

# CO - Concettina

## CO 1 CONCETTINA MARTINO DeSANTIS

born: June 24, 1880

place: Trona, Italy

died: April 13, 1968

inter: St. Tobias Cemet, Brockway, PA

Concettina was eldest of the five children of Angelo and Josephine (Muscattella) Martino. Concettina was born on June 24, 1880 in Trona, Italy and came to the United States at the age of 9 with her brother Carlo and her mother. Angelo was already in the US living in Shawmut, PA. The three arrived by train from New York City at the PA Railroad Station and stayed the night in Brockway. The next day they walked to Shawmut and made their first home in the New World. Concettina married Anthony DeSantis and bore him nine children. She died on April 13, 1968 of congestive heart failure. Anthony, her husband was born in Trona, Italy also. He was a coppersmith and a check weighman at coal mines for many years. He enjoyed playing cards, traveling, music and was an avid reader. He enjoyed reading so much that he actually went without eating in order to buy newspapers when he came from Italy. He worked at the Brockway Macaroni Company before he died, March 13, 1960 of a heart attack.

spouse: Anthony DeSantis

born: September 24, 1868

place: Trona, Italy

died: March 13, 1960

inter: St. Tobias Cemet, Brockway, PA

children: (9) Christina, Josephine, Betty, Edith, Barney, Yola, Ada, Romulo, Norma

## CO 2 CHRISTINA MARY DeSANTIS Damore

born: August 22, 1897

place: Shawmut, PA

died: March 3, 1979

inter: Ridgway, PA

Christina was eldest of the nine children of Concettina and Anthony DeSantis. She was born August 22, 1897 in Shawmut, PA. Christina was a graduate of Brockway H.S. and was the first Italian girl to graduate in Brockway in 1913. Christina married Tony Battaglia and adopted his five-year-old son, Maxwell. After Tony's death, she later married John Damore, the owner and manager of Adelphi Theatre in Reynoldsville. He enjoyed theatre, music, gardening and carpentry. Christina enjoyed sewing, cooking, reading, gardening, traveling and music. She was a member of several clubs in her community. Christina was a close friend of Vincenza Rezzola, wife of her uncle, Carlo Martino. Christina died March 3, 1979 of a heart attack.

spouse: Antonino (Tony) Battaglia/John Damore

children: (1) Maxwell Battaglia

## CO 3 MAXWELL SEARCE BATTAGLIA

born: June 2, 1918

place: Ridgway, PA

Max is the adopted son of Christina DeSantis. He is retired after having worked for 31 years at the Stackpole Carbon Company in Ridgway as a chemist. He attained his bachelors degree in chemistry and general science from Grove City College in 1942. His wife Bertha is a retired nurse.

spouse: Bertha Margaret Anderson Battaglia

born: November 1, 1921

place: Ridgway, PA

children: (2) Ann, Betsy



CO 4 ANN CHRISTINA BATTAGLIA

born: January 4, 1954

place: Ridgway, PA

Ann is employed at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Alexandria, VA as the department head in physical therapy. She attained her bachelors degree in biology at Slippery Rock University in 1975 and a bachelors in physical therapy from the University of Maryland in 1981.

CO 5 BETSY JANE BATTAGLIA RAHN

born: October 18, 1955

place: Ridgway, PA

Betsy graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977 with a bachelors degree in math and computer science, and is employed at Boeing Aircraft in Titusville, Florida as a systems analyst. Her husband Edwin has an associate degree from the Pennsylvania State University and is employed at Sperry Corporation in Titusville as a computer technician. Betsy and Edwin have two daughters.

spouse: Edwin E. Rahn

born: December 14, 1944

place: Punxsutawney, PA

children: (2)

Kristen Michelle

June 16, 1982

Stephanie Leigh

April 11, 1984

CO 6 JOSEPHINE LOUISE DeSANTIS PERIFINO

born: August 21, 1899

place: Brockway, PA

Josephine was born on August 21, 1899 in Brockway, PA. She was a clerk in the Jefferson Commercial Store where her sister Christina worked. She was also employed at one time in Erie and worked in Indiana at the macaroni factory. She graduated from high school. Josephine enjoys house-keeping, cooking, gardening and dancing. Anthony married Josephine in 1926 and they recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. He was in the U.S. Navy for 28 months. He graduated from high school in Butler, PA in 1917. He was educated at the Pennsylvania State College and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's dental school in 1925.

spouse: Dr. Anthony Perifino

born: February 10, 1899

CO 7 BETTY GERALDINE DeSANTIS CONGO

born: March 18, 1902

place: Brockway, PA

Betty worked as a drug store clerk in Brockway. Her husband Paul was a criminal investigator for the Pennsylvania State Police. He enjoyed sports, dancing, traveling and horseback riding. Betty's hobbies include dancing, driving and housekeeping.

spouse: Paul Congo

born:

place:

died:

inter:



CO 8 EDITH DeSANTIS

born: October 27, 1903

place: Brockway, PA

Edith was born in 1903 in Brockway, PA. She attained a B.S. degree in elementary education from the University of Indiana in 1950. (She also studied at Clarion University and the Pennsylvania State College.) She was an elementary schoolteacher in the Brockway School District for 42 years and taught several cousins: Angelo and Michael Martino, Don, Dawn and Jeff Martino. She enjoyed sports in school (basketball and horseback riding). She currently enjoys reading, gardening, crocheting, tatting and cooking. She is a frequent traveler of sites in the United States, and has traveled abroad to Italy, Germany, Jerusalem and Greece.

CO 9 BARNEY AMIDEO DeSANTIS

born: October 16, 1905

place: Brockway, PA

Barney was born in Brockway, PA in 1905. His godmother gave him his middle name, Amideo, "the love of Jesus." Barney dropped out of school and became a carpenter by trade, working in Clareton and Newcastle, PA. He enjoys carpentry, driving, gardening, sports, bicycling and antique cars. His wife Lillian was born in Canonsburg, PA on March 19, 1908. She enjoyed sewing and gardening and worked as a seamstress. Lillian bore Barney two children. She died July 15, 1983 of cancer.

spouse: Lillian Frances Cavasino DeSantis

born: March 19, 1908

place: Canonsburg, PA

died: July 15, 1983

inter: Newcastle, PA

children: (2) Bernard, Vincent

CO 10 BERNARD ANTHONY DeSANTIS

born: January 5, 1934

place: Newcastle, PA

Bernard is employed as a United Airlines aircraft mechanic at San Francisco Airport. Joanne, his wife, works part-time as a registered nurse in an intensive care unit. Joanne also attends a local junior college, to become a certified medical transcriber. Joanne enjoys sewing, traveling, reading, and continuing education. Bernard's hobbies include woodworking and leathercraft. Their daughter Gina is employed at Bullock's Department Store in sales and recently graduated from high school. Gina's interests include fashion, cosmetology and music. Christina, their youngest daughter, attends high school and enjoys reading, animals, traveling and music.

spouse: Joanne Marie Carr DeSantis

born:

place:

children: (4) Debra, David,  
Gina Maria  
Christina Ann

July 31, 1967

October 31, 1969



CO 11 DEBRA SUE DeSANTIS NAVARRA

born: March 30, 1958

place: Alexandria, Va

Debra has a degree in business/secretarial and specializes in word processing. Her husband Dennis is self-employed as a gardener/landscaper and owns Down to Earth Garden Service. Dennis enjoys camping and gardening, while Debra's interests include astrology, camping and sewing.

spouse: Dennis James Navarra

born: March 11, 1955

place: San Francisco, Ca

children: (1) Joshua Santo

June 29, 1984

CO 12 DAVID JAMES DeSANTIS

born: March 24, 1959

place: Alexandria, Va

David is employed at Lindsay Olive Growers as a quality control lab supervisor. He attended San Mateo Junior College, San Francisco State and attained a B.S. degree in food science technology at the University of California, Davis. His wife Kathey is employed at Guarantee Saving as a new accounts representative. She has an A.A. degree in business at the College of the Sequoias. David enjoys bicycling, woodworking, motorcycling, scuba diving, reading and gardening. Kathey enjoys sewing, bicycling, reading, religion and animals.

spouse: Kathey Lynn Woods DeSantis

born:

place: Visalia, Ca

CO 13 VINCENT DeSANTIS

born: September 1, 1937

place: Newcastle, PA

In 1959 Vincent attained a B.S. degree in physics from Westminster College. He is employed as a sales engineer/account manager at the Ford Motor Company. His wife Carole spends her time as a housewife and enjoys traveling. Vincent collects sports cars and enjoys sailing. Their son John is employed at the Northville Clock Shop as a repairman and also attends a school craft college. His interests include cars and girls.

spouse: Carole Ann DeSantis

born: July 27, 1939

place: Newcastle, PA

children: (2) Sherry,  
John Vincent

July 15, 1964

CO 14 SHERRY ANN DeSANTIS

born: November 9, 1958

place: Newcastle, PA

Sherry is in the Air Force Reserve and works as a newspaper editor in the public affairs office. She's attended Eastern Michigan University and is currently attending the University of Michigan. She enjoys traveling.



CO 15 YOLA OLGA DeSANTIS BRANCALÉ

born: June 1, 1907

place: Brockway, PA

Yola was born June 1, 1907 in Brockway, PA. She was a registered nurse, receiving her degree at Elk County General Hospital in 1928. She was employed as a nurse in Newcastle and Pittsburgh, PA and most recently as operating room supervisor in Brooklyn, NY. Yola enjoys sports, reading and walking. Mike Brancalé met his wife in Brooklyn, NY where he was employed as a paramedic. They married March 12, 1945. He enjoyed driving, sports and watching television. He was born in 1906 and died in 1983 of a heart attack.

spouse: Michael Brancalé

born: January 26, 1906

place:

died: March 26, 1983

inter:

CO 16 ADA DeSANTIS LONDON

born: June 14, 1909

place: Brockway, PA

Ada is a 1930 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and was a registered pharmacist at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va. Her husband Ted is a retired social studies teacher with a bachelors in social studies and a masters in U.S. history and education. Ada and Ted have one daughter and one granddaughter.

spouse: Theodore (Ted) London

born:

place: Pittsburgh, PA

children: (1) Lisa

CO 17 LISA ESTHER LONDON GEORGE

born: September 8, 1953

place: Washington, D.C.

Lisa is employed as a secretary at Advanced Marine Enterprises. Her husband Eldon is self-employed in home repairs. He has a bachelors degree from the University of the Pacific in technical theater ('71). In their spare time, Lisa enjoys gardening and bicycling while Eldon enjoys reading and landscaping.

spouse: Eldon George

born: February 27, 1950

place: Stockton, Ca

children: Logan Anne

April 7, 1980

CO 18 ROMOLO VINCENT DeSANTIS

born: March 29, 1911

place: Brockway, Pa

died: April 7, 1978

inter: St. Tobias Cemet, Brockway, PA

Romolo was born March 29, 1911 in Brockway, PA. He was vice president of Tech Steel in Chicago, Illinois, a business he entered into with his brother-in-law Louis Venture. Romolo enjoyed sports and cars. He died April 7, 1978 of cancer.



CO 19 NORMA DeSANTIS VENTURE

born: August 4, 1918

place: Brockway, PA

Norma has a B.S. degree in dietetics from the Carnegie Mellon University. She acts as controller and corporate secretary at Tech Steel & Alloy Corporation, started by her family in 1953. Her husband Louis is the president, receiving his degree in metallurgical engineering from the Carnegie Mellon University. Norma's love of music takes her to all Chicago Symphonies; she is also active in steel-related groups and enjoys cooking. Louis is a golf champion at area country clubs and is a member of the Steel Institute and several metal organizations.

spouse: Louis Venture

born: December 28, 1917

place: Ellwood City, PA

children: (2) Anita, Raymond

CO 20 ANITA CONCETTA VENTURE ENGEL

born: June 24, 1946

place: Oak Park, IL

Anita is employed at Tech Steel & Alloy Corporation as the company's inside sales representative. She received a B.A. degree in home economics from Barat College in Lake Forest, IL in 1968. William attained a degree in business and marketing from the University of Oklahoma at Norman in 1968. He is employed at Columbia Vital Systems in critical care sales to hospitals. Both Anita and William enjoy swimming and all outdoor activities, including tennis, golf and bicycling. Anita is also interested in nutrition.

spouse: William James Engel

born: September 16, 1946

place: Berwyn, IL

children: (1) Randall James

July 28, 1977

CO 21 RAYMOND LOUIS VENTURE

born: November 22, 1948

place: Oak Park, IL

Raymond is vice president of Tech Steel & Alloy Corporation, receiving his B.S. degree in business from the Citadel College in Charleston, SC. His wife Patty is a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital with her degree in nursing from a school in Valparaiso, Indiana. Ray is a sports enthusiast, playing handball, soccer, raquetball and jogging in his free time. He also enjoys photography, playing the french horn and grows prize-winning roses. Patty enjoys all types of handicrafts including needlepoint, etc. She is also active in church groups and enjoys music.

spouse: Patricia Sahlmann Venture

born: October 25, 1955

place:

children: (2)

Jason

December 30, 1980

Angela

June 1, 1983