

# The Bill and Lois Kruse Story

This is a story of the marriage of Bill and Lois Kruse. This is a true love story that has a happy ending. I know this because I am part of the story.

We start the story with Lois Kruse. She was born in 1926. She was raised and lived most of her life in Park Ridge Illinois. Her parent was Everett Eugene Friganza and Evelyn Jewel.

## **Evelyn Jewel**

The Jewels were from the Chicago area. Evelyn Jewell had a brother Marshall Jewel. He married Elenore Verity. They had two sons, Gary Jewell, and Bob M Jewell. Marshall Jewel had a sister Marian J Ford who lived in Atlanta GA.

**Evelyn Jewell's parents were William M Jewell and Isabelle Verity.**

## **William "Willie" Marshall Jewell**

Birth: 8 November 1870 • Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, USA

Death: 7 November 1940 • Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA

Lived at age 29 at 950 Monroe St, Chicago IL. Married Isabelle Verity Jewell in 1895. Daughter Evelyn Jewell was 4 years old in 1900. William worked for the Ice Filter Co of Chicago

## **Isabel Verity Jewell**

Father: William S Verity

Mother: Mary McCarthy

Birth: 23 September 1870 • Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA

Death: 11 September 1954 • Cook County, Illinois, USA

Isabel Verity Jewell children:

**Evelyn Jewell** Born 1896

Marshall J Jewell Born 1902

Marian Isabel Jewell Born 1907

**Evelyn Jewell** married **Everett Eugene Friganza** on 8 May 1917. They had two daughters:

**Janis Friganza** Born: 6 July 1920 Chicago Illinois. Death: 13 April 2001.

Married Howard Charles Krumwiede Jan 1941 and Richards 24 Jan 1983

**Lois Friganza** Born: 4 Sept 1923 Death: 1 Oct 2010

## **Everett Eugene Friganza**

Born: 18 Dec 1884 in Brooklyn NY

Death: 26 Jul 1945

His father was Romeo Baxter Friganza. His Mother was Anna Theresa Corrigan. They lived in Brookland New York.

Everett Friganza has a sister Margaret Jane Friganza. She was born on 18 Oct 1846 in Brooklyn New York. She married Cornelius O'Callaghan. They had three daughters.

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**Delia O'Callaghan** was born on 29 Nov 1871 and took her mother's maiden name to become an actress called **Trixie Friganza**. Born in Grenola KS and raised in Cincinnati OH. Trixie Died 27 Feb 1955

**Teresa O'Callaghan Thompson**. No information on the third daughter.

Everett Eugene Friganza Draft Registration Card 1917.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1907)			
SERIAL NUMBER <b>U 02906</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>Everett Eugene Friganza</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>1</b>
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <b>5349 Sheridan Rd. Chicago Cook Ill.</b>			
(Street and street number) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)			
3. PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL			
4. MAILING ADDRESS <b>Same</b>			
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If none insert word none)			
5. TELEPHONE <b>Longbeach Longbeach 6000</b>	6. AGE IN YEARS <b>47</b>	7. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Brooklyn (New York)</b>	
(Exchange) (Number) (City) (State)	(Date of birth)	(State of birth)	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Illinois Bell Telephone Co. 212 W. Washington St. Chicago, Ill.</b>			
(Company and street or P. O. number) (City) (State) (Zip)			
9. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <b>Illinois Bell Telephone Co. 212 W. Washington St. Chicago, Ill.</b>			
(Company and street or P. O. number) (City) (State) (Zip)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. R. R. FORM 1 (Revised 8-1-42) (1917)			

*Everett E. Friganza*

Lois Kruse college pictures



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1954 L-R Carol, Everett age 2, Kathie, Madlyn, Will

My name is Lois F. Kruse. I was born on March 4th, 1923 in Chicago Illinois. My mother was Evelyn Jewell who married Everett Eugene Friganza in 1918 in Chicago. Everett was born in 1895 in Brooklyn New York.

I have an older sister named Janis. She was born on July 6th, 1920. She married Howard Krumwiede in 1940. They had one son, David, who was born in 1941.

I was raised in Park Ridge Illinois on 222 Vine Avenue. At the age of 4, I moved to 229 East Avenue in Park Ridge. I attended Field Elementary School for grade 1 through 6th. I then went to Lincoln Junior High School for my 7th and 8th grade education. I went to Maine East Township High School where I graduated in 1940.

My mother was the oldest of three children. Her brother was Marshall, born in 1900 and her sister, Marian, born in 1906. She was raised on the North side of Chicago in an area called Oak Park. Her mother was Isabel, the daughter of William S. Verity and Mary Verity. She Married William Jewell.

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Verity is a French name.

My father, Everett Friganza had a brother named Harry. He married a lady named Dorothy and had a son named Bob. Bob changed his name to Busse. Bob Busse was the God father to my son, Everett Kruse. He also had a sister Margaret Jane Friganza. She married Cornelius O'Callaghan. They had a daughter Delia in Nov 21 1870. When she began her show business career, she took her mother's name of Friganza and named herself as Trixie Friganza.

## The Story of Lois and Bill

Lois:

I met Bill at the wedding of my sister Janis. She married Howard Krumwiede in 1940 and who's best man was Bill Kruse. I was the maid of honor.

Bill and I started dating right after the wedding. I was living in Park Ridge with my parents at 112 Elmore. I was 18 and a senior in high school. Bill was 23 and was working for Illinois Bell Telephone as a lineman. My mother did not approve of this.

We decided to get married but did not want a formal wedding ceremony. We chose Saturday, Jan 3rd, 1942 to get married by the justice of the peace in DuPage County, a county next to Park Ridge. I lived in Cook County they required a three-day waiting period and the announcement was published in the Chicago Tribune that my dad read every day. I did not want my parents to know about the wedding.

Bill's best man was Walter Schultz. He was a lifelong friend. After we were married, we lived in an apartment on Chicago's North side. Bill was working in Chicago at this time. A few months later, Bill was transferred to Arlington Heights Illinois. We rented a room in a local house.

Later that year (1942) we moved to Glenview Illinois and rented a house. We were able to get some furniture from my mother so we could have something to sit on. In April of 1942, the phone company wanted to build more phone lines to Alaska, so Bill was transferred to northern California.

Having just gotten married, I was not going to let Bill go to California by himself, I was planning a trip when two other wives of Bill's co-workers whose husbands were also transferred, decided to join their husbands. We decided to take two cars, three women to make the trip. This was just before the start of World War II. We would take turns driving with two in one car in the morning and the other car in the afternoon.

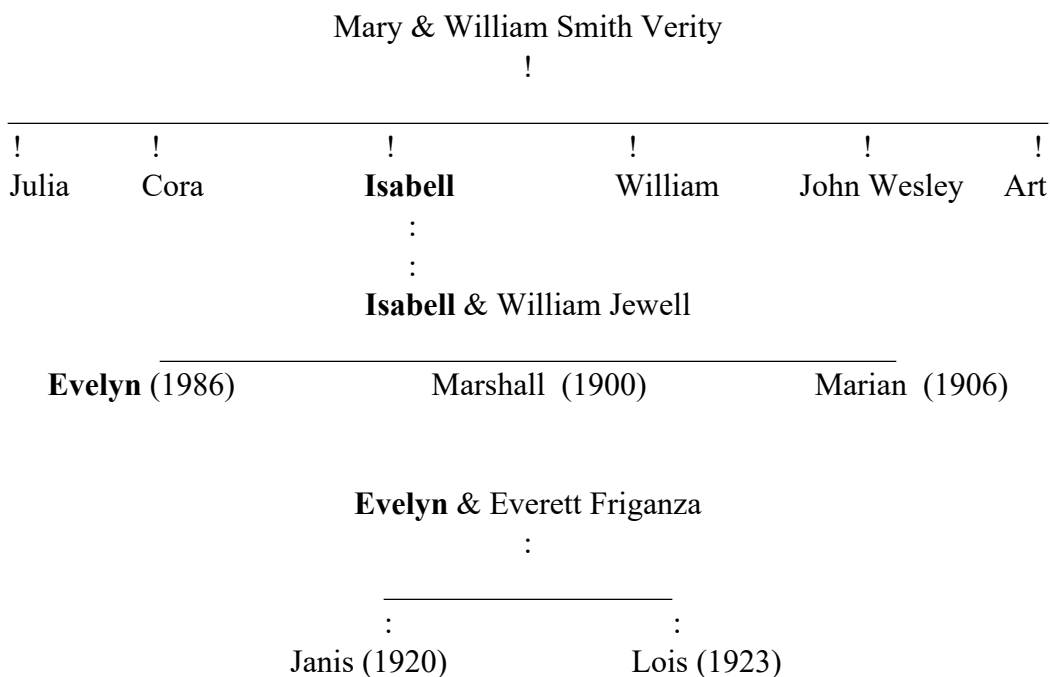
There were not many places to stay.

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Bill:

My name is Bill Kruse. My full name is Wilbur William Kruse. I was Born in Des Plaines Illinois in 1917. I went to school through the 8th grade at the German Lutheran School in Des Plaines Illinois.

My mother was Otelia and my father was Rudoph Kruse. I am the oldest of 4 children. Lois was born in 1926, Rudy was born in 1927, and Marvin was born in 1922.



## Wilbur William Kruse

Birth Date: 31 Aug 1917  
 Birth Place: Deplanes, Illinois  
 Death Date: 1 Dec 1996  
 Father: Rudolph Kruse  
 Mother: Tillie Rateike Kruse

## Lois Kruse

Maiden Name: Friganza  
 Birth Date: March 4 1923  
 Death Date: 1 Oct 2010  
 Birth Place: Chicago Illinois  
 Father: Everett Eugene Friganza  
 Mother: Evelyn Jewell Friganza

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## Children of Bill and Lois Kruse:

Madelyn Wier  
Kathryn Swenson  
Carol Lersch  
Wilbur Kruse  
Everett Kruse  
Mary Jane Kruse

## Tillie Rateike Kruse

Born 1893  
Married to Rudolph Kruse  
Home in 1920 was Des Plaines, Cook, Illinois on Walnut St  
Tillie Mother and father were born in Germany

## Lois Kruse 1950 Censes

Name: Lois Kruse  
Age: 27  
Birth Date: 4 Mar 1923  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birth Place: Illinois  
Marital Status: Married  
Relation to Head of House: Wife  
Residence Date: 1950  
Home in 1950: Park Ridge, Cook, Illinois, USA  
Street Name: 222 Vine Ave.  
Occupation Category: Keeping House  
Worked Last Week: No  
Seeking Work: No  
Employment Status: No

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Wilbur W Kruse	33	Head
<b>Lois Kruse</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Wife</b>
Madelyn Kruse	6	Daughter
Kathryn Kruse	5	Daughter
Carol J Kruse	3	Daughter
Wilbur Kruse Jr	1	Son

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## 1942 Draft Card of Wilber W Kruse

5/19/42  
604 - Glendale Rd. Glenview, Ill.

SERIAL NUMBER <b>504</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>WILBUR WILLIAM KRUSE</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>3442</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>1077 Des Plaines Ave. 1664 FOREST AVE DES PLAINES COOK ILL</b>			
3. TELEPHONE <b>704 J</b>	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>23</b>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>DES PLAINES ILL</b>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>DES PLAINES AUG. 31. 1917</b>			
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>MRS. GENEVIA KRUSE MOTHER</b>			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <b>MOTHER</b>
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <b>1664 FOREST AVE DES PLAINES COOK ILL</b>			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE CO.</b>			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>CHICAGO AVE EVANSTON COOK ILL</b>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		<i>Wilbur W. Kruse</i> (Registrant's signature)	

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## **Trixie Friganza**

**Delia O'Callaghan** was born on 29 Nov 1871 and took her mother's maiden name to become an actress called **Trixie Friganza**.

Spouse Charles A Gottler  
Father Cornelius O'Callahan  
Mother Margaret Jane Friganza -(sister of Everett Friganza)  
Children Delia  
Birth 29 Nov 1870  
Death 27 Feb 1955  
Residence 1910 New York City, New York, USA

Birth Name: Delia O'Callaghan  
Born: November 29, 1870 Grenola, Elk, Kansas, USA  
Died February 27, 1955 (aged 84) La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles, California, USA  
Resting place Calvary Cemetery (Los Angeles)  
Occupation Actress  
Years active 1889–1940  
Spouse(s) “John Doe” (1899–1900)  
Dr. William J.M. Barry (1901–1911)  
Charles A. Goettler (1912–1914)

Trixie mother Margaret Jane Friganza was the sister of Everett Eugene Friganza. His daughter Lois Friganza Kruse was a close friend of Trixie.