

## First Generation

1. **Helen Margaret Beck**<sup>1-5</sup> was born on 13 Oct 1894 in Burlington, Iowa.<sup>2-3,5-7</sup> She was baptized on 25 Nov 1894 in St John the Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.<sup>8</sup> (Film 007903128, Image 460) She died on 6 Jun 1965 at the age of 70 in St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>6</sup> Helen was buried on 9 Jun 1965 in Calvary Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri.<sup>9</sup> (Section 26, Lot 398, Grave 3) She was Roman Catholic. Link to parents: Marriage record names parents Henry A Beck and Lena Stoll.<sup>10</sup> Godmother is Amalia Stoll, her aunt Mollie. Godfather is Conrad Lersch, husband of her Aunt Mollie.

Helen Margaret Beck and Frank Lorenz George Weiss were married on 2 Oct 1917 in St. John's Catholic Church, Burlington, Iowa.<sup>11</sup> (Film 007578606, Image 166) **Frank Lorenz George Weiss**<sup>1-3,12</sup>, son of Lorenz Weiss and Anna Milkass, was born on 12 Feb 1896 in 4123 N 2nd Street, St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>1,3,6,12-14</sup> He was baptized on 23 Feb 1896 in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, St Louis, Missouri.<sup>1,14</sup> He lived in 3930 North 19th Street, St. Louis, Missouri on 5 Oct 1916.<sup>12,15</sup> Frank lived in 5536 Emerson Ave, St Louis, Missouri in 1930.<sup>16</sup> He lived in 5536 Emerson Ave, St Louis (Enumeration District 96-736 page 12) in 1940.<sup>17</sup> He died on 8 Nov 1974 at the age of 78 in St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>1,6,18</sup> Frank was buried on 11 Nov 1974 in Calvary Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri.<sup>9</sup> (Section 26, Lot 398, Grave 3) He was an Owner of Hardware Store. He was Roman Catholic. Frank had Social Security Number 499-34-4013.<sup>18</sup> Link to parents: Marriage record names parents Lawrence Weis and Anna Melehus.<sup>10,14</sup> Godfather is Francis Kreit.<sup>14</sup> Godmother is Mary Kreit.<sup>14</sup> Link to parents: Baptism record names Laurentis Weiss and Anna Mulkas.<sup>14</sup>

### NOTES

Frank made the dollhouse that his daughter, Carol, gave to Kathleen Spies.

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 According to his son, Robert, Frank was a fluent German speaker. Robert says that Holy Trinity parish in St. Louis, where Frank lived, had sermons in German and that the school there had classes in German until the outbreak of World War I.

The birth record says his name is Lorenz Weiss.

1900 census says Frank L Weiss

1910 census says Frank Weise

1920

1930 census says Frank C Weiss

1940 census says Frank L Weiss

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Frank Lorenz George Weiss and Helen Margaret Beck had the following children:

- +2     i. **Carol Anita Weiss**, born 13 Dec 1920, St. Louis, Missouri; married William Roland Spies, 21 Jul 1943, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida; died 14 Apr 1988, Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 3       ii. **Robert Francis Weiss**<sup>1</sup> was born on 27 Aug 1924 in St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>1</sup> He was baptized on 31 Aug 1924 in St Philip Neri Church, St Louis, Missouri.<sup>1</sup> His confirmation record provides the date of baptism. He was confirmed on 9 Oct 1932 in St Philip Neri Church, St Louis, Missouri. (Film 008132882, Image 405) Robert served in the 42nd (Rainbow) Division of the U.S. Army in 1943 at World War II, European Theater. He served in the 42nd (Rainbow) Division of the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, and was First Sergeant of Company M 222nd Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the combat infantryman's badge and two battle stars for his service in the European Theater. He was educated entered the seminary at Florissant, Missouri in 1946. He was educated B.A. Greek, St Louis University (Latin minor) in 1953. Robert was educated Ph.L, in Philosophy, St Louis University in 1953. He was

ordained on 16 Jun 1959 in St. Mary's Kansas.<sup>1</sup> He was educated M.A., Education, St. Louis University in 1961. Robert was educated STL in Sacred Theology, St Louis University in 1961. He was educated Ph D, Education, University of Minnesota in 1964. He lived in 5225 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri on 11 Mar 1987.<sup>19</sup> Robert lived in Jesuit Hall, Grand Ave and Lindell Blvd, St Louis, Missouri in 2014. He died on 9 Jun 2016 at the age of 91 in St Mary's Hospital, Richmond Heights, St Louis County, Missouri. He was buried on 15 Jun 2016 in Calvary Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri. Robert held the title of Rev. He was a Priest. He was Roman Catholic. Godfather is Carl Hangartner.<sup>1</sup> Godmother is Rose Hangartner.<sup>1</sup>

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Jesuits, USA Central and Southern Province  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 10, 2016

Fr. Robert Weiss, SJ,  
Former President of Rockhurst University  
and St. Louis University High School,  
Dies in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. - Father Robert F. Weiss, SJ, died June 9, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. He was 91 years old and about to mark the 70th anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus. A former president of both Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis University High School in St. Louis, his life will be celebrated at a Funeral Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. Visitation will be immediately before, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. June 14 at the same location. Burial will be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Robert F. "Bob" Weiss was born in St. Louis on August 27, 1924, to Frank L. G. Weiss and Helen Beck Weiss. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth, and his sisters Carol Spies and Joan Huelskoetter. He is survived by a sister-in-law as well as several nieces and nephews and his brothers in the Society of Jesus.

He attended St. Philip Neri Grade School and St. Louis University High School, graduating in 1942. He served in the 42nd (Rainbow) Division of the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, and was First Sergeant of Company M222nd Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the combat infantryman's badge and two battle stars for his service in the European Theater.

After the war, he entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1946. After making his First Vows at the novitiate in Florissant, he earned a bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude with a Greek major and a Latin minor from Saint Louis University, which also awarded him a master of arts degree in education and licentiates in both philosophy and theology.

He taught Latin at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Mo. (1953-56), then studied sacred theology at St. Mary's College in St. Marys, Kan. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on June 16, 1959. He served as administrative assistant to the president of Saint Louis University in 1961-62, before returning to school at the University of Minnesota, where he earned a doctorate in education and educational psychology. He pronounced his final vows as a Jesuit on February 2, 1964.

He served at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., as assistant dean (1964-66) then dean (1966-73). He was also a professor of education during those years. In 1970, he was appointed a province consultor for the former Missouri Province. He returned to his hometown of St. Louis and his alma mater to serve as president of St. Louis University High School, 1973-77. He then returned to Rockhurst University to serve for 11 years as president, 1977-88.

After a sabbatical (1988-89), Fr. Weiss moved to the Missouri Province office in St. Louis, where he was the province treasurer and then provincial assistant for higher education. Beginning in 2007, he worked with the Advancement Office of the province, work that he continued even after he moved to the Fusz Pavilion, the retirement community for Jesuits in St. Louis.

His experience and educational expertise resulted in membership on a number of boards of trustees, boards of directors and state and national commissions, including Saint Louis University, Creighton University, Loyola University of New Orleans, the University of San Francisco, Fontbonne University, Rockhurst University, Marymount College, United Student Aid Funds, Inc., the Midwest Bioethics Center, the Sacred Heart Program, Saint Louis University High School, St. Elizabeth Academy, Boys Hope Girls Hope, Our Little Haven, and Loyola Academy of St. Louis. He served as chairman of the board of the Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education, and as president of the board of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri. He was a member of the Commission on Governmental Relations of the American Council on Education and of the Advisory Committee to the Missouri State Coordinating Board for Higher Education, and served on the Commission on National Challenges in Higher Education of the American Council on Education. He served as a trustee of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Fund and a member of the Financial Advisory Board of the Sisters of the Good Shepard.

He received the Chancellor's Award from Rockhurst University, the W.F. Yates Medallion for Distinguished Service in Education from William Jewell College, the Founder's Award from Fontbonne University, and the Backer Award from St. Louis University High School.

In January 2001, his Army regiment was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation "for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy 24 January 1945 to 25 January 1945."

With his genial personality and steady disposition, he was a successful and well-loved administrator who had a vast network of friends. He seemed to forget no one, and just about everyone who he knew felt a personal and unique connection with him.

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Saint Louis University High  
Office of the President

Dear St. Louis University High School Community,

I am writing today to let you know of the death of Fr. Robert Weiss, SJ '42, a beloved Jesuit and two-time president of St. Louis University High School. Fr. Weiss, SJ served as president from 1973 to 1977 and 1991 to 1992.

In addition to his service as president, Fr. Weiss, SJ was a long-time member of our Board of Trustees and numerous Board Committees, also over many years.

The witness of his life after graduation as a student found many places that his God-given talents and kindness helped shape those who knew him. He was a decorated veteran of World War II and the famous Rainbow Division. He consistently led efforts to keep his fellow veterans in touch with one another over many years. Fr. Weiss, SJ was a humble man and we learned only in recent years of his friendship with a Holocaust survivor, whom he helped to free.

Entering the Society of Jesus following his military service, he took on the tradition of the Society to become a "Soldier for Christ." His service has too many stops to identify, but he served as President of St. Louis University High School, Rockhurst College, and governance in the Province Office for the Society of Jesus among his many endeavors. He was close to Our Little Haven in St. Louis, where his Rockhurst College graduates together serve children in need. He was a regular presence for many in our St. Louis University High School community, and in his recent retirement years was a regular presence to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Junior Bills. Many counted Fr. Weiss, SJ as their "family

friend."

Consistent with the life he lived, my message today asks you to join in a prayer of great gratitude for the life of Fr. Robert Weiss, SJ in service to the people of God. We join in prayer for his family and brother Jesuits who grieve his loss.

Personally, I am very grateful to Fr. Weiss, SJ for his friendship and collaboration, counsel and spiritual guidance in my time at his alma mater, St. Louis University High School. He is a person I will miss dearly, but one among many in our community who provide me the strong faith to know that one day we will be together with our God who loves us deeply.

Thank you for your prayers for and kind remembrances of this good and holy man. He most certainly lived his life Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. [Click here](#) to learn more about the life of Fr. Weiss on the SLUH website.

His life will be celebrated at a Funeral Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. Visitation will be immediately before, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. June 14 at the same location. Burial will be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

God bless,

David Laughlin  
President  
St. Louis University High School  
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- +4    iii. **Kenneth Charles Weiss**, born 17 Jan 1928, St. Louis, Missouri; married Dora Lucille Hampton, 29 Sep 1951, St. Philip Neri Church, St. Louis, Missouri; died 10 Nov 2009, DePaul Hospital, St Louis, Missouri.
- +5    iv. **Joan Dolores Weiss**, born 21 Jul 1933, St. Louis, Missouri; married Louis R Huelskoetter, 10 Jul 1950, St. Louis, Missouri; died 11 Nov 1990, St. Louis, Missouri.

1. Testimony of Robert F Weiss.
2. Genealogy compiled by a relative of Helen Beck Weiss.
3. 1900 United States Census.
4. 1910 United States Census.
5. Augustine M Antrobus, History of Des Moines County and Its People Vol II page 178 (Name: S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, 1915;).
6. Holy Card from the funeral, which shows this date.
7. Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935.
8. Baptism record from St John the Baptist, Burlington, Iowa on FamilySearch.
9. Archdiocese of St Louis, Catholic Cemeteries, Burial Search (online).
10. Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992.
11. Marriage certificate for Frank Weiss and Helen Beck.
12. Draft Registration Card Frank L G Weiss.
13. Missouri Birth Records 1851-1910 on Ancestry.
14. Baptism record from Holy Trinity Catholic Church, St Louis, Missouri.
15. Letter from Henry Beck to Frank Weiss.
16. 1930 United States Census.
17. 1940 United States Census.
18. United States Social Security Death Index (Ancestry.com).
19. Papers settling the estate of Frank L. G. Weiss.