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**The Musch Family of Brighton, Robert “Bob”**

Bob the youngest of the three grew up on Round Lake and enjoyed outdoor activities such as swimming and baseball. He remembers riding his bike over five miles to and from baseball practice or games on the old fashion one speed. Simm's Hill off Brighton Road was always a killer. The teams were named after various colors and Bob was on the Green's. By fourth grade Mr. Scranton took it upon himself to offer basketball to anyone that was interested. He would pick up the kids using Old Bus #4 and drive them to Hawkins Elementary to teach them the game. In that same year Mr. K (band instructor) also would come to the school and teach the kids how to play instruments. Both became a dominant part of Bob's life through elementary and secondary school. To this day Bob can still remember the Band Fight Song they learned at Camp Mong-go-tasee in Hale, MI starting out with "Ipza zuZa chick arum bah zu..." Bob graduated from Brighton in 1970 as one of the first classes to finish four full years at the then new Brighton High School. One of his more significant memories from his school years began when their 7th grade basketball team won their first game at Fowlerville with a score of 62-10, and then went on to finish the season undefeated. At that point Bob believed the coaches felt they might have something special, and their team went on in high school to win the Districts for three straight years 1968, 1969 and 1970. They also qualified for the States in golf in their senior year taking third in the Regionals. Bob's graduating class was approximately 150 students.

Bob went on to Michigan State University for his undergraduate degree. Upon graduation in the early 70's, several companies advised him to go back to college for his Masters, as the recession was keeping them from hiring. Bob took the advice and earned an MBA and then went on to become a CPA for Deloitte Touche working out of the Midland/Saginaw office. In the early 1980's he went to work for Dow Corning Corporation in Midland where he stayed for over 30 years. He held

numerous positions over that time, whereby; he was able to travel the world and visited every continent except Africa.

Bob met his wife (Diane) a mechanical engineer, at work and they married in 1995 and moved to the Brighton, MI area. They both worked out of the Dow Corning Automotive center in Plymouth, Diane as Facilities Manager and Bob in Automotive Sales. Brighton is where they raised both a son (Brian) and daughter (Danielle). Bob over the years has volunteered on several boards Dow Chemical Credit Union (Midland) Shepherd of the Lakes, and is currently on the United Way of Livingston County Board. In his spare time he volunteered at Gleaners, refereed youth basketball and plays golf. Diane has also volunteered and is currently a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster kids working for LACASA.

In the early years, Brighton being a much smaller community with a German influence was quite tight knit, so it wasn't uncommon to have family relatives in the area. It just happens that in the Musch family line the family tree is quite broad and extends to several common names at the time being Conrad, Herbst and Green. You will note there are several roads in the area with names representing these families.

