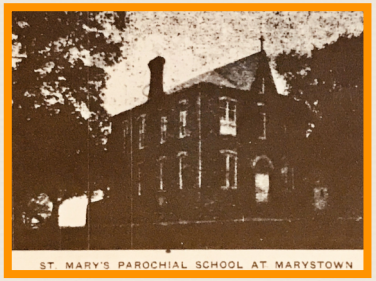


Gerald Alois Stang was born September 3, 1938 in Marystown, Minnesota. His parents were Albert Mateias Stang (1907-1995) and Alvina Elizabeth Geis Stang (1909-2005). He was the third of four children, and Gerald's siblings were Arlene Mae Kathryn, Corrie Clara, and in 1944, Albert Edmund Stang.

Gerald's grandparents were Peter Stang (1863-1945) and Elizabeth Lizzie Mahowald Stang (1869-1947) and Jacob Geis (1881-1966) and Catherine Katie Hennen Geis (1878-1968). Gerald's great-grandparents were John Stang (1823-1895) and Elizabeth Jackels Stang (1829-1903); Nicholas Mahowald (1832-1917) and Anna Maria Rosen Mahowald (1832-1905); Private Adam Geiß Geis (1841-1933) and Barbara Brück Brick Geiß Geis (1845-1934); and Mathias Math Hennen (1833-1891) and Margaretha Mary Wolff Hennen (1841-1909).









Gerald's family attended St. Mary of the Purification Church in Marystown; the priest rectory in Marystown; the St. Mary's Parochial School in Marystown; and the home of the Notre Dame Sisters in Marystown. Gerald would have attended the school if he had lived longer. The church is still there, though the rectory, school, and home for the sisters were all torn down.

On their farm near Marystown, Albert was in his truck in the farm yard. Gerald, who was two years old, ran to his father, yelling out, "Goodbye!"

Unbeknown to Albert, his son, Gerald stumbled and fell forward into the path of the rear wheel.

Gerald fell beneath the rear wheel of the truck. He was killed instantly, according to an article in the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune* on October 3, 1940 called "Marystown Child Fatally Injured."

Not too far away was Gerald's grandfather, Jacob Geis, who saw the fatal accident but was helpless to prevent it.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Ziskovski at St. Mary of the Purification Church in Marystown. The pallbearers, four cousins, were LeRoy Geis, Richard Geis, Richard Stang, and Robert Stang. Four flower girls were also cousins: Marie Geis, Anita Stang, Marie Stang, and Ruth Stang.

Gerald was buried at St. Mary of the Purification Cemetery, which is located next to the church.

Among the relatives from the distance present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stang, son Robert, and daughter Ruth of Belgrade; Joseph and Leo Spanier; Mr. Hennen of St. Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hennen, Mrs. Louis Bolt, Paynesville; Mr. and Mrs. Alois Stang, St. Paul; and other relatives and friends from the Twin Cities and surrounding community.

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Gerald Alois Stang's grandfather, Peter Stang (1863-1945).



Gerald Alois Stang's great-grandparents, John Stang (1823-1895), on left front, and Elizabeth Lizzie Mahowald Stang (1869-1947) on right front.





Gerald Alois Stang's other great-grandparents, Private Adam Geiß Geis (1841-1933) and Barbara Brück Brick Geiß Geis (1845-1933); and Margaretha Mary Wolff Hennen (1841-1909).





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