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Family Spotlight: Robert Walter "Bob" Weber



Besides him being a brother, cousin, husband, father and uncle, do you know all about Robert "Bob" Weber? Let's turn our family spotlight on him.

Bob Weber was the big brother of the Weber family. Born in Indianapolis in 1914 to Harry and Tillie Weber, he had four sisters, Rose, Gin, Peg and Dolly and one brother, Harry. Although Harry and Tillie lived on Parkway Avenue when he was born, Bob grew up primarily in the Weber home at 2160 Singleton Street.

Recently I had a chance to talk with Janet (Weber) Jenkins about her father and I learned interesting details of our Uncle Bob's life. She told me that he spent several summers as a youngster at the farm of Ed and Edith (Weber) Ditlinger, his aunt and uncle. That explains why his scrapbooks contain those great photos of family visiting, fishing, hunting and just enjoying themselves at the Ditlingers in North Vernon, Indiana.

After attending Cathedral High School in Indianapolis for a while, Bob went to the Franciscan seminary in Teutopolis, Illinois, to study to be a brother. We don't know exactly why, but he decided against that way of life and returned home.

He came back to Singleton Street. This is probably when, as a single guy in his early twenties, he took part with his father in the Friday evening card games that Aunt Peg tells me happened at their Weber grandfather's home on South Alabama Street. And we

all know the love of card-playing continued. During this time frame, the 1930s, is also when he traveled to Florida with his father's sister, Alberta Weber, she being single also and only six years older than Bob.

Taking photos of family, friends, travel and other events became another piece of Bob's life. His scrapbooks are a treasure. As a young man he worked for a while at Bass Photo Company, where his cousin Ray Hinz was a photographer. About 1939-40 he took a job with the H. Lieber Company, a company that specialized in photographic equipment, supplies and photofinishing. Janet tells me he was a clerk at Liebers, where he worked for 20 years.

(To see a photo of Bob at Liebers go to www.indianaties.com/wordlesswednesday.)

In the early 1940s Bob Weber met a special young lady named Emma Richie who was working at the Kresge's dime store in downtown Indianapolis. Bob and Emma married on April 20th, 1944 at St. Catherine Catholic Church on the south side of Indianapolis. Did you know they went to Cincinnati on a bus for their honeymoon?

Then, Janet recalled that as many young married couples did in the 1940s and 50s, they rented a home for a while and lived for a couple of years with Bob's mother before buying their home. "We first lived in a rental on 36th street and then on 30th street in Indianapolis. Then we lived with Grandma Weber on Singleton Street in 1955 to 1957. In December of 1957 we moved into our home in Brownsburg where my sister, Barb, and I grew up and where my mother lived until she moved to the retirement home in Indianapolis a few years before her death in 2011."

About 1959, not long after moving to Brownsburg, Bob began his employment with the Wm. H. Block Company. He worked in the men's department at Block's department store in downtown Indianapolis for 20 years, retiring in 1979. Janet tells a touching story of her mother discovering that he had invested his stock from his retirement at Blocks in an IRA that provided her with a welcomed supplement to her income in retirement after he was gone. Bob passed away in 1987.

My memories of Uncle Bob are of a kind person who looked after his sister, Rose, my mother. I also seem to remember a mischievous twinkle in his eye. Do you know other Bob Weber stories?

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Family News

Additions to the Kuhn Weber Descendants

A Holzer family addition:

Lukas Knorr - Christina "Tina" Holzer and Marco Knorr have a baby boy born on June 10, 2014, 7 lb 15.9 oz, 20 1/2 inches, full head of hair – grandson of Chuck and Pat Holzer.

Marilyn (Niehaus) Schuster reports "We had two new great grandsons born this February":

Bentley Joseph Carpenter, born Feb 7th - Mom is Britney Carpenter -- grandson of Lisa Schuster Christopher

Benjamin Martin Westerfield, aka BMW, born Feb 14th – Parents: David and Amanda Deboy Westerfield – grandson of Karen and David Westerfield.

Memorial – Rest In Peace

Jean Wheeler, Pat Holzer's father, passed away in the Fall of 2013. Our sympathy to Pat and her family. Since Jean was a WWII veteran, the family elected to have a burial of his and his wife's ashes by the Coast Guard on Lake Michigan.

We express our condolences to all of Jean's family. And we pay tribute to him for his service to his country.

Retirement

Chuck Holzer has officially joined the ranks of retirees as of July 11, 2014. We wish you many nice days of whatever you choose to do, Chuck.

50th Anniversary

Marilyn and Jerry Schuster celebrated 50 years of marriage in July, 2014. Congratulations!

New Homes and New Jobs

Swift family moves ~ Marvin and Joyce (Holzer) Swift made the move from Chicago area to Fort Wayne in the Fall of 2013.

And their son, Greg and his wife Julia and their daughters moved to Lawrence, Kansas, last summer as well.

Holzer resettles ~ Larry Holzer started his new job in Florida with Rexell USA in August 2013. Larry and Susan sold their home in Indianapolis this summer and have now settled in Florida. Best wishes you two.

Veteran chooses Seattle ~ Mike Holzer, son of Chuck and Pat Holzer, is leaving the Navy on August 24, 2014, and has chosen Seattle, WA, as his new home. Thank you for your service, Mike.

The Jacksons have a new home – Brandon and

Jennifer Jackson bought a home near Epler & Shelbyville Roads, in the vicinity of their former home.

Hurleys move along ~ Jerry and Nancy Hurley sold their motorhome this Spring. So, they're not traveling the same way as these past ten years. They also moved to a new home in Fishers as of July 2014.

Krissy Underwood, Nancy Hurley's daughter, purchased a condo on the northeast side of Indianapolis – her first venture into home ownership.

Grandchildren news from Marilyn and Jerry Schuster:

Grandson Joshua Westerfield completed his four years in the Army as of May, 2014 - son of Nancy (Schuster) Saksa. We appreciate your service Josh.

Granddaughter Courtney Westerfield completed her course training for EMT. She is scheduled to take the Indiana Board exam to get her certification and license in a few weeks. - daughter of Nancy (Schuster) Saksa.

Family Recovering

Marilyn Schuster reports on her progress after her surgery in May: "My recovery is going much slower than I would like. Still wear down easily and not able to get out as much as I would like."

Kathy Brodhacker is still mending from the stair collapse in Alabama in June. She had injuries to her face, hand and ribs. Her reconstructive surgery went well and she is taking the time she needs to get better. Kathy says: "I still am having trouble moving my fingers but after being in a cast for basically two months, they have gotten pretty stiff. I'm going to therapy for it now. My face is in pretty good shape too!...a little numbness. So, all in all, I'm doing pretty good."

Best wishes for a pleasant and full recovery to you both.

Happy Birthdays to Our Matriarchs

This year marked special birthdays for both Peg Stull and Ruth Weber. Peg celebrated her 90th and Ruth her 85th. Ladies, your energy and attitudes are inspirational to us all. There's a collective hug and best wishes going your way!

Exciting Science News From One of Our Family

You will want to be googling Anne Kruchten soon! She's involved in building a community of young scientists in Oregon.

Anne is the daughter of Dick and Janet (Weber) Jenkins. She's a biology professor at Linfield College in Oregon and was recently interviewed by Comcast Newsmakers about the different techniques being incorporated in their teaching program to keep students interested in science. Anne explains the exciting developments in Linfield's science courses that put 18-year-olds into true research projects early, instead of confining them to introductory lectures. If you would like to see the interview with her, google Anne Kruchten Comcast or go to: <http://comcastnewsmakers.com/2014/07/07/building-a-community-of-scientists/>

2013 Reunion Recap

Our 2013 Weber Kuhn Reunion was another friendly and tasty gathering. August 24 turned out to be a pleasant day, not too humid or hot. Our spot in the shelter on the hill at Sarah Bolton Park in Beech Grove was just right for the third year in a row. There were around 80 of us sharing lunch, photos, and stories for the afternoon.

And what a meal we had. There were so many great dishes for the pitch-in I couldn't begin to name them or who prepared which one. Maybe we should label them!

The winner of the beautiful family heritage quilt created by Peg Stull was Nancy Gholson – a happy girl!



Some of us also participated in a contest to name the locations in old family photos. This one ended in a tie between Becky Smith and Connie Moreland. They

each named ten places. Good job competitors!

The silent auction was again fun for every age. Thanks to all who took part in this fund raising activity. And, of course, between chatting, eating, raffling and playing games, we enjoyed browsing the old photos that you bring to share. Keep them coming.

These reunions seem to go by so fast. Thanks for making the Weber Kuhn Reunion a great place to be in Indianapolis for a day each summer!

Sharing Recipes

Have you tried any of the recipes at Family Recipe Friday on our family history website: www.indianaties.com? What did you think? In case you haven't seen them, here's a sample of one of Grandma Weber's. There's lots of room for your favorites too. Email to nancyhurley1@gmail.com.

Grandma Weber	
ICEBOX COOKIES	
1 lb. butter	1 c. brown sugar
1 tbsp. cinnamon	3 eggs, well beaten
2 tsp. soda	5 c. flour
1 c. sugar	Peanuts or Almonds
Stir butter and sugar well; add eggs, 1 lb. shelled roasted peanuts, or $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. almonds sliced crosswise fine, flour, soda and cinnamon. Roll 2 in. thick, place in icebox until firm. Cut in slices and bake in 350° oven until crisp.	

Notes from Nancy

Sharing our history is fun! If you would like for me to provide a copy of any family story or photo, let me know by phone or email. Or if you have a correction on any story, I'd welcome that too. You'll keep finding more history at www.indianaties.com.

Newsletter: If you know of family who would like to receive this newsletter by email, let me know.

Invitation to Write for Weber Kuhn Tribune:

Is there a cousin who has stories to tell about growing up or grand parenting, or whatever? Your contributions are welcome any time for the newsletter.

Thanks for feeding me news and adding to our stories for the 2014 Weber-Kuhn Tribune. It's fun putting this together with all of you.

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