Kyle and Ronda. Son Philip is employed as an accountant for a Grand Forks brokerage firm. He received his Bachelor’s degree in business from the University of North Dakota in 1970. Upon graduation he served three years of active duty in the military, including one year of foreign service in Vietnam. After service he completed one year of post-graduate work, also at the University of North Dakota.

The present Olson farm was formerly owned by Martha’s parents, Mike and Agnes Osvak, who purchased it in 1927. In 1929, they moved to the farmsite from Tabor, Minnesota, where they lived and farmed until 1911. Mike Osvak farmed his father’s farmsite of 320 acres of land in Tabor township. Mike and Agnes were married in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, by Father Klinkhammer on November 15, 1911. They had three daughters: Grace Fillipi (now deceased), Martha Olson, and Helen Edgar of Warren, Minnesota.

Mike Osvak was one of the sons of Thomas Osvak and Mary Casper. Others in this family included Thomas Jr., John, Steve, Barbara and Rose (all deceased), Mary Maruska of Warren, Minnesota, and Anna Malm of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Agnes Osvak (Nee Honk) was the daughter of John Honek and Antonia Varek. Others in this family were John, Frank, Mary Novak, Francis Dvorak, Hannah Knutson, Jennie Ahrens (all deceased), and Lillian Kocisko now living at the Good Samaritan Center in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Paul was born in Alvarado, Minnesota, to Emil Olson and Emma Olson (nee Berg). Other children of this family included Magnus, Walfred, and Albin (all deceased); Edith Lind of Oslo, Minnesota, Ruth Glacier of Blackduck, Minnesota, Selma Chinlund and Dagnay Morrison both of Galesburg, Illinois, Elsie Glinski of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Bernice Swanson of Paxton, Illinois. Another daughter, Elvera, died at six months.

Paul’s father, Emil Olson, was born in Varnland Nyskoga-socken, Sweden in 1876. He emigrated to America in 1903 and settled near Alvarado, Minnesota, at age 27. His wife, Emma, then was 23, their son, Magnus, was two, and Walfred was an infant.

Emil had two brothers, Gustav and Wilhelm Olson. His father, who was born in 1837, was Olaf Henricksson of Pillerhasen, Sweden. Olaf’s father, born in 1798, was Henrik Mattson of Diger Berget, Sweden. Henrik’s ancestors were the Matts Nelsons of Karlberg, Sweden. Matts was born in 1757. The ancestors of Paul’s mother also date back to 1757. Mother Emma was from a family of seven children: Kerstin, Andreas, Lars, Olaf, Anna and Daniel, all born in Sweden.

JOSEPH AND HELEN VANYO

The VanYo ancestry can be traced back to the town of Janovik in Czechoslovakia, which is in the eastern part near the Russian border. The name as written on documents dated 1891 was spelled “Wanio”. Later the “v” was substituted for the “W” and the “y” for “l,” thus resulting in VanYo.

Joseph VanYo at the age of seventeen with a companion, John Sedlacek, left his home in Janovik on March 1, 1884 and arrived in New York on March 16, 1884. He settled in Shamo-