



Hastings and Nancy Mariah Hunt Morley

Hastings and Nancy Mariah Hunt Morley came to Potter County from a town just south of Rochester, NY, named Belcoda. Nothing remains of the town but a cemetery, where Hastings' mother, Elizabeth Remington Morley is buried.

Hastings, born October 24, 1800 in Brutus, Cayuga County, NY, is the son of John and Elizabeth Remington Morley. He was married June 4, 1821 in Herkimer, NY to Nancy Mariah Hunt, the daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Earls Hunt.

They arrived in Potter County before 1837, settling in Allegany Township at Raymond's Corners.

Hastings died June 6, 1862 and Nancy died February 20, 1879. Both are buried in the Raymond's Corner's Cemetery.

Children: **Lorinia** born Dec, 14, 1823; married Levi T. Moore. Died in 1909.

Henry born October 24, 1825; married Aurilla Ree; died February 2, 1854 ("killed by the fall of a tree.")

Lewis B. born February 7, 1828; married Mary Jane Bunnell; died August 7, 1890.

William S. born November 25, 1831; married Susannah Ardrey in 1854; died July 1872.

Ephraim B. born August 12, 1834; married Mary M. Nicholson Nov. 15, 1856.

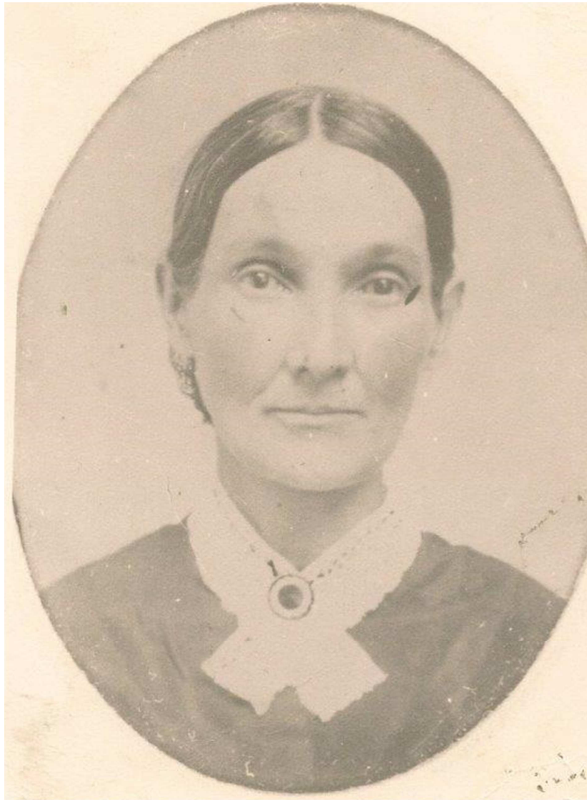
Benjamin H. born May 4, 1837; married Olive _____; died Aug. 12, 1862.

Nancy M. born Jan 8, 1840; married Emmer. B. Monroe Jan. 23, 1859.

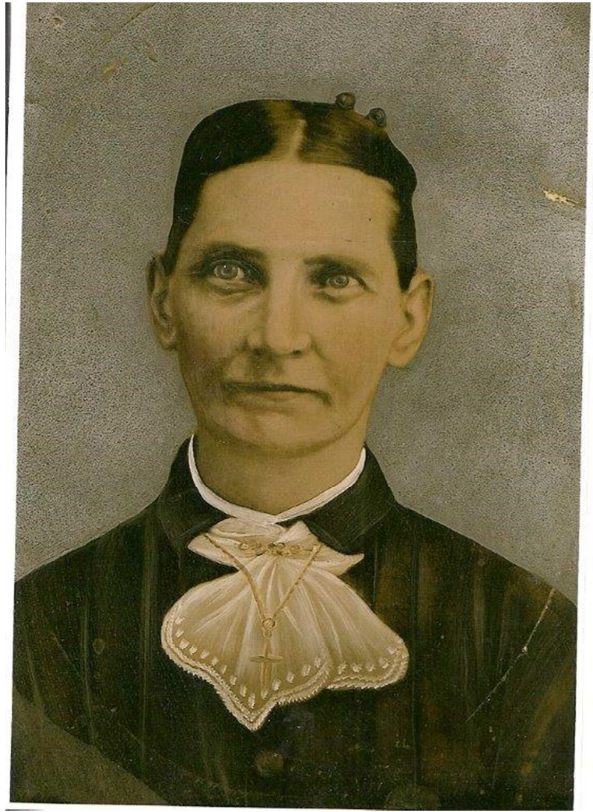
Hastings Jr. born June 27, 1842; married Caroline Rogers, Sept. 11, 1862; died Dec. 9, 1912.

James K. born Oct. 11, 1845; married Jennie Campbell Feb. 5, 1870.

Photos of some of the Children of Hastings & Nancy Morley

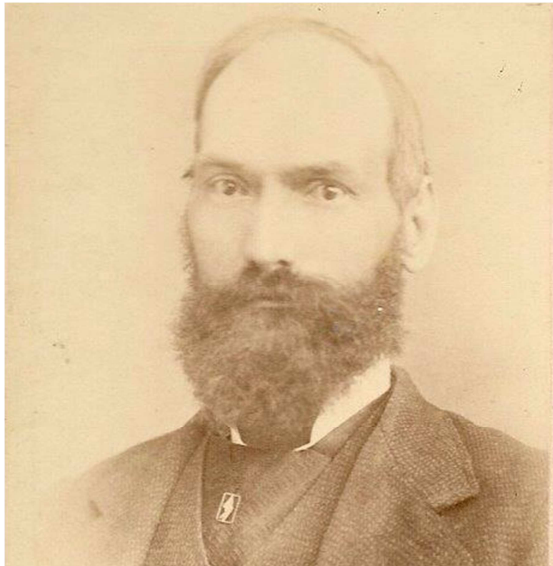


Lorina Morley Moore

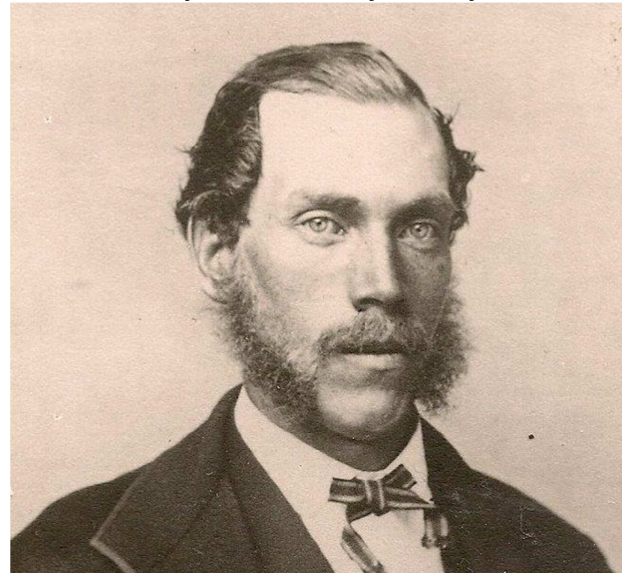


Nancy M. Morley Monroe

The Francis family descends from William Shirts Morley's sister Nancy Morley Monroe.

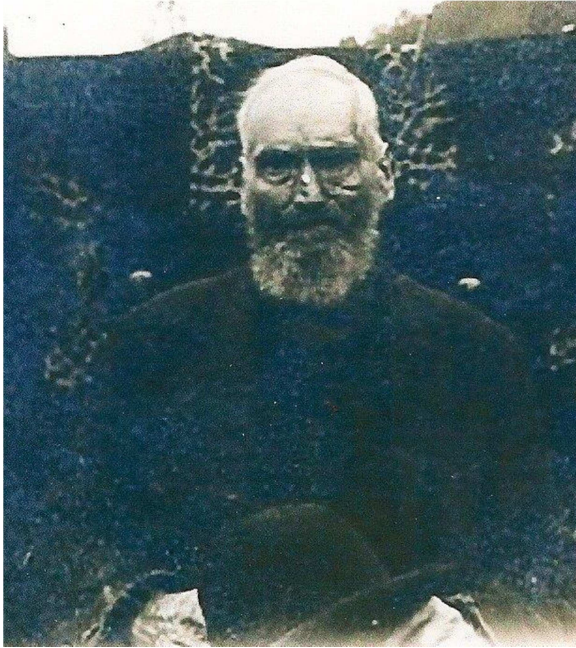


Hastings Morley, Jr.



James Knox Morley

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Ephraim B. Morley

**Eileen Tarbox Kovach, who lives in
Bloomsburg, descends from William's brother
Ephraim.**

Ephraim B. Morley born August 12,
1834, married Mary M. Nicholson Nov. 15,
1856.

No photo available of William Shirts Morley.



William Shirts and Susannah Ardrey Morley

William Shirts Morley was born November 25, 1831 Wheatland Twp., Monroe Co., NY. He married Susannah Ellen Ardrey in 1854. He died July 18, 1872 in Sinnamahoning, PA, but he is buried in the Raymond Cemetery, Raymond, PA.

Susannah was born December 3, 1824 in Caneadea, NY. She died August 6, 1906 and is also buried in Raymond.

Children: Chester Hastings born April 11, 1856 in Gold, PA died Jan. 26, 1903
married Ellen Raymond February 13, 1884

Children: Amanda (Moore, Mansfield, Moulthrop) and Ida (Jordan)

Jasper William born May 22, 1858; died Jan. 14, 1934

married: Eliza Lovinna Rogers on Dec. 2, 1883

Eliza was born April 4, 1865 and died Sept. 12, 1939

Children: Pearl (Pride) Grace, Susan (Cummings) Lewis, Blanche (Weaver) and Calvin.

James Jackson born April 6, 1862 and died October -- , 1946

Married Minnie Mae Conable on Jan. 29, 1887 in Whitesville, NY. She was born Feb. 1868 and died Jan 14, 1919.

Children: Seth, Mack, Maude and Ed. (They also raised Chester's daughter Ida from an infant.)

Sarah JANE born April 18, 1864; died April 23, 1945

Married William Raleigh Clark on Oct.5, 1890

He was born Mar. 28, 1840; died Feb, 27, 1920

Children: Anna (Henry Martin), Chloe (Alexander Grosshans)



Maybe Steve & Polly can add to this information and write a bio for Calvin and Gladys.

Jasper W. Morley and Eliza Rogers Morley with Pearl and Grace

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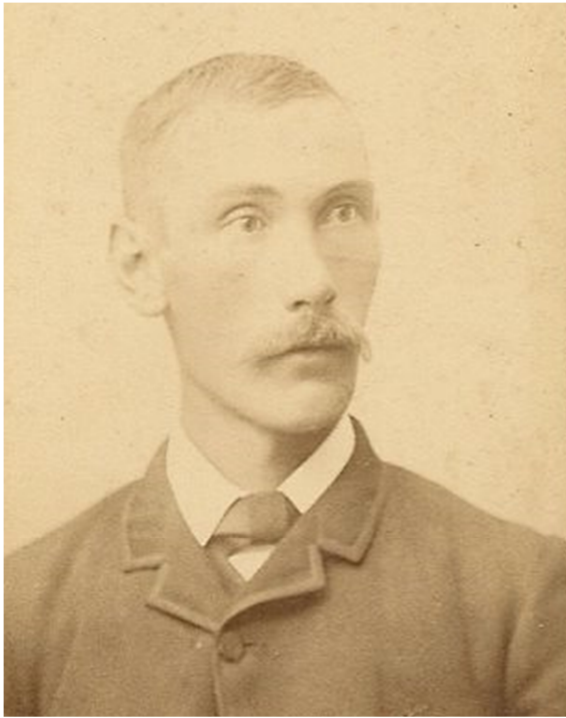
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Jasper Morley family



James Jackson Morley and Minnie Mae Conable Morley - Can anyone add to this information?

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Children: Seth, Mack, Maude and Ed. (They also raised Chester's daughter Ida from an infant.)

JAMES J. MORLEY was born April 6, 1862 at Gold, the son of William S. and Susan (Ardrey) Morley, pioneer settlers of Potter County. William S. was a veteran of the Civil War. James J. attended Potter County schools and has been a merchant and farmer. He served as Commissioner of Potter County from 1920 to 1924. He was Justice of the Peace for thirty years and assessor of Ulysses Township for seven years. He married January 29, 1887, Minnie Conable, of Raymond, daughter of Seth and Sarah (Burrous) Conable, pioneers of Potter County. Mrs. Morley died January 14, 1919. Mr. Morley has four children, fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren: (1) Seth W. of Gold. He has four children: (a) Chester H. of Gold who has three daughters, Jeanette, Pearl Marguerite and Jane; (b) Marguerite (Morley) Lehman of Syracuse, New York, who has one son, James Edwin; (c) Marie (Morley) Truax of West Bingham, who has two children, Stanley and Suzanne; (d) James E. of Morgantown, West Virginia, a veteran of World War II. (2) Mack B. of Middletown, New York, who married Eugertha Everitt. They have eight children: (a) Kathryn (Morley) Allen, of Middletown, who has two children, Karen Lee and Daniel; (b) Everitt, of Middletown, who has two children, Joy and James; (c) Franklin P., a teacher in Warwick High School; (d) Edith (Morley) Davis, whose husband is an officer in the U.S. Navy and who has two children, Terry Lee and Cheryl Lynn; (e) Marion (Morley) Hollinger of Portersville; (f) Maude, a student at Fredonia College; (g) Mable, a student at Alfred University; (h) Mack B., Jr. (3) Maude P. (Morley) Cloud of Gold, a graduate of Mansfield State Teachers College. She taught in Potter County for many years. (4) Edwin of Gold, who married Elizabeth Olmstead of Coudersport. They have three children: (a) Mary, a teacher at Harrison Valley; (b) George, at home; (c) Jack who is in the U.S. Army and is stationed in Puerto Rico.

Source: <http://www.pa-roots.com/potter/history/whoswho.html>



Seth & Mary Morley with their children



Seth William & Mary Mariah Morley

Seth William Morley born March 6, 1892. He died December 11, 1965. He married Mary Mariah Williams on August 14, 1913. Mary was born Nov. 6, 1896; she died January 11, 1973.

Children: **Chester** born August 24, 1914; died May 29, 2009; married Betsey E. Young on Sept. 25, 1935. Betsey was born June 4, 1914 and died Dec. 20, 2005.
Marguerite born Feb.9, 1916. She married (1) Keith A. Lehman (2) Ralph Wolfe
Marie W. born March 8, 1918; died Jan 5, 2005; married Francis L. Truax.
James E. born Jan.10, 1921; died 1999; married (1) Nina Smith (2) Gilda (3) Gertrude

Adapted from the September 2013 Words of Gold by Jeannette Buck

My Grandfather Seth Morley was 8 years old when the world rolled into the twentieth century. He was a product of the rural hills of Potter County and if he had always had a choice, he would have never left them. As it was, there were a very few times during his 73 years that events required him to travel out of his realm. He stayed away only as long as it was absolutely necessary; and was not happy until he was safely back in the shelter of the world where he was born.

He came into the world on March 6, 1892, the oldest son of James Jackson and Minnie Mae Conable Morley. Named for both of their fathers; Seth Conable and William Morley, he carried the weight of the names carefully across his broad shoulders.

The year Seth was born the country was still experiencing growing pains. The west was not yet entirely won. The Johnson County war broke out in Wyoming, pitting small farmers against the large well-heeled ranchers. In the East, Lizzie Bordon's father and stepmother were found murdered in Fall River Massachusetts. The road to modern instant communication was begun when Thomas Edison patented something called a "two-way telegraph". And the Pledge of Allegiance was recited for the first time by children in US public schools.

On November 8th of that year when Seth was eight months old, Grover Cleveland was elected to

the Presidency of the United States, making history as the only President to serve two terms non-consecutively.

Most of those things made very little impression in the tiny rural community of Gold.

Seth went to school in Gold, finishing his education in the lovely two story schoolhouse was erected in 1902. Although I don't know how many grades he completed, he did not attend high school. When he was still very small, his Uncle Chester Morley's wife Ellen died, leaving two little girls, Amanda and Ida. Ida, the baby and only six months old, joined the J. J. Morley household, growing up as a sister to Seth and his brother Mack, sister Maude and youngest brother Ed.

The Morleys were a fun loving family; enjoying a good joke and each one was quick with a wise crack from early on. Music came as naturally to them as breathing, just as it did their mother and her siblings. Seth's strong bass backed up Mack's rich baritone and Ed's clear tenor.

When I first remember my grandfather, he was probably about the age that my sons are now. He was a busy farmer, working steadily and monotonously at the labor that was required of him. There were cows to milk and chickens to feed and eggs to gather and calves that needed special care. Not to mention the growing passel of grandchildren who demanded his full attention at every opportunity. He did it all.

Grandpa could find humor in almost anything. I have very few memories of him that don't include a smile. There is only one time that I remember when he was angry with me and he had good reason. I was playing with a BB gun-- sitting on the steps of the back porch of their house in Gold. With no forethought at all, I pulled the trigger and shot toward the milk house door just as he came out of the barn. The BB whistled right by him. He came boiling along the path to where I sat with an expression on his face that I had never seen before. I have no recollection of what he said to me that day, but believe me, I got the message.

I expect I could count on one hand the times I saw him dressed in anything other than his signature blue denim bibbed overalls. They were as much a part of him as his straight gray hair that tended to drop down over his eyebrows and his slow deliberate gait.

If he had to leave the farm and make a trip to town he changed in to clean overalls-- probably a slightly newer pair that had no holes in the pockets and were a bit less frayed than the ones he had worn to the barn that morning.

He had survived the Great Depression by the skin of his teeth and although he accepted banks as a necessary evil for some transactions, I have seen him bring a wad of greenbacks out of his overall pocket that would have choked a horse.

I have vague scrambled memories of my grandparents' move from the rented farm in Raymond to what was known as the Asa Raymond house, in Gold, probably around 1941. It was big; with steep roofs and eight gables; each peak decorated with lavish gingerbread. Someone told me that Grandpa had always dreamed of owning that house, and with the depression behind him and some money coming in to pay off the loan, it became his. The property included a barn and chicken coops, but very little pasture land.

Grandpa kept a small milking herd of cattle and during the summer it was necessary to find pasture elsewhere. So over the years, he either bought or rented land in at least three places that we can remember. My sharpest recollections are of the place at on the hill at the end of the

Rappilee; the farm they called “the Langdon Place.” There was a house there, but the only thing left of the barn was the stone foundation. I have no idea how Grandpa managed it, but there were stanchions in the foundation and it was wired so that he could use his electric milking machines.

The house was in sad repair and although Grandma had some vague dreams of “fixing it up”, the truth was we only camped out there now and then. Grandpa preferred to load the heavy milk cans on the back of his '49 pickup and travel back down the hill to Gold so that he could sleep in his own warm bed. He didn't seem to mind waking up at the crack of dawn and making the return trip back up the hill the next morning.

Other summers, Grandpa and Grandma pastured their herd on the “Turton place” or on the “Lewis place”. In the fall, the cattle were brought back to Gold where they were cozy in the old barn and “doing the milking” didn't mean driving twice a day to somewhere else.

There are so many stories to tell about Grandpa Morley. Each one of us, my sisters, my brother and I as well as our cousins have different recollections colored by our varied perspectives. For all of us, however, the memories make us smile. In an ideal world, all Grandpas are supposed to be perfect. Ours came very close.



Chet and Betty Morley



Chester and Betsey Young Morley with their family

Chester H. Morley was born August 24, 1914 in his grandparent's house on Spicer Brook, a couple of miles from Gold.

He grew up on his parent's farm on Peasley Hill (now the Torok farm) until his late teens when the Great Depression cost them the farm and they moved to Raymond.

He went to grade school in Gold and worked his way through high school as a short order cook at a restaurant owned by a relative in Coudersport. He graduated from Coudersport High School in 1932

Betsey was born June 4, 1914 to John and Pearl Eddy Young in Newfield on the family farm on the Pushersiding. She attended grade school in Newfield and graduated from high school in Ulysses in 1932.

Chet and Betty met at a dance held upstairs over Tucker's store in Colesburg that same summer. They waited until they were 21 and on September 25, 1935 they went with friends to Whitesville, NY and got married.

After living in about three rental places, in December of 1938 they moved to Chet's grandparent's farm (where he was born). They eventually bought the farm and lived there the rest of their lives.

Children: **Jeannette L.** was born Feb. 5, 1939; married Robert A. Buck on April 4, 1959. Robert was born Mar. 1, 1935 and died Nov. 27, 2008.

Children: Eric, Evan and Erin.

Pearl Marguerite (Peggy) was born Oct.1, 1942; married Jon W. Parshall on Jan. 25, 1964. Jon was born July 2, 1942.

Children: Conrad, Colleen and Catherine

Jane Marie was born July 23, 1944; died October 13, 2012; married Clayton W. Daniels (Bud). Bud was born October 19, 1928 and died Aug. 2, 1979.

Children: Diana and Clayton Jr. (Dan) (from Buds first marriage)
Christopher, Guy and Betsey

Kathryn Mary born January 14, 1947; married Ronald L. Soule.

Children: Ronald Jr. (Chip), Carrie, Bradley

Lucinda Grace born September 4, 1949; married (1) Richard Chick (2) Blaise Alackness; Blaise died April 4, 2010.

Children: Caroline and Wesley Chick

Daniel Seth born May 10, 1953; married Nancy L. Goodenough Dec. 2, 1978.

Nancy was born April 29, 1959.

Children: Seth, Bobby Jo and Danni.



Betty Young Morley on her 80th birthday

Our mother was born June 4, 1914 in the family home on the road known as “The Pushersiding” in Newfield, PA. She would laugh, I think, at the idea of being 100 years old. After all, she missed it by less than a decade. To her own deep sadness, she outlived every one of her immediate family.

Betsey Elizabeth Young was the fifth child and third daughter of John M. and Pearl Eddy Young. Although there were eventually nine children in the family, only five lived to grow up. Mom learned very early just how precious life is.

Along with the other children of the neighborhood. Mom and her siblings attended the one-room Newfield school that sat just down the Pushersiding within sight of their home. She cherished life-long friendships that

began there with the Carey family, the Tomaks and the Gazdags among others. Her brothers quit school after the 8th grade but Mom and her sisters, Carolyn and Grace, lived with their Grandmother Eddy during the school year and all three graduated from high school in Ulysses.

Mom graduated in 1932. One night that summer she rode with her brother Reed to a dance at Tucker’s in Colesburg and there she met a handsome young lad named Chester Morley. Her brother wasn’t entirely pleased when she decided to let Chet take her home that night. A three-year courtship had begun.

Chet and Betty waited until they were both 21 and on September 25, 1935 they drove with friends to Whitesville, NY, found a preacher and got married.

After living in at least three rented houses, in December of 1938 with a baby on the way, they moved in to Dad’s grandparents’ home just outside of Gold on Spicer Brook. Mom wasn’t sure about living so far from the main highway and agreed to “try it out for a year.” They would live there for the rest of their lives.

Five daughters and a son came along over the next fourteen years. Mom fed us, kept us clean, kept us in line, laughed at us a lot and sometimes she cried over us. She expected us to do well and to behave ourselves, no matter what. We learned early to sing together with Mom and Dad as we rode in the car and in her eyes (or ears) we were even better than the Andrew Sisters.

Out of what seemed almost to be thin air, Mom could produce a meal for the 8 of us and anyone else who might drop in. My sisters and I have often wondered how she did it. Company would appear on Sunday after church and if she knew they were coming she hadn't let us in on it. However, we would all sit down to chicken and biscuits or roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy along with a big bowl of coleslaw all of which would be topped off with either pie or her famous chocolate cake.

She and Dad accepted sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law as their own and when the grandkids began to show up, they welcomed each and every one with a love those kids have never forgotten. They grew up loving Mom's thickened tomato soup, her apple pie and her very special raisin filled cookies. Family meals, especially at holidays, were anticipated by us all. Her only request was that we were not to leave until we had sung at least one song.

Mom was a natural caregiver. She took care of her Dad, her brother and her aunts. Later she worked for fifteen years as a nurse's aide on the long-term section of Charles Cole Memorial Hospital. She was honored with their first Nurse's Aide of the Year award. After she retired, she cared for an old friend and neighbor in the lady's home.

We honored Mom and Dad for their 70th wedding anniversary on September 25th, 2005 at the Gold Church with a luncheon and reception. It was their kind of day filled with family, food, stories and laughter. And of course, we sang a song for them before we went home.

Mom left this world for the next just three months later on December 20, 2005.

Not a day goes by that we don't remember her. And we still sing for her once in a while.



Sally Jo Morley Ferguson and Robert C. Ferguson, Jr. [Left 1969 on bicycle]

Sally Morley was born in Coudersport, PA on April 13, 1950. Sally is the second child and oldest daughter of George O. Morley and Maude A. Morley. At the age of three, Sally and her family moved from Gold to the corner of North and Zepher Streets in Ulysses, PA, where her parents are still living in 2014.

Sally was an active member of the Ulysses United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Girl Scouts, band, chorus, and choir. She LOVED reading and still does! Sally graduated from Northern Potter in 1968, and began attending Mansfield University that fall. During her sophomore year of college, Sally and her sisters Vickye and Debbie traveled to Florida to compete in the National Grange Competition and won first place for family singing. Throughout her college years, Sally dated her former high school French and English teacher, and they were married August 1, 1971. Sally completed her elementary student teaching in the fall after they returned from their European honeymoon and graduated in January 1972. Sally worked for the Intermediate Unit for two years as a teacher for homebound children in Ulysses.

In 1974, they built a house outside of Ulysses on Cowburn Road. Their two sons were born while they lived in that home. After her sons were born, Sally was a stay at home mom, except for two years teaching in a private school near Bradford, PA.

In 1978, Sally and Bob along with their sons moved to 57 School Street in Bradford, PA in McKean County when Bob began his position as Coordinator for Gifted Education. Sally continued to use her singing talents at the Hill Memorial United Methodist Church by joining the church choir. Sally also assumed many leadership roles, including president of the UMW and chair of the missions committee.

In 1989, Sally and Bob moved to 140 School Street in Bradford, PA, where they remain in 2014.

Children: **Robert C. Ferguson, III (Rob)** born November 4, 1975 in Coudersport, PA, married Tamara Genedievna Koridze (also known as Tamara Corey) on August 8, 2008.

Ryan J. Ferguson born December 24, 1976 in Coudersport, PA, married Jennifer (Jenn) Megan Smith on August 12, 2006.

Education: Northern Potter Jr.-Sr. H.S. in 1968; Mansfield University, B.S. in 1972

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