Edna Lomont Version 1 August 2002 Written by D. Jeanne

Edna is the daughter of Emma Magdalene Lothamer and Justin Peter Lomont. Edna was born on 6-13-1913 in Trumbull County, Ohio and was married on 8-27-1935 to Lawrence James (Weenie) Reuille born 8-29-1914 at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, Allen County, IN. Lawrence died 12-11-1978. Edna died 3-25-1996. They are both buried at Besancon cemetery.



Edna as a child



Edna as an adult



Lawrence and Edna wedding on August 27, 1935

Edna and Lawrence were both children of farmers and came from a large family. They attended St. Louis Besancon Academy (going by horse and buggy) and lived near each other. Entertainment on Sundays was to get up a baseball or softball game with neighbors and stay for supper at one of the homes.

Edna graduated from high school at *St.* Augustine Academy in Ft. Wayne and learned to play the piano and violin. Lawrence attended school through the eighth grade after which he helped his parents farm. All of their eight children attended St. Louis Academy, also, and continued on to Central Catholic High School and Bishop Luers in Ft. Wayne, IN.

Their lives centered around the Church and activities with other family members and friends. Lawrence did little farming in his lifetime but held many different jobs that included owning two different bars in Zulu, Indiana, worked as a construction contractor, at a granary, for the County Highway Department, delivered film, - whatever he could to support his family. They always had a large garden to help feed everyone as well as fruit trees, if they were on their rental property.

Throughout their marriage, there were many tragedies. They lost their home and most of their possessions twice due to a fire. A tavern and dance hall was also lost to fire -all with no insurance. Family and friends helped them get through these hard times.



They rented seven or eight homes, all in Allen County, until they obtained Lawrence's family homestead when the estate went up for sale. This was one of the homes that burned down. After that, they lived in a mobile home on the property. Their first home rented for $100 a year. This was during the "great depression" when "ten dollars was hard to come by."

Edna was a homemaker who went to work at a dry cleaners after her last child was born. She had many hobbies such as crocheting, tatting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, making doll clothes, growing plants and flowers. In January each year, she started making Christmas gifts for each family member. When she died in March, 1996, at age 82, she already had many gifts ready for the next Christmas.

Lawrence enjoyed making things of wood as well as hunting and fishing. He had his first heart attack at age 49. It was then that he had to discontinue the contracting business.

Both Edna and Lawrence loved to play cards and table games. This was the entertainment many a night for them and their children.

This was a close-knit family. As the children grew up and had their own families, there were get-togethers for most major holidays at the family home.

Children of Lawrence and Edna Reuille

Dorothy J. Dice (Jeanne. Dot. Dottie)



Hobbies: As a child, it was her job to do the baking each Saturday and she still enjoys it. She had a large garden for many years and still has many house plants as well as flowers around the landscape. She sewed many of her own clothes for the first years of marriage and also made draperies. Embroidery, cross stitch, needlepoint, and refinishing furniture were other favorite pastimes. For many years, she made items for bazaars such as ornaments, pillows and framed pictures. She played golf in her earlier years and bowled for 38 years.

Playing the piano/organ, working at the computer and walking are her favorite pastimes since retiring.

For several years, she was editor of the monthly newsletter for Trier Ridge Park where her family lived. One year, she won $100 for an article she wrote for the News Sentinel about Trier Ridge.

She has been a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority since 1958, a philanthropic organization, and held most offices.

Playing cards, particularly poker and hand-and-foot are games both she and Ed enjoy.

She has attended St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church since 1997 and prior to that was a member of St. Henry, Sacred Heart and St. Peter's Catholic Churches.

Occupation: Her first job was babysitting for Aunt Mickey's four children during the summer before her freshman year. During high school she worked part time at the Cotton Shop and the Grand Leader as a sales clerk. At age 17, she went to work full time as a secretary at E. H. Kilbourne Company in the Lincoln Tower (at $240 per month) until age 22 when she got married.

At age 34, she worked as office assistant to the owner of the Mr. Donut Shops in Fort Wayne until her youngest son, Matt, was born in 1974. When he was two, she worked part time for Fig Leaf Fashions until the shop closed. In 1985, she took a job as Sales Assistant for Colby Equipment. She retired from there in December 2001.

Charles Edward Dice (Ed)

Hobbies: As a young boy, he played fast pitch softball at many of the Ft. Wayne parks and continued to play league ball as a pitcher until 1967 when his sons started to play Little League. He then coached Little League for several years. He went to South Side High School, then to Indiana University in Bloomington. After graduation, he served a two-year stint in the Army. While there, he was named MVP as the fast pitch softball pitcher in 1956. He is a sports enthusiast who loves playing golf. He is an avid ill basketball fan and also is a member of Sigma Pi fraternity. He enjoys playing cards, other games and working crossword puzzles.

Occupations: His first jobs were in the summer when he came home from college at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. He worked two summers for NIPSCO and did some factory work at Inca. After returning home in 1956 from a two year stint ending at Camp Wolters, Texas, as an MP in the U. S. Army, he was hired as a salesman for Addressograph-Multigraph, later known as Multigraphics, and remained there until he retired October 31, 1994, at the age of 61.

James L. Reuille (Jim)

Hobbies: Pocket billiards (pool) -He participated in the International Championship Play-offs in Las Vegas in 1984, 1985 and 1986. He enjoyed gardening when living in Ft. Wayne. Other hobbies are video poker, plate collecting and collecting items such as jackets, sweat shirts. tee shirts. radios. mugs. etc. at casinos in Las Vegas for the Reuille family Christmases.

Occupation: His first job out of high school was with the U. S. government -the Air National Guard, from 1956 to 1961. He was 17 at the time and his parents had to sign for him since he was under age. He spent three months at boot camp the summer of 1956 at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

From 1956 to 1958 he worked at Ft. Wayne Tailoring followed by five years at Essex Wire, Ft. Wayne, where he was laid off about one half the time. In 1959, he worked for three months at Pirex Corp. (cough syrup) on April 19, 2002 Main Street. In 1963, he was employed part time for Sears Roebuck shoe department. In between these jobs, he worked part time for his father in the construction business and also for his Uncle Shorty in his farming business.

From 1961 to 1995 he was employed by K-Mart Corporation -the last two and one-half years in their new warehouse near Chicago after the Ft. Wayne warehouse was shut down. He retired in March. 1995, at age 56 and moved to Las Vegas.

Gerald T. Reuille (Jerry)

Hobbies: He belonged to a Camping Club when his girls were growing up. He has an extensive gun collection, and a silver coin collection. He likes to trap shoot and enjoys auctions and buying, fixing and reselling. He has a golf cart and a small blue car (former Shriner parade car) that the grandchildren love to ride in with Grandpa at the wheel.

Jerry and Kay are members of St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville. IN.

Occupation: Just out of high school, he worked for Crosby Boat Company in Grabill, Indiana, from 1958 to 1960; the Red Comet Oil Company in New Haven, Indiana, from 1960 to 1962. From 1962 to 1965, he worked with his father as a carpenter. The Phelps Dodge Wire Company has been his employer from September 11, 1965 to the present. He plans to retire in May 2002.

Kay Reuille (Mrs. Gerald)

Hobbies: She and Jerry enjoyed bowling in a couple's league for several years. Other hobbies are craft projects such as birdhouses and wreaths. Her favorite pastime is babysitting for her grandchildren.

Occupation: Started as a waitress in high school to pay for school expenses, then worked at Modem Cleaners in New Haven for 1-1/2 years. From there she worked for five years at Fabricon Production in Grabill. After that she babysat until she took a job at the Galley in Decatur where she has been a waitress for 24 years.

Thomas J. Reuille (Tom)

Hobbies: Collecting and restoring antiques, fishing, softball, tennis, repairing and remodeling old houses, working on old cars in early years. Tom and Nancy are both ushers at St. John's Catholic Church, New Haven.

Occupation: He had his own auto repair diploma at age 13. I worked at the O'Day Station until I was 15, then started washing dishes at the Tourinns Restaurant at 16 and fixed broasters on the side for the owner. I then cooked at Quik Chick on Decatur Road and fixed broasters on the side. I bought the Broaster distributorship in 1969 and operated the business out of my home for many years until I bought a commercial building on Hartzell Road.

Nancy Reuille (Mrs. Thomas}

Hobbies: Volleyball, antiquing, interior decorating, walking.

Occupation: Magnavox 4 years, Broaster Sales (the family business) for more than 15 years as bookkeeper, loading trucks etc., Unit Secretary at St. Joseph Hospital.

Allen R. Reuille (A1}

Hobbies: Gardening, Collecting Coins, Stamps & Sports Cards, selling stamps on the internet. He also has enjoyed taking care of his fruit trees and a large pond stocked with fish with a gazebo nearby surrounded by unusual plants and a waterfall. He loves to spend vacation days in Las Vegas with his brother, Jim, who lives there.

Occupation: His first job out of high school was at Happy Humpty Drive-in. After marriage, he and his family moved to Defiance, Ohio, where he worked as head cook at GM and also operated a pizza restaurant catering to the local college from 1964 to 1972. While there, he developed diabetes and was unable to continue that work. The family moved back to Ft. Wayne where he obtained employment as manager at Azar's Restaurant in Waynedale for several years. He also farmed for his father-in-law, Andrew Gerardot, until that farm was sold to Baer Field. He then bought AI's Farm and Lawn on State Rd. 3 near Baer Field and sold it within a couple of years for health reasons. From there, he went to A-Z coins in Glenbrook Mall and eventually bought the stamp portion of the business and continues to work there.

Al and Sharon are members of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Al is an usher and counts money one month a year. He was Vice President of the Holy Name Society for four years. In the 1980's and early 1990's he cooked the chicken and broasted potatoes for their annual summer fest.

Sharon Reuille (Mrs. Allen)

Hobbies: She enjoys crafts such as making grapevine wreaths from their own grape vines. Reading and gardening are other pastimes.

Occupation: She graduated from St. Joseph School of Nursing before marriage and has been a nurse almost continuously since then working at hospitals, in private care and nursing homes. She is presently a nurse at Lutheran Hospital.

Stephen P. Reville (Steve)

Hobbies: Golf & gardening. Steve says, "I used to hate gardening when I lived at home. Now I love to watch things grow." He played softball for many years. Steve and Cindy also bowled with Tom and Nancy for a few years.

Occupation: From age 14 to 19 (1960 to 1965), he farmed for his Uncle Shorty Reuille as well as for George Martin from 1963 to 1965. During and after high school, he worked at Kroger from 1962 to 1971, then took a position at AALCO Distributors where he still works as a salesman.

Steve and Cindy are active members of St. John's Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne, IN Both are ushers and greeters.

Cindy Reuille (Mrs. Stephen)

Hobbies: She belongs to a book club and a euchre club and likes QVC shopping. She is a member of the Adult Spiritual Committee at St. John's Catholic Church.

Occupation: Her first job was as a volunteer at the hospital. Then she worked at Sears for two years. From 1981 to 1990, she was a unit secretary at St. Joseph Hospital. From 1990 to 2000, she was in utilization review in ICU & CCU at Lutheran Hospital and is presently a part time cashier there.

Roger J. Reuille (Rog)

Hobbies: Basketball & Baseball in younger years, bowling, golf, coached girls' Softball several years, growing house plants.

Occupation: In high school (1962-1963), he worked for his father in the summer. Then he worked at Humpty Dumpty Restaurant in 1964 and 1965. Out of high school, he worked at Phelps Dodge until his car accident in 1967. After that, he became employed at Canteen Corporation where he has been for 32 years.

He and Pat are members of St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

Pat Reuille (Mrs. Roger)

Hobbies: Softball, bowling

Occupation: She held many jobs, including as a route supervisor for Ft. Wayne Newspapers, and at Target. Her latest employment is with Pizza Hut.

Cynthia S. Rogers (Cindi)

Hobbies: Since living in the city, she doesn't do much canning and gardening, but still does sew and crochet in her spare time. She made her own wedding gown. She also plays softball in the summer and bowls in the winter. She is an avid New York Yankees fan. She also enjoys crafts when time allows. Other pastimes are playing the piano and working at her computer. She is a lover of cats and owned four in 1996: Lucky, Digger, Rhythm and Blues.

Occupation: Her first job was working summers (1968 & 1969) at Modem Cleaners where her Mother worked. After graduation in 1970, she worked at King's Dept. Store in New Haven until her marriage in October, 1970. In 1971-72, she was a secretary for her brother-in-law, Charles Sanderson, at Superior Water Conditioners until the birth of her first child. While the children were young, she did sewing and babysitting.

In 1986, she started bartending at the Old Oaken Bucket in Ft. Wayne until it closed in 1989. At that time, she took an interest in computers and she and her husband, John, had their own business called Tech-Select. They wrote and type set manuals for corporations. She also bartended and waitressed at the Stadium Bar and Grill in Ft. Wayne and at Happy's in Avilla. In 1996, she started bartending at Gateview Inn. In 2001, she took a job as bartender at The Venice Restaurant.