

Descendants of Emil Niessen

Generation No. 1

1. EMIL⁸ NIESSEN (*FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS¹*)¹ was born 03 Feb 1876 in Monchengladbach, Germany², and died 04 Mar 1967 in Faulkner, MD³. He married (1) THERESA HELEN SERWAZI⁴ 26 May 1907 in Philadelphia, PA⁵, daughter of PETER SERWAZI and THERESA ROTHMANN. She was born 12 Oct 1875 in Manayunk, PA⁶, and died Apr 1943 in Philadelphia, PA. He married (2) THERESA C. (TONI) JOHNSON Jul 1943, daughter of NELS JOHNSON and BERTHA K.. She was born 04 Oct 1900 in Michigan⁷, and died Jan 1977 in Washington DC.

Notes for EMIL NIESSEN:

Emil emigrated from Germany in the 1890's and settled in the Germantown area of Philadelphia. After his marriage to Theresa Serwazi in 1907, they lived for many years at 5521 Green St, then at 6321 McCallum St. Emil was one of the founders of Quaker Chemical Products, Corp in Conshohocken, PA. He chose to be heavily involved in the sales side of the business, and therefore spent a great deal of time on the road. After selling the business, he bought a tobacco farm in Faulkner, MD, where he lived with his second wife, Toni. The farm, Sodus Manor, was quite large, and was worked by resident tenant farmers. There was also a live-in maid and a boxer named Mike.

Emil was a stamp collector. The bulk of his collection was sold prior to the purchase of Sodus Manor, but he also gave part of his collection to his grandchildren. I remember him as a deliberate speaker with excellent English. The only sign of his native German was his use of the filler (to give himself more time to translate) "you see..."

More About EMIL NIESSEN:

Burial: 08 Mar 1967, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA⁸

Fact 3: Quaker- Lime, Sandy and Elm St, Conshohocken PA

Image: 1907, 1907-Niessen_Emil-LN8-Serwazi_Theresa-LN14-Niessen_Hugo-LN73-Richart_Emma-LN88.jpg

Immigration: 1892, From Germany⁹

Naturalization: 1921, Court of Common Pleas - Philadelphia¹⁰

Occupation: Bet. 1918 - 1930, President, Quaker Chemical Products Corp¹¹

Residence: 1895, 711 Green, Philadelphia¹²

Notes for THERESA HELEN SERWAZI:

According to the 1900 US Federal Census, Theresa was a 24 year old seamstress. She was living at 183 Silverwood, Manayunk (Philadelphia), at her mother's home. After her marriage to Emil Niessen in 1907, she was a housewife. She died in 1943 at the age of 66.

More About THERESA HELEN SERWAZI:

Burial: 26 Apr 1943, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA¹³

Fact 3: 1900, Per Census: living at home as dressmaker

Fact 4: 1900, Per Census: mother is head of household

Fact 5: 1900, Per Census: 183 Silverwood, Manyunk Phila

Image: 1895, 1895c-Serwazi_Theresa-LN14.JPG

Occupation: Dressmaker, Homemaker

Residence: 1907, 4459 Silverwood St, Manayunk¹⁴

More About THERESA C. (TONI) JOHNSON:

Image: 1977, 1977-Johnson_Toni-LN306.jpg

Children of EMIL NIESSEN and THERESA SERWAZI are:

2. i. BENEDICT EMIL⁹ NIESSEN, b. 13 Mar 1908, Philadelphia, PA; d. 03 Nov 1966, Philadelphia, PA.
3. ii. CHARLES EVERLY NIESSEN, b. 21 Nov 1909, Cleveland, OH; d. 15 May 2003, Ft. Pierce, FL.
4. iii. PHILIP ARTHUR NIESSEN, b. 23 Jul 1913, Philadelphia, PA; d. 14 Jan 1991, Corpus Christi, TX.

Generation No. 2

2. BENEDICT EMIL⁹ NIESSEN (*EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*) was born 13 Mar 1908 in Philadelphia, PA¹⁵, and died 03 Nov 1966 in Philadelphia, PA¹⁵. He married EMILY MINOGUE 1946. She was born 13 Oct 1915, and died 15 Mar 1989.

Notes for BENEDICT EMIL NIESSEN:

Benedict (Ben) was the oldest son of Emil and Theresa. He attended Augusta Academy in Georgia and then graduated from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. He worked as both a secretary and a salesman. Ben did not serve in World War II. He married Dixie after the war. They had one daughter, Emily, who was named for Ben's father Emil. Ben was the first of the Niessen sons to pass away, in 1966.

Ben is remembered as a funny guy, one of the favorite relatives to be around.

More About BENEDICT EMIL NIESSEN:

Burial: 07 Nov 1966, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA¹⁶

Education: BA Georgetown U

Fact 5: Was not in service during WWII

Fact 6: 1935, Salesman, 6231 McCallum, per City Directory

Image: 1926, 1926-Niessen_Ben-LN63 at Augusta Military

Occupation: Secretary

More About EMILY MINOGUE:

Burial: 18 Mar 1989, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA¹⁶

Child of BENEDICT NIESSEN and EMILY MINOGUE is:

5. i. EMILY¹⁰ NIESSEN, b. Jul 1948, Philadelphia, PA.

3. CHARLES EVERLY⁹ NIESSEN (*EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*) was born 21 Nov 1909 in Cleveland, OH¹⁷, and died 15 May 2003 in Ft. Pierce, FL¹⁷. He married RUTH BARBARA SNYDER May 1940 in Philadelphia, PA, daughter of FRANK SNYDER and MARY O'BRIEN. She was born 26 Sep 1917 in Philadelphia¹⁷, and died 13 Aug 2004 in Palm Beach, FL¹⁷.

Notes for CHARLES EVERLY NIESSEN:

Charles attended both Villanova and Harvard. He became a CPA living for many years in West Philadelphia. Charles loved to sail and spent much of his later years navigating the inland waterway. Married to Ruth Snyder for over 63 years, he passed away in 2003 leaving 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

More About CHARLES EVERLY NIESSEN:

Burial: 05 Aug 2003, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA¹⁸

Education: 1933, Villanova, Harvard

Fact 3: Was not in service during WWII

Fact 4: Lived in West Philadelphia

Fact 5: Liked sailing

Fact 6: Member of St Mark's Catholic church, Ft Pierce at time of death

Image: 1932, 1932-Niessen_Chase-LN16.jpg

Occupation: CPA

Social Security Number: 159-03-0140 ¹⁹

Notes for RUTH BARBARA SNYDER:

RUTH BARBARA NIESSEN Age 86, of Tequesta, Florida passed away Friday morning, August 13, 2004 at her residence after a brief illness. Mrs. Niessen was born September 26, 1917 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania daughter of the late Frank Snyder and Mary O'Brien Snyder. She was a former resident of the Ocean Village Condominium in Fort Pierce for 25 years and was involved in many activities at the condominium. Mrs. Niessen and her late husband Charles were sailboat enthusiasts sailing to many places together. Since coming to Tequesta she was active with the St. Jude Catholic Women Association and the sewing circle of St. Jude, also was an active communicant of St. Jude Catholic Church of Tequesta. Mrs. Niessen was preceded in death by her husband Charles E. Niessen on May 15, 2003. Survivors include her loving children Barbara Levito of Key Biscayne, FL;

William Niessen and his wife Lise of Hollywood, FL; Kathleen Kahanic and her husband Keith of Baton Rouge, LA; Charles Niessen and his wife Mary of Boca Raton, FL; Nancy Kelly and her husband Tom of Tequesta, FL; her devoted brother Frank Snyder and his wife Theresa of Philadelphia, PA; her adored grandchildren Kimberly and Lorrie Niessen, Vincent Levito, Piper and Amy Arpan, William Niessen, Reese and Sean Kelly, her cherished great-grandson Marco Levito. Visitation will be 8:30-10:15 A.M. Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at TAYLOR & MODEEN FUNERAL HOME, 250 Center Street, Jupiter. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 12001 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Inturnment will be at a later date at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA. Those planning an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers are asked to consider the Alzheimer's Association, Southeast Florida Chapter, 700 S. Dixie Highway #107, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 in Mrs. Niessen's memory. TAYLOR & MODEEN FUNERAL HOME Family Owned & Operated 744-2030
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More About RUTH BARBARA SNYDER:

Burial: 21 Aug 2004, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyndmoor, PA²⁰

Image: 1945, 1945-Niessen_Chase-LN16-Snyder_Ruth-LN112-Niessen_Barb-LN113-Niessen_Bill-LN114.jpg

Social Security Number: 160-05-1001 ²¹

Children of CHARLES NIESSSEN and RUTH SNYDER are:

6. i. NANCY¹⁰ NIESSSEN.
7. ii. BARBARA NIESSSEN, b. 21 Jun 1941.
- iii. WILLIAM NIESSSEN, b. Feb 1944; m. LISE.

More About WILLIAM NIESSSEN:

Fact 3: Resided in Hollywood, FL as of 5/2003

Image: 1945, 1945-Niessen_Chase-LN16-Snyder_Ruth-LN112-Niessen_Barb-LN113-Niessen_Bill-LN114.jpg

8. iv. KATHLEEN NIESSSEN, b. Jan 1948, Philadelphia, PA.
- v. CHARLES NIESSSEN, b. Jul 1955; m. MARY R. WALEK.

More About CHARLES NIESSSEN:

Fact 3: Resided in Boca Raton, FL on 5/2003

4. PHILIP ARTHUR⁹ NIESSSEN (*EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*)²² was born 23 Jul 1913 in Philadelphia, PA²², and died 14 Jan 1991 in Corpus Christi, TX²³. He married ELEANOR DORTHEA GRUSH 28 Nov 1940 in Philadelphia, PA, daughter of ADAM GRUSH and VERONIKA PALAIMA. She was born 06 Feb 1916 in Philadelphia, PA²⁴.

Notes for PHILIP ARTHUR NIESSSEN:

Phil, the youngest son of Emil and Theresa, was born in Philadelphia and graduated from LaSalle High School. He went on to LaSalle College where he competed in track and field (hurdles, high jump). Following graduation he took a job at the Wood School. Enlisting in the US Navy at the start of World War II, he became a Specialist 2(c), stationed at Sampson (NY), Coeur d'Alane (ID) and Bremerton (WA). Discharged in 1945, he worked at Sharon Hill High School (PA) and Nutley (NJ) high school as a guidance counselor. He worked for the Great Neck Public Schools for 20 years, starting in 1954. He was Head Guidance Counselor at Great Neck South Junior High when it opened in 1958; he held this position until his retirement in 1974.

After retirement, Eleanor and Phil traveled the country in a motor home. They then build a house in Rockport, Texas where they lived for 10 years prior to moving to Corpus Christi.

Phil held a Masters Degree in History from U. of Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the Executive Board of the Great Neck South PTA and coached Little League baseball in Lake Success. He was an active member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, where he was a lector and member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

He is remembered for his patience, humor and gentle ways.

More About PHILIP ARTHUR NIESSSEN:

Cause of Death: Heart failure
Education: 1936, BA LaSalle College; MA U. of Penn
Fact 3: Funny guy
Fact 4: Coached high school Track
Fact 5: 1936, Competed in track in college (high jump)
Fact 6: 1945, USNR, Sp(c) 2/c, "D" Selection Office, Sampson, NY
Fact 7: Co 202, Unit D-2, USNTS, Sampson
Image: 1925, 1925-Niessen_Phil-LN9
Medical Information: Old age diabetes, arthritis
Occupation: Bet. 1949 - 1974, Guidance Counselor
Residence: Bet. 1975 - 1990, Royal Ave, Rockport (TX)

Notes for ELEANOR DORTHEA GRUSH:

Eleanor was born while living at Front and Water Streets in Philadelphia. Her earliest recollection is from 1006 Brandywine Ave: her mother was making soap and used Eleanor's wooden bucket to hold the lye. Eleanor somehow got the lye into her eyes. Vera rushed her to the doctor who washed out her eyes, saving her sight. She lived in family operated bars (tap rooms) in Philadelphia until marriage to Philip Niessen in November of 1940. Growing up, Eleanor spent summers in Ocean City, NJ and Ventnor, NJ (6 N. Oxford Ave). She attended St. Malachy's School (Grammar), Wagner Public School and finally Mercy Academy where she finished first in her class. Eleanor designed her high school ring (also one side of her college ring). She received a full scholarship to Mount St. Joseph's College (became Chestnut Hill College), graduating in 1939 with a degree in Economics and a minor in Psychology.

Eleanor lived at US Navy bases during World War II, including Sampson (NY), Farragut (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho) and Bremerton (Wash). During this time, worked as Private Secretary to Naval personnel. She was a homemaker in Mayfair (Philadelphia), Nutley (NJ) and Great Neck (NY). She participated in bowling league while in Great Neck.

In addition to her two sons, Len and Jim, Eleanor had several mis-carriages. She and Phil adopted two half-sisters from Turin, Italy in 1963, Patrizia and Ornella who was renamed Mary.

Upon Phil's retirement in 1974, she traveled the US with family in a motor home for several years before building a home in Rockport (Texas). Phil and Eleanor later sold this home and moved to Trinity Towers in Corpus Christi (Texas). Eleanor has taken advantage of her life-long interest in art and drawing to maintain the bulletin boards at Trinity Towers.

More About ELEANOR DORTHEA GRUSH:

Education: 1939, BA Chestnut Hill College
Image: 1940, 1940-Niessen_Phil-LN9-Grush_Eleanor-LN10.jpg
Occupation: Homemaker
Residence: 1923, 10th and Thompson (Philadelphia) to 1929

Children of PHILIP NIESSEN and ELEANOR GRUSH are:

- i. PHILLIP¹⁰ NIESSEN²⁵, b. 24 Aug 1941, Abington Township, PA²⁵; d. 24 Aug 1941, Abington Township, PA.

More About PHILLIP NIESSEN:

Burial: Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA
Image: 1941, 1941-Niessen_Phillip-LN1798-Birth.jpg

9. ii. LEONARD E. NIESSEN, b. 19 Dec 1946, Philadelphia, PA.
- iii. JAMES NIESSEN, b. 26 Dec 1952, Nutley, NJ.

Notes for JAMES NIESSEN:

Jim was born in the upstairs bedroom at 71 Ridge Road, Nutley, NJ. He moved to Great Neck, NY with the family before his second birthday. He graduated from Great Neck South high school, where he participated in cross country and track. Jim attended the University of Notre Dame, spending his sophomore year at Innsbruck (Austria) University as part of Notre Dame's overseas program. Fluent in German, Jim also learned to converse in Russian, Hungarian and Romanian. He travelled extensively in Europe both during college and in the years that followed. He completed his PhD in History at Indiana University (Bloomington), and then had one-year appointments teaching at Colgate University, Cornell College (Iowa) and Southern Mississippi.

He then returned to school, earning a Master's degree in Library Science from U. of Texas. Jim worked as a Eastern European specialist / archivist at the library of Texas Tech University, attending many international conventions as a representative of the school. He was also active as the "web-master" of the internet Hapsburg web site. Jim moved to Rutgers University in his native New Jersey in 2001, holding the position of World History Librarian.

More About JAMES NIESSEN:

Education: PhD, U of Indiana; MA, U of Texas; BA, U of ND

Fact 3: Taught history @ Colgate, Cornell (IA), So Miss

Fact 4: Librarian / Archivist @ Texas Tech U

Fact 5: Fluant in German, Hungarian, Romanian, Russian

Image: 1952, 1952-Niessen_Jim-LN11-Baptism.jpg

Occupation: College Teacher/Librarian

- 10. iv. PATRIZIA NIESSEN, b. 26 Apr 1960, Rivoli, Italy; Adopted child.
- 11. v. MARY NIESSEN, b. 15 Oct 1961, Turin, Italy; Adopted child.

Generation No. 3

5. EMILY¹⁰ NIESSEN (*BENEDICT EMIL*⁹, *EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*) was born Jul 1948 in Philadelphia, PA²⁶. She married LISS.

More About EMILY NIESSEN:

Image: Abt. 1947, 1947c-Niessen_Emily-LN64.jpg

Child of EMILY NIESSEN and LISS is:

- 12. i. DAVID¹¹ LISS, b. 03 Feb 1969.

6. NANCY¹⁰ NIESSEN (*CHARLES EVERLY*⁹, *EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*) She married THOMAS KELLY.

More About THOMAS KELLY:

Fact 3: Resided in Tequesta, FL in 5/2003

Children of NANCY NIESSEN and THOMAS KELLY are:

- i. REESE¹¹ KELLY.
- ii. SEAN KELLY.

7. BARBARA¹⁰ NIESSEN (*CHARLES EVERLY*⁹, *EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*) was born 21 Jun 1941. She married ROBERT LEVITO. He was born 20 Mar 1941 in Philadelphia, PA.

More About BARBARA NIESSEN:

Fact 3: Resided in Miami (FL) as of 5/2003

Image: 1945, 1945-Niessen_Chase-LN16-Snyder_Ruth-LN112-Niessen_Barb-LN113-Niessen_Bill-LN114.jpg

Child of BARBARA NIESSEN and ROBERT LEVITO is:

- 13. i. VINCENT¹¹ LEVITO, b. 21 Feb 1965, Philadelphia, PA.

8. KATHLEEN¹⁰ NIESSEN (*CHARLES EVERLY*⁹, *EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*) was born Jan 1948 in Philadelphia, PA. She married KEITH B. KAHANIC. He was born Oct 1947.

More About KATHLEEN NIESSEN:

Occupation: Stewardess

Residence: 2005, 19613 Spyglass Hill Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70809

More About KEITH B. KAHANIC:

Fact 3: Resided in Baton Rouge, LA on 5/2003

Child of KATHLEEN NIESSEN and KEITH KAHANIC is:

- i. LARA¹¹ KAHANIC, b. Apr 1976.

9. LEONARD E.¹⁰ NIESSEN (*PHILIP ARTHUR*⁹, *EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*) was born 19 Dec 1946 in Philadelphia, PA²⁷. He married PATRICIA ANN O'BRIEN 07 Jun 1969 in Chicago, IL²⁸, daughter of WILLIAM O'BRIEN and MATILDA PETEREK. She was born 25 Jul 1948 in Chicago, IL²⁹.

Notes for LEONARD E. NIESSEN:

Len was born in Philadelphia and moved to Nutley, NJ when he was 4 years old. He attended Lincoln School in Nutley and received his first communion at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Belleville. The family moved to Lake Success, NY when Len was in 3rd grade. In high school, Len played varsity basketball and was a triple jumper on the track team. He was also a catcher on the Freshman and JV baseball teams. Len started Notre Dame as a math major, but switched into the 5-year Liberal Arts / Engineering program. He graduated with two degrees: an AB in Liberal Arts and a BSEE in electrical engineering. At Notre Dame, Len played attack on the lacrosse team, setting a school record for assists in a season and assists in a game. After graduation, Len and Pat married and moved to Framingham, MA where Len worked as a computer designer for Honeywell. Len was promoted to Section Head, then Manager and finally Senior Manager of Hardware Development for Honeywell Bull, Bull, Zenith Data Systems, Packard Bell NEC. He was granted two patents in local area network design. He then moved to Arris in a similar management position. Following the shutdown of Arris in 2003, Len did volunteer work at the National Archives and also coached freshman lacrosse at Framingham High School.

Len managed baseball teams in Framingham for 21 years, starting at T-ball and finally as manager of the Babe Ruth Angels for 17 years. The Angels won 4 town championships during that time including 3 in a span of 4 years. Len wrote a book about Notre Dame Club Lacrosse, The Golden Years, 2003. He established and maintained web page on ND Club Lacrosse.

Len continued to play recreational basketball through his 50's, while also taking up golf and biking.

Len is the Godfather of Brian Tichacek.

More About LEONARD E. NIESSEN:

Confirmation: St. Anastasia, Douglaston, NY

Education: 1968, BSEE, U of Notre Dame; AB, U of Notre Dame

Fact 4: Bet. 1962 - 1964, Played high school basketball, baseball, track

Fact 5: Bet. 1966 - 1969, Played lacrosse at Notre Dame (attack)

Fact 6: Bet. 1983 - 1999, Managed Babe Ruth Baseball in Framingham (Angels)

Fact 7: Bet. 1985 - 1987, President Framingham Babe Ruth

Fact 9: 1990, Granted 2 patents in Computer System design

Fact 11: 1953, First Communion, St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield, NJ

Image: 1969, 1969-Niessen_Len-LN1 OBrien_Pat-LN2.jpg

Occupation: Engineering Manager

Notes for PATRICIA ANN O'BRIEN:

Pat was born on the south side of Chicago. She attended St. Sabina Church, where she received her first communion, confirmation, attended grade school and was later married. Pat went to Queen of Peace High School in Oak Lawn, IL and attended Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, IL. After her marriage to Len, she moved to Framingham, MA and completed her BA in Psychology (magna cum laude) at Framingham State College. She worked at Racquetball Five-O and Suburban Athletic Club as a bookkeeper and later as Director of New Member Orientation. She also worked as an administrative assistant at Wellesley College and Framingham State.

Pat spent several years as a day-care provider for granddaughter Jillian (4 days a week). Besides golfing, Pat also trained for 5K runs and eventually a sprint tri-athlon.

More About PATRICIA ANN O'BRIEN:

Baptism: Baptized, Confirmed and Married, St. Sabina, Chicago, IL
Education: 1974, BA Framingham State College, Summa Cum Laude
Fact 9: Played racquetball and golf
Fact 10: 2003, Competed in 5K road races
Occupation: Bookkeeper, Administrative Assistant

Children of LEONARD NIESSEN and PATRICIA O'BRIEN are:

14. i. COLLEEN MARY¹¹ NIESSEN, b. 23 Apr 1970, Framingham, MA.
15. ii. KEVIN PATRICK NIESSEN, b. 30 Jun 1971, Framingham, MA.

10. PATRIZIA¹⁰ NIESSEN (*PHILIP ARTHUR⁹, EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*) was born 26 Apr 1960 in Rivoli, Italy³⁰. She married (1) EARL MYERS. She married (2) DAN MAYHEW.

Notes for PATRIZIA NIESSEN:

Patrizia Ann Niessen was born Patrizia Cavassa on April 26, 1960 in Rivoli, Italy. She was adopted through the Angel Guardian Home by Phil and Eleanor Niessen in June of 1963. Patty attended schools in Great Neck, NY but finished high school in Rockport, Texas. Following high school, Patty enlisted in the US Army and served in Germany, where she met and married Earl Myers. They had two children, Aaron and Corey and lived at several bases in the US including Ft Sam Houston (San Antonio) and Sacramento, CA. Pat and Earl were divorced around 1998. Pat married Dan Mayhew and they lived in Virginia. Their daughter Megan was born around 2000.

More About PATRIZIA NIESSEN:

Image: 1963, 1963-Niessen_Patrizia-LN12-passport1.jpg

Children of PATRIZIA NIESSEN and EARL MYERS are:

- i. AARON¹¹ MYERS.

More About AARON MYERS:
Fact 3: 12/2003: Has twins

- ii. KOREY MYERS.

More About KOREY MYERS:
Fact 3: 12/2003: Has a little girl

Child of PATRIZIA NIESSEN and DAN MAYHEW is:

- iii. MEGAN¹¹ MAYHEW, b. Abt. 2001.

More About MEGAN MAYHEW:
Image: 2005, 2005-Mayhew_Megan-LN408-5yrsold.jpg

11. MARY¹⁰ NIESSEN (*PHILIP ARTHUR⁹, EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*) was born 15 Oct 1961 in Turin, Italy³⁰. She married (1) DONALD CAMPBELL. She married (2) ALEX CANCHOLA 07 Mar 1978 in Aransas County, Texas. He was born Abt. 1957.

Notes for MARY NIESSEN:

Mary Elizabeth Niessen was born Ornella Ghelli on October 15, 1961 in Turin, Italy. Mary was the half-sister of Patrizia, and was also adopted through Angel Guardian at the same time as Patty. Mary also attended high school in Rockport, Texas where she married Alex Conchola Jr. They had two children, the older named Phillip. Mary and Alex later separated and Mary moved to Elk, Washington. Mary married Don Campbell and they live in Newport, Washington.

More About MARY NIESSEN:

Image: 1963, 1963-Niessen_Mary-LN13-Passport.jpg

Child of MARY NIESSEN and ALEX CANCHOLA is:

- i. PHILIP¹¹ CANCHOLA.

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12. DAVID¹¹ LISS (*EMILY¹⁰ NIESSEN, BENEDICT EMIL⁹, EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*)³¹ was born 03 Feb 1969³¹. He married DIANA WHEATLEY Sep 1999 in Florham Park, New Jersey.

Child of DAVID LISS and DIANA WHEATLEY is:

- i. TREVOR¹² LISS³¹, b. 01 Oct 2001.

13. VINCENT¹¹ LEVITO (*BARBARA¹⁰ NIESSEN, CHARLES EVERLY⁹, EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*) was born 21 Feb 1965 in Philadelphia, PA.

Child of VINCENT LEVITO is:

- i. MARCO¹² LEVITO.

14. COLLEEN MARY¹¹ NIESSEN (*LEONARD E.¹⁰, PHILIP ARTHUR⁹, EMIL⁸, FRANZ XAVIER⁷, JOHANN TILMANN⁶, MATTHIAS⁵, TILMANN⁴, MATTHIAS³, ENGELBERT², NEISS¹ HALFMANS*) was born 23 Apr 1970 in Framingham, MA. She married SCOTT WILLIAM HUGHES 26 Jun 1999 in Sudbury, Massachusetts, son of PAUL HUGHES and JOANN PHELPS. He was born 25 Mar 1971 in Holliston, MA.

Notes for COLLEEN MARY NIESSEN:

Colleen was born in Framingham, MA and lived in Bellingham, MA for her first year before moving with her family back to Framingham. She graduated from Framingham North High School where she played drums in the band. Colleen also played freshman basketball. She graduated from U. of Miami (Coral Gables, FL) with a BS in Economics. At Miami, Colleen was a member of the Sugar Canes, the bat girls for the highly ranked Miami baseball team. She was also an officer in her sorority Phi Sigma Sigma.

After graduating from Miami, Colleen got a bartender's certificate and tended bar at Hillery's in Wayland, MA. She was also bar manager at Hillery's. She then got a position as an account representative in commercial insurance for Carlin Insurance in Natick, MA. Colleen passed her insurance certification exams and hold the designation of CPCU.

Colleen and Scott were married in 1999 and lived in an apartment in Acton for two years. After Jillian was born, they found a house in Littleton, MA on Great Road.

More About COLLEEN MARY NIESSEN:

Education: 1992, BA U. of Miami (Economics)

Fact 5: 1991, Was bat girl (Sugar Cane) for U. Miami baseball team

Fact 6: Played drums in high school band

Fact 7: Played Freshman basketball in high school

Fact 8: Officer in Phi Sigma Sigma sorority at U. Miami

Image: 1978, 1978-Niessen_Colleen-LN3-Niessen_Kevin-LN4-JoeMontana.jpg

Occupation: Insurance Account Manager

More About SCOTT WILLIAM HUGHES:

Education: BA, Fitchburg State College

Fact 3: Played high school soccer

Fact 4: Avid camper, fisherman

Occupation: Biology / Science teacher, Lowell (MA) High school

Residence: Aft. 2002, 668 Great Road, Littleton, MA

Child of COLLEEN NIESSEN and SCOTT HUGHES is:

- i. JILLIAN THERESA¹² HUGHES, b. 21 Jan 2001, Brighton, MA.

More About JILLIAN THERESA HUGHES:
Godparents: Kevin Niessen, Ann Hughes
Image: 2004, 2004-Hughes_Jillian-LN400.jpg

15. KEVIN PATRICK¹¹ NIESSEN (*LEONARD E.*¹⁰, *PHILIP ARTHUR*⁹, *EMIL*⁸, *FRANZ XAVIER*⁷, *JOHANN TILMANN*⁶, *MATTHIAS*⁵, *TILMANN*⁴, *MATTHIAS*³, *ENGELBERT*², *NEISS*¹ *HALFMANS*) was born 30 Jun 1971 in Framingham, MA. He married SHAANA GABRIELLE DIMATTIO 29 Nov 1997 in Scituate, MA, daughter of VINCENT DIMATTIO and SUZAN COLE. She was born 05 Jan 1970 in Long Branch, NJ.

Notes for KEVIN PATRICK NIESSEN:

Kevin was born in Framingham, MA and graduated from Framingham North High School where he was co-captain of the basketball team. He also played soccer and volleyball, as well as Freshman and JV baseball. Kevin graduated from Syracuse University. At Syracuse, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He also met Shaana Dimattio at Syracuse, whom he married in 1997. Kevin worked as a sales representative for several companies doing business in the North Jersey area.

Kevin participates in slow pitch softball leagues where he plays shortstop.

More About KEVIN PATRICK NIESSEN:

Education: BS, Syracuse U. (Retailing)

Fact 3: Played high school soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball

Image: 1992, 1992-Niessen_Kevin-LN4.jpg

Occupation: Sales

Residence: Bet. 1971 - 1993, 286 Potter Rd, Framingham

More About SHAANA GABRIELLE DIMATTIO:

Education: BA Syracuse; MA Monmouth U.

Occupation: Teacher, Autistic children

Child of KEVIN NIESSEN and SHAANA DIMATTIO is:

- i. CLAIRE ELISE¹² NIESSEN, b. 21 May 2004.

More About CLAIRE ELISE NIESSEN:

Christening: 21 May 2005, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, S. Weymouth, MA

Godparents: 21 May 2005, Colleen Niessen Hughes and Scott Hughes

Image: 2004, 2004-Niessen_Claire-LN571-Kevin.jpg

Endnotes

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24. *Birth Registers.*
25. *Birth Registration - Harrisburg, PA.*
26. *Emily Niessen Liss.*
27. *Birth Certificate, Image added.*
28. *Marriage Certificate, Image added.*
29. *Birth Certificate, Image added.*
30. *Passenger List, SS Excambion, Mar 1938.*
31. *Emily Niessen Liss.*