

Family Group Sheet	Husband's Full Name Jack Douglas Loftis					
Information Obtained From:	Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
Loftis and the	Birth:	10	November	1928	Double Springs, Tennessee	<i>At Home.</i>
Descendants of	Marriage:	12	February	1951	Cookeville, Tennessee	
Laban Loftis by	Death:	20	January	2002	Warren, MI	Heart Attack
Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant	Burial:	24	January	2002	Cadillac Memorial Gardens East	Clinton Twp., MI
Pgs. 344-345	Places of Residence:					
	Occupation:	Spline Grinder		Religion:	Church of Christ	Military Record:
Jack & Joyce Loftis	Other wives					
	His Father:	Milton Otis Loftis		His Mother:	Essie Avo Jernigan	
Essie Avo Jernigan	Wife's Full Maiden Name Joyce Marie Burns					
Loftis Family Bible	Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
Compiler:	Birth:	30	March	1931	Maryville, TN	
Audrey J. Lambert	Marriage:	12	February	1951	Cookeville, Tennessee	
39721 Timberlane Dr.	Death:	9	June	2018	Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI	
St. Hts., MI 48310 ajlambert.com	Burial:	13	June	2018	Cadillac Memorial Gardens East	Clinton Twp., MI
	Places of Residence:					
	Occupation:			Religion:	Church of Christ	Military Record:
Date: Oct. 24, 1999	Other husbands:					
	Her Father:	Ewing Smith Burns		Her Mother:	Ressie May Kelly	

Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town County State or Country	Additional Info.
M	1. Gary Douglas Loftis	Birth:	29	February	1952	Detroit, Michigan	Two sons -
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	2	October	1971	East Detroit, Macomb Co., MI	Scott Alan Loftis
	Vicki Kopjo b. Nov. 4, 1951	Death:					Paul Joseph Loftis
M	2. Larry Dale Loftis	Birth:	29	November	1955	Detroit, Michigan	md 1 st Kathy Mitchell
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	23	September	2002	St. Clair Shores, MI - Courthouse	10 May 1980 – div.
	Melissa Bruno	Death:					Dau. Lindsey Bruno – son, Zachary Dale Loftis
M	3. Jeffrey Scott Loftis	Birth:	24	January	1963	Detroit, Michigan	Kathleen, d/o George S. & Joan Plotkowski.
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	1	June	1985	MI	
	Kathleen Plotkowski b. April 17, 1963	Death:					Son – Christopher
		Burial:					Ryan Loftis

Jeffrey Scott Loftis & Kathleen Plotkowski had two children stillborn: Stephanie Marie Loftis & Stephen Justin Loftis – Buried: St. Peter's Cemetery, behind the Macomb Co. Jail in Macomb Co., Clinton Township, MI. Kathleen was the d/o George Stephen Plotkowski Sr. and Joan. George Stephen was the s/o Stephen A. Plotkowski & Stella Hintz according to the 1930 U.S. census. George Stephen Plotkowski – b. 27 December 1918, MI – d. 11 October 1983, buried in Saint Peter Cemetery, Macomb Co., MI.

1930 Census: Wayne Co., Detroit City, Canton Ave., Michigan

Dwl: 82 Family: 14 Line: 54

Stephen Plotkowski Head Owns Home 6,500 M W 41 Married (27 yrs. old 1st marriage) Drill Press Operator, Auto Plant Poland Poland Poland

Stella Plotkowski Wife F W 37 Married (24 yrs. old 1st marriage) MI Poland Poland

George Plotkowski Son M W 11 Single MI Poland MI (b. 27 December 1918, MI – d. 11 October 1983 md Joan).

Aloysius Plotkowski Son M W 9 Single MI Poland MI (b. 6 July 1920, MI – d. 19 December 2001)

Agnes Plotkowski Dau. F W 8 Single MI Poland MI

Virginia Plotkowski Dau. F W 5 Single MI Poland MI

John Plotkowski Son M W 4 5/12 Single MI Poland MI

Eugene Plotkowski Son M W 3 11/12 Single MI Poland MI (b. 29 April 1927, MI – d. 16 September 1995).

Miriam Plotkowski Dau. F W 9/12 Single MI Poland MI

George, Aloysius & Eugene are all buried in St. Peter Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Joyce Burns Loftis had five brothers, James Taylor, Charles Ewing, Joseph "J. W." & J. A.. & Bobby J. Burnss and four sisters, Francis E., Grace, Helen, and Hazel Imogene Burns.



Front row: Left to right sitting: Joyce (Burns) Loftis, Geraldine (Loftis) Denny, Tim Denny. Left to right standing: Jack Douglas Loftis, Vickie (Kopjo) Loftis, Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace, Audrey June (Denny) Lambert, Paul Dyer, Joann (Pendergrass) Dyer.



Joyce and Jack Loftis.



Jack Douglas Loftis, Joyce (Burns) Loftis, Geraldine (Loftis) Denny, Tim Denny & Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace.



Geraldine (Denny) Lambert, Audrey Burton Wallace & Joyce Loftis.



Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace & Joyce (Burns) Loftis.



Three Generations

Melissa (Bruno) Loftis, Joyce (Burns) Loftis, Larry Dale Loftis & Zachary Dale Loftis, s/o Dale & Melissa Loftis.

Picture taken June 2008.



Jack Douglas Loftis
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN
22 January 2002



MICHIGAN -- Funeral services for Jack Douglas Loftis, 73, of Eastpointe, Mich., formerly of the Double Springs Community of Putnam County, will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, from the chapel of Clyne & Sobocinski Funeral Home, 22121 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe, Mich. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township, Mich.

The family will receive friends from 2-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the funeral home.

Mr. Loftis died on Sunday, January 20, 2002, at Bi-County Hospital in Warren, Michigan.

He was born on November 10, 1928, in Double Springs Community to the late Milton Otis and Essie Avo Jernigan Loftis. He served as an Elder of the Northeast Church of Christ in Eastpointe for 20 years and was a board member of the Church of Christ Care Center. He was a retired spline grinder with Invo Spline and Eagle Spline Co.

His family includes his wife of 50 years, Joyce Burns Loftis; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary and Vicki Loftis, Dale Loftis and Jeffrey and Kathleen Loftis; a sister, Audrey Burton Wallace; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, John Loftis; and a sister, Geraldine Denny.

Rev. Stan Clanton will officiate at the services.

Information by Baxter Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home.

Jack Loftis Obt.
Macomb Daily Newspaper, Mt. Clemens, MI
22 January 2002

Jack Loftis, 73, of Eastpointe, died Sunday, January 20, 2002, at Bi-County Community Hospital, Warren. He was born November 10, 1928, in Double Springs, Tennessee.

Mr. Loftis formerly worked as a spline grinder at Invo Spline and Eagle Spline Co. He served as an elder of Northeast Church of Christ for 20 years and was a board member of Church of Christ Care Center, in Clinton Township.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce Loftis; sons, Gary (Vickie), Dale and Jeffrey (Kathleen) Loftis; sister, Audrey Burton Wallace; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Milton Otis Loftis and Essie Avo Jernigan; his brother, John Ray Loftis; and sister, Geraldine Denny.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at Clyne and Sobocinski Funeral home, 22121 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, with the Rev. Stan Clanton officiating. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township, MI. Visitation is 2-9 p.m., Wednesday.



Jack Douglas Loftis

*Pray given at the funeral services for Jack Douglas Loftis
Written and delivered by his grandson Scott Alan Loftis*

Dear Heavenly Father, Healer of our hurt, Our Great comforter, Be with us now...as no other can help us. The one bond that unites us is that we were all a part of the life of Jack Loftis. The one reason we have been brought together today is that he has left us to be with you. We are walking through the shadow of death and we are afraid. Please deliver and guide us. We mourn...and we call on you to bless us in this time as your Son told us through your servant Matthew. We also cry...as your Son did as he lost his friend. We have lost a friend, a brother, a grandpa, a father...and a husband.

We pray to you at this time aware of your infinite greatness and sole ability to give us that which we trust and need. To give us the gifts to aid us through our grief. To connect with the promise that the Psalms tell us will allow us to preserve our life. (Psalm 119:50) We need to be touched by you. We ask for your hand. May your hand be with Grandma Joyce.

Wipe the tears of a grieving wife and fill the hurting heart of a wounded mother. She needs you now to bring to her your caress of soft comfort. To make each day a step of healing. Reach...reach deep dear God...as Isaiah tells us you can...to give her comfort that will transform the desert of her soul into the flowers of Eden (Isaiah 51:3) May your hand deliver her the gift of comfort. May your hand be with the sons...my uncles and father.

Might your power replace their pain with peace. Transform their sorrow into strength. The Hebrews were told of weakness that is turned into strength and Paul ended by telling the Phillipians that everything can be done with the strength you provide. Give them strength to help their minds to find rest. They are left to be strong and carry on the story of their Dad. To emulate qualities that fill this very room with loved family and friends today. Strength enough to support and direct their mother.

May your hand deliver them the gift of strength. May your hand be with our family. We are here today because we don't want to be alone. We come together from many into one because we know that the power of grieving comes from being with others. Please directly touch the hearts of Vicki and Kathleen. May the cleansing tears of pain provide an outlet for their grief. Convict them to draw on the gift of strength given to their relationships and direct them to serve as healing daughters for Joyce.

Your miracle has brought roads from Texas to Tennessee. Hearts that cannot be here today still pound in the stream of love that conflicts over the celebration of his calling home to be with Geraldine and John...but we hurt because "We just weren't ready for him to go."

May your hand deliver our family the gift of grief. May a special touch of your hand be with the grandchildren and all young that will be touched. Help use to live in the memories of Grandpa Jack and to grow into his legacy of serving you. For myself...Paulie...and Chris...we've lost the chance to make new memories so please grant us the ability to freeze those moments most precious and keep them in a special place in our hearts.

May your hand deliver the youth the gift of remembrance. May your hand be with our friends. We are not here simply because we knew Jack but because we loved him and directly or though another he touched us. Touch US now dear God. Move our friendship to support the family as we deal with our own grief and pain. Paul taught the Romans how to love and taught us to mourn with those who mourn. May your hand deliver all friends the gift of support.

God, We'll be talking to you a lot in the next few days and weeks. We will have a lot of questions. May a shower of comfort...strenth...grief...remembrance...and support...gift us all and flood us with the cleansed power of your Holy Spirit.

God, We admit. Right now we are a bit jealous of you. For the one we gather to miss is the one sitting right next to you. Can you do us a favor? Nudge him. Smile. And tell him we love him.

We send these thoughts and others contained in our hearts through your son Jesus and into your presence to deliver the gifting touch of your hand upon us today.

Amen.

Prayer by Scott Loftis – January 24, 2002 – Grandpa Loftis' Funeral Prayer



Family of Jack & Joyce Loftis
L to R: Larry Dale, Melissa; Christopher; Jeffery; Kathleen;
Gary; Vickie; Heather & Scott Loftis.



Victoria "Vickie" Gale (Kopjo) Loftis and her
mother JoAnn (Perkins) Lloyd Kopjo.
Picture taken June 2008



Jack Douglas Loftis & his wife,
Joyce Marie Burns Loftis



Wedding of Victoria "Vickie" Gale Kopjo & Gary Douglas Loftis.
L to R: James Kopjo & JoAnna (Perkins) Lloyd Kopjo; Victoria "Vickie"
Gale (Kopjo) Loftis; Gary Douglas Loftis; Joyce (Burns) Loftis & Jack
Douglas Loftis. Vickie Gale is the d/o Harold Lloyd 1st husband of JoAnn
(Perkins) Lloyd Kopjo. JoAnn is the d/o Jimmie D. Perkins & Nobie Kate
Stuart. James Kopjo is the s/o Joseph & Celia Kopjo. Vickie had a
brother named Craig Alan Kopjo who died as an infant.

Jimmie D. Perkins, born 20 January 1896, died 17 September 1971 & his wife Nobie Kate (Stuart) Perkins, born 11 June 1903, died 17 October 1982, both buried in Veterans Memorial Gardens, Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Twp., MI. Jimmie and Nobie (Stuart) Perkins are the parents of JoAnna (Perkins) Lloyd Kopjo. Jimmie D. Perkins, Kentucky, PFC US Army WWI.

Craig Alan Kopjo, born 25 June 1960, died 29 June 1960, s/o James Kopjo & JoAnn Perkins. Craig Alan Kopjo is buried in Baby Land, Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Twp., MI.

Mrs. Joyce Marie Loftis Obt.

Joyce Marie Loftis, 87, passed away Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Church of Christ Assisted Living, Clinton Twp. She was born March 30, 1931 in Maryville, TN. Joyce was married for 50 years to the late Jack Loftis.

She is survived by her three sons, Gary (wife Vicki), Dale (wife Melissa) and Jeff (wife Kathleen); grandchildren, Scott (wife Laurie), Paul, Chris, Lindsey and Zachary.

The family will be receiving friends from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12th, at Baganasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East.

Eulogy for Joyce (Burns) Loftis

13 June 2018

By Mark Wilson

Joyce Marie (Burns) Loftis was born in Maryville Tennessee on March 30, 1931. She married Jack in Tennessee on February 12, 1951. Jack passed away in January 2002 after 50 years of marriage.

Jack and Joyce had three sons, Gary (his wife Vicki), Dale (his wife Melissa) and Jeffery (his wife Kathleen).

Shortly after Jack and Joyce were married they moved to Michigan, where they settled down and raised their family. They were baptized and started their service to the church. Jack served as an elder at the East Detroit Church of Christ and later at Northeast, and Joyce would hang out with the other elders wives after services sometimes while the guys had a "short" meeting.

Joyce never drove a car or had a job outside of the home. But, if you wanted a room painted, a meal cooked, or a garden planted, Joyce was the one who could do all of that - and much more. Her focus and her love were taking care of her husband and her boys in her own special way. And that love later extended to her daughters-in-law and her grandchildren.

Sundays would most likely include putting an English cut roast with all the trimmings in the oven before heading to church. After the family ate together, Joyce & Jack would sometimes head out for a drive, leaving Gary to clean up.

Most family memories of Joyce involved family and food.

Joyce loved both her family and showed great affection towards the little ones at church. Jay and Brenda Ingram remembered dropping off their son, Kenneth, along with his box of Fruity Pebbles, knowing that he was in good hands with Joyce while Brenda went to work at Northeast Church of Christ.

Gary remembers when Jack and Joyce first brought Jeffery home from the hospital. Dale and Gary thought it was funny to call him JEFF-EEE. Joyce didn't find it as funny and quickly corrected the boys saying, "His name is JEFF-REE.

There are many, many, other stories about how Joyce would need to correct her boys throughout the years, but we will skip all those stories today and move on.

Melissa and Joyce would take turns cooking dinner. Some of her favorite foods were fried chicken and pumpkin bread. Vicki has fond memories of Joyce's cornbread stuffing, homemade pizza, strawberry jello salad and leftover turkey sandwiches after Thanksgiving.

*See Chapter 12 and Loftis families at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>