Mary Lomont Version 2 Written by Mary Lomont Brinker in August 2003

I, Mary Elizabeth, was born at home on February 27, 1921, in the house built by Grandpa Alphonse Lomont in 1881 at 17117 Rorick road, the daughter of Justin P. and Emma Lothamer Lomont. I was baptized in the St. Louis Catholic Church in Besancon with my sister Ursula and my brother Cletus as my godparents. I made my First Communion in the second grade and my Solemn Communion in the sixth grade, both at St. Louis.



Mary Lomont as a child



Mary Lomont as an adult

We drove a horse and buggy to school as there were no school buses at that time. When I was thirteen in grade school, and Robert eleven, we had to first milk the cows each morning because Dad had fallen off the roof of the house and broke his leg. After graduating from the eighth grade, I attended Saint Augustine Academy my freshman and sophomore years and lived with my older sisters, Ursula and Catherine, in an apartment in Fort Wayne. In my junior year I attended New Haven High School since my parents were unable to locate a place for my brother, Robert, and I to stay before leaving on a nice trip out west with some friends. In my senior year I was able to drive and carpooled with the Huegenards to Fort Wayne, where I again attended St. Augustines for the first semester and Central Catholic High School for the second semester. This was a new school built under the auspices of Bishop Noll for the students of the boys' school and the girls from St. Augustine and St. Catherine Academies, the tuition being $ 30.00 a year. School buses

were available by the time we went to New Haven, but we had to walk down the Rorick road to the Roussey road to catch the bus.

After graduating from high school I did house work for a family in Fort Wayne until I was called to work at the General Electric Company. While there I worked mostly at assembling small motors, which during the war were used to open bomb bay doors on war planes.

On October 19, 1946 I married Robert Brinker at Besancon and we lived in an upstairs apartment on East Washington street for two and a half years. The rent was $ 10.00 a week, which included the use of a garage. During that time we did our laundry at Bob's folk's home on Third street. Bob was working at Fort Wayne Transit at that time and knew a man there who was getting a divorce, so we bought his house on Charlotte Ave. Later Bob worked at Zollner Corporation and spent the last twenty-two years of his working life at Three Rivers Title Company.



Robert Cyril Brinker and Mary E. Lomont

In 1961 we were blessed with a little girl we named Anita Marie, and not wanting her to grow up alone we adopted a little girl in 1966 through Catholic Charities and named her Maryanne. They both went through eight grades at Saint Charles where we were charter members and which was located directly across the street from where we lived on Guaine Court. They then both graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School.

After receiving her degree at the University of Michigan, Anita went to Cornell University for her Masters. She received her P.H.D. at the University of Illinois in the field of plant science, the field in which she majored at all the universities. After spending two years in Germany on a Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship, she returned to this country to accept a position with Unilever Corporation in New Jersey, her office being directly across the river from Manhatten. After a couple of years she joined E.I. Dupont in Delaware. Feeling secure there, she purchased a townhouse which she thoroughly enjoyed, providing her a place to build a flower garden, etc. At a later date, however, management decided to eliminate the division in which she worked, terminating her and eight hundred other employees. For awhile she donated her time at the University of Delaware until she received an offer from Rutgers University. This meant a quick sale of her house and back to an apartment in New Jersey, where she is now living.

Maryanne married Michael Budreau in 1984 and now has seven children. Through Purdue University she attended IUPU toward a nursing degree and graduated with distinction in May, 2002. She is now working three nights a week at the Lutheran Hospital and lives in rural Kendallville.



We moved into our retirement home in Fort Wayne in August 1995.
The first six of our grandchildren were born in St. Joseph Hospital and all seven baptized in Catholic churches.

Julie Diane was born in 1985
Jennifer Lyn was born in 1986
Justin Michael was born in 1987
Jacob Branson was born in 1989
Jodi Mae was born in 1993
Jordyn Renae was born in 1995

Jamie Elizabeth was born in Parkview Hospital on Mothers' Day in 1997. They mostly attended Saint Marys school in Avilla and are graduating from Bishop Dwenger in Fort Wayne.



Brinker Family and Mike & Maryanne Budreau Family January 2004
1st Row: Janice, Bob Brinker, Mary Brinker, Jordyn, Julie
2nd Row: Jennifer, Anita Brinker, Maryanne Brinker Budreau, Jacob
3rd Row: Jodi, Mike, Justin