

The Next Generation

The Moranos

Maynard Ridell, son of Stella Morano Ridell and Sheldon Ridell, died serving in World War II in June, 1943.

Claire Irene Morano married William (Bill) James Fulham, son of Ella Covell and Walter T. Fulham, and had three children:

1. Bill Fulham Jr., born March 19, 1943, married Susan Koehl, who was born on Oct. 20, 1943, and had four children:

a. Patrick Fulham, born July 13, 1968, married Monique Daigle in November, 1996.

b. Michael Fulham, born Sept. 10, 1969, married Laurie Iovenitti in May, 1995.

c. Timothy Fulham, born Dec. 20, 1971.

d. Danny Fulham, born April 21, 1975.

2. Janice "Tuttie" Fulham, born Sept. 22, 1946, married Howard Hodes and had three children:

a. Benjamin

b. Emily Ann

c. Adam

3. Victor Fulham, born Sept. 11, 1947, married Pam Wright.

William James Fulham Sr. died April 14, 1994. His obituary in The Times-Picayune read: "William James Fulham Sr., a retired accountant, died Thursday at University Hospital of cancer. He was 81. He was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. Mr. Fulham received the Order of St. Louis medal in 1988 from Archbishop Philip Matthew Hannan. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of the

Rosary Catholic Church, and a member of the Holy Name Society and the American Legion Post 218. Survivors include his wife, Claire Morano Fulham; two sons, William Jr. and Victor Fulham; a daughter, Janice F. Hodes; a sister, Mary Boullosa; and seven grandchildren. Visitation will be today at Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home, 3827 Canal St., from 8 to 9:30 a.m., when a procession will go to Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church and a Mass will be in Lake Lawn Mausoleum.”

E.J. Morano Jr. (Milo) married Mildred Classen and had two children: E.J. Morano III and Mickey Ann Hawkshead. He died Sept. 17, 2001. His obituary in The Times–Picayune read: “Emile John Morano Jr., a retired purchasing agent for the Orleans Levee Board, died Monday at Memorial Medical Center. He was 88. Mr. Morano was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. He worked for the Levee Board for 20 years. He was a parishioner of St. Louis Kind of France Catholic Church. Survivors include a son, Emile J. Morano III; a daughter, Mickie Hawkshead; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. A Mass will be said Thursday at 11 a.m. at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Burial will be in Lake Lawn Park Cemetery.”

Regina Elenora Morano married Paul F. Dastugue Sr., a New Orleans pharmacist, and they had one son, Paul F. Dastugue Jr., born Feb. 12, 1928.

The Dastugues

Joyce Lorraine Dastugue married Thomas George Finicle on Nov. 30, 1957. Joyce is a graduate of Ursuline College and Thomas, born Jan. 11, 1927, is a graduate of Peters High School, both of New Orleans. Tom was a draftsman

at Avondale Shipyards, but most of his family remember him for his wonderful talent at photography. Tom died Sept. 12, 1986.

Joyce and Tom Finicle had three children, all graduates of the University of New Orleans:

1. Francis Anne Finicle, born Sept. 23, 1961, married Juan Carlos Arriaga on Aug. 6, 1988. Fran works as a CPA in the firm of Mitchell, Arriaga, and Juan works at the National Finance Center. They live in Metairie and have one child:

- a. Kristen Francis Arriaga, born June 21, 1994.

2. Lorraine Joyce Finicle, born Jan. 31, 1963, married Charles Mylie on March 4, 1989. Lorraine works in the managed care section of Touro, and Chuck is a psychiatric social worker at East Jefferson Hospital. Lorraine received a bachelor's degree from UNO, but received her master's in health administration at the College of St. Francis of Illinois. They live in Metairie, literally doors down from Fran and Juan.

3. Thomas George Finicle Jr., born May 26, 1966, married Stacy Siegendorf on Nov. 12, 1994. Tom and Stacy live in Albany, Ga., where Tom runs the city's planetarium and Stacy works as a doctor in internal medicine.

Dr. Fernard Joseph Dastugue Jr. married Shirley Labbé on Dec. 10, 1955. Shirley was born Jan. 28, 1927. "Ferdie" received his medical degree in internal medicine from Tulane Medical School in 1944, three years after receiving his bachelor's degree. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the class vice president and member of the Honors Board, among other honors. "He did calculus problems for laughs," recounted his neice, Lorraine Mylie.

Fernard and Shirley Dastugue had three children:

1. Patrice Louise Dastugue, born Nov. 11, 1960, and a graduate of the University of Virginia, married Winston Lill on Oct. 20, 1984. Winston was born on Nov. 2, 1956. They live in Baltimore.

2. Suzanne Marie Dastugue, born July 17, 1962, and a graduate of Loyola University, married Rickard James Mickler on May 11, 1991, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans. Rick was born on Jan. 31, 1957. Suzanne and Rick are currently building a beautiful experimental home on the New Orleans Lakefront with the American Lung Association. They have one son:

a. James Joseph Mickler, born Sept. 19, 1995.

3. Michele Claire Dastugue was born on Sept. 11, 1965, and died too young on June 26, 1992. Her obituary in The Times-Picayune read: "Michele (Missy) Claire Dastugue on Friday, June 26, 1992 in Alexandria, Va. Age 27 years. Beloved Daughter of Shirley Labbe Dastugue and Fernand J. Dastugue Jr., M.D. Sister of Patrice D. Lill of Columbia, MD and Suzanne D. Mickler. Survived by grandmothers Eldies Labbe and Elma Dastugue."

Marcel Frederick Dastugue Jr. married Nell Rose, born on April 14, 1916, and died Sept. 8, 1992. They had two children: Jo Ann Marie Dastugue, born Jan. 28, 1943, and Marcel "Butch" Frederick Dastugue III, born Nov. 14, 1939.

Marcel "Butch" Frederick Dastugue III married Patricia Ann Young on Oct. 5, 1963. Patricia was born Nov. 24, 1941. Butch is a 1961 graduate of Georgia Tech, and the couple currently lives in Houston, Texas. They have three children:

1. Michael Patrick Dastugue, born June 9, 1964, is a 1986 graduate of Texas A&M and a 1992 MBA graduate of the University of Texas. Michael married Cheryl Lynn Petelin on Dec. 7, 1992. Cheryl was born on June 10, 1966. They have two children:

- a. John Marcel Dastugue, born April 11, 1995.
- b. Ethan Patrick Dastugue, born Aug. 1, 1996.
2. Marc Frederick Dastugue, born Aug. 20, 1965, is a 1988 graduate of Texas A&M.
3. Elizabeth Ann Dastugue, born April 18, 1967, is a 1990 graduate of Texas A&M. Elizabeth married Allen Wayne Wendler on July 28, 1990. Allen was born Feb. 19, 1967. They have two children:
 - a. Kyle Allen Wendler, born April 9, 1993.
 - b. Meghan Elizabeth Wendler, born May 8, 1996.

Helaire Firmin Dastugue, born July 25, 1915, married Veronica Irene Johnston on Nov. 14, 1938. "Vera" was born March 3, 1920. Vera lives in Bay St. Louis, Miss. They had six children:

1. Veronica Evelyn Dastugue, born Oct. 22, 1939, married Robert Charles Gibson on June 4, 1960. Robert was born June 26, 1941, and is the National Accounts Manager for Tetley Tea Inc. in Memphis, Tenn. They have the following children:

- a. Stephen Robert Gibson, born March 1, 1962, who married Janet Rene King on Nov. 11, 1983. His children are:

1. Joshua Gibson
2. Cole Gibson
3. Samantha Gibson

- b. Lynette Rene Gibson, born Dec. 23, 1963. She is married to Neil Wallen, an allergist, musician and writer in Bristol, Tenn. They have five children:

1. Lauren Wallen
2. Justin Wallen
3. Cory Wallen

4. Melody Wallen

5. Lisette Wallen

c. Stephanie Jill Gibson, born Dec. 30, 1968. She has one daughter, Kelsey Charlene Gibson.

d. Charlene Beth Gibson, born Sept. 21, 1974.

2. Glen Firmin Dastugue, born Sept. 22, 1941, married Antonia Messerschmidt on Sept. 26, 1961, and Carol Lee Schlumbercht on Feb. 1, 1975. Antonia was born Dec. 17, 1938. Carol was born Aug. 8, 1944. Glen and Carol live in Avondale, La., and have the following children:

a. Glen Firmin Dastugue II, born Oct. 8, 1975.

b. Kelly Krissy Dastugue, born June 12, 1977.

3. Germaine Duaine Dastugue, born Sept. 20, 1942, married Richard Kenneth Hoselle on June 6, 1960, then Ambrose Leitz Daigre Jr. on Sept. 3, 1971. Ambrose was born June 27, 1927, and the couple resides in Bay St. Louis, Miss. With Richard, who was born on Sept. 17, 1941, the following children were born:

a. Michel Andre Hoselle, born July 8, 1962, who married Christian Gerard Smith. Michel works for the Canal Barge Co. And the Eugene and Joseph Merrick Jones Family Foundation in New Orleans. They have two daughters:

1. Courtney Kristen Smith, born March 5, 1987.

2. Simone Michel Smith, born Sept. 28, 1992.

b. Jeane Rene Hoselle, born Sept. 3, 1963, who married William Steven Taylor on Aug. 25, 1984.

c. Patrice Cheré Hoselle, born Sept. 28, 1965, who lives in Capistrano Beach, California, and works as a missionary.

4. Noel Francis Dastugue, born Dec. 25, 1950, married Peggy Ann Norton on Aug. 1, 1969. Peggy was born June 18, 1951. The couple, who reside in Bay St. Louis, Miss., have the following children:

a. Taby Farrell Dastugue, born March 20, 1970.

b. Chantell Sherrie Dastugue, born April 10, 1972.

5. Hilaire Firmin Dastugue Jr., born Oct. 16, 1953.

6. Tyrone Farrell Dastugue, born Dec. 18, 1958, married Carol Ann Finch on June 18, 1979. Carol was born Sept. 24, 1961. The couple, who live in Waveland, Miss., have two children:

a. Tyrone Farrell Dastugue II, born Feb. 28, 1980.

b. Joshua Fredrick Dastugue, born Jan. 14, 1984.

Paul Fernard Dastugue Jr. was born on Feb. 12, 1928. He attended the first Jefferson High School, which is now the site of Jefferson Elementary.

“When I started at the elementary school, the school went all the way through high school,” Paul Jr. recalled.

Later, Paul attended Rugby School on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans and the second Jefferson High School, the site of the present-day middle school on Jefferson Highway in Jefferson Parish. When Paul was a teenager, a horse race track existed across the street where a subdivision now stands. (The circular subdivision streets follow the old race track.)

Paul recalled how the trains would struggle up the onramp of the Huey P. Long Bridge, sometimes stopping halfway until another engine could catch up and offer an extra boost of steam power. He remembers a hurricane of his youth, and his father’s words of warning when the eye passed and he ran outside to play. Within minutes, he recounted, the wind returned, whipping around the corner of the house knocking him down. Paul even remembered

listening to Huey Long's hours-long speeches over the radio, a man Paul Sr. admired.

When World War II arrived, like most young men his age, Paul followed the Allies in Europe and the Pacific, pasting new clippings in a scrapbook.

"On opposite Sundays my aunt and uncle would bring my cousin to our house and both families would have Sunday lunch," Paul Jr. related. "After, we would all walk to the river batture with bags of tin cans to shoot at them with our .22 rifles as they floated in the river. The walk there and back allowed a social exchange and was a large part of the fun of the day. After, the men would gather in our workshop to clean the rifles.

"On Dec. 7, 1941, it was as usual," he continued. "I tuned on my crystal radio as we pattered with the guns and did trivial conversation. Then suddenly the news broke and all conversation stopped as we all struggled to evaluate the new horrible dimension that took hold on us — Pearl Harbor had been attacked."

Paul attended Tulane University on an ROTC scholarship, graduating in 1951 and serving in the Navy during the Korean Conflict.

In 1949, Paul and Regina made an "auto trip to California," a round-trip excursion through the Rockies and most of California that put 6,367 miles on the car. Paul was meticulous in his trip records, jotting down the auto courts they stayed at, the mileage for the day and how much money they spent. For example, on Sept. 4, 1949, Paul wrote, "In Auto with Guide up Pike's Peak. \$17.25 Toll. \$1.50. Evening was spent sightseeing, buying souvenirs and a Buffalo Bar-Q. Drank Seltzer Water Springs. Back to Auto Crts. 6th Day."

By Sept. 13, 1949, Paul and Regina made it to San Francisco, where Paul Jr. was stationed in the Navy, to vacation with their son. Ironically, in the city of that size, they happened upon one another.

“Again Bay Bridge to Treasure Island,” Paul Sr. wrote. “Was told by Naval attendants that the Toledo S.S. had docked at San Francisco Pier #7. From T.I. continued to S.F. to meet Paul Jr. at Pier 7. Missed him, so decided to eat in Market Street. While looking for a suitable restaurant, spied Paul Jr. walking on sidewalk; called to him, took him aboard the auto then rode over Golden Gate Bridge, after having something to eat. Now a little tired we all went back to Courts for rest, and talk with Paul.”

Even though they had planned the meeting, Paul Jr. later recounted how amazing it was to emerge from his ship and see his parents driving down the streets of San Francisco.

Paul and Regina ended their trip on Sept. 22, 1949, by crossing the Huey P. Long Bridge “and Home Sweet Home once more.”

In Dec. 27, 1952, Paul Jr. married LilyB Staehling, the daughter of Louis Staehling and Lillian Durward Taylor and a 1951 graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. They were married at the First Presbyterian Church, 5401 S. Claiborne Ave., in New Orleans.

Louis Staehling is the son of Louis Staehling Sr., a native of Alsace, France, who was born Sept. 8, 1865, and who immigrated to New Orleans, (before moving to Biloxi, Miss.) in 1884. After dabbling in the bakery and livery businesses, Staehling was Chief Oyster Inspector for the Mississippi Seafood Commission and Biloxi chief of police from 1907–1918. He married Henrietta Hildebrand, a native of New Orleans.

Lillian Durward Taylor is the daughter of Lillye Blanche Smith of Mississippi, daughter of Esther A. Powell and George Smith, and James Durward Taylor, son of Mary Knight and George Taylor. They were married on Dec. 8, 1897, in Vicksburg, Miss.

LilyB (her name a combination of Lillian and Blanche) was born Sept. 26, 1929, in Biloxi, Miss., but grew up in uptown New Orleans, attending Henry W. Allen Elementary School and Eleanor McMain High School. Paul and LilyB were married almost 20 years.

Their wedding announcement in the Times–Picayune read:

Mr. Louis A. Staehling of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Durward Staehling of New Orleans, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss LilyB Staehling to Paul Fernand Dastugue Jr., ensign, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dastugue of this city.

The wedding will be celebrated Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church and a reception will immediately follow at 2847 St. Charles Ave.

The bride–elect was graduated from Southwestern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette, La., where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and is president of the sorority alumnae group in New Orleans.

Mr. Dastugue received his BBA degree and his master's degree from Tulane University, where he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, vice–president of the student body, listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and battalion subcommander of the ROTC unit through which he received his commission in the U.S. Navy.

The bride–elected will have as her maid of honor Miss Carla Hemphill, and her other attendants will include Mrs. William P. Richardson, Mrs. Calvin Boudreaux of Biloxi, Miss., Misses Marlene Staehling, a cousin of the bride–to–be; Lois Owen, Jessica Cozine, and Gayle Farrar. The flower girls will be Sandra Taylor of Houma, La., another cousin of the bride–elect, and Janice Fulham, a cousin of Mr. Dastugue.

Mr. Carl Perry will be best man and the groomsmen and ushers will include Messrs. Harris Coppenhaver, Joseph Conino, Robert Acomb, Warren Mix, John D'Geralamo, H.A. Schnettker and William Fulham and Emile Morano, cousin of the bridegroom–elect, and Carlos Font, Harvey Oelkers and Martin Clement.

Paul first worked for Alumaglass Building Supply, then served eight years as a salesman for Dameron Pierson. He started Medallion Realty around 1960.

Paul F. Dastugue Jr. and LilyB Staehling Dastugue (Moskal) had the following children:

1. Paul "Skipper" F. Dastugue III, born Oct. 3, 1953. Paul F. Dastugue III married Katharine Elizabeth Walker, daughter of Louise Denham Walker of Ruston and Eugene Walker of Innis, Texas, on Dec. 21, 1973, in New Orleans. Paul III attended the U.S. Naval Academy and in 1979 graduated from the University of New Orleans, where he has been named Alumni of the Year from the Business Department. An excellent athlete, Paul played football for East Jefferson High School and completed a triathlon at age 40. Katharine's resume includes a career as a model, and she has done numerous charitable work throughout New Orleans. They live in Metairie and have two daughters:

a. Jeanine Dastugue, born April 27, 1979, who married Christopher Jude McDermott, son of Mr. And Mrs. Thomas McDermott of New Orleans, on Aug. 3, 2002. They have a daughter, Kayla and a son, Hunter.

b. Monique Dastugue, born Sept. 18, 1981, and a graduate of the University of Alabama.

2. Quentin Durward Dastugue, born Dec. 31, 1955, married Penny Ann Matherne, daughter of Lee Joseph Matherne and Joyce Effie Dupré of Houma, on Sept. 14, 1985. Quentin is a 1977 graduate of Georgia Tech and was elected in 1979 as one of the youngest state legislators in Louisiana history. In 1995, he received the Republican nomination and ran for governor of Louisiana. Penny is a 1981 Tulane University graduate. They live in Mandeville and have the following children:

a. Kaitlin Chase Dastugue, born Oct. 15, 1987, attends Emory University in Atlanta.

b. Margaux Taylor Dastugue, born Feb. 2, 1990.

c. Allison Lee Dastugue, born May 10, 1993.

Quentin and Mercedes Dugas of Loreauville have a daughter, Jacquie Louise Dugas, born May 15, 1979. She is the granddaughter of Homer and Anna Mae Dugas.

Paul and Quentin own and operate a growing, successful property management company named Property One in New Orleans.

3. Danon Dastugue, born Oct. 5, 1957, is a 1979 graduate of Western Kentucky University and a 1980 master's degree recipient of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Danon regularly appears on television and film and in numerous theatrical productions. In addition to her award-winning acting career, which spans from New Orleans to Los Angeles, she taught drama to talented high school students of St. Charles Parish. She lives in Chicago where she teaches at community colleges and acts.

4. Cheré Dastugue, born Dec. 14, 1960, married Bruce Alan Coen on Oct. 11, 1986. Bruce, born Sept. 12, 1952, is the son of Lloyd Coen and Beatrice Furst and the stepson of William Pearlmutter of Boston. Bruce works as the music manager for the Lafayette (LA) Barnes & Noble and is a past PTA president. Cheré, a former Congressional Page under the late U.S. Rep. Gillis Long, is a 1983 graduate of Louisiana State University, is the author of historical romances ("A Cajun Dream," "Snow Angels" and "The Acadians" series) under the pen name of Cherie Claire, in honor of her aunt, Claire Morano. She works as a freelance journalist in Lafayette. They live in Lafayette with their two sons:

a. Joshua Lloyd Coen, born Dec. 26, 1989, a graduate of Lafayette High School.

b. Taylor James Coen, born June 3, 1993.

Paul Fernand Dastugue Jr. died on Oct. 23, 2003, at the age of 75, at Canon Hospice in Elmwood, literally within a mile of his lifelong residence.

His obituary by Mark Waller in The Times-Picayune read: "Paul Fernand Dastugue Jr., a real estate broker and member of the Jefferson Parish School Board in the mid-1960s during a period of rapid growth and racial desegregation of the school system, died Thursday of complications from diabetes at Canon Hospice. He was 75.

Mr. Dastugue was born in New Orleans and was a lifelong resident of Jefferson Parish. He graduated from Tulane University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He organized a chapter of a business fraternity at Tulane and held the presidency of seven campus organizations.

After graduating, he served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Korean War.

He formed Medallion Realty in 1963. He owned and managed properties, including Independence Mall on Veterans Memorial Boulevard in Metairie.

'As Veterans Highway was growing, he was building buildings all around there,' said Chere Coen, Mr. Dastugue's daughter. 'There was quite a lot of growth going on,'

He was appointed to the School Board in 1964 and later elected to a full term.

In 1962, Mr. Dastugue founded the Young Men's Business Club of Jefferson. He also served as president and a member of several real estate and business organizations. He was a member of the boards of the Louisiana Kidney Foundation and the American Diabetes Association of New Orleans.

'He was a real overachiever,' Coen said. 'He just was always doing things. He was always president of everything.'

One of Mr. Dastugue's sons, Quentin Dastugue of Mandeville, served 16 years in the state House of Representatives representing the Old Jefferson-based 82nd District and ran for governor in 1995. He said his father instilled the skills to succeed in his four children.

'He was the type of guy who insisted that we all worked for everything we got, which was great training for later in life,' Quentin Dastugue said.

Beside Coen and Quentin Dastugue, survivors include a son, Paul F. Dastugue III of Metairie, and a daughter, Danon Dastugue of Destrehan; eight grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

A funeral will be held Monday at noon at Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home, 4747 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie. Visitation begins at 10 a.m."