

Jacob A & Elizabeth Schmidt Voth Family Information

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This document is a collection of information, photographs, maps and more, about the forebears, siblings, children, and descendants of my **maternal Grandparents Jacob A and Elizabeth Schmidt Voth**. It is mostly about the brothers and sisters of my mother, *Rosa M Voth Toews*, and is a supplement to "[The Ancestors of David A & Rosa M Voth Toews,](#)" also available on [this website](#).

Many of the photos and much of the information have been provided by my brother **Myron Toews**, so [this is his work as well](#). And **his family too!!** I am deeply grateful and highly indebted to Myron for all his help through the years. Other living Voth relatives, including *Beverly Hamm Voth*, also supplied information and photos, so my thanks to all!

We will always appreciate any comments, corrections, and additional information, including photos, from any interested readers. We hope you enjoy and learn from our efforts. We encourage you to consult [weblinks](#), shown [underlined in purple](#).

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Jacob Albert and Elizabeth A Schmidt Voth

Grandpa Jacob Albert Voth was born 27 March 1892 in Hamilton County NE (near Henderson), the son of **Jacob J and Anna J Toews Voth**. His parents and their family moved from Hamilton County NE to near Kremlin OK in 1901, when he was 9 years old.



On 1 June 1916, he married **Elizabeth A Schmidt** in the North Enid MB Church. They lived on the Voth homeplace (where Beverly Voth now lives) for most all of their married life, finally moving to 706 Mistletoe Drive, Enid OK for their later years. **Grandma Elizabeth A Schmidt Voth** was born 29 March 1896 near Henderson NE, the daughter of **Abraham Heinrich and Katharina Johann Regier Schmidt**.



Grandpa Voth was an innovative farmer and highly respected Red Poll dairyman for most all of his life; as he reached retirement age, he handed over his operations to his youngest son and namesake, Jacob A Voth, Jr. Jake loved to travel, especially on trains, and often took trips, sometimes with Grandma and Tena, sometimes solo, to CA, OR (lots of relatives in each), but also other locations such as AK. His storm cellar was a treasure trove of many shelves of **railroading/train magazines** and uncounted **National Geographics**, a favorite destination for his grandsons. His 1957 60th anniversary history of the N Enid MB Church, "**Hitherto the Lord Has Helped Us**" is well worth reading. Grandma Voth was a quiet, very good-hearted and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker, and excellent cook and baker - her **swiebachs** were, and still are, legendary!

In a meticulously typed **letter** to Kathy and me on **22 March 1973**, **Grandpa Voth** asks, "Have you ever heard that when I was 13-14 years of age I was boarded out with **Elizabeth's family** at N Enid to attend **German and Bible School**. She was 9-10 yrs and we sometimes fought or argued in the home; didn't know at that time what Love was. 6-7 years later I did begin to like her for real and which led to our Marriage in 1916."

Grandpa Jacob A Voth started farming with horse-drawn implements and wagons, but lived to see two men walk on the moon - quite a remarkably rich and full life!

Jacob A Voth and his "courting buggy" (see my Mom's caption) midway between Enid and Kremlin OK are shown below.



Grandpa Voth was always an avid and very successful [gardener](#), with his "lawn" full of iris, poppies, zinnias and all manner of blooming flowers and shrubs. A couple of B/W photos, from Grandpa's later years in Enid OK, taken by [Francis Zaloudek](#), are included below.



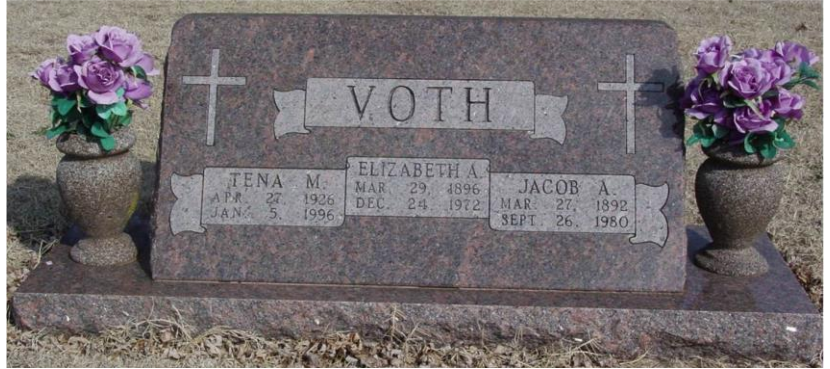
Elizabeth and Jacob A Voth are shown in their backyard garden on the JAV homeplace in the panel below. Grandpa Voth was an accomplished iris propagator and actually named 2 cultivars of iris, one of them for Grandma Elizabeth Voth.



More photos of Jacob A Voth's "lawns" are below - the first three from the JAV homeplace and the last two from his Enid OK backyard. In the first, note our 1960 Chevrolet Bel-Air in the driveway and Grandpa Voth reading his newspaper, visible through this picture window. Top R shows Anna Voth Regier in the back yard.



Elizabeth died on 24 December 1972 at age 76, and Jacob at age 88 on 26 September 1980, both in Enid OK. [Jacob A](#) and [Elizabeth](#) are buried in the [North Enid MB Cemetery](#). Their youngest daughter, [Tena M.](#) (born 27 April 1926; died 5 January 1996 at age 69) is buried beside them in the same plot.



Obituaries from the Enid Morning News for [Jacob A](#), [Elizabeth](#), and [Tena M Voth](#) are below (**funeral programs** are included on [page 53](#)):

JACOB A. VOTH

Services for Jacob A. Voth, 88, 706 Mistletoe Dr., will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Mennonite Brethren Church. Ministers officiating will include Ken Janzen,



Jacob A. Voth

Clarence Hiebert, Bennie Mathews and Rudy Eichenaur.

Burial will be in the Mennonite Brethren Church Cemetery under the direction of the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home.

Voth died Friday in a local hospital after a period of declining health.

Born March 17, 1892, in Henderson, Neb., he was the son of Jacob J. and Anna Voth. In 1901, he came with his parents to Kremlin where he lived most of his life.

He has lived in Enid since about 1964. Voth married Elizabeth Schmidt on June 1, 1916 in Enid.

A member of the Enid Mennonite Brethren Church, Voth served for 30 years as a member of the Columbia district school board, 42 years as a member of the Kremlin precinct election, and 12 years with the Garfield County Red Cross chapter.

Voth was a seven-year member of the Mennonite Central Committee in Oklahoma on the board of the Christian Rural Overseas Program, an affiliation of the Church World Service.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two sons, Menno and Jacob H.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. David (Rosa) Toews, Kremlin, Mrs. Jake (Anna) Regier, Enid, and Tena Voth, of the home; one son, Jacob Voth Jr., Kremlin; one sister, Mrs. Anna Thesman, Fairview; one daughter-in-law, Martha Voth, Enid; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home until 9:30 a.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.

Memorials may be made to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home will act as custodians of the funds.

MRS. JACOB A. (ELIZABETH) VOTH

Mrs. Jacob A. (Elizabeth) Voth, 76, 706 Mistletoe, died early Sunday morning in a Fairview hospital, following an extended illness.



Mrs. Jacob A. (Elizabeth) Voth

She was born March 29, 1896, in Hamilton County, Neb. She moved with her parents to North Enid in 1900. She married Jacob A. Voth June 1, 1916. They made their home on a farm southwest of Kremlin until retiring in 1964. They have lived in Enid since that time. She was a lifetime member of the North Enid Mennonite Brethren Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, five brothers and two sisters. Survivors are her husband, Jacob, of the home; two sons, Menno W. of Enid and Jake, Jr. of Kremlin; three daughters, Tena Voth, of the home; Mrs. David (Rosa) Toews of Kremlin, and Mrs. Jacob (Anna) Regier of Enid; a brother, P. A. Schmidt, Dinuba, Calif.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Voth will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Enid Mennonite Brethren Church with Rev. Lynford J. Becker officiating. Burial will be in the North Mennonite Church cemetery, under the direction of Henninger-Allen Funeral Home.

The family designated a general missionary project as a suitable memorial recipient. The Enid Mennonite Brethren Church and the Henninger-Allen Funeral Home will act as custodians of the fund.

TENA M. VOTH

Funeral services for Tena M. Voth, age 69, of Enid, will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Enid Mennonite Brethren Church with Rev. Leonard Voth and Rev. David

Plotz officiating. Burial will be in the Mennonite Brethren Church Cemetery under the direction of the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home.

Tena was born April 27, 1926 in Kremlin to Jacob A. and Elizabeth Schmidt Voth and died Friday in the Fairview Fellowship Home following a period of ill health. She was raised in the Kremlin community and graduated from Kremlin High School. She came to Enid in 1964 with



Tena M. Voth

her parents and has lived here since. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Enid Mennonite Brethren Church where she was active in all areas of the church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. David (Rosa) Toews of Kremlin, Mrs. Jacob (Anna) Regier of Enid. One brother, Jacob Voth Jr. and his wife Beverly of Kremlin. A sister-in-law Martha Voth of Enid and four nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Menno W. Voth and a brother in infancy, Jacob Henry Voth and her parents.

(Enid Okla. 1-7-96)

Grandpa Jacob A Voth had three siblings - see photo below: (L/R) **Anna (Mrs. Jake Thesman)**, **Cornelius (Uncle Chris; married Anna Benke)**, **Peter H (Uncle Pete Voth; married Clara Toews, my Dad's sister)**, and **Jacob A Voth** (married Elizabeth Schmidt).



My **Great-Grandpa Jacob J Voth family** and in-laws are shown below. From L: **Elizabeth (Schmidt) and Jacob A Voth (Arrel's grandparents)**, **Anna & Jacob Thesman** (Rita Sue & Jeri's grandparents), **Jacob J & Anna J Voth**, **Cornelius J (Uncle Chris) & Anna C Benke Voth** (parents of Clayton & Anna Lula), **Peter H & Clara Toews Voth** (parents of Johnny, Bob, Ernie & Dorothy). probably Government Springs Park Enid OK



Another page of [Great-Grandpa Jacob J & Anna J Voth family](#). Top, L/R, back, Jacob A, Peter H, Cornelius (Uncle Chris) Voth, Jacob Thesman; front, Elizabeth Schmidt Voth, Jacob J & Anna J Voth, Anna Voth Thesman.



[Jacob J and Anna J Voth family, S front of Uncle Pete's house](#)



Back row, l/r: Aunt Annie "Kloos" Voth?, Anna & Cornelius "Uncle Chris" Voth, G-Gma Anna J Voth, Jake & Anna Thesman, Peter H & Clara Voth, Jacob A & Elizabeth Voth, Rueben & Mose Thesman, Ernie Voth

Front Row l/r: Anna Lula & Bertha Ann Thesman, Dorothy, John, Bob, Clayton, Jake Jr, & Tena Voth.. Taken in front of [Uncle Pete Voth's S porch](#) on their farm, **ca 1940**

A nice pair of photos of the Jacob J Voth family having a picnic at Government Springs Park in Enid OK, Spring 1930 are shown below.



Clockwise from front center: Anna, Elizabeth, Tena Voth, Anna, Jacob V (Mose), Jacob J Thesman, Pete, Bob, Ernie, Clara Voth, Ruben Thesman, Menno Voth, Herb Thesman, Clayton Voth (standing), Cornelius (Chris; hard to see) and wife Anna Voth, Anna J and Jacob J Voth, Rosa and Jake Voth Jr. Jacob A Voth Sr presumably the photographer.



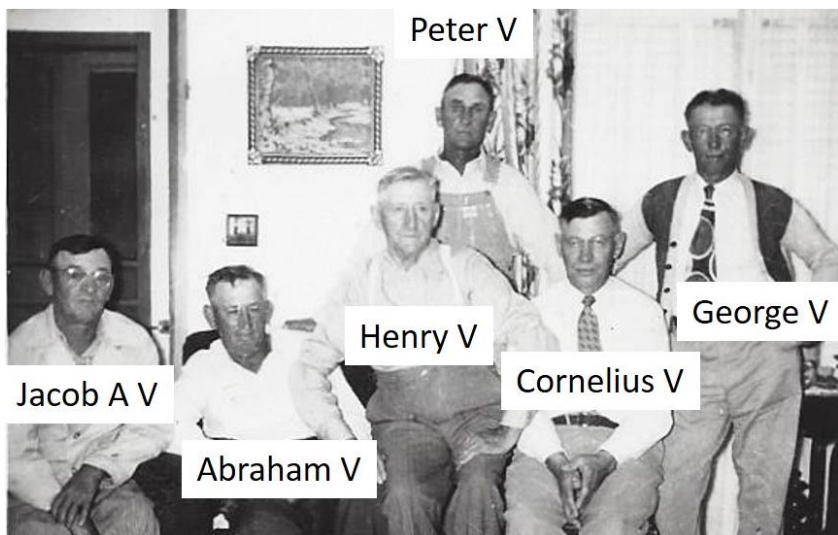
Grandkids Only, same day: back - Anna, Herb, Menno, **our Mom Rosa**, Ruben; front - Jake Voth, Bob, Tena, Ernie, Jake V (Mose) Thesman, Clayton, Anna Lula (baby in front, b October 1929)

The photo below, taken in September 1949 shows the three sons of my **G-Grandfather Jacob J Voth** (my **Grandfather Jacob A**, Peter H and Cornelius - "Uncle Chris") as well as 3 of their uncles, **Abraham**, **Henry** and **George Voth**. Abraham, Henry and George are brothers of **Jacob J Voth**. The second photo below shows IDs by Myron Toews and Pat Wolf (Oregon).



SEPTEMBER 1949

George Voth was long-time pastor of the N Enid MB Church, father of **John F & "Cloos" Voth** & grandfather to **Fritz Voth**. **Abraham Voth** is father of Kate Turell. Other siblings of Jacob J Voth (not shown) are **Peter**, **John** & sister **Tina Voth Berg**, grandmother to Al & Karen Berg.

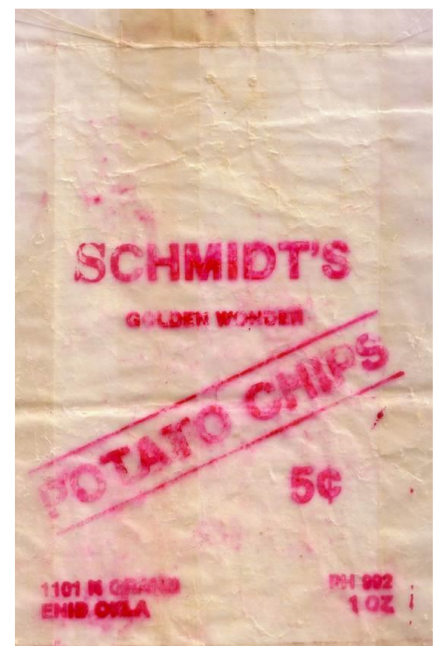


Grandma Elizabeth Schmidt Voth had six brothers and three sisters. -

Maria	10 December 1882 - 27 March 1947
Abraham A "AA"	9 April 1883 - 12 April 1969; changed name to Smith
Susannah	21 May 1885 - 31 October 1888 (died at age 3)
John A (Johann)	20 November 1889 - 30 April 1969
Henry (Heinrich)	18 March 1889 - 24 May 1971; aka "Andre"
Peter A	7 January 1891 - 2 August 1984; wife Edna
Jacob A	22 March 1893 - 23 October 1957
Anna	10 June 1894 - 3 January 1899 (died at age 4)
Elisabeth A	29 March 1896 - 24 December 1972
Nicholas A "Nick"	15 January 1898 - 24 July 1957

Below - **Grandma Elizabeth Voth with 5 of her 6 brothers** (Nick not present)

(L/R); **Pete, Elizabeth Voth, Henry, A.A., Jacob, John Schmidt**; photo taken at Jake's home at 1101 N Grand Avenue, Enid OK. My Mom's Uncle Jake Schmidt owned and operated **Schmidt's Potato Chips** from the walk-out basement of their home in Enid. Beverly Voth remembers Jake Schmidt being fondly referred to around Enid as "**Potato Schmidt.**" I remember visiting the "factory" under/behind their house with Mom and being treated to a small bag of delicious salty crisp chips!



Below, L/R: **Rev. Abraham A "AA" Schmidt, John, Elizabeth (Voth), Henry, and Jake Schmidt,** shown at Jake's home at 1101 N Grand Avenue, Enid OK. Date unknown



A later (and clearer) photo of four of **Grandma Elizabeth Voth's six brothers** is below: (L/R), **John, Elizabeth (Voth), Henry, Abraham & Jacob Schmidt.** N Enid MB Church; 23 August 1953



Below (L/R): Rosa & Menno Voth; again a few years later; Tena and Jacob A Voth Jr with their dog.



Rosa was born 15 September 1918, Menno 6 June 1917, Tena 27 April 1926, and Jacob (Jr) 23 January 1928.

Below: Menno & Rosa Voth on a scooter (L) and with the watermelon harvest (R)



One of Arrel's favorite family photos - taken at mealtime in Grandpa Jacob A Voth's dining room of their first house on Jacob J/Jacob A Voth homeplace. Clockwise from back center: **Grandpa Jacob A Voth, Rosa Voth Toews, David A Toews, Martha & Menno Voth, Anna Voth Regier, Grandma Elizabeth Voth, Tena Voth.** Someone had to take the picture, and as was often the case, it was Anna's husband, **Jake Regier.** Note the heavy door casements with ornate carved corner blocks and crank telephone on the wall behind Grandpa Voth.



Right: Grandparents **Elizabeth & Jacob A Voth**
(date and location unknown)



Arrel Toews (19 mos) on Grandpa Voth's Ford tractor, in front of Grandpa's wash house/summer kitchen, with **Grandma Elizabeth Voth (L)**, and with disinterested chicken (R); both 26 Feb 1950



Below: **Jacob A Voth Sr** in the kitchen of their first home on the Voth farm, **Elizabeth Voth** in the kitchen of their new home on the Voth farm, and **Elizabeth, Tena, & Jacob A Voth** in the flower garden S of their farm home.



Below (L) aerial view of **Jacob A Voth home-place** with **original home**; (R) aerial view of Jacob A Voth home-place with **"new" home, built ca 1956** (our house visible at upper R).

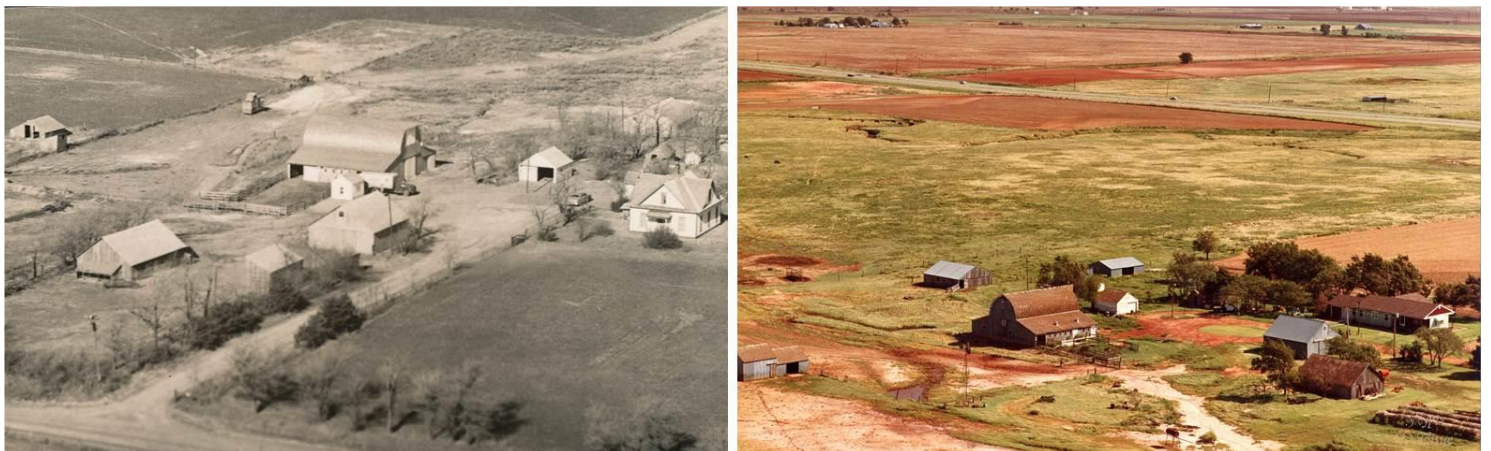


Photo below is of **Jacob A and Elizabeth Voth family**: back, L/R, **David A & Rosa M Toews** (my parents), Jacob and Anna Regier, Menno and Martha Voth, Jacob A, Jr and Beverly Voth; front, Tena, Elizabeth and Jacob A Voth Sr; taken at Meadowlake Park, Enid OK, July 1963.



Photo below taken for **Grandparents Jacob A and Elizabeth's 50th wedding anniversary in 1966**: back, L/R, Jacob & Anna Regier, Menno & Martha Voth, Beverly and Jacob A Voth Jr, my Dad, David A Toews; front, Tena Voth, Elizabeth and Jacob A Voth Sr, & my Mom, Rosa Toews.



Entire Jacob A Voth family portrait for their 50th wedding anniversary, 1966

Back, L/R, Jacob & Anna Regier, Galen, David A & Rosa Toews, Menno & Martha Voth, Richard Koehn, Beverly & Jacob A Voth, Jr; middle, Myron & Arrel Toews, Eugene Voth; front, Jeanette & Kathy Regier, Tena, Elizabeth & Jacob A Voth Sr, Patty Koehn & daughter Lynette, Pamela & Steve Voth.



Jacob A Voth family relaxing at a resort, location & date unknown; L/R, Anna, Elizabeth, Jacob Jr, Jacob Sr, Rosa & Tena Voth.



Below: Grandparents Jacob A & Elizabeth Voth in their home with grandchildren (L/R): Eugene Voth, Myron Toews, Galen Toews holding Jeanette Regier, Patty Voth, Arrel Toews, Kathy Regier. Christmas, 1954

[same sitting; different cameras]



Christmas 1954 in the living room of our Voth Grandparents' farm home near Kremlin OK.
Arrel Toews, Elizabeth and Jacob A Voth, Eugene Voth.



The importance of eating together and family gatherings in general should be obvious. We always had Thanksgiving and Christmas family feasts together and many more as well.

Photos below are from the Voth Family Thanksgiving, 1957 or '58. (L) My grandparents Elisabeth & Jake Voth, with Grandpa Voth contemplating his turkey leg; (R) Menno Voth, Jake Regier, Grandparents Voth



JA & Elizabeth Voth grandchildren in the breakfast noon at JA Voth home, Thanksgiving 1957-8. Clockwise from I: **Myron & Arrel Toews, Eugene Voth, Galen Toews, Kathleen & Jeanette Regier, Patty Voth, Steve Voth**. Steve is about 2 years old and his sister Pam, born Dec 1958, is not shown. From Beverly Voth family slide collection



Baby picture of Grandfather **Jacob A Voth, Sr**, Aurora NE, ca 1892-3; **Grandchildren of Jacob A & Elizabeth Voth** - back, Arrel, Galen & Myron Toews, Kathy Regier; front, Steve Voth, Jeanette Regier, Pamela Voth. September 1964



Below: (L) **JA Voth grandchildren, Christmas at Gpa Voth's** - Eugene Voth, Myron Toews, Kathy Regier, Arrel & Galen Toews, **early 1950s**; (R) **Easter at our home** - Eugene Voth, Arrel Toews, Patty Voth, Galen Toews, Elaine Schmidt, Kathy Regier, Myron Toews, Paul Schmidt, **mid-1950s**)



Grandchildren of Jacob A & Elizabeth Voth, on the front porch of "new" farm home: back; Eugene Voth, Galen Toews; middle, Kathy Regier, Arrel & Myron Toews; front, Jeanette Regier, Pam & Steve Voth. (ca 1960)



Below: Jacob A & Elizabeth Schmidt Voth grandchildren: l/r, Galen Toews, Kathy & Jeanette Regier, Arrel Toews, Pamela, Eugene, Steve & Patty Voth, Myron Toews
Christmas,
1960



Grandparents Jacob A & Elizabeth Voth with Tabor College graduates Arrel Toews (L) and Kathy Regier (R), May 1970. Note also at L back; half of Myron Toews, Steve, Pam, Beverly & Jacob A Voth Jr, visiting with Tabor President Roy Just, Beverly's first cousin. Behind Grandma Voth, Professor (& Rev) Clarence Hiebert visiting with Bill & Helena Toews.



Below (L/R): David Toews, Jake Voth Jr, Anna Voth Regier, Tena Voth, Rosa Voth Toews, location/date unknown.

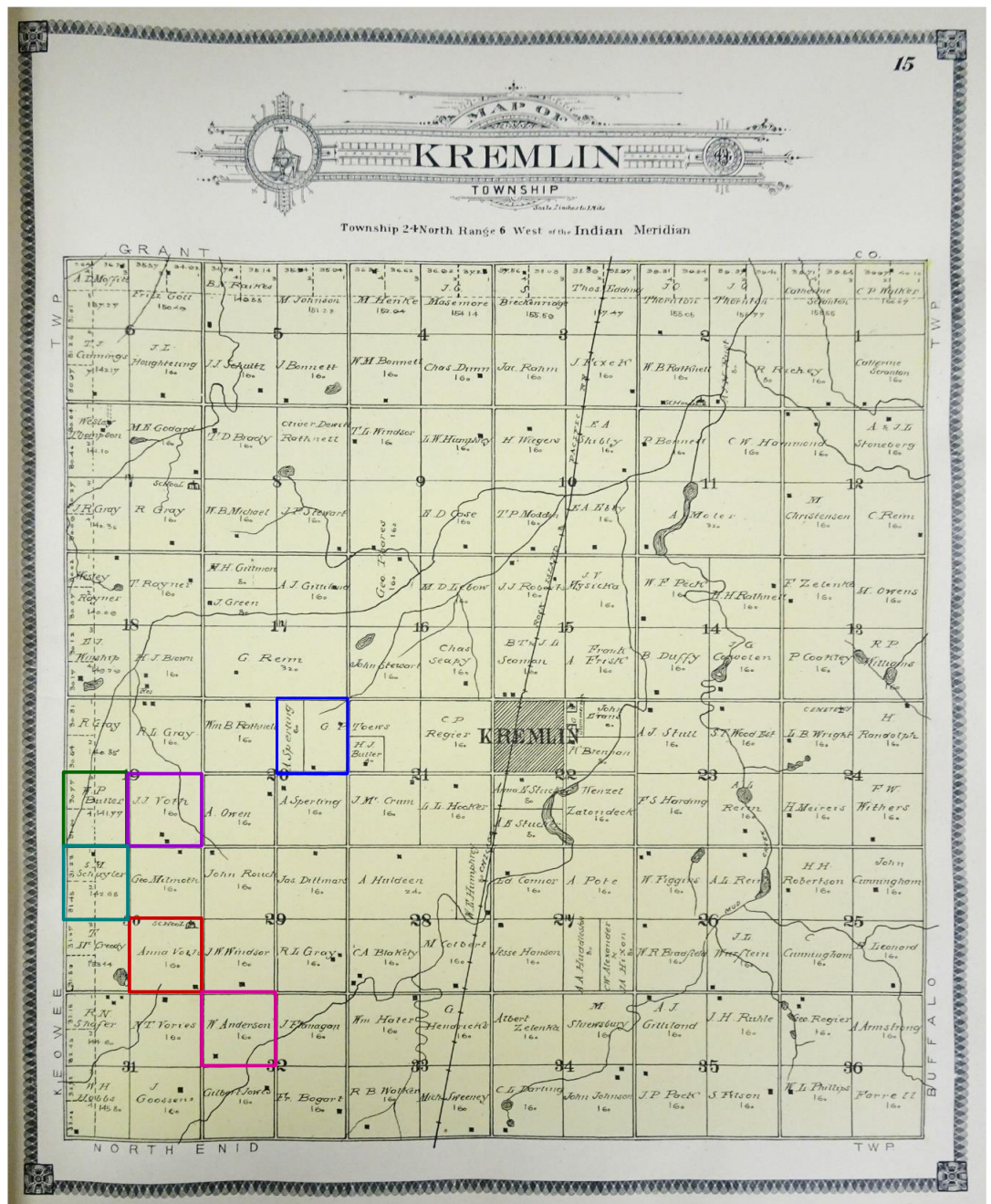


The Homes and Farmsteads of Jacob A and Elizabeth Schmidt Voth

The farm home on **Jacob and Elizabeth Voth's** farmstead (top) and their farmstead in winter (bottom). In top photo, note the cellar entrance L of windmill and chickens, a bicycle, and the cistern just L of the kitchen entrance. In lower photo, note auto in garage and wash house/summer kitchen and outhouse between windmill and the house. This house and farmstead was also the home-place of Grandpa Jacob A Voth's parents, **Jacob J and Anna J Toews Voth**. This was the first home of Grandparents Voth we knew as kids.



Great-grandparents **Jacob J and Anna J Voth** (Grandpa Jacob A Voth's parents) and their parents, our **GG-Grandparents Jacob and Anna Voth**, all moved from Hamilton County NE to near Kremlin OK in **1901**. The Jacob and Anna Voth family, including son Jacob J, had immigrated from **Molotschna, S Russia** to **Beaver Precinct, Hamilton County NE** in **1879** - see **"Ancestors of Arrel Toews"** for details and 1888 plat map (p 71) of Beaver Precinct, Hamilton County NE for **locations of Voth, Schmidt, and Toews farms in NE**. Both Jacob and Jacob J purchased farms near Kremlin in 1901 - **GG-Grandfather Jacob** the farm that became the farmstead of "Uncle Jake and Aunt Anna" Thesman (Jacob A Voth's sister), and **G-Grandfather Jacob J** what became the homeplace of our grandparents Jacob A and Elizabeth Voth. Jacob J purchased his farm from William Bentley for \$2000 on 4 April 1901. **Myron Toews** has documents and details of all family land purchases and sales. The **1906 Kremlin Township map** (Ogle Garfield County OK Atlas) below shows the locations of the various Voth farms as well as our Toews homeplace.



George P/David A Toews

Jacob J/Jacob A Voth

Butler Place

Houghtaling Place

Jacob Voth

2nd Jacob J Voth Place

G-Grandparents Jacob J and Anna J Voth (Grandpa Jacob A Voth's parents) lived in the above house from 1901 until 1925 - presumably Jacob J either built or had the house built soon after purchasing the land in 1901. In 1925, they "retired" and moved to the farmstead we knew as Bob and Carol (currently Dean) Voth's 1 mile S and $\frac{1}{2}$ E of the Jacob A Voth farmstead (see photo below). Jacob J built this house about 1925; presumably the photo below shows Jacob J and Anna J Voth in front of their new home.



Actually, the **first home of Jacob A and Elizabeth Voth** was on the "**Butler Place**" directly W of the Jacob J/Anna J Voth homeplace. Grandpa Jacob A Voth built this house for his new bride Elizabeth in about 1916, interestingly while Mr WP Butler still owned the farm! It was finally sold by the Butler family to Jake and Beverly Voth in the 1980s. When the Jacob J Voths moved into their new home in 1925, grandparents Jacob A and Elizabeth Voth moved $\frac{1}{2}$ mile E into their parent's former home. This is where they lived when we were growing up.

Photos of the Butler house under construction in 1916, in the mid-1950s in the snow, and later (1970-80s) when Jake Voth Jr was farming this land and raising Hampshire sheep, are shown on the following page.

Menno, Rosa and **Anna** were all born in this Butler Place house. In addition to **Jake and Elizabeth**, it was also the first home of their youngest son **Jacob A Voth Jr and wife Beverly**; their son and his wife, **Steve and Shirley Unruh Voth**, first lived in a mobile home on this homesite (1979-80), between two elm trees planted by Beverly's father, **Ferd Hamm**. This house was moved to Lahoma in the early 1970s. Steve and Shirley just moved into their new home very near or upon the footprint of this "Butler House" (August 2022).



"First" Jacob A Voth home we knew (built ca 1901 by Jacob J Voth) is shown at top. Below that, the "new" second home completed ca July 1956. Note the old house still standing N of the new house.



"New" Jacob A Voth farm home a few years after completion (R), and their final home (1964 onwards) at 706 Mistletoe Drive in Enid OK (R & bottom). Note colorful flower beds instead of lawn on the farm. Grandpa Voth's backyard in Enid was entirely flower beds as well.



[Martha Warkentin Voth](#), wife of Menno Voth (our "Aunt Mart;" see below), was an accomplished artist - she painted many pictures of Grandpa Voth's irises and other subjects. Two of my favorites are [The Jacob A Voth Farmstead in Winter](#) and [The Butler Place Barn](#), shown below. Both are in the home of Beverly Voth.



Menno W and Martha Warkentin Voth

Menno William Voth was born on 6 June 1917 near Kremlin OK, the oldest of 7 children of Jacob A and Elizabeth Schmidt Voth. On 29 June 1941, he married Martha J Warkentin in the N Enid MB Church. **Martha "Mart" Warkentin** was born 11 July 1921 in Joes, Yuma County, CO, the daughter of Abraham and Katharina L "Katie" Warkentin. In 1924, Mart's parents moved the family to Enid OK. The Warkentin's rented the same farm (see below) that Menno and Mart would later call home, moving there when Mart was 2 years old. She grew up on this farm.



For the first four years after marrying, Menno taught at Sunny Slope (1-room) School near Nine Mile Canyon NW of N Enid.

They then lived on a farm NE of N Enid OK (SW/4-21-23N-6W) - 1 mi E and $\frac{1}{2}$ S of the US-81/Carrier Road intersection (Chisholm Trail monument). Menno operated a dairy for a number of years, and he also had a pear orchard. I remember helping Gene and sometimes his cousin Dennis Warkentin pick the pears and then wrap them in newspapers for ripening in Menno's round-top shed. Menno also had a hay-baling operation. Aunt Mart worked for many years at **Bea's Bakery** in Enid and also helped Menno with his dairy farming and pear orchard. She also worked for 10 years in the Garfield County Clerk's Office. Together, they also operated a Christian book and Bible store in Enid for several years as well. After Menno passed away, Mart spent her final years enjoying life at Golden Oaks Village in Enid. In her later years, she was an accomplished artist, working in both oils and watercolors.

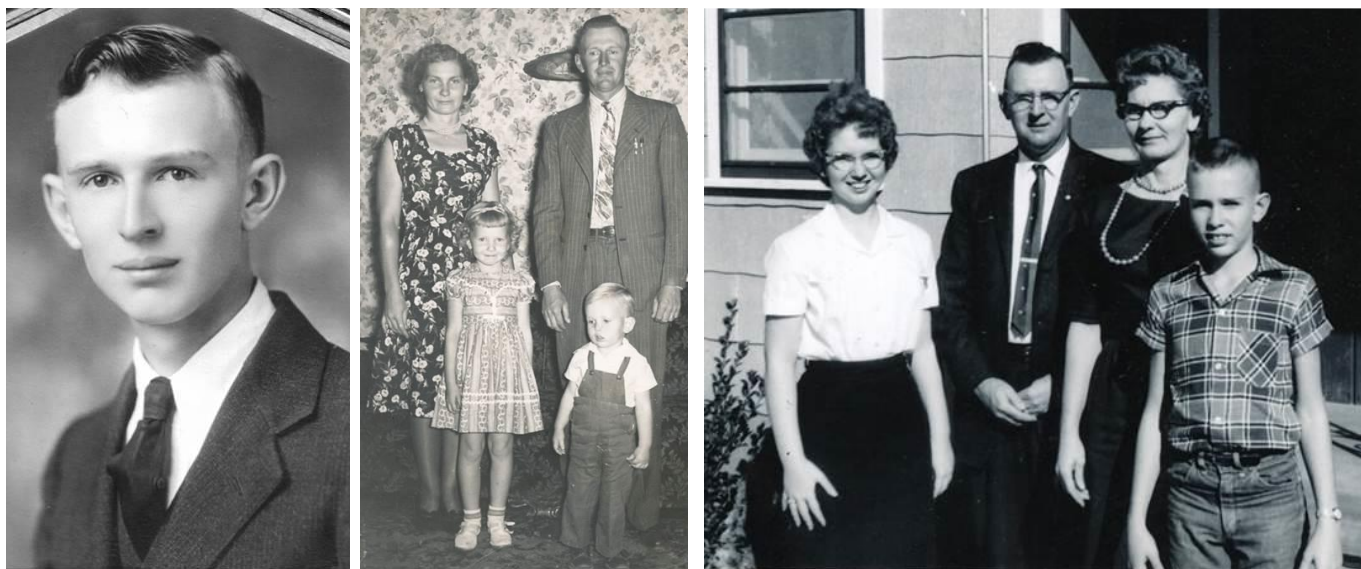
Uncle Menno died in Enid OK on 7 December 1976 at age 59, and "Aunt Mart" died in Enid OK on 12 May 2013 at age 91. Both [Menno](#) and [Mart](#) are buried in the N Enid MB Cemetery.



Below, L/R: [Menno's](#) farm and house with oil well derrick in back (1964), [Menno](#) with his loaded pear trees in 1971, and [Menno](#) baling alfalfa hay on the Houghtaling Farm.



Below: [Menno Voth](#) senior picture (1936), [Menno Voth](#) family photo ca 1949, and another family photo in front of Grandpa Voth's house, taken November 1960.



Uncle Menno and Aunt Mart had 2 children: [Patricia Lynette "Patty"](#) (DOB 9 May 1943; husband is [Richard Koehn](#)) and Eugene Darrel "[Gene](#)" (DOB 27 May 1947; wife is [Karen Ann Haffner](#)). [Patty](#) died on 30 May 2012 in Enid OK; she is buried in the N Enid MB Cemetery. Her husband Richard, a mostly retired automotive, motorcycle, and ATV mechanic, lives in Ringwood OK. Gene and Karen live in Macomb MI.



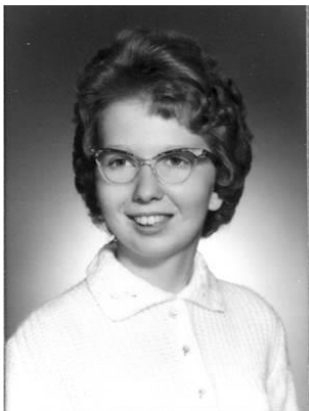
Below: [Menno Voth](#) on Jacob A Voth porch, Enid OK (date unknown); [Rosa and Menno Voth](#) in their [Uncle George Voth's garden](#), ca early 1920s.



School photos of Eugene and Patty Voth (Koehn) are at R.



Below, L/R: [Patty Voth Senior](#) picture; [four Voth generations](#) ([Eugene](#) holding son [Ryan](#), [Grandpa Jacob A Voth, Sr](#), [Menno Voth, 1975](#)); [Eugene Voth family](#) ([Ryan](#), [Eugene](#), [Karen](#), [Jesse](#), date unknown).



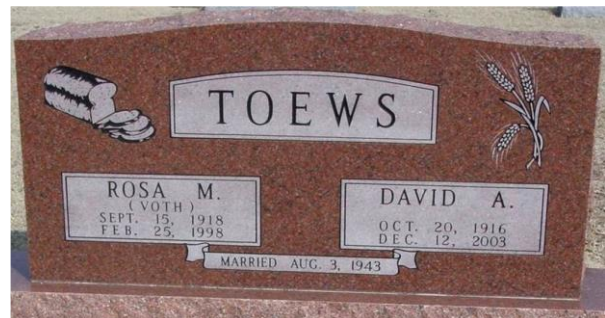
David Abraham and Rosa Marie Voth Toews

Note: this section is redundant with identical material in the George P and Anna Toews Family Information file

David Abraham Toews, my father, was born on 20 October 1916 on our family farm ~1.5 mi W of Kremlin OK (NE/4-20-24N-6W), the youngest of six children. His wife (my mother), **Rosa Marie Voth Toews**, was born 15 September 1918 on the **Butler Place** (SW/4-19-24-6; N across from our **Houghtaling Farm**) near Kremlin OK. David and Rosa were married on 3 August 1943 in the **North Enid Mennonite Brethren Church**. They lived most all of their married life on the George P Toews home-place 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of Kremlin OK.

David farmed most of his life, including renting farms from Uncle Henry and Uncle Pete Toews. He raised wheat, silage, cattle, and registered Hampshire sheep, and also drove a bus for Kremlin School, while Mom was homemaker and legal secretary for **Belcher, Belcher & Collins** in Enid OK.

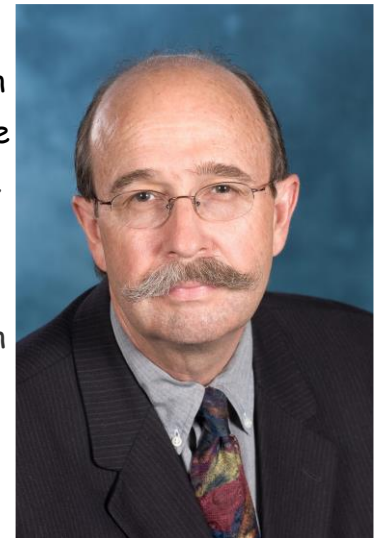
David passed from this earth at age of 87 on 12 December 2003, and Rosa on 25 February, 1998 at age 79, both in Enid OK. [Rosa](#) and [David](#) are buried in the [North Enid MB cemetery](#).



Below, L/R: [David & Rosa wedding](#) and [50th Anniversary](#) photos.

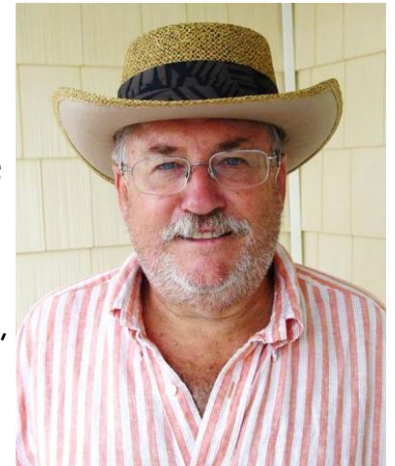


They had 3 sons: **Galen Bruce** was born on 26 November 1945 in Colorado Springs CO and he died on 12 October 2011 at age 65 in Ann Arbor MI - he is buried in the **Valley Brook Cemetery** in Breckenridge CO. Galen served as Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Michigan from 1987 until his death. He married **Anita Marie Regehr**, daughter of **Henry and Tillie Suderman Regehr** 12 August 1967 in San Jose CA. Anita was born 28 June 1946 in Chicago IL. Anita is retired and resides in Ann Arbor MI.



They have one son, **Mark Galen**, married to **Regan Graves**. Mark and Regan have 3 children, **Henry Galen** (DOB 11 April 2006), **Lucas Ames** (11 September 2009), and **Zadie Matilda** (15 March 2011). They reside in Brooklyn NY.

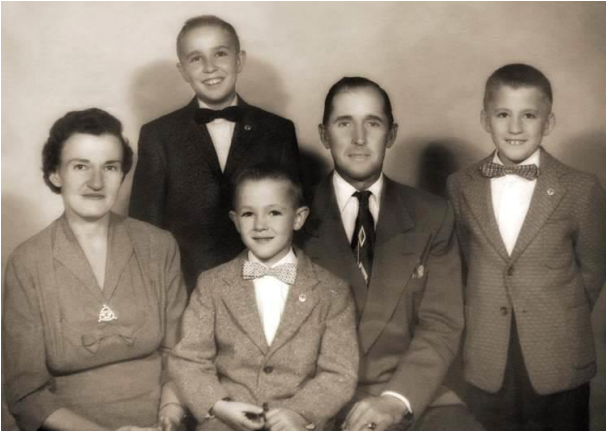
Arrel Dwayne was born in St. Mary's Hospital Annex, Enid OK on 22 July 1948. On 19 June 1971, he married **Kathy (Kathleen Kay) Neufeld** (daughter of **Leon and Viola Esther Fadenrecht Neufeld**) in Balko OK. Kathy was born 27 August 1949 in Perryton TX. Arrel was at the UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill NC (now Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry) for 38 years. Both Kathy and Arrel are now retired and live in Carrboro NC. Arrel & Kathy have 2 daughters, **Erin Lynne** (born 28 September 1985 in Durham, NC; married to **David Austin Lemon**) and **Laura Kathleen** (born 18 December 1985 in Durham, NC; married to **Barron Martin**). Erin and Dave have 2 sons, **Austin Jacob** (DOB 9 August 2010) and **Benjamin Arrel** (DOB 12 May 2013). Erin and Dave reside in Crozet VA and Laura and Barron in Bethesda MD. **Barron Martin III** was born 18 May 2021 and **Elizabeth "Ellie" Kathleen Martin** born 28 March 2023.



Myron Lee was born 15 May 1951 at St Mary's Hospital Annex in Enid, OK. On 20 May 1972, he married **Barbara Franz** in Wichita KS. Barbara was born 10 February 1952 in Wichita KS, daughter of **Menno B and Velma Thiessen Franz**. Myron was Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha NE, recently retired. They have a daughter **Annie Elizabeth** (DOB 8 June 1978; married to **Daniel Johnson**) and a son **Alexander Jacob** (DOB 1 October 1982). Annie and Dan have a son **Riley David** (DOB 1 June 2009) and a daughter **Elise May** (DOB 15 January 2013). The entire Myron Toews family currently resides in Omaha NE.



Photos below: (L) **David A Toews family** (ca 1955); (R) our home until 2 May 1961, when it was heavily damaged by a tornado and had to be demolished.



Below, L/R: **Arrel, Galen, Myron** in 1953; our new home on the Kremlin blacktop, completed 1963.



50th Anniversary family photo (L/R): Anita, Mark Myron (& Mitzi), Barbara, Erin, Annie, Alex, David, Rosa, Arrel, Kathy, Laura, & Galen Toews, in front of our "new" house on the Kremlin blacktop. (August 1993)



David A Toews family at North Topsail Beach NC, Summer, 2013: L/R, Annie Johnson holding daughter Elise, Dan Johnson, Barbara Toews with Riley Johnson in front, Myron, Kathy, Mark, & Arrel Toews with Lucas (hat) and Henry Toews in front, Alex Toews, Erin Lemon holding son Benjamin Arrel, David Lemon holding son Austin Jacob, Laura Toews, Regan Toews holding daughter Zadie Toews, Anita Toews



Below: **Arrel & Kathy Toews family at the beach on Topsail Island NC, June 2017:**
left (L/R): Dave, Benjamin, Erin & Austin Lemon, Kathy, Arrel & Laura Toews, Barron Martin;
right: Erin Lemon, Kathy, Laura, & Arrel Toews.



Anna Elizabeth Voth and Jacob William Regier

Anna Elizabeth Voth was born 4 January 1921 near Kremlin OK. On 3 May 1946, she married Jacob William Regier, born 6 December 1923, the son of Isaac I and Sarah Rempel Regier, in the N Enid MB Church.

Uncle Jake was a prosperous hard-working farmer all of his life and Aunt Anna a devoted mother, wife, and excellent cook - her swiebachs rivaled those of Grandma Voth's, always my favorite. The Jake Regier family first lived on a farm ("Toews Place"; SW/4-13-23N-6W) 4 mi E of the US-81/Carrier Road intersection (Chisholm Trail marker). This is the road that goes past the N Enid MB Church & Cemetery site. They later moved 1 mi W to another farm (SW/4-14-23N-6W), also on Carrier Road. I have many fond memories of visiting both homesteads, the insides of both houses and barns, and playing with Kathy and Jeanette, plus stacking hay bales in Uncle Jake's barn.



The first home of Jake and Anna Regier and family (aka Toews Place) in winter is shown below. This was the home and farmstead we frequently visited with Mom and Dad when we were young.



Jake and Anna had two daughters, **Kathleen Ann** (DOB 30 July 1948; married to **Lyle Harold Kleopfer**) and **Jeanette Ileen** (DOB 11 December 1954; married to **Lyle James Ratzlaff**). Kathy and Lyle currently live in Broken Arrow OK, and Jeanette and Lyle in Pottsville AR.

Below, L/R: **Jake Regier family** at our home-place (Jake holding Jeanette, Kathy, Anna);
Mother's Day photo inside their home, date unknown



Below: (L) **Kathy Regier, Galen & Arrel Toews** with the donkey we inherited from Uncle Henry (ask me how he came to own it!) in front of our big white barn on our home-place (ca 1956/7);
(R) **Jake and Anna Regier** at their wedding with Maid of Honor, **Rubena (Mrs. Vernon) Wiebe** and Best Man **Jacob A Voth Jr.** May 1946



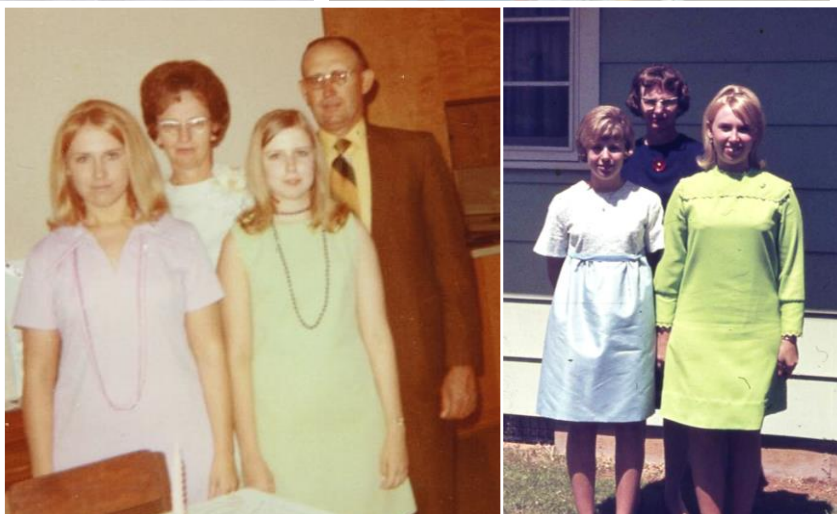
Below (L/R): **Kathy, Anna, Jeanette Regier with Grandma Elizabeth Voth** at the Voth home-place (S side of house) on Mother's Day (1961); **Kathy (7th grade) and Jeanette Regier (1st grade)** heading to Pleasant Vale School on first day of school, August 1960; **Jeanette and Kathy Regier** in their new Easter dresses.



Below, all in 1961: **Jeanette and Kathy Regier**, Easter; **Kathy, Jeanette & mother Anna Regier** at the Great Salt Plains near Jet OK; **Kathy, Anna & Jeanette Regier**, Christmas.



L: **Jake Regier family, May 1971**
 R: **Jeanette, Anna & Kathy Regier** in front of their second home (1967).



Below (L): [Uncle Jake Regier's](#) Massey-Harris combine and Chevy pickup during harvest; (R): Jake's John Deere tractor with tandem plows on the yard of their second home-place; their home is at back L.



Jake died 5 August 2004 in Enid OK at age 80, and Anna died 5 July 2006 in Enid OK at age 85. [Jake](#) and [Anna](#) are both buried in the [N Enid MB Cemetery](#).



Jacob H Voth

Jacob H Voth was born 6 September 1924 near Kremlin OK, and he died on 7 September 1924 at age 1 day. **Jacob H** is buried in the N Enid MB Cemetery. I know nothing more concerning the circumstances of his very short life and subsequent sad death.

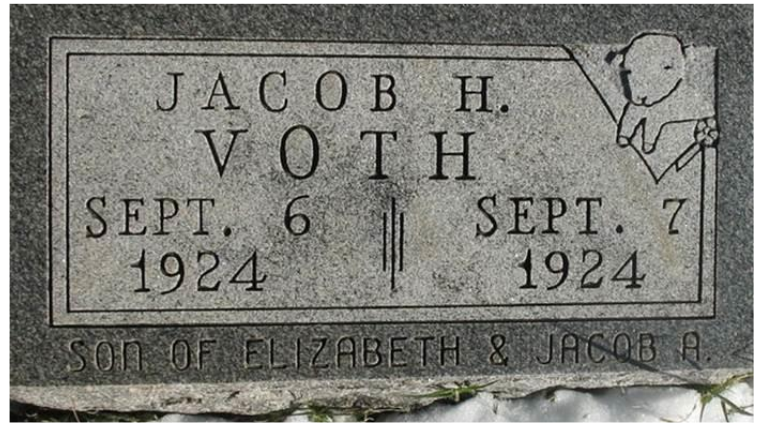
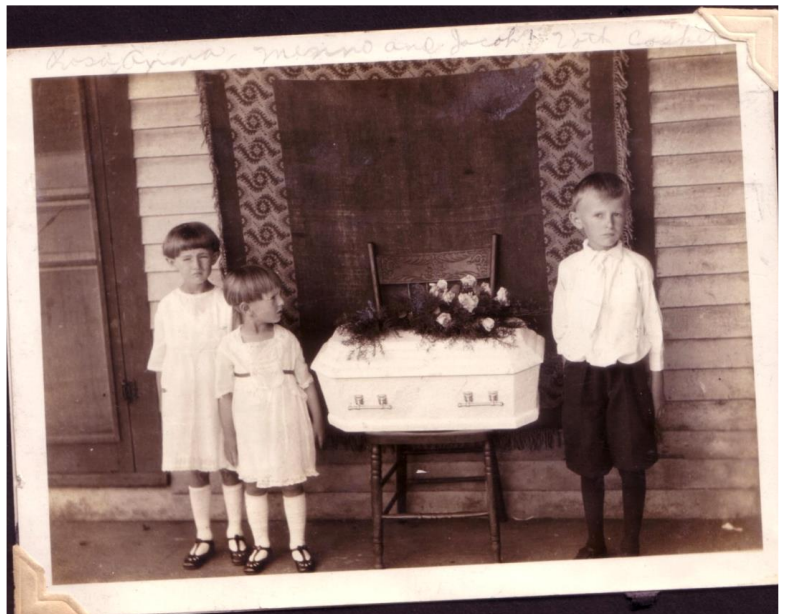


Photo at R: **Rosa, Anna, & Menno Voth** with the casket of their brother **Jacob H Voth** on the porch of the Voth home-place, **1924**.



Below: Baby **Jacob H Voth** in his casket on the porch of the Voth home-place, **1924**. This is among the saddest photos I have ever seen.



Tena M Voth

Tena M Voth was born on 27 April 1926 on the Jacob A Voth farm SE of Kremlin OK, the second youngest of 7 children. She lived her entire life with her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Voth. She took in washing and ironing and even had a large Maytag mangle electric ironer in the utility room of their farm home. She also enjoyed embroidery, crocheting, and other sewing activities. She cared for many children, Arrel and Myron Toews thankfully included, both on the farm and later in Enid. Myron and I have lots of fond memories of staying at Grandma and Grandpa Voth's houses on the farm, spending time with Tena, playing upstairs in the old house and in the basement of the new one.

Tena died in Fairview OK on 5 January 1996 at age 70; she is buried alongside her parents in the **N Enid MB Cemetery**.

Below, L/R: **Tena Voth** Senior photo; church directory photo; doing her embroidery.



Below, L, **Jacob Jr, Elizabeth and Jacob Sr, Tena Voth** in their farm home; R, **Tena, Jacob A Sr, and Elizabeth Voth** in front of their home at 706 Mistletoe Drive, Enid OK.



Jacob Abraham (Jr) & Beverly Hamm Voth

Jacob Abraham Voth ("Jr") was born on 23 January 1928 on the Jacob A Voth farm SE of Kremlin OK, the youngest of 7 children. On 14 October 1951, he married Beverly Jane Hamm, daughter of Ferdinand and Marguerite Just Hamm, in the Fairview OK MB Church.



Jake Jr worked beside Grandpa Voth in his farming and dairying operations and took over entirely when Grandpa retired in 1964/5. They originally lived on the Butler Place, across from the Houghtaling Farm, then moved to Grandpa Voth's 2nd house on the Voth homeplace in 1964 when Grandma, Grandpa & Tena moved to Enid. Like his father, Jake Jr was a hardworking well-respected farmer/dairyman known for his deep plowing furrows and laser-straight wheat sowing rows. He continued the tradition of maintaining the excellent and highly respected [Voth Red Poll herd](#), eventually passing this legacy on to his daughter [Pam](#) and son-in-law [Dennis Schoenhals](#), as well as to their two sons, [Ty](#) and [Trev](#). Along with our family, Jake, son [Steve](#), & daughter [Pam](#) raised and exhibited registered Hampshire sheep. Beverly worked in Enid at Newman's on the Square, then later at the Garfield County Assessor's Office from 1972-1995, then finally at the Bank of Kremlin for 10 years (1996-2006). Jake worked at the County Assessor's Office for several years as well.

Jake and Beverly have a son, [Steven Scott](#) (DOB 13 April 1955; married to [Shirley Diane Unruh](#)) and a daughter [Pamela Jane "Pam"](#) (DOB 14 December 1958; married to [Dennis Schoenhals](#)). Steve and Shirley lived near Reedley CA until 2021 (new home on the Butler Place) and Pam and Dennis live on the Voth homeplace, just E of Beverly's home.

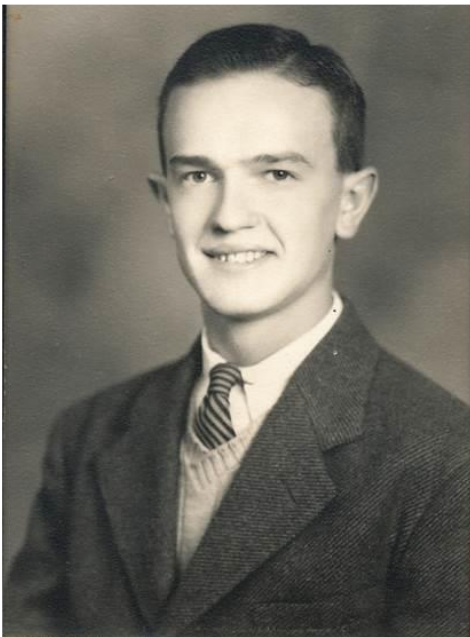
Jake died on 27 April 2013 in the Voth family home near Kremlin OK at age 85. [Jake](#) is buried in the N Enid MB Cemetery. Aunt Beverly still lives on the Jacob A Voth Sr homeplace farm.

It is an [OK Centennial Farm](#), recognizing farmed this land for over 100 years; [Jake & Steve](#) on their Case tractors, both on next page, L/R.





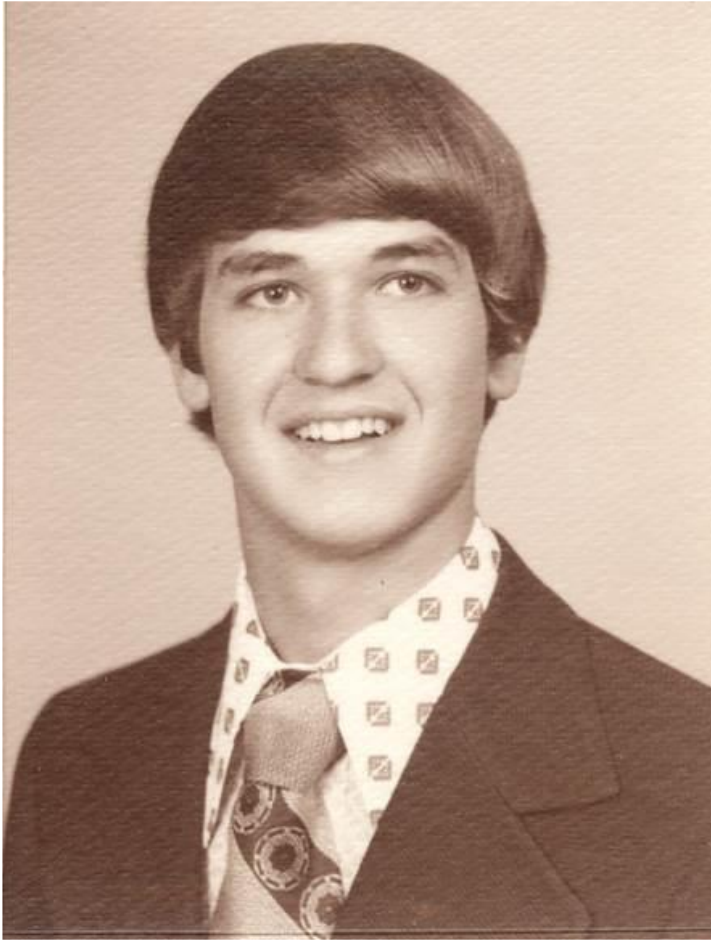
Below: [Jacob A Voth Jr Senior photo \(1945\)](#); [Jake & Beverly all dressed up](#); [Jacob A Voth Jr family \(Jake, Steve, unhappy Pam, Beverly\)](#); last 2 photos taken November 1960.



Below: [Jacob A Voth Jr & Sr in their new milk barn \(1949\)](#) and [Steve and Pam Voth with their registered Hampshire show lambs](#).



Senior pictures of Steven Scott (1973) and Pamela Jane (1975) Voth:



Below: Steve Voth with his new cowboy boots and Christmas book at Grandpa Voth's place, Christmas 1956; his 1959-60 school picture; a glamour shot; and with his prize-winning Hampshire lamb, Garfield County Fair, 1968.



Below: Pam Voth modeling her Mom's Party Class-winning entry in the Garfield County Home Extension Dress Revue (1961), Pam dressed for another occasion, date and location unknown, and Pam getting a perm from Opal Henke in her beauty shop NW of Kremlin OK (June 1963).



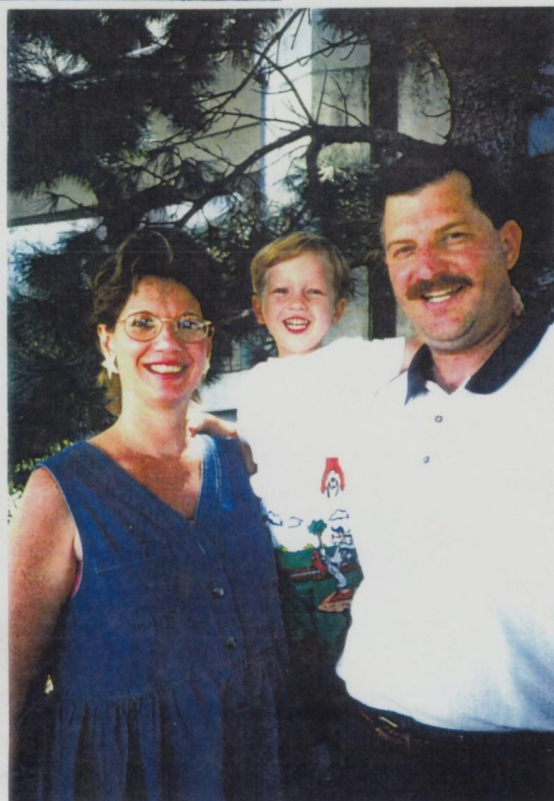
Below: Steve, Shirley & Stephanie Voth posing at their Butler Place home for a Christmas photo (L), and Jake and Beverly Voth wedding party, 14 October 1951 (R). Matron of Honor Marcella Wiens (Beverly's sister) and Best Man Menno Voth (brother of Jake), bridesmaids are twins Doris & Dorothy Voth (Beverly's friends and distant cousins of Jake), with Cathy Rusch (Beverly's cousin) flower girl.



Collage of photos of **Jake Voth Jr family** prepared in 1995 for 50th reunion of Kremlin High School Class of 1945, organized by classmates Jake Voth Jr and Leora Rempel Thesman.



Steven, Shirley,
Stefanie & Jacob Voth



Dennis, Pamela & Ty
Schoenhals

Below: (L) [Jake and Beverly Voth](#) at the Hunter Volunteer Fire Department Calf Fry Supper in June 2013; note one of the infamous [Simpson Brothers](#) behind Jake (red cap). (R) [Jake and Beverly](#) in our home on the Houghtaling Farm, June 2011.



Below: [Jake and Beverly Voth](#), June 2012 (photo taken following Patty Koehn funeral).



I hope this document and my efforts to produce it will inspire readers, including especially any living relatives featured in this story, to provide me with additional &/or more accurate information, additional photos, and any suggestions for revisions and improvements. I will always greatly appreciate any input from others.

I am deeply grateful to my brother **Myron Toews**, who has supplied many photos and genealogical and other vital information, as well as valuable wisdom and advice. This work would not be possible without his help. **It is his family too!** Thanks, Myron!

Arrel Toews

16 July 2018

updated 3 October 2023

Carrboro, NC

<https://www.acrevalue.com/plat-map/OK/Garfield/> - this is a link to maps and legal descriptions of land in Garfield County OK. Perhaps this will be useful to some readers.

The following three pages (49-51) contain a listing of the **descendants of Jacob A and Elizabeth Schmidt Voth** assembled from **Brother's Keeper/GRANDMA** and supplied by my brother **Myron Toews**.

For archival purposes, **page 52** contains **funeral programs** for **Jacob and Elizabeth Voth**.

Descendants of Jacob Albert & Elizabeth A Schmidt Voth

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- 1 **Jacob Albert Voth** b. 27 Mar 1892 Henderson NE d. 26 Sep 1980 Enid OK
 m. **Elisabeth A. Schmidt** m. 1 Jun 1916 Enid OK b. 29 Mar 1896 Henderson NE
 d. 24 Dec 1972 Enid OK
 [daughter of Abraham Heinrich Schmidt and Katharina Johann Regier]
- 2 **Menno William Voth** b. 6 Jun 1917 Kremlin OK d. 7 Dec 1976
 m. **Martha Warkentin** m. 29 Jun 1941 Enid OK b. 11 Jul 1921 Joes CO
 d. 7 Sep 2013 Enid OK
 [daughter of Abraham Warkentin and Katharina L. "Katie" Braun]
- 3 **Patricia (Patty) Lynette Voth** b. 9 May 1943 Enid OK d. 30 May 2012 Enid OK
 m. **Richard Earl Koehn** m. 22 Sep 1962 Enid OK b. 27 May 1942 Ringwood OK
 [son of Paul E. Koehn and Marie Anna Kahn]
- 4 **Baby Girl Koehn** b. 21 Jan 1965 d. 21 Jan 1965
- 4 **Lynette Eileen Koehn** b. 23 Apr 1966 Enid OK
 m. **Forest Wayne Crow** m. 17 Oct 1986 Enid OK b. 2 Nov 1966
- 5 **Jennifer Marie Crow** b. 5 Oct 1994 OK City OK
- 4 **Michael Earl Koehn** b. 2 Mar 1969 Enid OK
 m. **Jamie Marie Ratzlaff** m. 4 Nov 1989 Enid, OK b. 14 Jan 1970 Enid OK
 [daughter of James Alvin Ratzlaff and Dianna Sue Jantz]
- 5 **Michael Scott Koehn** b. 15 Apr 1990 Enid OK
- 5 **Nicholas James Koehn** b. 30 Nov 2001 Enid OK
- 3 **Eugene (Gene) Darrel Voth** b. 27 May 1947 Enid OK
 m. **Lanna Lois Woody** m. 26 May 1967 Enid OK b. 19 Aug 1947 Lawton OK
 m. **Karen Ann Haffner** m 29 Jan 1972 in Detroit MI, b. 6 Mar 1947 Muncie IN
 [Children of Eugene Darrel Voth and Karen Ann Haffner]
- 4 **Ryan Darrel Voth** b. 5 Feb 1975 Sterling Heights MI
 m **Hauhui Gan** m 23 Feb 2017 in Los Angeles CA, b 19 Aug 1979 in Nanchang, Jiangxi, PRC
5. **Kevin Hu** b 13 June 2004 in Nanchang PRC (China)
5. **Elina Voth** b 10 Oct 2017 in Arcadia CA
- 4 **Jesse Garrett Voth** b. 16 Mar 1979 Sterling Heights MI
- 2 **Rosa Marie Voth** b. 15 Sep 1918 Kremlin OK d. 25 Feb 1998 Enid OK
 m. **David Abraham Toews** m. 3 Aug 1943 Enid OK b. 20 Oct 1916 Kremlin OK
 d. 12 Dec 2003 Enid OK
 [son of Gerhard P. Toews and Anna Buller]
- 3 **Galen Bruce Toews** b. 26 Nov 1945 Colorado Springs, CO d. 12 Oct 2011 Ann Arbor, MI
 m. **Anita Marie Regehr** m. 12 Aug 1967 San Jose, CA b. 28 Jun 1946 Chicago, IL
 [daughter of Henry Gerhard Regehr and Matilda "Tillie" Suderman]
- 4 **Mark Galen Toews** b. 23 Dec 1974 DeRidder LA
 m. **Regan Elissa Graves** 25 Sept 2004 Breckenridge CO b. 4 Nov 1975 Ann Arbor MI
- 5 **Henry Galen Toews** b 11 Apr 2006 Boston MA
- 5 **Lucas Ames Toews** b 11 Sept 2009 Brooklyn NY
- 5 **Zadie Matilda Toews** b 15 March 2011 Brooklyn NY

- 3 **Arrel Dwayne Toews** b. 22 Jul 1948 Enid OK
m. **Kathleen Kay Neufeld** m. 19 Jun 1971 Balko OK b. 27 Aug 1949 Perryton TX
[daughter of Leon E. Neufeld and Viola Esther Fadenrecht]
- 4 **Erin Lynne Toews** b. 28 Sep 1979 Durham, North Carolina
m. **David Austin Lemon** m. 9 Apr 2005 Chapel Hill NC b. 7 Nov 1978 Marietta GA
- 5 **Austin Jacob Lemon** b. 9 Aug 2010 Charlottesville VA
5 **Benjamin Arrel Lemon** b. 12 May 2013 Charlottesville VA
- 4 **Laura Kathleen Toews** b. 18 Dec 1985 Durham NC
m. **Barron Black Martin II** m. 23 March 2019 North Garden VA b. 9 Feb 1986 Annapolis MD
- 5 **Barron Black Martin III** b. 18 May 2021 Arlington VA
5 **Elizabeth "Ellie" Kathleen Martin III** b. 28 March 2023 Arlington VA
- 3 **Myron Lee Toews**
m. **Barbara Jean Franz** b. 10 Feb 1952
[daughter of Menno B. Franz and Velma Thiessen]
- 4 **Ann "Annie" Elizabeth Toews** b. 8 Jun 1978 Madison WI
m **Dan Johnson** 15 July 2006 Omaha NE b. 22 April 1977 Omaha NE
- 5 **Riley David Johnson** b 1 June 2009 Omaha NE
5 **Elise May Johnson** b 15 Jan 2013 Omaha NE
4 **Alexander Jacob Toews** b. 1 Oct 1982 Durham NC
- 2 **Anna Elizabeth Voth** b. 4 Jan 1921 Kremlin OK d. 5 Jul 2006 Enid OK
m. **Jacob William Regier** m. 3 May 1946 Enid OK b. 6 Dec 1923 Enid OK
d. 5 Aug 2004 Enid OK
[son of Isaac I. Regier and Sarah Rempel]
- 3 **Kathleen Ann Regier** b. 30 Jul 1948 Enid OK
m. **Lyle Harold Kleopfer** m. 12 Jul 1975 Enid, OK b. 27 Oct 1949 Herington KS
- 4 **Michael Harold Kleopfer** b. 7 Nov 1979 Des Moines IA
4 **Jeffrey Jacob Kleopfer** b. 29 Jul 1981 Des Moines IA
m Navamita Thapa m 26 Feb 2017
- 4 **Lisa Marie Kleopfer** b. 25 Jul 1984 Des Moines IA
m Matthew Ronnie Hillstrom m 1 May 2010 in Sand Springs OK b. 24 Oct 1985
5. Isaac Matthew Hillstrom
- 3 **Jeanette Ileen Regier** b. 11 Dec 1954 Enid OK
m. **Lyle James Ratzlaff** m. 20 Mar 1976 Enid OK b. 18 Dec 1955 Hillsboro KS
[son of Howard James Ratzlaff and Rose May Fast]
- 4 **Christopher James Ratzlaff** b. 8 May 1984 Russellville AR
m Lauren Kathryn Barefield m 12 Nov 2016 Russelville AR b. 10 Aug 1984
5. Brenna Claire Ratzlaff b. 30 Dec 2020 in Russelville AR
- 4 **Julia Elisabeth Ratzlaff** b. 14 Oct 1985 Russellville AR
m Caleb Patrick Chaney m 7 Nov 2009 in AR, b. 6 Sept 1984
5. Penelope Hanna Chaney b. 4 Nov 2019
5. Oren Patrick Chaney b. 27 Aug 2021
- 4 **Sarah Joanne Ratzlaff** b. 11 Jul 1989 Russellville AR
m Steen Rose m 3 April 2021 in Logan AR, b. 4 Feb 1983 in Baytown TX

2 **Jacob H. Voth** b. 6 Sep 1924 d. 7 Sep 1924

2 **Tena M. Voth** b. 27 Apr 1926 Kremlin OK d. 5 Jan 1996 Fairview OK

2 **Jacob Abraham Voth Jr** b. 23 Jan 1928 Kremlin, OK d. 27 Apr 2013

m. **Beverly Jane Hamm** m. 14 Oct 1951 Fairview, OK b. 1 Oct 1933 OK

[daughter of Ferdinand Hamm and Marguerite Just]

3 **Steven Scott Voth** b. 13 Apr 1955 Enid, OK

m. **Shirley Diane Unruh** m. 25 Aug 1979 Reedley CA b. 30 Sep 1954 Dinuba CA

[daughter of Raymond L. Unruh and Margaret Isaak]

4 **Stefanie Nichole Voth** b. 9 Aug 1980 Enid OK

m. **Eric James Friesen** m. 27 May 2000 Clovis CA b. 18 Nov 1977 Pasadena CA

5 **Noel Joyce Friesen** b. 23 Oct 2001 Clovis CA

4 **Jacob Scott Voth** b. 5 Nov 1985 Enid OK

m. Erin Dee Hicks 31 Dec 2018 in Kauai HI b 31 May 1977 Fresno CA

3 **Pamela Jane Voth** b. 14 Dec 1958 Enid OK

m. **Marc Sandall**

m. **Dennis James Schoenhals** m. 8 Sep 1990 Enid, OK b. 8 Jul 1956 Enid OK

[Children of Pamela Jane Voth and Dennis James Schoenhals]

4 **Ty Edward Schoenhals** b. 16 Feb 1993 Enid OK

m Lindsay Jean Parks 6 Jan 2017 in Edmond OK b 18 Jan 1994 Edmond OK

4 **Trev Jacob Schoenhals** b. 15 Sep 1995 Enid OK

m Courtland Nicole Henderson 30 Jan 2021 Oklahoma City OK b. 27 Nov 1995 in Waurika OK

Funeral programs for Jacob and Elizabeth Voth:

"How may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts." II Thess. 2:16, 17a NASB

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

- Organ PreludeMrs. Arlene Flaming
InvocationPastor Ken Janzen
Scripture Reading and Prayer . . . Rev. Rudy Eichenauer
Song "How Great Thou Art"
Loyd Ediger, Duayne Janzen
Jake Classen, Eugene Karber
Reading of the Obituary
MessageRev. Clarence Hiebert
Benediction
Organ Postlude

At The Graveside
Mennonite Brethren Cemetery

- Hymn No. 348 . . . "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Scripture Reading and Prayer . . .Rev. Bennie Mathews

OBITUARY

Jacob A. Voth was born March 27, 1892, to Jacob J. and Anna (Toews) Voth near Henderson in Hamilton County, Nebraska, and departed this life to be at home with the Lord on September 26, 1988, at the age of 88.

In the early 1980's his family migrated to Oklahoma and established their home just north of Enid. He was fortunate to receive an eighth grade diploma and to complete two years of schooling in the German Academy in North Enid in spite of the demands of farm work. This education opened new worlds to him as he had a dream of traveling and working as a postal clerk on the railroad. But at this time the farm came first where his help was needed most.

Jacob accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in January, 1909, and was baptized on April 9, 1909, by Rev. Martin H. Just and was received into the membership of the Mennonite Brethren Church north of Enid. He enjoyed singing in church choirs and reading, his favorite book being the Bible. He approached life in a very scholarly manner, reading and writing whenever he could find time. He was a "contributing editor" for two Mennonite Brethren German language papers, the Zionsbote and the Vorworts, published in Hillsboro, Kansas. Later, he wrote a booklet to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Mennonite Brethren Church north of Enid, entitled "Hitherto the Lord Has Helped Us." Two hobbies he enjoyed very much were photography and traveling. The Mennonite Brethren World Conference and conference work took him to Canada, numerous states in the United States and to Mexico.

Jacob was an excellent farmer and cattleman, taking much pride and effort to do things the right way. He devoted many years to developing an excellent purebred Red Poll cattle herd and was among the first in Garfield County to apply "Scientific farming methods" in

the hard times of the 1930's. He had a great concern for those less fortunate than himself and gave support to numerous charitable organizations until his last days. He served 7 years as a member of the Mennonite Central Committee in Oklahoma on the board of the Christian Rural Overseas Program, an affiliation of the Church World Service.

In the local community he served on the County Conservation Board; was a member of the Columbia district school board for 30 years, a member of the Kremlin precinct election board for 42 years, and worked with the Garfield County Red Cross Chapter for 12 years.

He was united in marriage with Elizabeth A. Schmidt on June 1, 1916, at North End Mennonite Brethren Church by Rev. Gerhard Voth. They made their home on a farm southwest of Kremlin until retiring to Enid in 1964. God blessed their union with six children and granted them the privilege of sharing life's experiences together for better than 56 years until his wife went to be with the Lord on December 24, 1972. In his remaining years Jacob enjoyed being with his family and had a deep love for his children and grandchildren. His deep desire for his family was to have unity and concern for others. This concept of family included his "extended family of friends and neighbors." He was a tireless card and letter writer and especially enjoyed packaging and delivering fruit and nut packages at Christmas to his special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two sons, Menno and Jacob H., a great-granddaughter, and two brothers, Cornelius and Peter. Those remaining to cherish his memory are:

- one son: Jacob A. Jr. of Kremlin, and his wife, Beverly;
three daughters: Tena, of the home; Mrs. David (Rosa) Toews of Kremlin and Mrs. Jacob (Anna) Regier of Enid and two husbands;
one daughter-in-law: Mrs. Menno (Martha) Voth of Enid, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; one sister- Mrs. Anna Thesman of Fairview; and many other relatives and friends.



Mennonite Brethren Church
2500 No. Van Buren
ENID, OKLAHOMA 73701

To all who are weary and need rest... to all who are lonely and need companionship... to all who mourn and need comfort... to all who need sheltering love... to all who are in need and need a Savior... to whom ever call... this Church is open to you and in the name of Christ says WELCOME.

Memorial Service

IN MEMORY OF

MRS. JACOB A. (ELIZABETH) VOTH, SR.

Enid Mennonite Brethren Church
December 28, 1972
11:00 a.m.

Pastor . . . Lynford J. Becker

Arrangements . . . Menninger-Allen Funeral Home

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. Comfort your hearts." II Thess. 2:16,17a

- Organ Prelude Miss Esther Bartel
Invocation
Scripture Reading and Prayer . . Rev. John Whittington
First United Methodist Church, Kremlin
Song "Never Grow Old"
Mrs. Harvey Krause
Marion Balzer
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thesman

- Reading of the Obituary
Message Rev. Lynford J. Becker
"LIVING AT A NEW ADDRESS"
or
"AT HOME WITH THE LORD"
II Corinthians 5:1-9
Song "Abide With Me"

Organ Postlude
At The Graveside
M. B. Church Cemetery

- Song "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
Scripture Reading and Prayer . . Rev. Frank Fotoplos
West Side Baptist Church, Enid

OBITUARY

Elizabeth A. Voth was born March 29, 1896 to Abraham and Katherina (Regier) Schmidt near Henderson in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She passed away early Sunday morning December 24, 1972 in a Fairview Hospital, following an extended illness, at the age of 76.

In 1900 her family migrated to Oklahoma and established their home just one and one-half miles north of North Enid. She received her education as she grew into young womanhood in the North Enid schools and assisted her family through the rigors of pioneer times.

Elizabeth accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour in the early years of her life and was baptized on October 4, 1914 by Rev. Gerhard Voth, and was received into the membership of the North End Mennonite Brethren Church, remaining such during her entire lifetime. Music was her special pleasure in the earlier years of life and in later years, after raising the family, she showed such concern for suffering humanity anywhere in the form of material aid and relief.

She was united in marriage with Jacob A. Voth on June 1, 1916 at North Enid by the Rev. Gerhard Voth. They made their home on a farm southwest of Kremlin until retiring in 1964. They have lived in Enid since that time. God blessed their union with six children and granted them the privilege of sharing life's experiences together for better than 56 years.

She suffered an accident in their farm home many years ago and a bad fall in 1960. In the year 1963, she experienced serious times by submitting twice to obvious malignancy surgeries and lengthy hospitalizations. She came through both of these with no recurrences. Her illness intensified in 1964 and, in spite of such aid sought, developed into chronic Arterio-Sclerosis in 1966, the year of their golden

wedding. Her illness became more serious and difficult until in early 1972 it was necessary for her to be cared for in area rest homes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, five brothers and two sisters.

- Those remaining to cherish her memory are:
her husband, Jacob, of the home;
two sons: Menno W. of Enid, and
Jacob Jr. of Kremlin, and their wives;
three daughters: Tena, of the home.
Mrs. David (Rosa) Toews of Kremlin, and
Mrs. Jacob (Anna) Regier of Enid, and
their husbands;
a brother: P. A. Schmidt, of Dinuba, California;
nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and
many other relatives and friends.

Thank You Notes:

We are thankful to Rev. Lynford J. Becker for aid and direction in officiating over the funeral of our beloved Wife and Mother, Elizabeth A. Voth, during this busy Christmas season just past. Too, we thank the quartette of singers for the beautiful songs rendered and the accompanist for comforting music on the organ. Also we thank for the bountiful and hearty meal served us sorrowing ones and the facilities to fellowship in the social rooms of the church afterwards. We pray, God bless you, for all kindness shown. --Jacob A. Voth and Family

I want to express my thanks to the church for the plant, the remembrances at Christmas time, and your prayers. --Mrs. J. J. Thesman

Thank you, with love from Mom

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