

# The Family Tree



*Mom & Dad's 50th wedding anniversary party: (Back row: Curly, Von, Dad, Joe, Ann, Jim; Middle: Mom; Bottom: Roger, LaRae)*

We are the descendents of Norwegian, Irish, French, Dutch and Danish immigrants. The Heffrons were dirt poor but rose to middle class. My mother's parents rose to middle class, owning a few small community banks. I am the only member of my immediate family to go to college.



*Pat's family: Michael Joseph III (known as "Joe"), Loretta, Mom, Dad, Pat, Rita.*

for two. But Michael's passion has always been sports, especially baseball. He was a star pitcher in high school with aspirations to play in college and maybe beyond. But an injury to his pitching arm sidelined him. He's a junior at Florida State University, studying international relations.

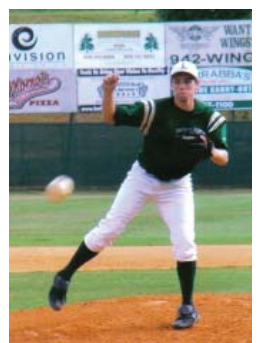
I am the youngest of seven children born to Glen and Bea Heffron. The four boys were named after big band leaders, I'm told: Roger Glen, James Harlan, Horace Wayne (known as "Curly") and Jerry Kay (known as "Joe"). The three girls all were given names that started with "L" and contained a second capital letter: LaVonne, LuAnn and LaRae.



*Extended family at the funeral for Ann's husband Arthur Wolf, November 2009.*

My husband, Patrick, has an older brother, Michael Joseph III, and two sisters: Loretta and Rita. His parents – Michael Joseph II and Rita – came from large Irish Catholic families.

Pat and I have one son, Michael Joseph IV. I was 40 and Pat was 37 when our son was born, but Michael has kept us young. From ages 5-8, he sang and danced with Talent Team and Palouse Performers in Idaho. He played the trumpet for one year and the violin



*Michael at 2; Michael as Simba in Talent Team performance of "The Lion King," at 8; Michael pitching at Lincoln High School, at 17.*