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Fifth Generation Yankles - Northerners all

Richard Harold Yankle II is the youngest child of Richard and Sybil Yankle. He was born July 3rd, 1950, in Flint Michigan.

After graduating from Flint Northwestern High School in 1968, Dick went on to receive his B.S. and Masters degree in Middle School Education from Western Michigan University. He



is an art instructor who teaches art in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Dick met his future wife, Rebecca Wardrop, while teaching at the Lakewood schools district.

Becky received her college degrees from Central Michigan University, earning a B.S. in 1976 and an M.S. in 1982. She and Dick were married on campus at the chapel at C.M.U. on June 23, 1978.

Becky currently teaches math, following a family tradition set by her own father.

The couples' life became more interesting in 1988 with the arrival of their daughter, Allyson Cynthia Yankle, born June 21st in Grand Rapids.

As of this writing, Ally is 16, and just on the verge of receiving her driver's license. She is an avid sportsman who excels at tennis, and has taken up golfing and volleyball. She takes after her father who enjoys golfing, skiing, and fishing.

Dick and his family love to travel when they can find the time to coordinate the calendars of their busy lives. They recently returned from a trip to Florida, and before that, have made a number of trips to Europe. The cities of Berlin, Paris, and London and the country of the Netherlands have played host to this Yankle family.

Dick, Becky and Ally currently live in East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Steven Brian Yankle was born June 6, 1959, the youngest child of Richard Harold and Eva (Culbertson) Yankle. As of 2004, Steven has 3 siblings: Cathy Elaine and Richard Yankle II, which are his sister and brother by his father's former spouse, Sibyl (Renfro), and David, his brother, also the son of Eva.

As a young boy, Steve lived in the Northwestern part of Flint, Michigan, where he participated in many family gatherings. Later (1978) his father moved to Burton, Michigan, and Steven attended Atherton High School where he graduated in 1979. Thereafter, Steve attended the Genesee Skills Center where he learned how to be a Welder's Assistant.



According to his Dad, it was Steve who located the grave-sites of Frederick and Henrietta Yankle. Although Dick knew, in general, where his grandfather was buried, it was Steve who scouted out the cemetery site and brought back news that he'd found his (Steve's) great, great-grandfather's burial markers.

Steve works at the Kroger store in Davison, MI., as a front-end clerk. He drives a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix G.T., and takes special delight in washing and detailing cars until they look perfect. Steve has always loved "hot" cars, and can discuss them at great length. He is also a good bowler. Steve lives with his parents, Dick and Eva Yankle in Burton, MI.

Yankle Family Reunion

When: Friday, July 23rd, 2004, Comstock Inn, Owosso, Michigan, and Saturday, July 24th, Henderson Park, Shiawassee County, Michigan

This issue of the Yankle Chronicle is the final edition that will be mailed to the family as a whole. Those of you who accept your invitation to the Family Reunion will receive one more printing at the beginning of July, detailing the events planned for the Yankle Family Reunion 2004. We hope to see all of you there!

Where Are We Now ???

Gaslight Village, with traditional style décor in the heart of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, the home of Dick, Becky and Ally Yankle.



Our Featured Family

Craig Allen Wernette was born December 1st, 1948, the oldest son of Duane and Margaret (Yankle) Wernette. Craig is married to Deborah



Eileen Frappier, born in 1956 in Flint, Mi. They have a son, Curtis Dale Wernette, who was born December 30, 1992. Craig has 5 more children from previous marriages. He is about to become a great grandfather in Aug. or Sep.

Marcia Lee Wernette is the daughter of Duane and Marge Wernette, born June 10th, 1950 in Flint, Mi. Marcia lives with her husband, Michael Le Gendre in Chaparral, New Mexico.



Wesley Duane Wernette is the youngest son of Duane and Margaret (Yankle) Wernette, born in Flint, Michigan October 28th, 1960. He attended Bentley High School where he was the Captain of his football team for a number of years. Upon graduation in 1978, Wes headed west to attend Michigan State University, where he received his B.S. in Computer Science in 1984.

It was while attending college that he met his future wife, Jane Perry, a Communications major who lived on the same floor of his co-ed dormitory. They began walking to classes together and ended by walking down the aisle in 1989. Both have gone on to earn their Master's degrees; Wes, an MBA at the University of Chicago, and Jane, an M.A. in Advertising.



While Wes became a Global Practice Leader for Rockwell Automation, Jane climbed the ladder of success too - she rose to Vice President and Account Manager at Leo Burnett Advertising where she handled a few well-known accounts: among them, the Pillsbury Doughboy, the Marlboro Man, and the Good Hands of Allstate.

But it wasn't ALL work! On January 18th, 1993, Alexandra (Alex)

joined the young couple and changed their lives forever. She was joined by Olivia in 1995, and shortly thereafter by Megan, born in 1996. All the girls are very intelligent and well-mannered.

Alexandra plays soccer, loves to read, and writes poetry. Following her lead somewhat, Olivia plays soccer, too, and likes to draw. And just to round out the family team (Mom coaches!), Megan likes soccer and to "bead" (string beads on necklaces). Her favorite color is pink.

Jane has continued to excel, winning a number of civic and industry awards, while staying busy in her children's lives and activities. Wes says he feels lucky just to be around such talented ladies.

These are family!



Kidz Spotlight Kidz Spotlight



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Part of the charm of the Yankle Chronicle is that it shared photographs which allowed us to give faces to all those names we had only heard about. For their photographic contributions, hats off to David Yankle, Barb Starck, Helene Yankle, Danny Yankle, Beryl Quarry, Evelyn Yankle, Svona Yankle, Kathryn "Kitty" King, Cathy Roberts, Glenn Yankle, Allan Yankle, Traci Kaibel, Lillian Yankle, Marge Wernette, and Wesley Wernette.

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- Bob Yankle, Editor, The Yankle Chronicle