

# Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke & Oral Elanzo Bush

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## Generation 1

1. **Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1** [1, 2, 3, 4]. She was born on 14 Oct 1899 in Hammond, Wabasha, Minnesota, USA [1]. Baptism on 05 Nov 1899 in Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation, Bremen, Wabasha, Minnesota [5]. She died on 28 Dec 1935 in Hamlet, Hayes, Nebraska, USA [1]. Burial in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Hamlet, Hayes Co, Nebraska [6].

**Oral Elanzo Bush.** He was born on 08 Nov 1894 [6]. He died on 30 Sep 1940 [1]. Burial in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Hamlet, Hayes Co, Nebraska [6].

Oral Elanzo Bush and Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke. They were married on 27 Dec 1919 in Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, USA [1, 7]. They had 3 children.

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  - i. **Arthur Robert Bush** [1]. He was born on 29 Nov 1920 in Council, Idaho [1]. Baptism on 07 Nov 1921 in North Branch Cemetery, near Avoca, Nebraska [8]. He married Frieda Sommerfeld. They were married on 30 Aug 1946 in Blue Hill, NE [1, 9]. He died on 08 Jun 2006 in Chase County Community Hospital, Imperial, Neb [10, 8]. Burial on 12 Jun 2006 in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Hamlet, Hayes Co, Nebraska [10].
  - ii. **Pauline Frances Bush** [1]. She was born on 14 Feb 1923 in Avoca, Cass, Nebraska, USA [1]. She married Arlie Bodeman. They were married on 23 Jun 1944 [1]. She died on 04 Jul 2005 [11]. Burial in Willamette National Cemetery, Happy Valley, Clackamas, Oregon [11].
  - iii. **Richard Oral Bush** [1]. He was born on 19 Jun 1931 in Hamlet, Hayes, Nebraska, USA [1]. He married Myrtle Louise McDowell. They were married on 28 Oct 1977 in W. Richland, WA [1, 12].

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## Generation 2

2. **Arthur Robert Bush-2** (Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) [1]. He was born on 29 Nov 1920 in Council, Idaho [1]. Baptism on 07 Nov 1921 in North Branch Cemetery, near Avoca, Nebraska [8]. He died on 08 Jun 2006 in Chase County Community Hospital, Imperial, Neb [10, 8]. Burial on 12 Jun 2006 in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Hamlet, Hayes Co, Nebraska [10].

Notes for Arthur Robert Bush:

General Notes:

Obituary copied from Wauneta Breeze online newspaper:

Arthur 'Art' Bush

Arthur Robert Bush was born Nov. 29, 1920, to parents Oral and Laura (Witzke) Bush in Council, Idaho. He was baptized Nov. 7, 1921 at the North Branch Lutheran Church in Syracuse, Neb.

Arthur returned to Nebraska with his parents. After the death of his parents, he continued to live and work on the A.J. Irvine Ranch the next five years while attending Hamlet High School. He graduated in 1938.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy May 5, 1942, and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. He received his honorable discharge Oct. 10, 1945.

Arthur married Frieda Sommerfeld on Aug. 30, 1946, at Zion Lutheran Church, Hastings, Neb. He was confirmed in the faith he was baptized into in January, 1947. His confirmation verse was: "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

On May 1, 1949, Art became manager of the A.J. Irvine Ranch north of Hamlet where he and his family lived until moving to Palisade in March of 1991.

Art was always willing to help people wherever and whenever he was needed. He was willing to serve on various committees. He was diagnosed with melanoma in 1996 and lost his eye sight

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within two years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars #7028 and the American Legion #318.

Art was called to his heavenly home on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at the Chase County Community Hospital in Imperial, Neb., at the age of 85 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oral and Laura; wife, Frieda; and sister, Pauline Bodeman.

He is survived by daughters Laurel Adaire Bush of Helsinki, Finland; Lona and husband, Robert Farrell, of Gray, Maine and Barbara and husband George Cooksley of Anselmo, Neb., and grandchildren Christopher Farrell and Sara Cooksley. He is also survived by one brother, Richard Bush and wife Louise of Kennewick, Wash., brother-in-law Arlie Bodeman of Portland, Ore., and brother-in-law Paul Sommerfeld and wife Leone.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, the VFW #7028 or the American Legion Post #318.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 12, 2006, at 2 p.m. CT at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Palisade with Pastor Greg Stuck-wisch officiating.

Organist was Berneta Steinert. Congregational hymns chosen were "Amazing Grace," "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art."

Casketbearers were Joe Sommerfeld, Tom Sommerfeld, Rob Farrell, Chris Farrell, George Cooksley and Cort Mohr.

Interment was at Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Hamlet, Neb., with Carpenter Breland Service in charge of arrangements.

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From Evelyn Mohr:

"Art considered Gus & Olga Mohr his other parents. He called Gus "Pop" and Olga "Mom". Oral was "Dad" and Laura "Mom".

Oral Bush traveled all over the country. He had itchy feet and could never stay settled on one spot for any length of time. He also wanted to be a professional baseball player so he dragged his family all over trying out for teams. They even camped in Colorado in a tent for a year while he tried to catch his dream of baseball. This is why Gus & Olga Mohr and family meant so much to Art. They gave him the family Oral didn't. He always had a home to come home to with Gus & Olga.

When Art was in grade school, Doc Irving had 3 train carloads of cattle to take to Kansas City. He had 3 free tickets and Art got to ride in the caboose all the way to KC and back. It was a high point of his childhood.

On Sunday nights, Art would ride his horse over to Olga & Gus's place to listen to Charlie McCarthy and Amos & Andy radio shows. There was always lots of popcorn and fudge. One of his great passions was thw wrestling that they broadcasted over the radio from Texas. He was always over at the house listening to these matches on the radio."

**Frieda Sommerfield** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 12 Nov 1918 <sup>[1]</sup>. She died on 14 Jun 2004 in Wauneta, Chase, Nebraska, USA. Burial on 17 Jun 2004 in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Hamlet, Hayes Co, Nebraska.

Arthur Robert Bush and Frieda Sommerfield. They were married on 30 Aug 1946 in Blue Hill, NE <sup>[1, 9]</sup>. They had 3 children.

- i. **Laurel Adair Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 22 Feb 1949 in Vancouver, WA <sup>[1]</sup>.
5. ii. **Lona Ann Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 22 Jan 1951 <sup>[1]</sup>. She married Rob Farrell. They were married on 20 Aug 1988 <sup>[1, 13]</sup>.
6. iii. **Barbara Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 17 Jul 1958 <sup>[1]</sup>. She married George Cooksley. They were married on 10 Sep 1988 in Halsey, NE <sup>[1, 14]</sup>.

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3. **Pauline Frances Bush-2** (Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1)<sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 14 Feb 1923 in Avoca, Cass, Nebraska, USA<sup>[1]</sup>. She died on 04 Jul 2005<sup>[11]</sup>. Burial in Willamette National Cemetery, Happy Valley, Clackamas, Oregon<sup>[11]</sup>.

**Arlie Bodeman**<sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 27 Jun 1923<sup>[1]</sup>.

Arlie Bodeman and Pauline Frances Bush. They were married on 23 Jun 1944<sup>[1]</sup>. They had 2 children.

7. i. **Stephen Ray Bodeman**<sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 27 Jul 1948 in Vancouver, WA<sup>[1]</sup>. He married Paulette Stramaglio. They were married on 18 Apr 1982<sup>[1, 15]</sup>.
- ii. **Douglas Allon Bodeman**<sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 30 May 1953 in Portland, Clackamas, Oregon, USA<sup>[1]</sup>. He married Michelle Rogers. They were married on 18 Jun 1980<sup>[16, 17]</sup>.

4. **Richard Oral Bush-2** (Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1)<sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 19 Jun 1931 in Hamlet, Hayes, Nebraska, USA<sup>[1]</sup>.

**Myrtle Louise McDowell**<sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 05 Sep 1938<sup>[1]</sup>.

Richard Oral Bush and Myrtle Louise McDowell. They were married on 28 Oct 1977 in W. Richland, WA<sup>[1, 12]</sup>. They had 4 children.

- i. **Wayne Eugene Johnson**. He was born on 14 Feb 1957.
- ii. **Timothy Allen Johnson**. He was born on 02 Jun 1958.
- iii. **Lori Louise Johnson**. She was born on 01 Jun 1960.
- iv. **Tonya Kaylee Johnson**. She was born on 06 Jun 1965.

**Mary Ann Husak**<sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 03 Feb 1927<sup>[1]</sup>. She died 1991. Burial in Goldendale, Klickitat, Washington, USA<sup>[1]</sup>.

Richard Oral Bush and Mary Ann Husak. They were married 1954 in Schuyler, Colfax, Nebraska, USA<sup>[1, 18]</sup>. They had 3 children.

8. i. **James Edward Bush**<sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 11 Feb 1956<sup>[1]</sup>. He married Heidi Lusby. They were married 1980<sup>[1, 19]</sup>.
9. ii. **Billie Joe Bush**<sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 05 Mar 1960<sup>[1]</sup>. He married Wendy Wilber. They were married on 07 Aug 1993<sup>[16, 20]</sup>.
10. iii. **Marlene Kay Bush**<sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 11 Dec 1957<sup>[1]</sup>. She married Jose Bentura Suarez. They were married on 14 Apr 1979<sup>[1, 21]</sup>.

**Sharon Lynn Bean**<sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 14 Apr 1943<sup>[1]</sup>.

Richard Oral Bush and Sharon Lynn Bean. They were married on 15 Apr 1961<sup>[1, 22]</sup>. They had 2 children.

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- 11. i. **Ronnie LeRoy Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 17 Jul 1962 <sup>[1]</sup>. He married Tina Ann Bennett. They were married on 21 Aug 1980 in Moscow, ID <sup>[1, 23]</sup>.
- 12. ii. **Rhonda Lynn Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 13 Nov 1964 <sup>[1]</sup>. She married Jeffrey Norling. They were married on 19 Sep 1992 <sup>[1, 24]</sup>.

**Cleo Adams** <sup>[1]</sup>.

Richard Oral Bush and Cleo Adams. They were married on 21 Mar 1975 <sup>[1, 25]</sup>. They had no children.

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- 5. **Lona Ann Bush**-3 (Arthur Robert Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 22 Jan 1951 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Rob Farrell** <sup>[1]</sup>.

Rob Farrell and Lona Ann Bush. They were married on 20 Aug 1988 <sup>[1, 13]</sup>. They had 1 child.

- i. **Christopher Robert Farrell** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 28 Jan 1989 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Jamie Owens** <sup>[1]</sup>.

Jamie Owens and Lona Ann Bush. They were married on 17 Jun 1982 <sup>[1, 26]</sup>. They had no children.

- 6. **Barbara Bush**-3 (Arthur Robert Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 17 Jul 1958 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**George Cooksley** is the son of Steve Cooksley and Wanda \_\_\_\_ <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 18 Feb 1957 <sup>[1]</sup>.

George Cooksley and Barbara Bush. They were married on 10 Sep 1988 in Halsey, NE <sup>[1, 14]</sup>. They had 1 child.

- i. **Sara Ann Cooksley** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 11 Jul 1994 <sup>[1]</sup>.

- 7. **Stephen Ray Bodeman**-3 (Pauline Frances Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 27 Jul 1948 in Vancouver, WA <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Pauletee Stramaglio** <sup>[16]</sup>. She was born on 24 Dec 1952 <sup>[1]</sup>.

Stephen Ray Bodeman and Pauletee Stramaglio. They were married on 18 Apr 1982 <sup>[1, 15]</sup>. They had 1 child.

- i. **Steven Paul Bodeman** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 17 Feb 1988 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Linda Smead** <sup>[16]</sup>. She was born on 23 May 1949.

Stephen Ray Bodeman and Linda Smead. They were married on 14 Feb 1969. They had 2 children.

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- i. **Michele Bodeman**. She was born on 09 Mar 1971. She married Eric Kaupmann. They were married on 01 Aug 1992.
  - ii. **Geoffrey Bodeman**. He was born on 09 Jul 1974.
8. **James Edward Bush-3** (Richard Oral Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 11 Feb 1956 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Heidi Lusby** <sup>[16]</sup>.

James Edward Bush and Heidi Lusby. They were married 1980 <sup>[1, 19]</sup>. They had 2 children.

- i. **Melanie Lee Bush** <sup>[27]</sup>. She was born on 18 Oct 1980 in Pasco, Franklin, Washington, USA <sup>[1]</sup>. She married Alfredo R. Gonzalez. They were married on 12 Sep 2009 <sup>[27]</sup>. She was also known as Melonie Lee Bush <sup>[1]</sup>.
  - ii. **Jason Edward Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 05 Jan 1982 in Pasco, Franklin, Washington, USA <sup>[1]</sup>.
9. **Billie Joe Bush-3** (Richard Oral Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 05 Mar 1960 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Wendy Wilber** <sup>[16]</sup>.

Billie Joe Bush and Wendy Wilber. They were married on 07 Aug 1993 <sup>[16, 20]</sup>. They had 1 child.

- i. **Elissa Ann Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 28 Nov 1991 <sup>[1]</sup>.
10. **Marlene Kay Bush-3** (Richard Oral Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 11 Dec 1957 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Jose Bentura Suarez** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 12 Jun 1957 <sup>[1]</sup>.

Jose Bentura Suarez and Marlene Kay Bush. They were married on 14 Apr 1979 <sup>[1, 21]</sup>. They had 1 child.

- i. **Kimberly Ann Suarez** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 08 Jan 1982 <sup>[1]</sup>.
11. **Ronnie LeRoy Bush-3** (Richard Oral Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 17 Jul 1962 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Tina Ann Bennett** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 15 Aug 1965 <sup>[1]</sup>.

Ronnie LeRoy Bush and Tina Ann Bennett. They were married on 21 Aug 1980 in Moscow, ID <sup>[1, 23]</sup>. They had 3 children.

- i. **Ronnie Warren Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 20 Jun 1981 <sup>[1]</sup>.
- ii. **Rory Lee Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 10 Jan 1983 <sup>[1]</sup>.
- iii. **Rayel Marie Bush** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 20 Jul 1992 <sup>[1]</sup>.

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12. **Rhonda Lynn Bush-3** (Richard Oral Bush-2, Lillie Laura Elizabeth Witzke-1) <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 13 Nov 1964 <sup>[1]</sup>.

**Jeffrey Norling** <sup>[1]</sup>.

Jeffrey Norling and Rhonda Lynn Bush. They were married on 19 Sep 1992 <sup>[1, 24]</sup>. They had 2 children.

- i. **Shaylin Lynn Norling** <sup>[1]</sup>. She was born on 30 Nov 1992 <sup>[1]</sup>.
- ii. **Garrett Scott Norling** <sup>[16]</sup>. He was born on 23 Mar 1995 <sup>[16]</sup>.

**Frank Allgier** <sup>[1]</sup>. He was born on 13 Nov 1964 <sup>[1]</sup>.

Frank Allgier and Rhonda Lynn Bush. They were married on 23 May 1990 <sup>[1, 28]</sup>. They had no children.

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