

CHAPTER ONE

JULIUS EWALD KARL

His Immediate Family

Julius' mother, Karoline Werner, was born Wednesday, May 19, 1897. His father, who went by Julius or Julian Karl, was born Friday, September 25, 1903. He was thus six years younger than his wife. For purposes of this biography and so as not to confuse the two Juliuses, the elder will be called Julian.

Karoline and Julian were married Sunday, December 18, 1927. Their first child, Erna, was born Tuesday, October 2, 1928. Fourteen months later, their second child, Gertrud, was born Thursday, December 5, 1929. Sixteen months later, their third child, Julius—the subject of this biography—was born Sunday, April 5, 1931. Their fourth and last child, Frieda, arrived twenty-one months later on Saturday, January 14, 1933. It must have been a lively household with four toddlers born within four years and three months.



Karoline Werner Karl (1897-1993) and Julian (Julius) Karl (1903-1944). This picture of Karoline and Julian Karl was taken c. 1930. It was extracted from a Church of God group picture in Pinino. The group photo is also included in this booklet. As you view the photographs included in this biography, please be reminded, according to Julius Ewald, that in those days it was not considered vogue to smile in pictures. Not smiling was considered smarter and probably a bit of a social norm at the time.

The Karls had been married almost sixteen years when dad Julian was conscripted into the German Army. He left the family in 1942, and they never saw him again. Many years later, it

was established that he died in army conflict in Romania in 1944 at age 41. His wife, Karoline, immigrated with her adult children to Canada when she was 56 years old. She lived to the age of 96 and is buried in the cemetery in Dundas, Ontario near the graves of the Pastor and Mrs. Sonnenberg whom she had known in Poland from the time she and Julian became Christians. It was he who officiated at their church marriage ceremony.



Left: 1958. Julius, his mother, and friends in Hamilton, Ontario.

Above: 1998. Julius standing with the tombstones of his parents and their pastor. Dundas, Ontario

The Children and grandchildren of Julian and Karoline Karl

Erna (1928) married Willi Boehling, September 1, 1951, and they had three children:

Karin (1952) who married Hans Eckhart. They have three children: Christopher, Andrew, and Martin.

Rainer (1954) who married Diane They have three children: Brandon, Dana, and Eric.

Norbert (1960).

Gertrud (1929) married Artur Schulz, December 28, 1958, and they had two children:

Sigrid Irene (1960) who married Wilf Adam. They have three children: Janelle, Jason, and Justin.

Harold (1963) who married Sonya Schroeder, his second cousin (granddaughter of Karoline's sister Olga). They have two sons: Gavin and Galin.

Julius (1931), married Yvonne (1940), November 24, 1967. They have two children: Caroline (1973), and Robert (1978) who married Nicole (1980) on October 18, 2002. The life story of Julius and Yvonne will be told in another chapter.

Frieda (1933) who resides in Hamilton, Ontario.

**THE WEDDING OF JULIUS' SISTER ERNA KARL AND WILLI BOEHLING
1951 in Germany**



These people look happy at the wedding of Erna Karl and Willi Boehling in Germany in 1951. Seated on left are Mrs Lina and Mr. Otto Boehling, parents of Willi. Seated on the right are Karoline Karl and Onkel Adam Karl, brother of Erna's father.

**THE KARL FAMILY AT THE 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF JULIUS' SISTER ERNA & WILLI BOEHLING - Hamilton, Ontario 1992**



Back Row L to R – Ewald and Scharlotte Kuerbis (she is Willi's cousin); Tante Lidia Konrad (mother of Ilse), Gertrud & Artur Schulz, Frieda Karl, Erna & Willi Boehling, Ilse (Konrad) & Lotar Berg. Middle Row – Julius Karl. Front Row – Yvonne Karl, Robert Karl, Caroline Karl, Harold and Sonya (Schroeder) Schulz.

**THE KARL FAMILY AT THE 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF JULIUS' SISTER GERTRUD & ARTUR SCHULZ – Ontario 2008**



Front Row L to R – Helmuth & Olga Karl Schroeder; Willi & Erna Karl Boehling; Gertrud Karl Schulz & husband Artur Schulz (their 50th anniversary); Frieda Karl; Yvonne Karl (Julius' wife); Waltraut Karl Riske, a cousin. In the back are nieces, nephews, and cousins as well as grandsons and great nieces and nephews.