

Murray Coleman and Kathleen Steil

Murray F. Coleman

Murray Coleman was the third and youngest child born to Arthur Roy Coleman and Margaret Paterson.

Roy's first marriage had no children. His second marriage had two children: Dodd and Ruth.

The first child of Roy and Margaret was Jean, then came Betty, and then Murray.

Murray was born in 1920.

Murray's sister Jean died in a car accident in 1923. His father Roy died in 1932.

Murray married Kathleen Steil on May 1, 1943.

He served in the Navy in a non-combat role during World War II.

For about three decades, Murray sold insurance for National Life and Accident Insurance Company.

Despite the financial hardship, he and his wife Kay found a way to take the family to Florida each Easter in the 1960s for a spring vacation.

Murray took an early disability retirement sometime around 1979.

Murray died on August 9, 1984.

Kathleen J. Steil

Kathleen Steil was the only child of Frank William Steil and Catherine Julia Lukaschewski.

Kathleen was born in 1921.

Her parents purchased land in The Bunny Run area of Orion Township in the 1930s. They built a cottage there and became charter members of the Bunny Run Country Club in 1942.

Kay was a housewife, homemaker, and mother of nine children. She worked part time as an Avon sales representative for more than 40 years.

After Kay and Murray moved to Lake Orion, Kay joined the choir at St. Joseph Catholic Church and remained active in the choir for 30 years.

After her husband Murray died, Kay sold their home and moved into a smaller house in Bunny Run. A few years later, she moved into an apartment at Independence Village – an upscale retirement community in nearby Oxford.

For many years, Kay organized monthly dances for older adults in the Lake Orion area.

Kay remained physically active in her later years – walking, dancing, and swimming.

Kay died on November 21, 2005.



Murray and Kay had nine children: Larry, Tom, Dan, Gary, Maryann, Cathy, Carolyn, Diane, and Michael. They lived in Highland Park where Larry and Tom were born; in Royal Oak where Dan was born; in Ferndale where the other children were born; and in Lake Orion where they resided until they died. They are buried in Lake Orion.