

## Aunt George

This is a summary of commentary from Jane and Jack Olson I received in Oct 2009 in response to my query to them regarding Bernadine Bernice Olson being listed as Bernadine Spangler in the 1930 census record for the Ralph and Flora Olson household. The census also listed two children, Ralph and Rex with the Spangler surname.

**Jane's comments:** Bernadine (to us "Aunt George") was married to a Spangler when she was quite young – as you can see by her age and the age of her 2 children. I don't know the whole story but think she came back home at a young age w/ the 2 kids, which would make sense based on the census showing her at home.

Ralph had the nickname of Scoop and died 2-3 years ago. [04 Oct 2008 - Burlington Hawkeye obituary] I think that Ralph/Scoop had a twin that died at birth.

I'm a little confused about Rex – she had another son Bob, who I thought was the son of Spangler. At least I thought they called him Bob...I am copying Jack on this as he might know.

"Bob" lived in California. He died when I was pretty young. He has a daughter, Pamela, who lived in California for many years and I think now lives in Ohio. She would be a little younger than me.

Aunt George then married Clayton (everyone called him Eck). Their children were Joan, Kay, Jerry and Ronnie. Think I got them all. Eck adopted the Spangler boys so their last name was also Chapin.

Kay is Kay Emery and you can probably see her on my Facebook page. Her daughters Cathy Baumgardner Cook and Jody Ross are also on FB. Ron is also on FB, along w/ sons Sean and Jeff.

Jack, correct me if I'm wrong on any of this!

They had quite a house full, didn't they? Two of the girls must've been gone – Edith & Lena, and Nile was not yet born.

**Jack's comments:** Jane, I think you have the story correct, but there are a couple of details that I remember hearing somewhere through the years, I don't know if they are completely accurate or if I am remembering them correctly, but this is what I remember.

Our "Aunt George" (Bernadine) was married to a Spangler at a very young age. Scoop (Ralph) was the oldest and did have a twin brother that died at birth.

The next brother was called Bob by the family. that must be Rex, but I don't know that for certain, although I am 99% sure. I remember Aunt George telling that Scoop couldn't say brother clearly, and would call his little brother his little "bobber". Thus, the nickname Bob that stuck for life. I remember when he died but couldn't guess the year. I'd say 1965-69. [23 Jan 1966 - CA Death Index]

Anyway, It is interesting to look back at this. Sheryl has found some of the census records on line. Ever wonder if people will be looking us up in 100 years?

**California Death Index , 1940-1997**

Name: Rex D Chapin  
Social Security #: 328222786  
Sex: MALE  
Birth Date: 24 Oct 1927  
Birthplace: Illinois  
Death Date: 23 Jan 1966  
Death Place: San Mateo  
Mother's Maiden Name: Olson

**Burlington Hawkeye Obituary for Ralph J. Chapin**

Ralph J. Chapin, 81, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at Ball Memorial Hospital. Born Nov. 17, 1926, in Oquawka, Ill., he was the son of Clayton and Bernadine Chapin. He married Odia M. Chapin. She died. Mr. Chapin served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Eastside Missionary Baptist Church where he enjoyed teaching Sunday school.

Survivors include two sisters, Joann McComas of Ottawa, Ohio and Kay Emery of Oquawka, Ill.; two brothers, Ron Chapin of Oquawka and Jerry Chapin of Monmouth Ill.; and one niece. Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by one brother. The funeral for Mr. Chapin was at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Meeks Mortuary and Crematory in Muncie, Ind.