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Fourth Generation—the Yankle Ladies

Margaret Marian Yankle was born May 5, 1924, in Flint, Michigan, the second child and only daughter of Harold and Marian (Palmer) Yankle. Her older brother, Bob, was 2 when Marge became his baby sister. She, in turn, was to become the



“older” sister to her brother, Dick. Marge grew up in the Civic Park area of Flint and graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1943.

Within a year of graduation, Marge enlisted in the Navy and became a Wave. Both of her brothers were in the Army during World War II. It was while she was in Hunter College in New York in 1944, undergoing military indoctrination, that she met Eva Culbertson, who was later to marry her brother, Dick. They became fast friends, and remain so even today.

Two years after the war ended, Marge married Duane Wernette, who she had known before she joined the Navy. They were married September 9, 1947, and subsequently had 4 children: Craig Allen, Marcia Lee, Renee Sue (who died as an infant), and Wesley Duane Wernette.

Duane Wernette was a hunter and an outdoorsman, and often the Wernettes would join the Yankle family to go camping or meet at Flushing Park for a Family picnic. They also celebrated their Christmases together.



Duane died December 6, 2001 in Goodrich Michigan as a result of Alzheimer's Disease. Marge lives in Burton, Michigan, about a mile from Dick and Eva, and visits her daughter, Marcia, in Chapperal, New Mexico from time to time.

Barbara Jean (Yankle) Starck was born November 27, 1931, in Owosso Michigan, the second child and only daughter of Barney and Helen (Sanders) Yankle. Like Marge, Barb had an older brother too, but Danny was only 1 1/2 years old when she was born. Barb and Marge never met as children and Barb admits that she didn't even know she HAD a second cousin in Flint, or that another Yankle family lived so close by.

Barb graduated from high school in Owosso, MI, then attended college at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI., for two years enrolled in a teaching curriculum. Before she could graduate,



however, she got married for the first time and quit school. Barb was married three times

(she is shown here with her last husband, J.J. Starck). With her first husband, Robert Banghart, Barb had a daughter, Peggy Banghart, who was born June 19, 1954.

Barb developed a love for the ocean very early in her first marriage. When driving back from a vacation one year, Barb determined that she was going to purchase a piece of land in Florida before she crossed the state line.

The Yankle Chronicle

is published monthly as a medium by which to share information with all those who are the descendants of Frederick and Henrietta Yankle.

The photos included in the Yankle Chronicle are from the Yankle Family Archives currently being maintained by Bob Yankle. If you have historical family photos, please share them by mailing a copy to:

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Where Are We Now ???

By far, more Yankles live in the state of Michigan than any other, though none of our family currently resides in Owosso



Bob and Evelyn Yankle (1980), Interlochen, Michigan

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 Historical Family Highlights

It just so happened that she saw a man clearing out a stretch of beach, so she stopped and asked if he would sell it. When he agreed, Barb told her husband what she wanted to do, but he wanted nothing to do with it. She then told him, "OK, when we get back to Michigan, I'm going to get a job so I can buy it for myself." Since he didn't want his wife to work, he capitulated, and bought the property.

Barb lives with her daughter, Peggy, in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL., in a home that she designed and had built on her property. Barb calls her house a "dream come true", and continues to cherish her home by the sea. Every night, she, her two dogs and a cat go for a walk by the ocean. They're probably out there tonight.

Our Featured Family

Cynthia Ann Yankle was the first "Baby Boomer" child to be born in the Yankle family subsequent to World War II, the first in the Fifth Generation of Yankles, and the first great, great grandchild of Frederick and Henrietta.

Cindy was born March 15, 1947, in Flint, Michigan, the first child of Richard and Sybil (Renfro) Yankle. A sister, Cathy, and a brother, Richard II (Dick), would soon join her. The children lived in Flint for a few years, but when Sybil divorced Dick Yankle, she moved the children to California.

Some years later, Cindy and her brother, Dick, returned to Michigan to live with their father and his second wife, Eva. Cindy got along very well with her step-mother and called Eva her "second mother".



By this time, the brothers, Dick (Cindy's father) and Bob Yankle (her uncle) had moved to the Northwest corner of Flint and bought houses only 4 blocks away from each other. Although Cindy was only 9 months older than her cousin Bob (Robert Yankle II), she was a year ahead of him in school. The two families were close.

As an adult, Cindy moved to Hawaii and

earned her living as a taxicab driver for a time. During this period, her Grandmother, Marian Yankle visited her. She and Cindy would be close for the rest of their lives.

Cindy also met Danny Yankle in Hawaii, but under trying circumstances. Danny's house had just been robbed, and he thought Cindy might have been misleading him by claiming to be Family, so he told her to "get lost!". Years later, Danny apologized to Cindy's dad.

Cindy later moved to Fallon, Nevada, and was married for a short time to Thomas Gomez, but divorced within a year.

Although no-one knows why, Cindy ended her own life in 1976. For those of us who knew her well, we miss her still.



Kidz Spotlight Kidz Spotlight



These are seven beautiful ladies who married into the Yankle family. Do you know to which 5th Generation family members these women are married?



Lynne Chapman



Angela Johnson



Beth Schuelke



Julie Huskey



Rebecca Wardrop



Tanda Tennent



Jane Perry

If you DON'T know who the ladies are, please attend the reunion in Owosso, July 23rd and 24th, 2004, and you'll get the chance to meet them in person.

For all the ladies pictured above : please convince your husband to take your whole family to the reunion so we can all get to know each other personally.