

Gust and Louise (Haarstad) Bring

Gust Bring, son of Andrew and Gertrude Bring, was born November 3, 1896 in New Maine Township, Section 31. He attended school in Marsh Grove Township and was baptized and confirmed at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Marsh Grove Township. On November 24, 1928 he married Louise Haarstad daughter of Mrs. Helga Haarstad and the late Edward Haarstad of Marsh Grove Township. They lived with his mother for two years and then bought and moved to the Stanley Urbaniak farm in West Valley, Section 29 of 120 acres. The place was wooded except for four acres and the land was cleared by Gust mostly by axes which took a lot of ax handles and sharpening. In later years more land was bought; namely – land known as Subdahl land in Section 20 of 160 acres, 80 acres in Section 30 from Leonard Tomkins, 80 acres in Section 7 from the Great Northern Railroad, and 11 acres from Olde Hjelle in Section 29. Gust and Louise raised dairy cattle and grand farmed with Gust working out some, doing carpenter work. Gust is still active helping his son with farming.

They have four children: Marlene, Lowell, Derril, and Wesley. Marlene was born at home on March 9, 1931. She attended Aaker's Business College in Grand Forks, North Dakota and became a secretary. She married Howard Rutherford of East Grand Forks, Minnesota on March 29, 1958. They have two children – Ann and Tom and reside in East Grand Forks and are engaged in farming raising small grand and sugar beets. Lowell was born at home on January 1, 1935 and graduated from Crookston Agricultural College. He married Muriel Setterholm of Stephen on October 22, 1960 and worked at Armour in So. St. Paul for many years. He now has bought the home place of his wife (the Kenneth Setterholm farm) and is presently farming. They have three girls – Wendy, Kristy, and Kelly. Derril was born August 10, 1938 at Thief River Falls, Minnesota and attended Aaker's Business College for a short while and started work with Valley Creamery where he is now manager of the Valley Dairy Stores in Grand Fork, North Dakota and East Grand Forks, Minnesota. He married Doris Evenson of Latton, North Dakota on June 14, 1959 and reside in Grand Forks, North Dakota. They have three boys – Randall, David and Darwin. Wesley is farming the home farm and married Sharon Holmstrom of Newfolden on October 18, 1969. They have two boys – Jeffrey and Michael. All the children were baptized and confirmed at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Marsh Grove. Gust and Louise now hold membership at Bethania Free Lutheran Church. *Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Gust Bring*

Les Bakke remembers: I remember our family visiting the Bring family many times. Apparently, the cousins were also friends. Both families were also members of the same church, so we saw them often.