

The Luceys of Ring Road,

Like many Worthington families, the Luceys were affected by World War 2. Stationed at Charlestown, Robert J. (Bob) Lucey (1911-1983) contracted tuberculosis, requiring a transfer to Fitzsimons Hospital near Denver. Completing nursing school at Washington University, Gertrude (Gert) Glauser (1908-2006) of Saint Louis joined the Army Nursing Corps and was assigned to Fitzsimons where her German fluency helped her care for German officer POWs. Gert was attracted to Bob because of his good humor and religious devotion. Within a year Gert had health issues and was discharged just before her unit was transferred to North Africa. Well, they were married, and Bob was transferred to recover in upstate New York where Gert got a job as a school nurse.

In the fall of 1945, Bobs father, an engineer with the Holyoke Water Department, found them a house at 21 Ring Road, which he liked because it was on the town's water system, and which Gert liked because of its light. They had two sons, Robert F, and Michael.

Over the years, Bob worked in some area manufacturing firms and in real estate, but his health declined leading to a full disability with the VA. Reportedly being the first member of the Democratic Party in



Worthington, Bob started a town committee and elected himself chairman, and enjoyed going to state conventions. We remember Bob fondly for his daily reading the NY Times, Boston Globe, Springfield Republican and Hampshire Gazette, and for knowledgeable debate whether at town meeting or Franky Brooks', Liston's or Fred Emerson's.

Gert Lucey enjoyed the quiet of Ringville caring for her young family, gardening and reading. Through her dear friend Ida Joslyn, a fellow Midwesterner, Gert was encouraged to join the school committee, where she served for years. And through her dear friend Barbara Dunlevy, she heard of a position at the Visiting Nurses Association in Pittsfield where she worked visiting patients around Pittsfield and as a school nurse in Lanesboro, making the commute in her Volkswagenbeetle. Folks in Worthington occasionally called on Gert for nursing help. After her retirement, she spent a few years volunteering in the nurse's office at Gateway. A few years after Bob's death, Gert moved to The Maples, enjoying apartment living with great

neighbors, especially her dear friend Winnie Nugent, who gave her great help in her later years. The Town Report included a dedication to Gert following her death.