Legal Aid Board, the County Bar Association and Urban League.

Bill married Ellen Heinrichs on Nov. 13, 1971 in Marshall, Michigan and had one son, Robert. In 1977, the family moved from Battle Creek, MI to Conifer, Colorado. Bill bought an Italian restaurant Salvatore's in Lakewood. Then he became general manager of the Ace Baking Co., eventually returning to practicing law with the Jefferson County Public Defender's Office. He later

built his own successful law firm in Golden. Bill was a volunteer with the Elk Creek Fire Department.

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Our condolences go out to the Clarence J. Heck family and to the Bill J. Stiner family

## From the Newspapers

The Journal-Times, Racine, Wisconsin 11 April 1923:

### **“Robert Heck heads Eagle Ball Team.”**

“The Eagle Juniors have reorganized their baseball team for the season and are in the field for games. The team is in need of two more players and any stars between the ages of 12 and 15 years wanting a chance on the outfit can get it. Robert Heck has been elected Captain while Gilbert Zenner is the Manager. Teams wanting games with the Eagles are asked to call at 1100 Marquette Street.”

Editor's Note: My Dad, Robert Gerald Heck, lived at 1100 Marquette Street and was the Coach and Captain of the Eagle Juniors youth baseball team. I found a picture of him and his team in his old photo album. It is shown below.



My Dad is shown in the back center of the photo.

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Please feel free to share this newsletter with your family members. If you have old photos and a story behind them that you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact Bob Heck.

### **Our Family News Letter**

Our Family News Letters are now available to you on-line and for free. There are 115 issues of the newsletter covering the period from March 1993 (Issue 1) to December 2021 (Issue 115). The 115 issues are available now at the following web address:

**<http://ourfamilynewsletter.com/>**

Each issue of the newsletter is eight pages in length and is filled with the history of our family. The specific branches include but are not limited to: Heck, Henningfeld, McNulty, Stratmann, Schaefer, Burgess, Richter, Guthoff, Chase, Heitkemper, Heinrichs, plus many more.

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### **From the Photo Album**



Families get together in Florida 2022. Dave, Judi, Lauren and Grace Heck were visitors at the home of Adam and Amy Tappen as were Don

and Sharon Heck. Shown in the photo seated are Sharon and Don. Standing from L-R: Grace, Judi, Lauren, and Dave Heck, Amy, Nicholas and Adam Tappen. Amy is the daughter of Don and Sharon Heck. Dave is the son of Bob and Gloria Heck. Don and Sharon were spending part of their winter with the Tappen family.

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### **UPDATE on the Heck Family Picnic 2022.**

Great News!!!!

After two years without a Heck Family Picnic, we are happy to announce that the picnic is now scheduled for Sunday, 10 JULY 2022 at the Leisure Center in Racine, Wisconsin. Please mark your calendar accordingly. Sherry Heck made the reservations and she will be working on the details for the picnic. She will communicate the plans to our family members and we will post updates on the Heck family website.

Because of Covid-19 the Heck Family Picnic had to be canceled for 2020 and 2021. The family golf outings were also canceled in 2020 and 2021. The previous time that the Heck picnic was canceled was during the Polio epidemic in 1952.

We want all of our family members to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic and we will communicate any special requirements to you.

We need one of our family members to step forward and volunteer to set up the pre-picnic Heck Family Golf Outing. The golf outing normally starts out with a breakfast followed by a round of golf at an area course. The golf outing is held on the same day as the Heck Picnic. Please let Sherry Heck know that you are volunteering. Also please let Bob Heck know so he can update the golfers on our website.

Thank you and please help spread the word.  
Bob Heck (414) 421-7143 and Sherry Heck (262) 639-5370



This is an early photo of the Kansasville train depot located in Western Racine County, Wisconsin. Kansasville was the home of Peter McNulty and Henry Heck. Henry owned a property just to the north of the train depot. He had hoped to open a grocery store there but decided to move to Burlington instead. Peter McNulty owned and operated a saloon right next to and south of the train depot. I could imagine that Peter McNulty was driving the horse drawn wagon to transport passengers to his saloon for a quick drink or two.

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## “Wir Alendorfer Alendorfer Heimat und Familienchronik” By Johann Wolfgang Goethe 2013

Tochter Franziska Kippker \* Heintzen verkaufte das Haus 1988 an Familie Wolfgang und Anta Krings \* Stock aus Frechen, die es anschließend renovierten und seitdem bewohnen.

**Nr. 16 „alt Schmitz“**  
Bild links: Monika Schmitz  
Alendorferstr.  
Anna Becker und Sohn Willi

Das Haus stand unmittelbar rechts neben Haus 15 Mechels. Bewohner um 1663: Schmedts Wilhelm. Er war am Bau der Kalvarienberg Kapelle beteiligt.

Um 1675 Schmitz Peter und Veronika

**Caapar Dora/Schmitz**  
\* Altdorf 06.05.1711  
† 1735

Sie hatten 4 Kinder.

**Jakob May/Schmitz**  
\* Dahlem 30.11.1730  
† 27.09.1761

Sie hatten 10 Kinder.  
Tochter Maria Barbara \* 1750 heiratete 1784 Johann Josef Doer von Altdorf.

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**Wilhelm Schäfers**  
\* 24.02.1726 Waldorf  
† 07.03.1774

Sie hatten 5 Kinder.

**Sohn**  
Balthasar Schäfers  
\* 04.01.1762 Schmitz  
† 03.04.1807

**Kinder in Alendorf:**

- Agnes \* 23.07.1788
- Balthasar \* 16.01.1790
- Johannes \* 15.05.1792
- Peter \* 10.03.1794
- Anna Catharina \* 05.04.1796
- Peter \* 05.04.1798
- Anna Luzia \* 09.04.1800
- Anna Barbara \* 30.08.1801

**Sohn**  
Johann Schäfer  
\* 15.05.1792 Schmitz  
23.01.1825

**Kinder in Alendorf:**

- Johann Peter \* 05.08.1826
- Angela \* 15.05.1828
- Anna Luzia \* 22.02.1831
- Anna Barbara \* 22.05.1834
- Susanna \* 21.06.1838
- Mathias \* 28.08.1841
- Anna Barbara \* 07.06.1845

Familie Johann und Maria Catharina Schäfer \* Lux verkaufte 1852 Haus und Hof an Arnold Hansen, Senior und zog mit ihren 6 Kindern nach America.  
Neue Bewohner Nr. Kalvarienweg 750 Parzelle 156

**Tochter**  
Maria Agatha May/Schmitz  
\* 08.02.1733 Schmitz  
† 17.11.1774

**Sohn**  
Anna Margaretha Gensers  
\* Bemdorf  
† 23.03.1824

1825 Maria Catharina Lux  
1827 Mathias Stappes  
1831 Peter Meibler  
1833 Johann Heck <<<

**Tochter**  
Maria Catharina Lux  
\* 28.01.1802 Doppsch

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Haus 16, Alendorf, Germany (House Number 16 at Alendorf, Germany) More information & Photos.

Below left you will find information from the “Wir Alendorfer” book on house number 16 in Alendorf.

The two photos show the house with people who owned or lived in it after the Schaefer family immigrated in 1852, to Wisconsin and Minnesota. **Scarletta Schaefer** reads this news letter.

On the right side of the book I inserted a mark <<< next to Anna Barbara Schaefer born 30 August 1801 who married Johann Heck in 1833. These were my great-great grandparents and are the ancestors of the Heck families from Wisconsin and Minnesota. Johann and Anna Barbara immigrated to Wisconsin from Alendorf in 1853 with their children. Anna Barbara was born in house number 16.

Right below the mark is Anna Barbara’s brother, Johann Schaefer born 15 May 1792 and Maria Catharina Lux born 28 January 1802. They were married on 23 January 1825. They immigrated to Wisconsin in 1852 with six of their children: Johann Peter, Angela, Anna Luzia, Susanna, Mathias, and Anna Barbara Schaefer.

Johann Schaefer and Maria Catharina Lux were the great-great-great-grandparents of **Scarletta Schaefer** as follows: **Scarletta**, Scott Elliott, Leo Thomas, Herbert Herman, Leo Nicholas, Johann Peter Schaefer, and Johann Schaefer and Maria Catharina Lux. Nearly all of the Schaefer’s from Brown and Nicollet Counties, Minnesota are descendants of Johann Schaefer and Maria Catharina Lux.

New York Passenger Lists, 1851-1891

Name: Johann Schaefer, Arrival Date: 03 Sep 1852, Age: 56, Port of Departure: Antwerp, Belgium, Ship Name: Antarctic.

The ship's manifest listed the family as Johann Schaefer 56, Maria 46, Peter 25, Angela 23, Lucia 21, Susanna 11, Mathias 7 and Barbara 5.

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### It's a Small Yet Friendly World

In the last issue of Our Family News Letter I included a photo of a house at 593 Poradi Street in the Village of Uhersky Brod, Moravia, Czechia which was better known as Czechoslovakia. Today that country is known as The Czech Republic. I stated that that is where my mother and my uncle Mike (Bohumil) were born in 1912 and 1910 respectively. While doing some more research in January 2022, I discovered that they were actually born in house 55 on Poz Nemcove Street in Uhersky Brod. My grandparent's first two children were born at 593 Poradi Street. Their second two children, including my mother Mary Ann Mikelova, and Bohumil Mikel, were born in house 55 on Poz Nemcove Street.

In an email message to my cousin Daniel Mikel, I stated:

“Following is a new photo of House 55 in Uhersky Brod. Your Dad and my Mother were born in that house in 1910 and 1912. I had sent you Bohumil's birth record and that is where I found the new house number. I went on Google Map street view and that street was one of the streets that were not photographed. I had hoped to get a photo of house 55 from Google Map.

I went on Facebook and looked to see if there was a Facebook Group page for Uhersky Brod. I found one that specialized in photos of the area. I asked if someone could take pictures of house 55 and about 45 minutes later I had a photo of house 55. The person who sent it said that the quality

of the photo was not very good and that his wife would take better pictures later that day. Later that same day I had four new photos from Uhersky Brod.

I sent a Thank You note to them and explained that Gloria and I were in Uhersky Brod in 2017 for our 50th wedding anniversary and we were able to be with my distant cousins, Martin and Lubor Soucek. Much to my surprise the lady who took the pictures said that she was good friends with Martin and that their kids played on the same soccer team.”



Two photos of House number 55 on Boz Nemcove Street in Uhersky Brod, Czechia.

It really is a small and friendly world out there.

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## OUT OF THE PAST

OUT OF THE PAST---(If you have old photos such as this, please submit them with identification to the Shoreline Leader, 214 State Street. All photographs will be returned.)



WALKER TEAM --- This 1938 Walker Local 38 team was well known in Racine and played in the popular CIO League, composed of Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha teams. Members included, first row, seated, from left, Clarence Heck, Frank Supko, mascot Eddie Sherman, Cliff Erickson and Leo Spanjers; second row, Joe Firtko, Frank DeMark, Frank Perkovich and Bill Sharkey; third row, standing, from left, Boyd Christensen, Walter Ingram, Bob Heck (president of the league), Irv Szondi, Dave Wietzel, Frank Morani, Earl Whipple and Emory Romnek.

The photo above from 1938 shows the Walker Manufacturing Company ball team. The person seated at lower left is Clarence Heck. The person standing third from the left is his younger brother, Robert Gerald Heck. Robert was the President of the league and Clarence was the shortstop on the team. Clarence and Robert are shown in the close-up marked with white pentagons. This newspaper article was from the Delores Heck Gibson Kunka collection.



## Jeffrey A Heck 1963-2022

We were saddened to learn that Jeffrey Alan Heck passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on February 4, 2022 in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Jeffrey was born on March 30, 1963 in Racine and was 58 years old.

From the Racine Journal Times: 1963  
Jeffrey Heck:

“The first child of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Heck Jr. (Patricia A. Sorenson), 1209 Hagerer St., is a son, born March 30. He has been named Jeffrey Alan and was baptized on April 21 in Sacred Heart Church where his sponsors were Mrs. Mike Wayne and Lawrence Martin. The baby is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sorenson and the seventh for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Heck Sr.”

### OBITUARY

“Jeffrey ‘Jeff’ A. Heck, 58, of Kenosha, passed away Friday, February 4, 2022 at his residence.

He was born March 30, 1963 to Alvin and Patricia (Sorenson) Heck Jr. in Racine.

Jeff was a mechanic for many years.

Jeff enjoyed traveling while mud racing, going to Great Lakes Dragway, and working on cars. He loved music, the band Five Finger Death Punch and going to concerts with his brother Jim.

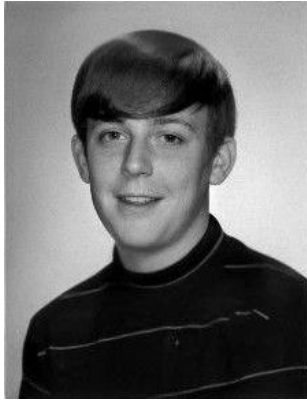
Jeff is survived by his mother Patricia Walker, his father Alvin Heck Jr., (Carol) his sister Julie (Dewey) Turvaville, his brother Jim (Mary) Heck and his nieces and nephews Caila Turvaville, Jimmy Heck, Jordan Turvaville, Jonathan Heck, Hunter Turvaville, Autumn (Noah) Rosales and Madison Heck.

He is preceded in death by a nephew Jarett Heck and his grandparents Alvin Heck Sr., Stella Heck, Willard and Laverne Sorenson.

Services will be held at a later date.”

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## From the Shoe Box



This is the Bernice (nee Heck) and Edward Bark family from Racine, Wisconsin. At top from left to right are Bernice and Edward Bark, Edward James Bark born 31 JAN 1948, James Allen Bark born 13 APR 1949, Allen Frederick Bark born 19 SEP 1951. At bottom from left to right are Gregory Thomas Bark born 6 DEC 1955, and Susan Marie Bark born 7 FEB 1960.



**James Heck and Karen Werner  
Werner Heck**

Karen M. Werner and James N. Heck were married during a 2:30 p.m. ceremony March 18 in Kenosha. The Rev. Leon Schneider officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert T. Werner of Kenosha and the late Patricia R. Werner. The groom is the son of Richard and Cecelia Heck of 8 Greenwood Court.

The bride's attendants were the maids of honor Mary Werner and Patti Werner, bridesmaid Sherry Heck and flower girl Angela Heck Maynard.

The groom's attendants were the best man Rick Heck and groomsmen Michael Werner and John Fervoy.

John May and Tom Werner were the ushers.

The reception was held at the Kenosha Elks Club. The Hecks are living in Chicago. The bride is a first grade teacher at St. Philomena School. The groom is a production coordinator at Chartmasters Midwest.

At left: March 18, 1989, James N. Heck and Karen M. Werner wedding announcement from the Racine Journal Times.

At right: May 25, 1991, Julie Ann Heck and Dewey Mark Turvaville wedding announcement from the Racine Journal Times.



Sunday, June 16, 1991

**Julie and Dewey Turvaville  
Turvaville Heck**

Wustum Gardens, Racine, was the setting Saturday, May 25, 1991, for the wedding of Julie Ann Heck, 1468 18th Ave., and Dewey Mark Turvaville, 1446 18th Ave. Judge Dennis J. Flynn officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony. The father and stepmother of the bride are Carol and Alvin J. Heck Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; her mother and stepfather are Richard and Patricia Walker Jr., 19218 191st St., Bristol. The parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Don Young, 6112 12th Ave.

Chris Bastian was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mira Turvaville, Mary Sawick, Angel Ford and Chris Walker. Daughter of the groom Calla Turvaville and Matthew Meeker were the ministrae bride and

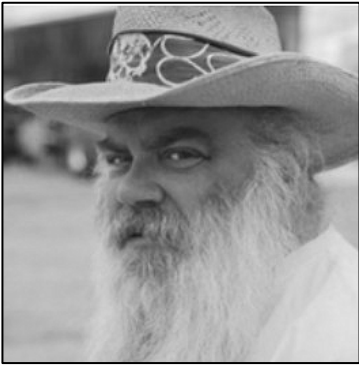
groom. Ashley Walker was the flower girl; Ryan McDermid, the ring bearer.

Mitch Turvaville attended his brother as best man. The groomsmen were Hugh McDermid, Jerry Walker and brothers of the bride Jim and Jeff Heck, Mark Ebener and Juan Maravilla were the ushers.

A 4 p.m. reception was at the Danish Brotherhood Hall.

The bride graduated from Westosha Central High School and is employed by Woodstock Health Care. The groom graduated from Bradford High School and is employed by the Frost Company.

They are residing in Kenosha and plan a delayed wedding trip to Colorado.



This photo of Jeffrey A. Heck was found attached to a funeral home obituary which was posted eight days after his death. Nothing was found in local newspapers.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Jeff.

I had searched for other photos of him in my extensive collection of family photos but could not find any that were identified as being of Jeffrey A. Heck.

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The photo above is of Delores and John R. (Jack) Gibson being pelted with rice on their wedding day, 17 September 1955.



The photo at lower left shows the inside of the old Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Northwestern Avenue in Racine.



The photo above shows the gathering at the luncheon following the wedding. It appears that the table on the left was for the Heck family while the table on the right was for the Gibson family.

Starting at the far end of the left table seated are Mary and Bob Heck, Alvin and Stella Heck, Margaret and Frances Heck, Richard Heck, Larry and Nancy Heck. Standing at the head table are Cel Heck, Jack and Delores Gibson, Mary Kay and Donna Heck.



The head table at the wedding of Cecelia Catrine and Richard J. Heck taken on 24 April 1954 at Racine, Wisconsin. Also recognized are Delores, Mary Kay, Donna, and Larry Heck.