

## Scene's from Princeton's Past

This week's article will feature the Dahlke Family buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery. Arnold C Dahlke was born February 8, 1898 and died October 25, 1961, he was married to Bernice Mae *Dilts* Dahlke. Bernice was born in Wautoma on April 13, 1903 and died May 16, 1989. Arnold and Bernice had six children, and one of the children, a son died as an infant.

Arnold and Bernice's daughter Dr. Anita B Dahlke was born in Fond du Lac, WI, on March 26, 1926 and died in Paukotuk Winnebago County on January 11, 2013. Anita graduated from Neshkoro High School in 1943, and then attended Carleton College for one year. She then transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated with a B. A. in Social Work. Her first job was as a case aide worker at the Lutheran Childrens' Friend Society in Wauwatosa.

Anita married Charles R Stearns in June 1950, they later divorced in 1955. She then moved to Madison and became a secretary to Oscar Mayer, Jr. She then went into selling and was a supervisor for Relaxacizor in ten counties. When her father, Arnold, developed a serious illness, Anita moved back home and attended UW-Oshkosh to acquire her teaching credits. After she received her credits she taught reading to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Wautoma Junior High School. She then went to Neenah where she was hired to teach reading to their Junior High School. She loved to learn and took a leave of absence to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Florida in Gainesville, getting a Master's Degree in Counseling, with a specialization in reading in 1964. Anita was then hired in 1964 by UW-Oshkosh to found the Reading Center. After the center was running, she returned to the University of Florida and acquired her doctorate in Special Education, with an emphasis on Learning Disabilities.

Anita was a "people person", she was also self-employed from 1975 to the last couple years of her life and conducted numerous estate and household liquidations auctions and tag sales throughout the area. She was one of the first women auctioneers in the area, and a Relator in 1975. In 1997 she earned the GPPA certification (Graduate Personal Property Appraiser) from the Auction Marketing Institute. In 1994, Anita enrolled in the three Gemological Institute of America extension classes (diamond grading, colored stones and gem identification). Anita did not finish the classes because of health reasons, but she pursued further knowledge at the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers workshops in Tucson, Annapolis, and Hofstra University. She was a volunteer in numerous Oshkosh organizations, as well as national and environmental groups.

Arnold and Bernice's son, Dr. Norbert "Norb" A Dahlke, was born in Neshkoro, WI, on September 24, 1923 and died in Oshkosh, WI, on July 12, 2012. Norb graduated Valedictorian of his High School class of thirteen, and received a scholarship to attend UW-Madison for pre-vet training and went on to receive his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University, where he lettered in basketball his junior and senior years. As a student, during WWII, he served in the Army Specialized Training Program.

Norb served as a waiter at Tri-Delta Sorority, and that is where he met his wife, Louise Mary *Stuckert*, who was from Whitefish Bay, WI. In 1946, after marrying, Norb and Louise establish a veterinary practice in Waupaca, WI. Norb and Louise and three children, a boy and two girls. The veterinary practice was successful for 17 years, at which time Norb became the CEO of the Wisconsin Feeder Pig Marketing Cooperative, which he remained until starting his own livestock business, Northern States

Feeder Pigs of Saulk Center, Minnesota in 1978. Norb and Louise shared their passion for bridge in to and beyond Norb's 1984 retirement. Together, Norb and Louise became American Contract Bridge League Life Masters, traveling the US and Canada to attend tournament after tournament. After caring for Louise during her decade of Alzheimer's, Norb moved in with his son Chuck. Norb like his sister Anita was involved as a volunteer in many state and national organizations.

Norb's wife Louise was born on January 22, 1926 in Whitefish Bay, WI, and died January 26, 2005, in Oshkosh, WI. She graduated from Whitefish Bay High School, and entered Iowa State College and took two years of home economics training. When the children were in high school, Louise commuted to UW-Stevens Point and finished her degree in home economics education, graduating cum laude. She became the Home Economist for Waupaca County, and held the job until 1970. After their move to Manitowoc, Louise worked part-time in the home economists office in Manitowoc for years. In her late 90's she moved into Bethel Home in 2001, because of her Alzheimer's.

Anyone who has information about the Dahlke Family or anyone else buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery is encouraged to contact Mary Lou Neubauer or Cheryle Nickel by email [mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com](mailto:mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com) or [cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com](mailto:cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com), by mail at PO Box 53, Princeton, WI 54968, by phone at 920-295-6612, or stop at City Hall which is located at 531 S Fulton Street, Princeton. Mary Lou and Cheryle write the articles for Scenes from Princeton's Past, so any stories or information about the people buried in the City Cemetery would be appreciated. Maybe someone buried in the cemetery was your friend or neighbor or a distant relative and you remember something or about anyone in the cemetery any and all information is important to preserve the information about the people buried in the cemetery.



Dr. Anita Dahlke



Dr. Norbert Dahlke