

## Sauter Family History Comments on Spouses of the “10 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Siblings”

Erna - **Clifford Riskedahl** (Born 1915 – Married 1939)

- Clifford was a part of my growing up years in so many ways.
- He owned “the store”. He gave my family 10% our groceries.
- He was a good swimmer. He took us to Clear Lake. He bought us ice cream cones at Starks on the way home from swimming.
- He was president of the school board that got our new school built.
- He was the only man I knew who typed.
- He and Erna were always next door.
- Clifford and Dad sold and installed a lot of milk coolers when the cheese plant started.
- His way-to-young death changed our lives, changed Tuttle.

*Linda*

My favorite uncle. We lived so close together and I remember him coming over to our house and always having a small, chocolate treat for Steve. Of course, I remember working for Riskedahl's Store, and what a good job that was because everyone that worked there was so kind and so responsible of getting their jobs done and done very well. I remember he and Dad selling and setting up bulk milk tanks and I always thought how did they know how to build platforms and wire the tanks and set up TV's etc. as ONLY high school graduates. That generation of men and women had skills that many of today's men and women do not have. Clifford also got me started on collecting coins and I still do a very small bit of that. He gave me an 1865 Indian Head bent penny and that started my collection. I also believe he carried many of his customers for long lengths of time and guessing that some of those bills were never paid. He believed in helping everyone to the degree that he could. *Alan*

Always friendly when I visited the grocery store. I remember the “egg candling” room in the far corner at the back of the store. *Pat*

Because of my closeness to Burt, I probably knew Uncle Clifford the best of the uncles. He was always very nice to me, and I admired him as a businessman and as a pillar of the community. He always went out of his way to make sure that Martie was comfortable when we visited. *Vern*

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When I asked Martie to marry me in the spring of 1964 I not purchased an engagement ring. When I came home from Denver on spring break I knew it was time to find a ring. Not many jewelry stores in Tuttle back then. So, at Burt's suggestion we went to Riskedahl's store to see if Uncle Clifford could help me out. It didn't help that I was on a budget of about \$200.00. Clifford got out a couple of catalogs and we browsed until we found one that fit my budget. It looked good so he ordered it. It came in by the time Burt and I WENT BACK TO Denver at which time I gave it to Martie. Several years later I had the diamond placed on a gold ring (a little wealthier by then). I asked for an appraisal of the ring from the jeweler. He said it was a good diamond with good color and clarity and that it. Was worth considerably more than I had paid for it. Thank you, UNCLE CLIFFORD. *Vern*

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I owe a lot to Clifford; he hired me to teach in Tuttle which turned out to be four great years. He was a very bright guy and I had many good conversations with him. He also hired me to work on the new Lutheran church. It was a job I really enjoyed. When I was younger I loved going into Riskedahl's store. It seemed like you could buy anything there. I bought my first record player there. It played 45 records, the records with the big hole in the middle. *Jim*

My father had perhaps a closer relationship with the Sauter family than most of those that married into the family because of his long-time working relationship with Ruby and Louise, in addition to my mother. The two sisters were very reliable and hardworking employees who were in the store pretty much after 1948 when my parents purchased it from Henry Kremen. Ruby and Louise could be counted on to handle things and manage the store without Clifford the few times he would leave for a few days for buying trips to Minneapolis or short vacations. *Burt*

Uncle Clifford was always busy at the store. I picture him sitting in his office working. He was such a wonderful host when we stayed with them. He loved to talk. He had so many friends. He was so active in the community. I always respected him. He was a brilliant businessman, farmer, investor. He had complete love and dedication to his family. *Liz (Betty)*