Cletus Eugene Lomont October 2001 Version 1 Written by Monica Knecht

Cletus Eugene was born October 1, 1905, in a large, two story cement block house built by his parents, Justin Peter and Emma M. Lothamer Lomont, across the road from St. Louis Catholic Church and was baptized in that church. He lived there until 1912 when his family sold the farm and purchased one in Trumbull County, Warren, Ohio for his catechism class. He made his first holy communion May 11, 1913 at St. Mary's Church in Warren, Ohio.

The farm in Warren, Ohio did not prove to be a financial success so the family packed up again and moved to Van Wert County, Ohio. Their address was R.R. #2, Delphos, Ohio but Cletus attended school in Ottoville. He and his brother Joseph boarded with a family in town in order to attend school there. It was a public school but was taught by Catholic sisters because every child but one was Catholic. They lived there until March of 1917 when they moved to the farm where Justin, his father,



Cletus as a Child



Cletus as an Adult



Cletus in the Army 1943

was born in a large brick house at 17117 Rorick Road, Monroeville, Indiana. While there, Cletus attended St. Louis Academy, graduating in June, 1920, and then on to Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At that time it was an all-boy's school. He graduated in 1924 and pursued a career in fanning, helping at home, and eventually farmed with Edmund Voirol.

Probably around 1932 he worked for the W.P.A., a government project created to provide jobs during the depression. Eileen has a picture of Cletus and his truck and several other men from around here who also worked for the W.P .A. He then worked for the Farm Bureau Co-op in New Haven driving an oil truck.



Cletus and Eileen Wedding – Cletus Eugene Lomont wed Eileen Mary Voirol November 25, 1941

He married Eileen Voirol on November 25, 1941 in St. Louis Catholic Church, Besancon. For three months the newlyweds lived in a two room apartment in the Louis Venderley house but then moved to a three room house in Zulu. It belonged to Joe Roy. They were there for one year until Cletus was drafted into the Army on January 22, 1943. After training at the army air base in Kearns, Utah, Cletus drove an ambulance in San Bernardino, California and then was sent overseas to Blackpool, England where as a Sergeant in the Medical Corps, he again drove an ambulance until he was discharged on October 6, 1945.

While Cletus was in military service, Eileen lived with Cletus's parents for 3 1/2 months, then moved in with her parents, Jule and Julia Voirol, until Cletus came home. They then moved to a house on the Gremeaux Road and stayed for 1 1/2 years. Next they moved to the Bacon House on Highway 24 just off Webster Road where they lived for three years.

Eileen said that every time they moved, they had another baby. After his tour of duty, Cletus went back to work for the Farm Bureau Co-op, Hatchery Department, in New Haven, Indiana, and retired from there after 30 years of service. Eileen was busy with her large family but found time to take care of her Uncle Joseph Voirol for 7 or 8 years when they lived on the Tillman Road. He died in 1958. Then she took care of her mother, Julia Voirol for 12 years until her mother's death in 1972 at the age of 88 years.

The final move was to the Welling place on the Tillman Road, across from Joseph Giant's farm. They eventually bought the house from Joe and Virginia (Toni) Lomont and lived there for 44 years. After Cletus died in February, 1991, Eileen stayed there for one more year, then sold the place and bought a house with her sister, Garnet Girardot in New Haven, Indiana. Eileen cared for Garnet until her death on February 21, 2002. Eileen still lives in this house.

Cletus and Eileen always had a big garden and Eileen did a lot of freezing and canning of fruits and vegetables. Cletus developed cancer of the larynx and later cancer of the lungs. He had smoked many years of his life. He was able to stay at home between hospitalizations and Eileen took care of him. He died very suddenly at home on February 21, 1993. He had opted not to have treatment of the lung cancer because of his age.

Cletus and Eileen had six children. Robert Dean was born in 1939 and adopted by Cletus shortly after the marriage. Robert (Bob) has worn many hats. He was a barber, retired from the Ft. Wayne Police Department and is now a realtor. He and his wife Patricia Sue Paul had two sons, Barry Dean and Bradley Eugene. Patricia died suddenly December 1, 1989 from a pulmonary embolism. She was also a realtor. Barry married Kelly Woebbeking in 1996 and they now have two girls, Kenedy Rae and McKencie Ann. Bradley wed Barbara Price September 14, 1991 and they have two boys, Drake Bradley and Drew Robert. Robert Dean married Mary Sherbinsky in 1993. They reside in New Haven IN, not far from Eileen.

Richard Eugene born in 1952, worked for the United Parcel Service and retired from there. He married Patricia Ann Harmeyer, a beautician, in 1962 and they have three children, Jeffrey, Michelle, and Melissa.

Jeffrey married Lisa Russell in 1988; their son Jake Richard died shortly after birth. They divorced in May 1991. He then married Tonia Nixon in 1992. Their son, Justin, was born in 1993. They divorced in 1999. Jeffrey married Kathy Rang October 28,2000. Kathy has two sons, Christian and Chandler. Jeff and Kathy have a daughter, Grace Catherine.

Michelle married David Lutz, a lawyer, in 1987. They have four children, David, Erica, Matthew, and Hannah.

Melissa, a nurse, wed Leslie Dillman in 1990 and they have a daughter, Lauren. They live in Indianapolis.

Wayne Francis, born in 1946, a barber by trade, wed Nancy Louderback in 1971 He adopted Nancy's son Michael in 1975. They have a daughter Bridget Ann, born in 1974. Wayne divorced Nancy in 1985. He wed Jennifer Thurston in 1996. Bridget married Michael Hamm in 1999. Bridget and Michael have a son, Jackson Paul.

Gerald Paul was born in 1949. He has a daughter, Jennifer Orr, born in 1972. He wed Debra Tadajewski in 1976 but they then divorced. He then wed Renee Sens in 1984 and they have two sons, Justin and Matthew. They live in Michigan. Gerald managed a K-Mart store for many years until it closed. He now works for Big Lots.

Marsha Ann. born in 1952 wed James Sherwood in 1917. They have a son, James and a daughter, Andrea. Marsha works with East Allen County Schools and at Hallmark.

Janice Sue, born in 1955, married Thomas Dodane in 1974. Janice worked as a beautician for years before she went back to school to get her R.N. She worked in a couple nursing homes and at a doctor's office in Ft. Wayne. She now works at the Village of Heritage Nursing Home in Monroeville, IN. Janice and Tom have three daughters, Courtney, Sarah, and Holly. Courtney wed Linn Minnick in 2000.

All of Cletus and Eileen's children attended St Louis Academy and the four boys graduated from New Haven High School. The two girls graduated from Heritage High School, a new school at that time. Except for Gerald, they all remain in the Ft. Wayne-New Haven area. Eileen doesn't drive but she always has someone to take her or Garnet wherever they need to go. After taking care of so many people most of her life, it's nice that Eileen has her family close enough to look after her.