

# John DeCourcy Lawless

Nebraska PFC Veterinary Hosp. World War I

Family Members

Parents

- Eugene William Lawless 1860-1927
- Elizabeth DeCourcy Lawless 1852-1911

Siblings

- Marie Louise Lawless Byram 1885-1972
- Eugenie Lawless 1889-1982
- Anne Josephine Lawless Johnson 1892-1975

Spouse

- Blanche Marie Tannehill Lawless 1910-2006

Children

- Mary Eileen Lawless Duhachek 1930-1997
- John DeCourcy Lawless 1940-2003

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## John De Courcy Lawless

*Birth* 21 Feb 1891 Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska  
*Death* 18 Nov 1956 (aged 65) Burt County, Nebraska  
*Burial* Holy Family Cemetery Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska  
*Married* Blanche Marie Tannehill on February 19, 1930 in Sioux City Iowa.  
*Children:*  
 Mary Eileen (b 12/30/1932), Anna Marie (b 5/20/1936), John (Jack) DeCourcy Jr. (b 11/19/1940)



John and Blanche Lawless  
c1946

**Anna told this story to Tessie Lichty:** When Johnnie (Grandma's brother) was born, she (Bessie) didn't have enough milk for him and he was failing, she wrote letters to doctors all over and a doctor from New York told her to rub olive oil on his skin frequently for nourishment. He obviously survived to a good age. He died the day Pauline (Lichty) was born.

John was drafted into the military during World War I (The Great War) and served between 1917 and 1920. The registration was in Buffalo County, Burt County, Butler County, Nebraska. In July of 1918, John enlisted in the Army, and served with the Hospital Corp. He was sent to St. Louis, Missouri. He served in France.

He helped with the Eugene Lawless farm before and after the war. He lost a leg because of the War. Even though he was handicapped, he maintained his father's farm and continued farming after he inherited the property after his father's death.

Some time between 1920 and 1930, John moved to Anderson, Thurston, Nebraska. He probably continued farming his father's property even after he moved. The Eugene Lawless farm was sold in 1933. By 1940, John and his family moved to Macy, Blackbird Election Precinct, Thurston, Nebraska and lived there until his death in 1956. They are listed in the 1950 census taken on 28 Apr 1950 in Blackbird Township.

John married **Blanche Marie TANNEHILL**, daughter of **James Walter TANNEHILL** and **Jane Margaret JONES**, on 19 Feb 1930 in Sioux City IA. Blanche was born on 7 Aug 1910 in Missouri Valley IA and lived there at least until she married John. For a time she lived in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. John was Blanche's second husband. John was 39 and Blanche was 20 when they got married.

Blanche and John met at Shorty Jumps. Shorty is a person and probably a relative of Blanche's first husband, Homer Jump. They were married by a Justice of the Peace. Witnesses were Oliver Johnson and Eugenia Lawless.

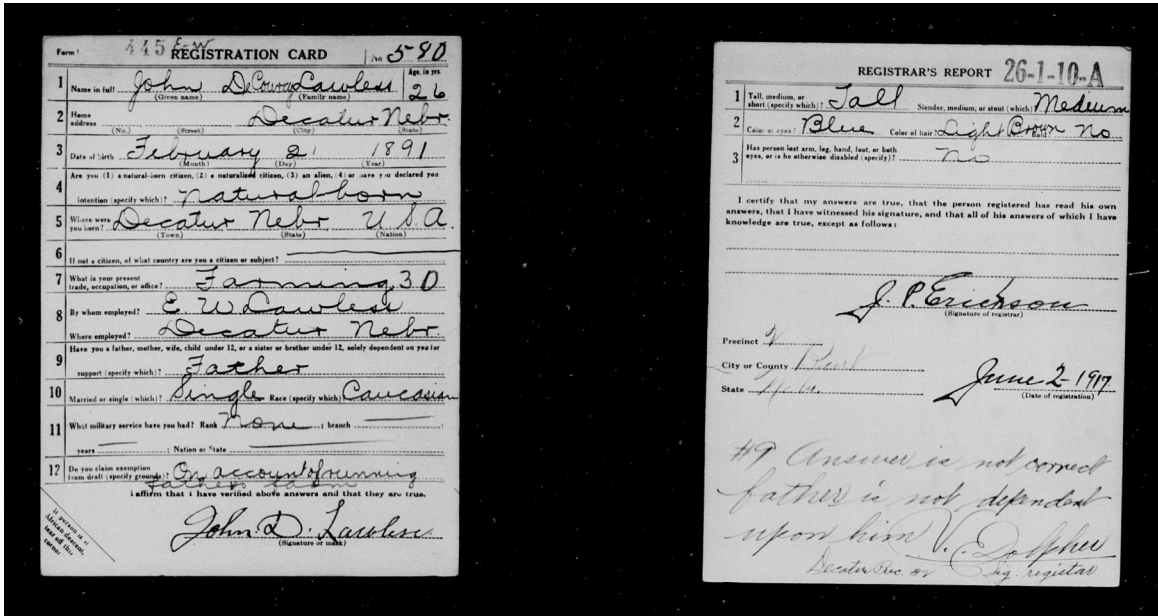
### Children's Names

Mary and Eileen are names from the Irish Lawless families. John's niece was also named Eileen (Johnson).

Anna was the name of John's younger sister (Anna Lawless Johnson). Marie was the name of John's older sister (Marie Louise—Minnie).

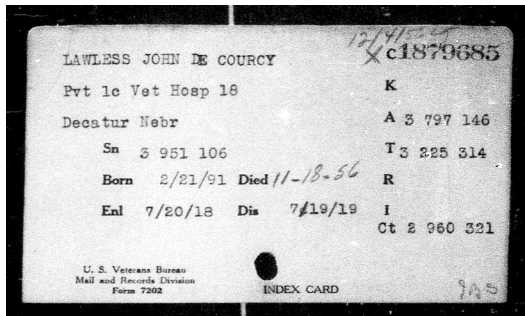
Jack is named for his father and is John DeCourcy Lawless Jr.

# John DeCourcy Lawless (cont.)



John Lawless Military Registration. Date: June 2, 1917. This was the beginning of World War I.

On the Registration card, John indicated that his father was dependent on him. In John's mind, he probably believed that his father would have a difficult time if John was not there to help with the farming and that was true. John was Eugene's only child left at home at that time and Eugene was getting older. However, it appears that according to the Draft Board, the definition of dependency was different. So John went to war.



John's military record shows that he served between July 20 1918 and July 19, 1919. He went into the war about 5 months before the November 11, 1918 Armistice.

John lost a leg during the time he was in the service and was in a veterans hospital in St. Louis for a time. When he came home he was still able to help Eugene with the farming. He continued farming into the 1950s. He had the courage to continue working his farm in spite of the missing leg.

## 1920 Census record—Location: Decatur, Burt, Nebraska

Lawless Eugene	Head	38	Mar	Nebraska	Ireland	Ireland
Lawless Eugene	Wife	19	Mar	Iowa	Missouri	Iowa
Lawless Eugene	Son	27	Single	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska

Eugene Lawless was 59 years old, born 1861 in Ireland, spoke Irish, came to the U.S. in 1880. He is the head of household and widowed. His father was born in Ireland and spoke Irish. His mother was from France and spoke French. He owned his farm and raised livestock. John Lawless was 27 years old, born in 1893 [actually 1891] in Nebraska, is the son, and is single.

## 1940 Census Record—Location: Anderson, Thurston, Nebraska.

Lawless John D	Head	38	Mar	Nebraska	Ireland	Ireland
Lawless Blanche M	Wife	19	Mar	Iowa	Missouri	Iowa
Lawless Thelma W	Sister	15	Single	Iowa	Missouri	Iowa
Lawless Helen M	Sister	17	Single	Iowa	Missouri	Iowa
Lawless James W	Son	52	Wid	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri

John D Lawless was 38, est b. 1892, born in Nebraska and was married at age 38. He was a farmer and a veteran of the World War. Blanche M Lawless was 19, est b. 1911 in Iowa and was married at age 17. Also in the record are Blanche's father and two sisters living in the same household: James W. Tannehill, age 52, Thelma, age 15, and Helen, age 17. James was born in Missouri and was widowed.

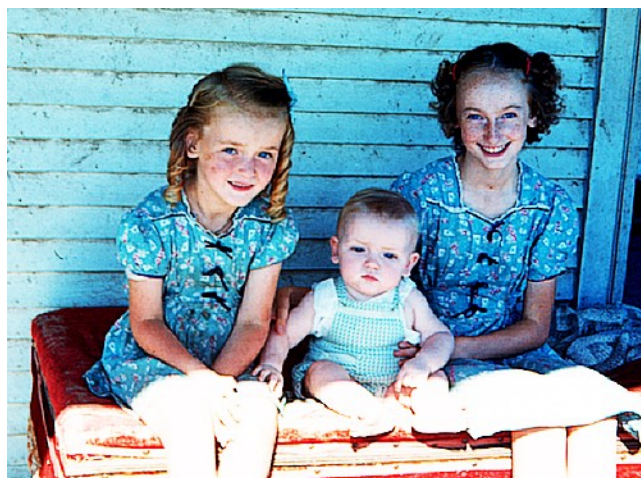
## John Lawless Family Pictures

Uncle Victor (Johnson) left a couple hundred color slides and kept them in a box with dividers. The dividers gave clues about the pictures. He did not make notes on the slides to identify the people in them. Many of them we know because we know the people—our grandparents, uncles, and cousins.

The following pictures were in a section called “Uncle Johnny’s”. John Lawless was the only uncle that Victor knew with the name John. There were no Johns on the Johnson side of the family that would have been alive when Victor was visiting family and taking pictures. ‘Educated’ guesses, assumptions, and comparisons were used to identify the people in a few of these pictures. Birth dates of the John Lawless descendants are known. Victor collected some, and other dates are found in FamilySearch.

These three pictures were taken at the John Lawless farm near Macy Nebraska. They lived there when the 1940 census was taken. (*show census record*).

The family group is John, Blanche, and their three children Mary Eileen, Anna Marie, and Jack. Judging by the age of Jack the baby, the picture was probably taken in the summer of 1941. John was not using crutches, but he may have had a prosthetic leg. The ages of the three children appear about right for 1941. At that time, Mary was about 10, Anna was 4, and Jack was less than a year.



### John and Blanche Lawless Family.

Children: Mary Eileen (b 30 Dec 1930), Anna Marie (b 20 May 1936), John DeCourcy Jr. (b 19 Nov 1940).

Photos taken Summer 1941.

Below: 1940 Census. John is 48, Blanche is 29, Mary is 9, Ann Marie is 3. Blanche was pregnant with John Jr. They have a lodger Mack Strickland.

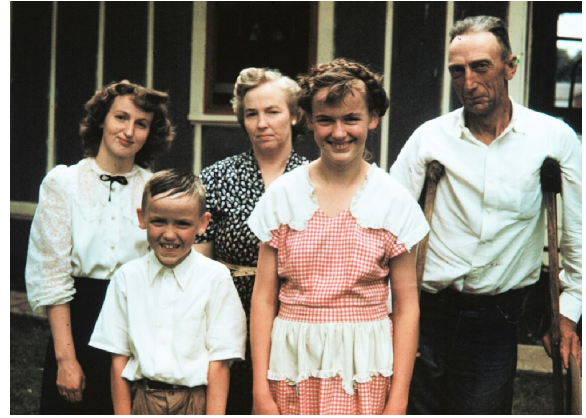
John is a farmer and owns his land with a mortgage. Mack is a farm laborer and earned \$180 for 30 weeks work.

Lawless, John	Head	M	W	48	M	No	8	8	Nebraska	19	same house
— Blanche	Wife	F	W	29	M	No	7	7	Iowa	15	same house
— Mary	Daughter	F	W	9	3	yo	2	2	Nebraska	19	same house
— Ann Marie	Daughter	F	W	3	5	No	0		Nebraska	19	
Strickland, Mack	Lodger	M	W	67	W	No	7	7	Alabama	12	same house



**John Lawless Family 1946**

John, Mary Eileen, Anna Marie, Jack, Blanche



**John Lawless Family. 1948.**

LtoR: Mary Eileen, Jack, Blanche,  
Anna Marie, John.



Eileen Johnson, Mary Eileen  
Lawless, 1946



Anna Marie, Eugenia Lawless,  
Jack Lawless, 1946



Anna Marie Lawless, 1946

## Videos

Victor Johnson filmed the Lawless family in 1946 and 1948. The videos are available on YouTube and can be accessed from <https://gibbsjohnsonfamilyhistory.com/videos/>

Videos—1940s: [\*John Lawless Family 1948\*](#) and 1946.

Videos—1970s: [\*Jim Johnson and Jack Lawless, 1973\*](#). Jack is shown at his job.

[\*Victor's Trips in 1976 To Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska\*](#) The last segment was taken in Kearney at a visit to Jack's family.



Anna Marie, Jack, Mary Eileen



Victor Johnson, John D Lawless



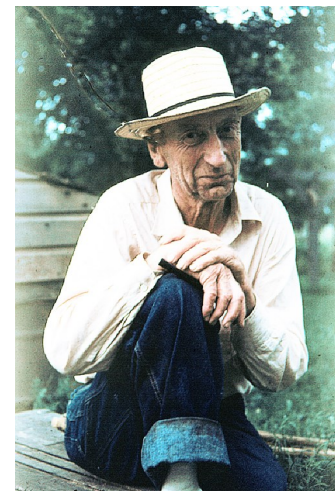
John and John Jr. (Jack)



Blanche, Mary Eileen, Anna Marie, Jack



Anna Marie Lawless and Eileen Johnson. c1948



Johnny taken in 1948. Shows his playfulness.



Jack Lawless, Anna Marie Lawless, Victor Johnson, Blanche Lawless. Taken 1955 or 1956 (estimated).

# John DeCourcy Lawless (cont.)

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Out of town people who attended the services were: Victor Johnson, Oliver Johnson, John Christensen, Mrs. Anna Johnson of Huron, SD. Mrs. Pearl Lewis of

Omaha, James Lewis of Fremont, Bernard Culligan of Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Connealy and Billy, and Ray Schroder, all of Walthill, and Father John Connealy of Weiner.



Holy Family Cemetery,  
Burt County, Nebraska



(Pictures from FindAGrave)

**JOHN LAWLESS  
PASSED AWAY SUNDAY**  
John Lawless, 65, passed away at his home in Macy Sunday following a heart attack. Mr. Lawless spent most of his life in the Decatur area and has many friends there.

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Father William Guthman, assistant priest at the St. Augustine Mission at Winnebago, offered Requiem High Mass in the Catholic church at Macy. Father Frank Hulsman of Winnebago gave the sermon.

Pallbearers were Tony Lewis, Tim Crawford, Maurice Connealy, Edgar Sears and Vincent Connealy of Decatur and William Connealy of Walthill. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Graveside salute was conducted by the American Legion Post, followed by Taps. Last prayers were offered by Father John C. Connealy, Father William Connor and Father William Guthman.

Out-of-town people who attended the services were Victor Johnson of Boulder, Colo., Oliver Johnson and John Christensen of Miller, S. D., Mrs. Anna Johnson of Huron, S. D., Mrs. Pearl Lewis of Omaha, James Lewis of Fremont, Bernard Colligan of Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Connealy and Billy and Ray Schroder, all of Walthill, and Father John Connealy of Wisner.

## Mary Eileen Lawless

**Mary Eileen LAWLESS** was born on 30 Dec 1930 in Macy NE and died on 8 Nov 1987 in Albion, Boone, Nebraska, at age 56. Mary Eileen was buried in Emerick Cemetery, Emerick, Madison, Nebraska. Another name for Mary was Lolly-pop LAWLESS (*I don't know where that came from!*).

Mary married **Donald Eugene DUHACHEK**, son of **Harry DUHACHEK** and **Hazel Berniece HANKLA**, in 1951. Donald was born on 20 Jan 1929 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska. He died on 8 Jun 1998 in Newman Grove, Madison, Nebraska, at age 69. Donald was buried in 1998 in Emerick Cemetery, Meadow Grove, Emerick, Madison, Nebraska. Emerick is a crossroads south of Meadow Grove.

They lived in Meadow Grove NE, west of Norfolk on US275. They also lived in (or near) the small towns of Madison and Newman Grove. At the time of the 1950 census (11 Apr 1950) Donald was single and lived with his family in Schoolcraft Election Precinct, Madison, Nebraska. He farmed with his father on the family farm.

Donald registered for the Military Draft 20 Jan 1947, at Meadow Grove, Madison. He did not serve in the military.

Donald and Mary Eileen lived in the Meadow Grove and Newman Grove area all their lives and raised their children there.

They had ten children: **Delores, David Eugene, Steven A., Rickey Lee, Barbara Sue, [Baby Boy (stillbirth), No Given Name], Beverly, Dale, Douglas, and Bryant.**

### Children

**Delores DUHACHEK** was born on 16 Sep 1953 in Nebraska. Delores married **Richard Martin GRANGER**, son of **Harry Martin GRANGER** and **Alice Irene ROY**, on 10 Jul 1976 in Tilden, Madison, Nebraska. Richard was born in 1948.

**David Eugene DUHACHEK** was born on 6 Aug 1954 in Nebraska. He died on 21 Sep 1954 in Nebraska, and was buried in Emerick Cemetery Emerick, Madison County, Nebraska, USA. His middle name is for Eugene Lawless, his grandfather.

**Steven A. DUHACHEK** was born on 4 Mar 1956 in Nebraska and died on 11 Jan 1957 in Nebraska. He was buried in Emerick Cemetery, Emerick, Madison County, Nebraska, USA. When Steven was 10 months old, he fell on his head while trying to get out of his crib. Notice was printed in the Decatur newspaper.

**Rickey Lee DUHACHEK** was born on 23 May 1957 in Nebraska.

**Barbara Sue DUHACHEK** was born on 6 Jan 1958 in Nebraska.

**(Baby Boy) Duhachek** was born on 15 Mar 1960 in Nebraska, died on 15 Mar 1960 in Nebraska. He was buried in Emerick Cemetery, Emerick, Madison County, Nebraska.

**NOTES:** The information about the John Lawless (Sr.) family is collected mainly from two sources: Victor Johnson's notes and research, and FamilySearch. Victor had information about most of the children and that basis was supplemented with information from FamilySearch. Marriages of the children of Mary, Anna, and Jack were found on FamilySearch. Other information was found on FindAGrave. John's grandchildren and great grandchildren are assumed to be living and their information is not available on FamilySearch.

### The Lyons Mirror Sun Thu Jul 1 1943

Mary Lawless, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawless, near Macy, is staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Connealy and attending the Catholic Bible school.

### Decatur Advertiser Thu Jan 17 1957

#### **Youngster Dies After Falling from Crib**

Ten-month-old Steven Allen Duhachek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Duhachek of Meadow Grove, suffered a fatal concussion Friday evening when he pulled himself over the side of his crib and plunged head first to the floor. Mrs. Duhachek was caring for the infant and had left the room to get his feeding bottle.

Mrs. Duhachek is the former Mary Lawless, daughter of the late John and Mrs. Blanche Lawless of Macy.

### Decatur Advertiser Thu May 2 1957

#### **Two Youths Involved In Auto Accident**

Tommy Olson and Jack Lawless, two youths from Macy, were involved in an accident Sunday when their car overturned east of the George W. K. Mitchell farm home near Macy.

Except for cuts and bruises, the Olson boy was unhurt. Lawless was severely cut across the back and was taken to the Pender hospital by the Decatur ambulance. He was later removed to an Omaha hospital, where he will receive further treatment.

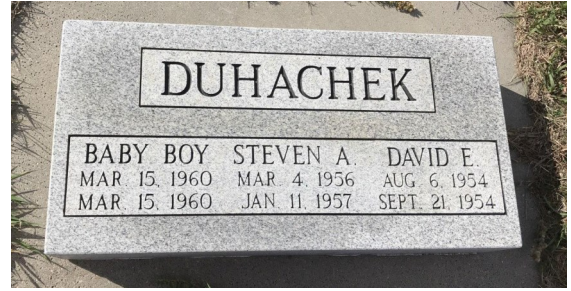
## Mary Eileen Lawless Duhachek Family (cont.)

**Beverly Ann DUHACHEK** was born on 29 Jun 1961 in Nebraska. Beverly married **Anthony Robert PROTHMAN**, son of **Edward James PROTHMAN** and **Molly Allison BROWN**, on 15 Oct 1982 in Madison, Madison, Nebraska. Anthony was born in 1961.

**Dale DUHACHEK** was born on 3 Feb 1965 in Nebraska. Dale married **Amy J. LEISE**, daughter of **Leonard R. LEISE** and **Joann E. PROMES**, on 30 May 1992 in Hartington, Cedar, Nebraska. Amy was born in 1972.

**Douglas DUHACHEK** was born on 3 Feb 1965 in Nebraska.

**Bryant DUHACHEK** was born on 10 Jun 1966 in Nebraska.



*Gravestone pictures are from FindAGrave.*



Mary Eileen Lawless 1946





## Anna Marie Lawless

**Anna Marie LAWLESS** was born on 20 May 1936 in Macy NE (one mile east), died on 11 Jun 1997 in Burt County Nebraska USA, at age 61. She was buried in 1997 in Oakland Cemetery, Oakland, Burt, Nebraska.

Anna had a child at age 19 named Michael Richard Lawless. This is believed to be correct because Anna is named in his marriage record and no father is named. Writing in the picture names the child as “Mickie”, so this strengthens the case that he is indeed Anna’s child. Other than the picture, Victor had no other documentation about “Mickie”.

This is the information in the Michael Richard Lawless marriage record:

**Micheal Richard Lawless**, Age 26, b c1955, married Monte Alene Titus Henbest, age 27, b c1954. Monte is the daughter of Frederick Livingstone Titus and Grace Emily Francis. The marriage took place on 29 Oct 1981 in Tekamah, Burt, Nebraska. *[The record shows Michael spelled Micheal, so the true spelling is not known at present.]*

**Anna Marie** was married three times, but did not have children with any of the husbands (that I know of or could find). She may have had a stepdaughter (Patty Urbanec) from her first husband James Urbanec.

Anna married **James Frank URBANEC**, son of **James J. URBANEC** and **Helen Hilda BOHABOY**, on 30 Aug 1957 in Tekamah, Burt Nebraska. James was born on 28 Jan 1922 in Thurston, Nebraska. He died on 4 Feb 1965 in Walthill, Thurston, Nebraska, at age 43. He was buried in Feb 1965 in Evergreen Cemetery, Walthill, Thurston, Nebraska. James enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 18, 1944 in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He married Eunice May Evans, who passed away at the young age of 23.

Anna next married **Melvin Dean LOVELACE** on 9 Dec 1966 in Hartington, Cedar, Nebraska. Melvin was born on 9 Dec 1932 in Lincoln, Lancaster, Nebraska, died on 19 Jan 1994 in Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, at age 61. He was buried in David City, Butler County, Nebraska.

Anna next married **Gerald James HEIL** on 12 Jun 1982 in Tekamah, Burt, Nebraska. Gerald was born on 10 Dec 1930 in Oakland, Burt, Nebraska, died on 6 Jul 1998 in Oakland, Burt, Nebraska, at age 67, and was buried in 1998. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery Oakland, Burt County, Nebraska.

This information about Anna’s third husband is believed to be correct because of this post from Social Security:

*Name Anna Marie Lawless*

Name and form dates: Application: ANNA MARIE LAWLESS (Dec 1954), Application: ANNA MARIE LOVELACE (Jul 1967), Application: ANNA MARIE HEIL (21 Jun 1982), Death: A M HEIL (15 Jun 1997).

She was still married when she died in 1997. Her gravestone shown below identifies her as “Loving Wife and Mother.” Nothing is known about whether she had children other than Michael. It is possible that Gerald Heil had children, but that is not known either.



Gravestone pictures from FindAGrave.

No children are listed because they are still living or their information has not been posted on FindAGrave.



Anna Marie, Jack, Blanche, Mickie



Anna Marie

## John (Jack, Jackie) DeCourcy Lawless

**John DeCourcy LAWLESS Jr** was born on 19 Nov 1940 in Macy Nebraska (2 mile east), died on 19 Mar 2003 in Blair, Washington, Nebraska, at age 62, and was buried in 2003 in Stanley Cemetery, Amherst, Buffalo, Nebraska. Other names for John were Jack and Jackie LAWLESS.

John married **Shirley Kay ANDERSON**, daughter of **Raymond Forrest ANDERSON** and **Lola Mae SHEEN**, on 30 Oct 1962 in Minden, Kearney Nebraska. Shirley was born on 24 May 1946 in Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, died on 27 Dec 2021 in Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, at age 75, and was buried in 2021 in Kearney Cemetery Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, USA. They had five children: **John DeCourcy (III)**, **Jolene Kay**, **Timothy Ray**, **Wendy Sue**, and **Misty Diane**. **Trina** was Shirley's daughter by a previous relationship.

Shirley and Jack were divorced after 1972 in Kearney Nebraska. The divorce date is not known, but they were probably divorced (or separated) before 1976 when Victor, Leo and Nora Jane Johnson visited the family in Kearney. (See video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJogAjq5704>). The video shows a man with the family who may be Dean Follette whom Shirley married in 1979. [Speculation only!]

Shirley married **Phalen Dean Follette** of Kearney on 8 Dec 1979 in Kearney Nebraska.

### Children

When Shirley (age 16) married Jack, she had a daughter named Trina, b, 26 Jan 1962. Trina's father is not known. She was 9 months old when Jack and Shirley married.

**Trina Mae ANDERSON** was born on 26 Jan 1962 in Kearney Nebraska USA. She was John's step-daughter. Trina married **Ricky Dean CRUMM** on 26 Dec 1985.

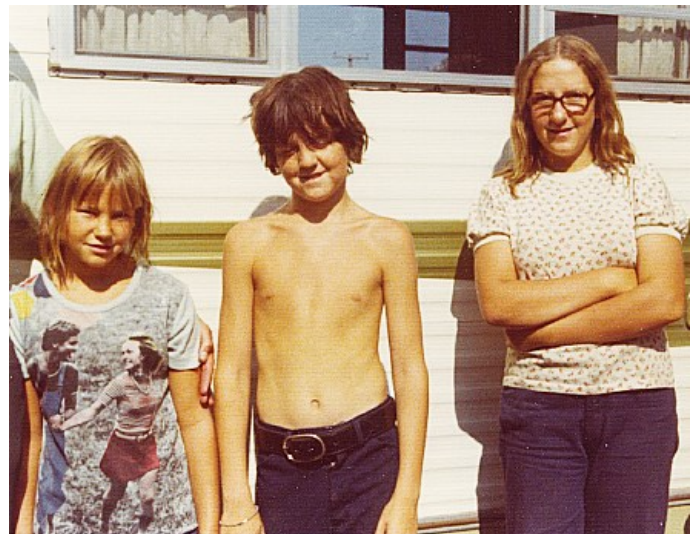
**John DeCourcy LAWLESS III** was born on 1 Jan 1964 in Kearney Nebraska USA. John married **Rebecca Jean CARLSEN**, daughter of **Royal CARLSEN** and **Lois Jean CATLIN**, on 1 Dec 1986 in Kearney, Buffalo, Nebraska. Rebecca was born in 1965.

**Jolene Kay LAWLESS** was born on 28 Nov 1965 in Kearney Nebraska USA. Jolene married **Scott Alan KUHN**, son of **Ronald Ray KUHN** and **Carol Joan JENSEN**, on 20 Sep 1986 in Kearney, Buffalo, Nebraska. Scott was born in 1963.

**Timothy Ray LAWLESS** was born on 19 Oct 1967 in Kearney Nebraska USA. Timothy married **Donna Jean CARLSON** on 16 Jul 1987 in



Jack's ex-wife Shirley with children. Also shown, Leo and Nora Jane Johnson and a man who might be Shirley's second husband Dean Follette.



Jolene, John III, Trina



Timothy, Wendy, Misty

Kearney, Buffalo, Nebraska. Donna was born in 1965. Timothy next married **Michele Ann NOLTENSMEIER**, daughter of **Clarence Emil NOLTENSMEIER** and **Ortha Mae HERRICK**, on 6 Oct 1993 in Kearney, Buffalo, Nebraska. Michele was born in 1971.

**Wendy Sue LAWLESS** was born on 1 Jun 1970 in Kearney Nebraska USA. Wendy has lived in several places in Kearney NE. She lived at 1000 4th Ave between Jan 1 2000 and April 1 2004.

**Misty Diane LAWLESS** was born on 23 Nov 1971 in Kearney Nebraska USA and died on 12 Dec 1997 in Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, at age 26. Misty was married twice in her short life. A photo on her tombstone shows her in a wedding dress. Misty first married **Jimmy Allen CHERRY**, son of **Milford John CHERRY** and **Marjorie LUCAS**, on 12 Jun 1992 in Kearney, Buffalo, Nebraska. Jimmy was born in 1967. Misty later married (?) **FROST**.



Misty's names from Family Search are found in applications (Social Security): Misty Dianne Lawless (04 Oct 1974), Application: Misty Diane Cherry (06 Jul 1992), Misty Diane Frost (03 Nov 1994), Death: Misty D Frost (12 Dec 1997).

Misty's two children are named on her tombstone: Chalsey and Andrea. Chalsey Frost was born October 1991, Andrea Frost was born 1994. *[Little is known about these two children.]*



### Shirley Kay Anderson Lawless Follette

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The Obituary for Jack's wife Shirley was found on FindAGrave. gives clues to more about the family. The obituary helped find marriages for some of the children. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren are probably living, so are not accessible on FamilySearch or similar genealogy sites. None of Jack's children were married at the time Victor contacted the family in 1976. John III may have married again—note his wife is shown as Sue.

Obituary for: Shirley K. Follette, 74 of Kearney passed away Monday, December 27, 2021 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor David McDonald and Pastor Joshua Kuhn officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney cemetery. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Shirley was born May 24, 1947 in Kearney, Nebraska to Raymond and Lola (Sheen) Andersen. She was a longtime employee of the Gibbon Turkey Plant and the Salvation Army. Shirley also kept herself busy raising 6 children. On September 8, 1979, she was united in marriage to Phalen "Dean" Follette.

Shirley enjoyed crafts, playing BINGO and Scrabble, and cooking.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dean Follette of Kearney; children, Trina (Ricky) Crumm of Overton, John (Sue) Lawless of Odessa, Jolene (Bill Arthur) Kuhn of Rushville, NE, Tim Lawless of Kearney and Wendy Lawless of Kearney; 19 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; brothers, Don Andersen of Texas, Bob (Violet) Andersen of Gibbon and Larry (Sue) Andersen of Gibbon; sister-in-law, Jeanette Andersen of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Misty Frost; sister, Betty Judd; and brother, Jim Andersen.

