

# GENERATION TWO



The six children of J. Robert and Fanny Crouse grew up in the large family home on Euclid Heights Boulevard in Cleveland. They were a loving and close-knit group all of their lives.

Doris, the eldest, was known affectionately as "Dodo" and spent her lifetime caring for her family. She began by caring for her younger brothers and sisters, then her children, and finally her parents when they needed her in their old age. She was a dedicated member of her extended family and loved them all. She was an accomplished pianist and played the pump organ on the porch of Thoreau Bungalow for family "sing-a-longs."

As was the case with her older sister, Alma's life was devoted to the love & care of her family broadly defined. Probably all members of the Crouse, Johnson, Palmer & MacBride Clans were recipients of birthday, graduation & holiday cards that Alma sent, often accompanied by monetary enclosures. After graduation from The University of Michigan, Alma taught kindergarten in Hudson, Ohio until she & Phil were married on May 3, 1930 at the Euclid Heights Blvd home of her parents. They stood under the large painting of Madonna and Child that now hangs in the Cromaine Library. She was a constant support to her loving husband, a devoted mother to her three sons and she enjoyed good health for over 98 years. Her sons can't ever remember hearing her utter an angry or insulting word.

John Robert (Bob) Crouse, Jr. was the oldest of the 3 boys and spent his life around Hartland where he had a John Deere business and a Buick agency in Howell. He was a quiet and unassuming man who helped keep things going through the difficult times between J. Robert's death and the assumption of management by the next generation. He was fond of model airplanes, which he built in the basement of the house on the hill on US 23 in the early 1940s. He enjoyed golf and visiting Horseshoe Island with his son Robin to join Frank, Franny and Bill whenever he could. He liked to play chess—several games at a time—an activity he shared with Bill. He was a stoic individual who bore his final illnesses with grace and dignity.

Friendly and outgoing, "Heinie," as his many friends called him, was a Christian gentleman, active in community affairs. A lover of golf, he spent as much time as possible on the course with "his foursome." A habitual letter writer, he rarely missed a week without writing to family or friends. A fiercely loyal husband, he assumed total care of his wife Mary until he was physically no longer able to do so. His spirit of honesty and fair play was one of his hallmarks. His three boys say that they never met a person who didn't instantly like him.

Bill was an athlete, a champion swimmer at Dartmouth (his records stood for 35 years!) He enjoyed competitive sailing with his sister Mary at Stony in the 30's, and raised championship Scotch Terriers. He invested and carefully monitored his investments, and was most comfortable and successful with precious metals. He was born in the family residence at 2893 Euclid Heights Blvd. in Cleveland, and died there 87 years later. The week before he died, he was swimming laps!

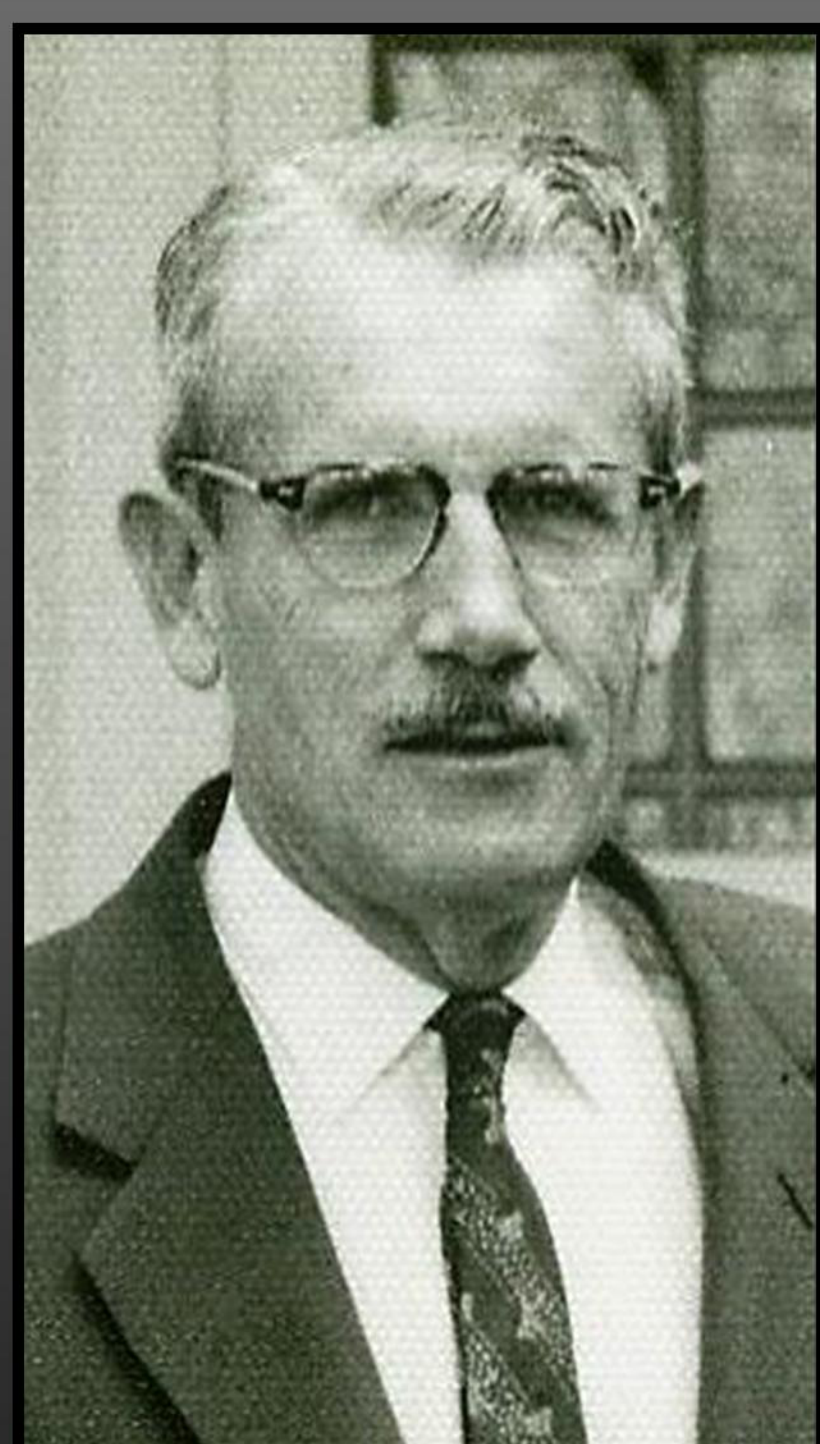
Mary, "Molly" to her immediate family, was a *life lover*. She experienced life to the fullest and shared her enthusiasm and interests with those around her. She was an equestrian, a sailor, a swimmer, an actress, a gardener... She was a giver and a caregiver. She was active in Alanon, Meals on Wheels, a hospital volunteer, and cared for her mother, sister, father-in-law, and her husband, Maus. She spent most of her married life in Southern California where she died at ninety-five.



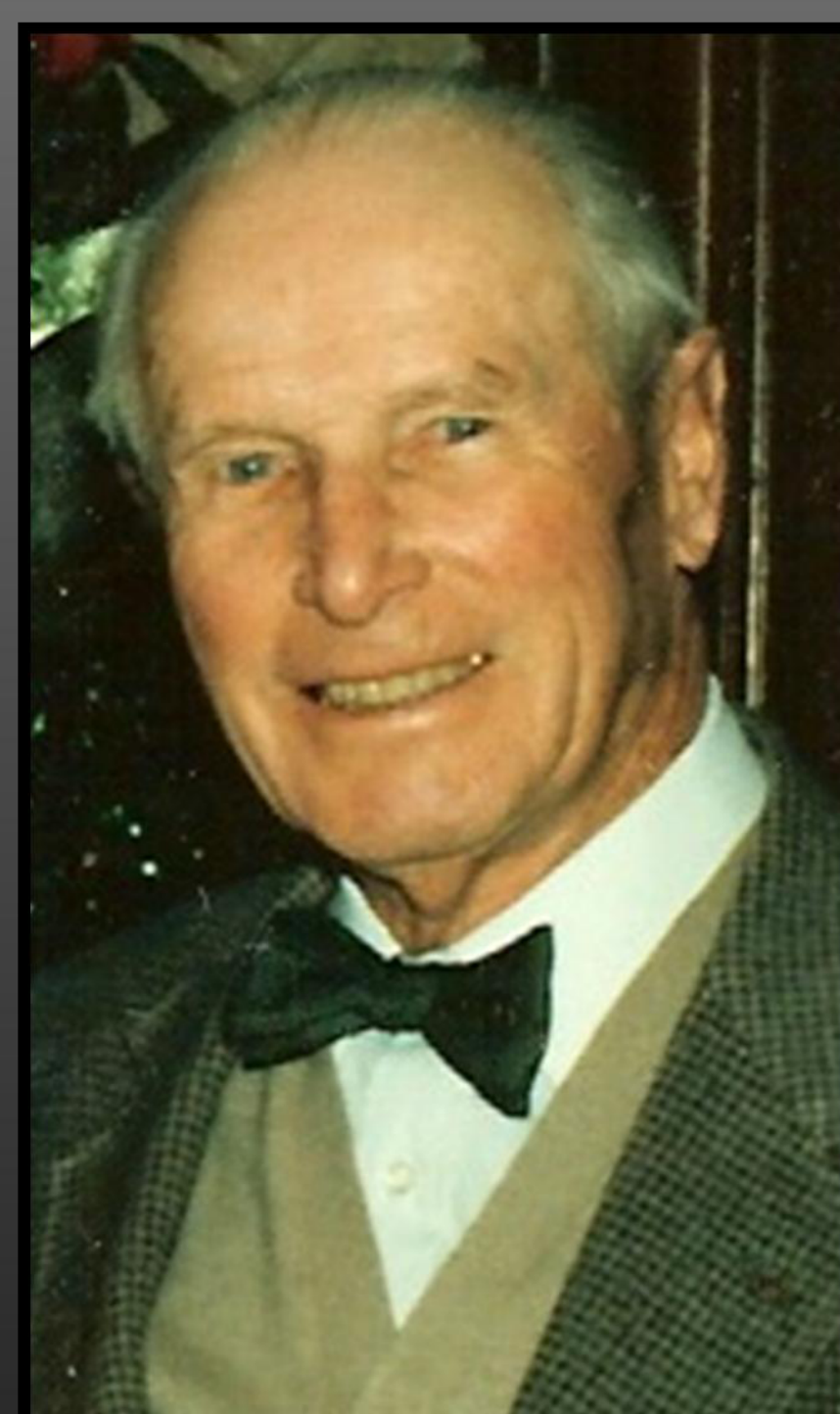
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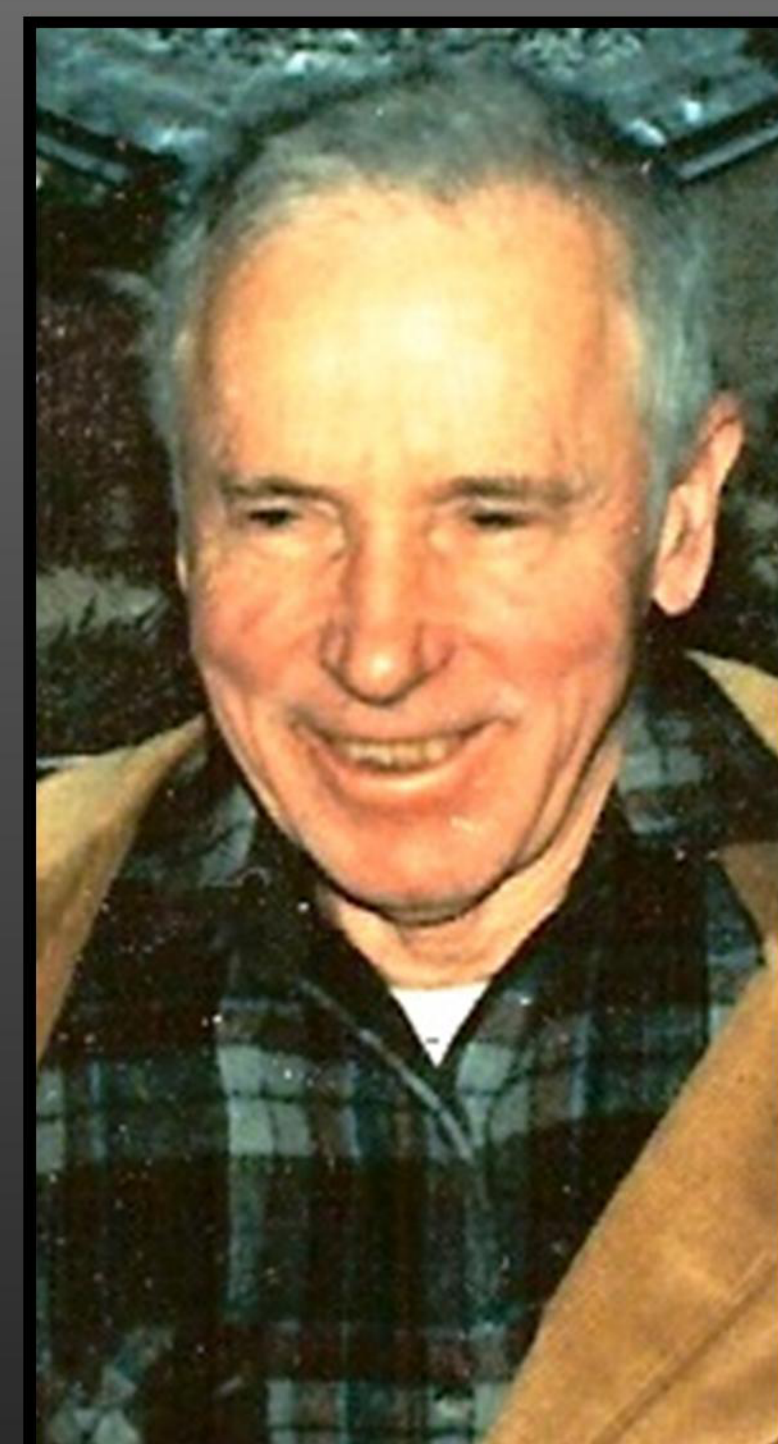
Bob



Henry



Mary



Bill