

The Children of Rudolph and Minnie Schwartz

1885-1985

Children:

William Augustine 1885-86
Wilhelmina 1888-1951
Lillian 1890-1985
Rudolph 1891-92
Gertrude Violet 1896-1957
Rudolph Louis Jr. 1903-83

Parents:

Rudolph Schwartz 1863-1946
Minnie Monighoff 1867-1928



The six children of Rudolph and Minnie Schwartz were born in Newark, NJ, between 1885 and 1903, and four lived to adulthood. The two young boys who died, William and Rudolph, are buried in the Schwartz family plot at Woodland Cemetery in Newark, NJ.

William Augustine Schwartz, Minnie and Rudolph's first child, was born 16 May 1885 and baptized 15 February 1886 at St. Augustine's German Catholic Church in Newark, NJ. Baby William only lived 19 months and died 18 December 1886. He was buried two days later.



William Augustine

Rudolph Schwartz, Minnie and Rudolph's fourth child, was born 19 November and only lived eight months. Baby Rudolph died 17 July 1892, and was buried the following day. (No photo available.)

Entrance to Woodland Cemetery in Newark, NJ, where babies William and Rudolph Schwartz are buried in the Schwartz family plot. No tombstones are present on the plot.

Minnie Schwartz 1888-1951

The Schwartz Family History



Baby Minnie Schwartz about 1888, Newark, NJ.

Minnie and Rudolph's first daughter, Minnie, was born 10 May 1888 and was raised in Newark, NJ. When Minnie was 17 her father moved the family from New Jersey to California.

At age 20, Minnie married Joseph Marion Bird on 5 April 1909 in San Francisco. Their first child, Minnie, was born 28 January 1910, and died 5 July 1911 from injuries suffered in a fire. Their second child, living daughter, was born 26 July 1912. Minnie Schwartz and Joseph Bird were divorced in 1914.

Jim Graning was Minnie's second husband and during their marriage she had four children: Elsie b.29 November 1915, living son b.7 August 1917, living daughter b.20 April 1921, and Laurie



Minnie Schwartz about 1893, Newark, NJ.

Henrietta b.24 May 1927. Minnie and Jim Graning were later divorced. Minnie's six children were born in San Francisco.

Minnie's third husband was Carlo Pietro Cordero. They had no children.

Minnie is remembered by one of her granddaughters as a kind petite woman who sewed aprons trimmed with red ric-rac and who always had a kitchen drawer full of brightly wrapped chewing gum for her grandchildren to enjoy. Carlo is remember as a kind man by one of Minnie's many grandchildren.

Carlo and Minnie lived in San Francisco until Minnie's death on 22 April 1951 at age 62. Carlo died the following year at age 64.



Minnie Schwartz 1904, Newark, NJ.

Lillian Schwartz 1890-1985

The Schwartz Family History



Baby Lillian Schwartz about 1891, Newark, NJ.

Lillian, born 5 April 1890, was the second daughter born to Rudolph and Minnie Schwartz. Lillian was born and mostly raised in Newark, NJ, moving to California with her family in 1906 when she was 15 years old.

According to the 1910 census, Lillian was living with her parents in San Francisco and worked as a sales clerk. Later that year Lillian married Robert Smith, who was born in England and was the youngest of 10 children.

Lillian and Bob Smith were the parents of four sons: Robert Henry b.11 November 1911, William C. b.17 June 1913, living son. b.10 July 1918, and Leonard Francis b.20 August 1926.

The Smiths first lived in San Francisco where their sons were born and they later moved to Burlingame where their sons attended grammar school and graduated from Burlingame High.

Lillian's father, Rudolph Schwartz Sr., and his second wife, Emily, often traveled from San Francisco to Burlingame, joining the Smiths for family dinners and activities. Lillian had a close relationship with her parents and stepmother and took good care of them in their old age. Rudolph Schwartz Sr. died in 1946 and his first wife, Lillian's mother, died in 1928. Stepmother Emily died in 1958.

In the early 1950s Lillian and Bob Smith moved to Cupertino, CA, when the town was experiencing a post-war, home building frenzy. Their sons and their families also settled in the Cupertino area where most of their children live today.

In 1960 Lillian and Bob Smith celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a large party in their Cupertino home.

Shortly after the Smith's 52nd wedding anniversary, Bob Smith died at age 72. Lillian lived an additional 25 years to age 95 and died on 10 August 1985 in Cupertino, CA.



Lillian Schwartz 1906, San Francisco

Gertrude Violet Schwartz 1896-1957

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Gertrude Schwartz about 1901, Newark, NJ.

Minnie and Rudolph's third daughter, Gertrude Violet, was born 15 October 1896 in Newark, NJ. She joined eight year-old Minnie and six year-old Lillian in the growing Schwartz family. Gertrude, known as Gertie to family and friends, was nine years old when the Schwartz family moved from New Jersey to California in 1906.

Gertrude was 16 years old when she and Charles Moser were married in Los Angeles on 19 May 1913. 23 year-old Charles and musically-gifted Gertrude were vaudeville performers and they sang and danced at all the major west-coast vaudeville theaters.

Their act lasted four years until the birth of their only child, living daughter, born 23 December 1917 in San Francisco. The Mosers were divorced shortly thereafter.

After the divorce, Gertrude lived in Oakland, CA, where she raised her only child.

Like her mother, Gertrude suffered from high blood pressure, complications of which claimed her life on 6 January 1957 at age 60.

Family members remember Gertrude as having a kind and sweet personality and the voice of an angel. She is keenly remembered and deeply missed by her daughter. Gertrude currently has about 30 descendants, mostly living in Oregon.



Gertrude Schwartz and Charles Moser, about 1917.

Rudolph Louis Schwartz Jr. 1903-1983

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Rudolph Louis Schwartz Jr. photographed about 1913 at the Lucerne Studio on Fillmore Street in San Francisco.

Rudolph Louis Schwartz Jr., born 29 May 1903, was the sixth and last child of Minnie and Rudolph Schwartz Sr. Rudolph Jr., Rudy to family and friends, turned one year old in 1904, the year his parents celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary, and was two when the family moved from New Jersey to California. When Rudolph was born his sisters were 15, 13, and 6 years old.

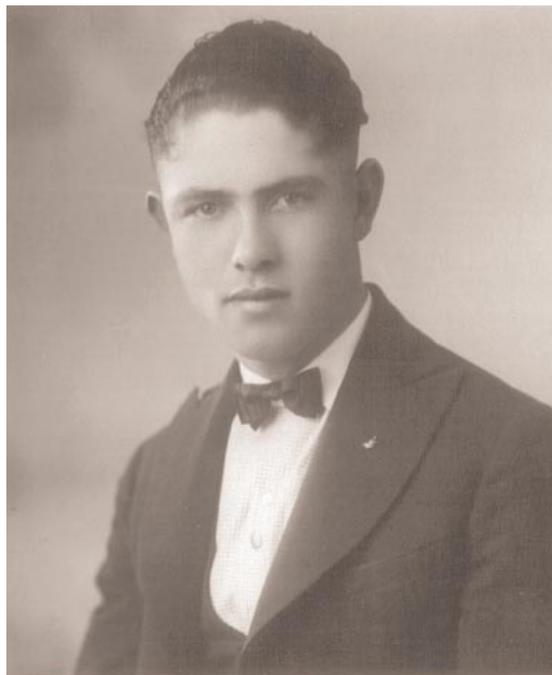
Rudolph grew up in San Francisco and left high school to play the piano professionally. During the roaring twenties he played in the Bob White Jazz Band, performing in clubs and resorts in San Francisco and the Russian River. Rudolph did not read music but played by ear and memory in the style of his favorite musician – Fats Waller.

In 1923 Rudolph married his first wife and went to work as a messenger boy for the American Trust Bank in San Francisco. He worked his way up to manage the Trust Department before retiring in 1968.

According to the 1930 census, Rudolph's second wife worked as a bank secretary and he worked as a bank teller.

Rudolph's first two marriages ended in divorce and without children. He and his third wife were the parents of two children: living daughter b.12 June 1947 and living son b.1 February 1950, both born in San Mateo, CA. Rudolph's children were raised in Burlingame where he and his wife lived from 1942 to 1973.

In 1973 Rudolph and his wife moved to Paradise, CA where he died at age 80 on 23 July 1983. His wife died in 2001.



Rudolph Louis Schwartz Jr. abt 1925.