

RONALD WILLIAM KOSAGE, North High Class of 1959

My Dad's father Michael immigrated to the U.S. at the outbreak of WW1 from Koszeg, Hungary, a town close to the Austrian border. His mother Elizabeth Toth was from Sarospatak, Hungary which is on the opposite side of Hungary near what used to be known as Czechoslovakia. Somehow, they both ended up in Clarksburg, West Virginia where they met, married and my Dad was born. Michael worked in the coal mines until the Hungarian consulate recalled him to New York City. To avoid being deported he packed up the family and moved to Colorado where he continued working in various coal mines. Michael left the family and returned to West Virginia and Elizabeth moved the kids to Lafayette, CO where she raised them.

My Mom's father Antonio Carlini and her mother Lucia Mariani Carlini immigrated to the U.S. from San Pietro, Italy ending up in Colorado where "Tony" worked in various coal mines. He retired from the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company's Columbine Mine and moved to 4010 Clay Street in Denver. Tony, while employed at the Columbine Mine met my father William Louis Kosage who was working as a summer hire while attending the University of Colorado and introduced him to his daughter Emma. They eventually married, had me and moved in with Tony and Lucia at 4010 Clay St. until purchasing their home at 5077 Elm Court.

From there, life became simple and straight forward. I attended Beach Court Elementary, Skinner Junior High then North Denver High School. It was from this fixed simple existence that I became a gypsy on land and at sea, unable to stay in one place, until settling down into our home in Pine Grove, CA.