

Children of John and Lillie Penix

Archie Monroe Penix

Archie Monroe Penix was the fifth child born to John and Lillie Penix. Archie was born on June 28, 1921 in Bath County, Kentucky. Archie received all his schooling in Bath County, Kentucky.

I can recall many stories that Archie would tell about the hardships and other times when he was a child. The one that stands out the most was when he was young and was given a new pair of red boots. He was very proud of those boots and assumed that everyone else would admire them as much as he did. Shortly after getting the red boots, when chopping wood with a brother Archie placed his new red boot (with his foot in it) on a block of wood that his brother was trying to split. Archie dared his brother to go ahead and chop knowing that everyone admired the new red boots and wouldn't dare to chop them. Well, Archie was wrong about everyone admiring those new red boots because the brother did chop with the axe. Archie ran into the house and cried to his mother that his brother had chopped his new red boots. Archie didn't seem to care that his brother (whom I won't name) had also chopped off two of Archie's toes!

Archie left home in 1940 or 1941 to live with his brother Bill (William was called Bill by most people.) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Shortly after, he joined the CCC's where he remained until he joined the U.S. Navy prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Archie served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was one of the first to go to Normandy Beach.

Archie spent the greater part of the war in the Atlantic aboard an old World War I "Four Stacker" destroyer called the U.S.S. Dallas. One of actions that his ship was involved in was the invasion of North Africa. His ship sailed up the shallow Sebu river¹⁵ and captured a fort manned by French and German troops. As a result of this action the entire crew received the Presidential Unit Citation. After the collapse of Germany, Archie was sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served for the remainder of the war.

When the war ended, he came



Archie Penix in Guam during World War II.

home with a bride from Italy. His story was that he woke up one morning with the woman in bed with him holding a marriage certificate. The first name of the wife from Italy was **Frances**. She liked American movies and eating spaghetti. The last name of the Italian bride is not known. This

¹⁵ See the story "dash up the Sebu" in the appendix.

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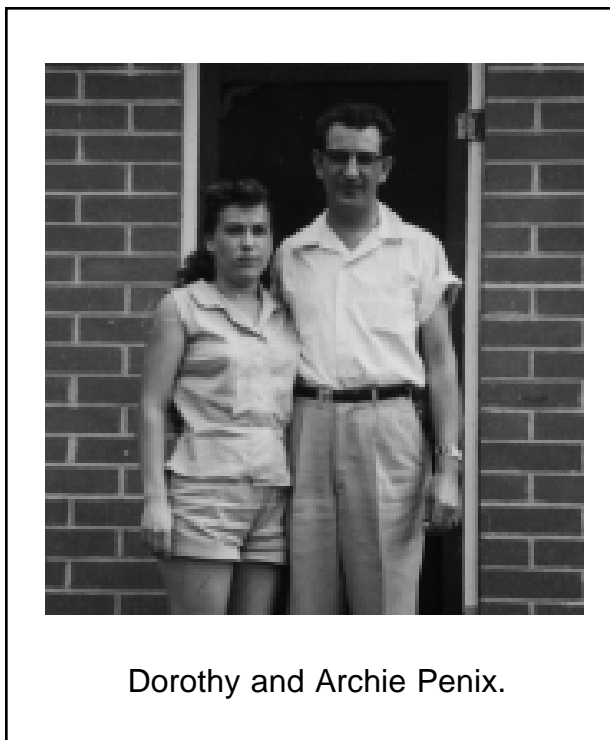
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Archie's first wife Frances Penix.

Illinois to a home in Gilbertsville, Kentucky and are now both deceased.

There is a fourth daughter listed for Archie in the funeral notice. Her name is Sherry



Dorothy and Archie Penix.

marriage ended in divorce on March 28, 1949 with no children in the marriage. No record has been found for the date of marriage.

Archie also married and divorced **Euline Melson** (See the second marriage for Frederick). In this marriage there were two daughters. They were Charlotte and Debra Sue.

The third and final marriage was to **Dorothy Yates** of Middletown, Kentucky. This marriage lasted until Archie died on January 28, 1990. They spent most of their married life living and working in Chicago. They retired (Archie retired from Barreh Electronics in Northbrook, Illinois) and moved from their home in Wheeling,

Perkins Raines and she was living in Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1994. This a step daughter whose mother is Dorothy. Dorothy also had a son, Robert Perkins by the previous marriage.

Archie was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 2707, Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 5739 and the American Legion. Archie was 69 when he died at Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Services were at the Collier Funeral Home in Benton and Archie was buried at Moore Cemetery. The cause of death was possibly a fall from a ladder or Archie having a heart attack while on the ladder.

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Archie enjoyed gardening, especially growing tomatoes. At the funeral dinner on the head of the table was a three pound



Archie and Dorothy Penix at their Kentucky lake home.

tomato that he had grown. He also enjoyed canning tomatoes, reading Esquire and Star magazines (he read in one magazine that if you ate beans you would live to be 100 years old so, he ate beans four or five times a week), tinkering with things to fix them (one time he changed a pull string lawn mover to one that could be started with a drill), Fishing (except he liked to catch skiers instead of fish) and working. He helped build the Elks Lodge and was very proud of the fact that the young men called him a workhorse.

Dorothy was born on March 29, 1928 and died in 1994 (I'm unsure of the date). Dorothy apparently died of a heart attack while in her home in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. She

was a member of the Elks Lodge Auxiliary. Services were held at Collier Funeral home in Benton and Burial was at Moreland Cemetery in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Dorothy had an eight grade education and enjoyed cooking and entertaining. She also worked during her marriage to Archie.

Children of Archie Monroe and Euline Penix:

◇ Charlotte Delorse Penix



Daughters of Archie and Euline Penix in their Early years. Shown are Charlotte and Deborah Penix.

was the first born of Archie and Euline Penix. Charlotte was born on July 25, 1949 in Louisville, Kentucky. Charlotte attended school in Louisville, Kentucky with one additional year at Ahrens Trade School. She married **Richard Edward Ellis** on April 16, 1965. Richard was born on November 17, 1947 to Carl Ellis and Illa Fern Ellis of Louisville, Kentucky. There were two sons in this marriage.

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Charlotte Penix



Richard Jr., Jessica and Bradley Ellis

Children of Charlotte and Richard Ellis are:

• **Richard Edward Ellis Jr.** was the first child of Charlotte and Richard Ellis, born on October 14, 1965 in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Iroquise High School in Louisville, Kentucky. After graduation he moved to Houston, Texas to live with his father. He married **Wendy Marie Rife** who was born August 16, 1968 in Houston, Texas. They were divorced and Richard has custody of their children who are:

- **Bradley Edward Ellis** is their first born. He was born on August 9, 1985 in Houston, Texas.

- **Jessica Myran Ellis** was their second born. She was born on August 26, 1986 in Houston, Texas.

Richard moved back to Louisville, Kentucky in 1986 and began working for the University of Louisville as a plumber. Richard enjoys playing the guitar, singing and is involved with little league and other sports with his children.

• **Michael Wayne Ellis** is the second son of Charlotte and Richard Ellis, born on May 20, 1970 in Louisville, Kentucky. After graduating from high school he worked at the University of Louisville as a temporary employee before going to World Harvest Bible College in Columbus, Ohio. After three years he graduated and moved to Lexington, Kentucky where he was Intern Pastor for the Family Worship Center for one year. Michael then moved back to Louisville, Kentucky where he is currently Evangelizing with Evangel Christian Life Center and working as a salesman at

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Michael Ellis

California Water Beds.

Michael enjoys doing mime, playing sports and being in charge of activities for single young adults.

Charlotte divorced Richard Ellis in 1976 married **Bernard Lee Numann** on March 30, 1979. Bernard was born on August 25, 1944 in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the son of Elmer Bernard Numann and Margaret Quinn Numann. There was a daughter named Alicia Elaine in this marriage.

Bernard has one daughter from a previous marriage. Her name is **Sandra Lee Numann** and was born on August 20, 1963 in Louisville, Kentucky. Sandra married **John Benjamin Clark** who was born on October 10, 1961 in Louisville, Kentucky. Sandy and John have one daughter, **Jennifer Nicole Clark** who was born on June 12, 1982 in Louisville, Kentucky. Sandy now lives in Lagrange, Kentucky and is a devoted wife



Bernard and Charlotte Numann



John, Sandy (Bernard's granddaughter) and Niki Clark

and mother.

Charlotte now works as Financial Advisor for the

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University of Louisville Bookstore, which is owned and operated by Barnes & Noble of New York, New York. Bernie owns and operates a vending machine company. They attend the New Life Church of God in Shepherdville, Kentucky where Charlotte enjoys teaching Childrens Church, being active in the Ladies Ministries and crafts. Bernard loves to hunt and fish.

Children of Charlotte Penix and Bernard Numann are:

- **Alicia Elaine Numann** is the first and only child born to Charlotte and Bernard. Alicia was born on November 16, 1978 in Louisville, Kentucky. Alicia currently attends Central High School where she is studying to be a veterinarian. Alicia also works part time at the University of Louisville Bookstore as a cashier. She enjoys singing in church, doing sign language for the deaf and reading.



Alicia Numann

◇ **Deborah Sue Penix** was born on July 27, 1951 in Louisville, Kentucky. Debra Sue was the second child born to



Deborah Sue Penix

Euline Melson and Archie Penix during their marriage. Debra Sue quit school and married **Charles Randal Boggs** on December 9, 1967. Randal (Is called Randy) was born on April 2, 1950 and is the youngest son of John Wesley Boggs (October 1, 1902 to September 1976) and Rebecca Baker Boggs (September 9, 1906 to December 21, 1984) from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Randy and Debbie moved to Harrodsburg, Kentucky when Randy went to work as a backhoe operator for his brother's company. They lived in Harrodsburg for a year before returning to Louisville. Several years after returning to Louisville, Debbie continued her education by receiving a GED

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Charles and Deborah Boggs

certificate, some college, and training as a cosmetologist. She is now a licensed Cosmetologist. She worked in her own beauty shop until after the birth of their twins.

Debbie returned to work in 1981 at the University of Louisville where she is currently an Executive Secretary at the School of Dentistry. She serves on the Executive Committee of the school's Staff Senate and has received recognition for contributions to her local unit and the university.

Debbie's hobbies include sewing and crafts. She has made and sold more than 100 soft sculptured (cabbage patch type) dolls throughout the United States. She also has dolls in Japan, China, England, Africa and Canada. Her dolls (called Bobo's Babe's) and other craft works have won awards at local and state fairs and other shows.

Debbie and her husband Randy, a licensed minister in

the Church of God (Cleveland Assembly) has pastored two churches in Kentucky (Shelbyville Church of God, 1983 to 1985 and the Fairdale Church of God, 1987 to 1992). Although they are not currently pastoring, both participate in ministering in local churches in the surrounding area. Debbie is actively involved in various Ladies Ministries both on the local and state level. Although the ministry is now considered their primary vocation, they also own and operate Boggs Excavating Company in Louisville.

Debbie and Randy have four children, all born in Louisville, Kentucky.

Children of Debra and Charles Boggs are:



Children of Debra and Charles:
Charles, Christy, John and Deborah
Boggs

• **Deborah Michelle Boggs** was born on June 9, 1968 and graduated from North Bullitt

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High School in May 1986. Michelle has been employed at the University of Louisville since August 1986 where she continues to work as a Program Assistant II.

Deborah married **Mark Louis Lucas** on March 20, 1993. Mark was born on

at the University of Louisville Physical Plant where he worked until July 14, 1995 at which time he joined his father's excavating company. Randy's hobbies include woodworking, basketball, softball and especially motor cross sports where he has won numerous awards and recognition.

• **John David Boggs**, one of a set of twins, was born on October 14, 1974. He graduated from North Bullitt High School in June 1992. Following graduation David went to work for his father's excavating firm as a heavy equipment operator. He plans to attend Lee College beginning in the fall 1995 semester where he will pursue studies for the Ministry in Christian Education. David's hobbies include basketball, softball and being involved in youth activities at his church.

• **Christy Lynn Boggs**, twin of John David Boggs, was also born on October 14, 1974 and was also a June 1992 graduate of North Bullitt High School. Christy completed one year of studies at Jefferson State Community College in Louisville, Kentucky. She also went to work at the University of Louisville (Does the clan own this place?) in July 1993. Christy remains at the University of Louisville where she continues to take classes on a part time basis. Her hobbies include loving animals, softball, volleyball, fixing up her '87 Mustang and attending car shows.

All four of the children



Mark and Deborah Lucas

October 2, 1969 and is the eldest son of David and Carolyn Lucas from Louisville, Kentucky.

Mark has been employed at the United Parcel Services in Louisville since graduating from Male High School in 1987. They are expecting their first child in the fall of 1995. Their hobbies include softball, basketball, tennis and volleyball.

• **Charles Randal Boggs II** was born on May 5, 1970. Randy graduated from Victory Christian Academy in June 1987. Following graduation, Randy also found employment

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for Debbie and Randy were actively involved in sports, lettered in basketball and won various awards for their athletic abilities at their schools.

Children of Archie and Dorothy Penix (Third child for Archie.) is:

◊ **Norma Rae Penix** was the only child born to Archie and Dorothy Penix. Norma Rae was born on December 28, 1957 in Columbus Hospital, Chicago,



Norma Rae Penix

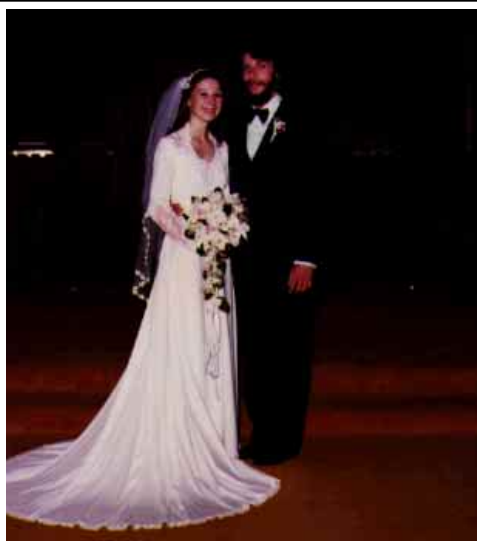
Illinois. Her family moved from Chicago to Wheeling in 1962. Norma Rae attended Walt Whitman Elementary School, Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School and Wheeling High School all in Wheeling, Illinois. She graduated from high school in 1976 with honors. While in high school Norma participated in Gymnastics, Basketball and

Choir. She also worked at that time at Clayton House Motel as a maid, Just Pants as a sales clerk and as a dental assistant with Dr. Reed DDS.

After high school Norma took a correspondent course through the University of Chicago and became a Certified Dental Assistant and began work for Dr. Menyhart as a dental assistant at the age of 23 years.

Norma Rae lived at home until the age of 22 years.

Norma Rae married **Michael Joseph Fraser** on May 17, 1980 in Wheeling, Illinois and continued to live there until 1986 when they moved to Gilbertsville, Kentucky. They were divorced in March of 1991 but had two children in the marriage. Both continued to stay in Kentucky. Michael was born in Blue Island, Illinois on January 16, 1957 and died on August 31, 1992 after being hit



Norma Rae with first husband Michael Fraser.

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by a car and is buried in Moorland Cemetery, Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Michael was a self employed carpenter. He had sisters Karen Conley and Tammy Fortney.

The children for Norma Rae and Michael Fraser are:

- **Brittney Nichole Fraser** who was born on July 20, 1985 Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park, Illinois. She is presently in fifth grade at Jonathan Elementary School and is involved in piano, basketball Beta Club,



Brittney Fraser recently.

Gymnastics and Theatrical Arts.

- **Ashley Michelle Fraser** who was born on September 7, 1988 in Marshall County Hospital, Marshall County, Kentucky. Ashley is



Ashley Fraser this year.



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presently attending Jonathan Elementary and is involved in basketball, Gymnastics and piano.

Norma Rae remarried in Nashville, Tennessee on September 16, 1994 to **Donald Joseph Perlette** who was born on December 25, 1947 in Woodlawn Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Norma tells me that all three children (two for her and one for him) stood up for them at the wedding and for the honeymoon, they all went to the zoo and Opryland.

Donald spent four years in the Army. The marriage to Norma

Donald has a daughter from his last marriage which was to Kathy Tucker. The child's name is Jacqueline Renee' Perlette.

Jacqueline was born on December 21, 1981 in Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Jacqueline (they call her Jackie) is presently in the 8th grade and is an honor roll student. She is involved in the Academic Team, Theatrical Arts and dance. Jackie lives with Donald and Norma Rae.

Norma Rae and Donald now reside in Benton, Kentucky. They have 18 acres on which they grow hay. They also have two horses, two dogs and twelve cats. There are no children in this marriage at this time, but, I assume the three children from the other marriages and the animals are enough.



Norma Rae and Donald Perlette with (left to right) children Brittney Fraser, Ashley Fraser and Jacqueline Perlette on the wedding day.

Rae was his third. He works at B.F. Goodrich in Calvert City where he has been employed for the last 17 years. Donald built the house that they are presently living in today.

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Dorothy Penix, 66, formerly of Louisville, died Wednesday in Gilbertsville.

She was the former Dorothy Yates and a member of Elks Lodge Auxiliary.

Survivors: two daughters, Norma Fraser of Benton and Sherry Raines of Jeffersonville, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Deborah S. Boggs of Brooks and Charlotte Numann; two sisters, Ruth Goins of Eastwood and Audrey Malone of Jeffersontown; three brothers, Coleman Yates of Fern Creek, Fritz Yates of Crestwood and Roy Yates; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral: 2 p.m. CST Saturday, Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Burial: Moreland Cemetery, Gilbertsville. Visitation after 10 a.m. CST Friday.

Dorothy Penix funeral notice.

Archie Penix

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. — Services for Archie Penix, 69, of Gilbertsville Rt. 2, will be at 3 p.m. today at Collier Funeral Home in Benton. The Rev. James Faulkner will officiate and burial will be in Moore Cemetery.

Mr. Penix died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 2707, Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 5739, and the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Penix; four daughters, Norma

Fraser of Gilbertsville, Charlotte Numann of Louisville, Deborah Sue Boggs of Brooks, and Sherry Raines of Jeffersonville, Ind.; two sisters, Callie McCarthy of Owingsville, and Jessie Underwood of Louisville; two brothers, Fred Penix and Alvie Penix, both of Louisville; 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

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