

*The
Klassen
Family*



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JOHANN & HELENA FRIESEN
(OPA'S MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS)



JACOB & KATHARINA KONRAD, SON GERHARD
(OMA'S PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS WITH HER FATHER)



JACOB & MARIA BRAUN
(OMA'S MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS)



ISAAC & AGANETHA KLASSEN
(OPA'S PARENTS)



GERHARD & SUSANNA KONRAD
(OMA'S PARENTS)



ISAAC & MARY KLASSEN
(OMA & OPA)



A BRIEF HISTORY OF MARY KLASSEN (1901-1993)

I, Mary Klassen (nee Konrad) was born in Lindental, Russia on December 12, 1901. My parents were Gerhard and Susanna Konrad (nee Braun). I was the eldest of five children. Five of our siblings, three brothers and two sisters, died as infants.

I had a happy childhood, but when World War I began the situation became dangerous and the bandits took everything. We fled to Tiegenhagen to my maternal grandmother. In 1921, I went to catechism and was baptized by Reverend Klassen. As things got worse in Russia, my parents decided to leave. In 1924, we left Russia by ship to England where we boarded a larger ship which took us to Quebec. From there, we travelled by train to McTavish, Manitoba. A Mrs. Rempel gave us lodging and we all went to work except my mother and sister Susie. My father was not well and he passed away in 1932. This was very difficult for my mother. On November 25, 1932, I married Isaac Klassen. We were married by his father Reverend Isaac Klassen.

We lived a few more years in Manitoba and in 1937 we moved to Ontario. We lived on Pelee Island for 7 1/2 years, and in the Cottam and Leamington area. Our three eldest children, Hilda, Elsie and Harry were born in Manitoba and the youngest three, Agnes, Helen and Ed were born on Pelee Island. My mother passed away in 1959.

We moved around a lot and it wasn't that easy as crops were not good and money was scarce. There was not that much money but the Lord saw us through. In 1953, we purchased a farm on Concession B in Mersea Twp. where we lived until September 1, 1978. At this time, we moved to the Lutsch Apartments in Leamington where we lived until August 1991 when we moved to the Pickwick Apartments. This ends the life story as recorded by Mary Klassen.

On October 24, 1993, Mary Klassen was hospitalized with a stroke. After spending 11 days there, she was moved to the Leamington nursing home where she passed away at 6:15 A.M. on November 25, 1993. She would have been 92 years old on December 12, 1993.

Loving mother of six children, grandmother of twenty-four grandchildren, thirty-eight great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. Leaving to mourn her husband of 61 years, Isaac; daughters Elsie; Agnes and her husband Peter Berg; Helen and her husband Ed Kolm; sons Harry Klassen and his wife Rosie and Ed Klassen and his wife Nancy. Dear sister of George, Peter and Susie Konrad, all of Leamington. Predeceased by three brothers and two sisters as infants; brother Jake Konrad (1981); daughter Hilda (1983); son-in-law Nick Krahn (1984) and grandsons Gary (1991) and Dennis Epp (1972). Internment at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Leamington.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISAAC KLASSEN (1906-1995)

I, Isaac Klassen, was born on April 14, 1906 in Alexanderwohl, South Russia. My parents were Issac and Aganetha Klassen (nee Friesen). I started Public School when I was seven years old. I wanted to continue onto high school but I had to stay at home and work on the farm. In 1925, I came to Canada with my parents, brother and sister. My older sister Helen and her husband David Mandtler, who had come to Canada before us, met us at the train station in Winkler, Manitoba. We lived in Manitoba until the fall of 1926 then moved to Carevale, Saskatchewan. David Mandtler and my father purchased a 500 acre farm there. In 1929, I went to catechism classes led by my father and was baptized by Reverend Frank Enns. At this time, I joined the Mennonite Church. My baptismal verse was 1 John, Chapter 1, Verse 7:

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

On November 25, 1932, I married Mary Konrad. My father, Reverend Isaac Klassen performed the ceremony. We chose Psalm 121, verse 1 as our wedding scripture:

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

Mary and I first lived in Manitoba then came to Ontario in 1937. We lived on Pelee Island until 1945. We also lived near Cottam and later in the Leamington area. In 1953 we purchased a farm on Concession B. I also worked at Heinz's for 19 years.

Our three eldest children, Hilda, Elsie and Harry were born in Manitoba and the youngest three, Agnes, Helen and Ed were born on Pelee Island. After selling our home, we moved into the Lutsch apartments and lived there from 1978 to 1991. We had many good times there. In 1991, we moved to the Pickwick Apartments so that we could be close to the Mennonite home where there was help available to us if we needed it. On May 7, 1993, I had to go to the hospital because of pneumonia. I was sick a lot but the Lord always helped us through the difficult times and we will continue to put our trust in him. As well, our children have always been there to help us when we needed them.

On November 25, 1993, I was deeply saddened when my wife Mary passed away. We had been married for 61 years. On May 25, 1994, I moved to the Erie Glen Manor and then on October 13, 1994, I moved to the Mennonite Home. This ends the life story as recorded by Isaac Klassen.

At the age of 88 years, Isaac Klassen passed away at the Leamington Mennonite Home on March 30, 1995. Loving father of six, grandfather of twenty-four grandchildren, thirty-eight great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. Dear brother of Aganetha Sawatzkey in Germany (passed away in 1995). Predeceased by wife Mary (1993); daughter Hilda (1983); son-in-law Nick Krahn (1984); grandsons Gary (1991) and Dennis Epp (1972); brothers Peter and John; sisters Helen Mandtler, Elizabeth Ewert and Mary Klassen.

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Thank you all for your contributions to this family tree. If you have any other older photographs or information regarding our common ancestry, I would appreciate it if you forwarded that to me. I will return any original photographs to you.

If there are any spelling errors, inaccurate dates, additions and/or omissions etc. please feel free to email me at davekrahn@canada.com

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