



Julius "Julie" and Mary Nonella

Corn of Modesto, California.

In 1931, still in Guadalupe, Julie went into the dairy business with Erminio Stornetta as his partner. Six years later, in 1937, Stornetta sold his share to Emil Regusci and returned to Switzerland. Stornetta returned to the United States in 1941, with his new bride, and bought Julie's share of the dairy. Julie then went into business for himself, dairying and farming vegetable crops. In 1943, Julie bought some property on Kiernan Avenue in Modesto and moved to his new ranch in 1945.

There Julie and his wife and children lived peacefully on the ranch, working with his hands as he always loved to do and later enjoying his three grandchildren until his death in 1981 at the age of 86.

The family will never forget the good times they've had together nor will they ever forget the good times they had at Yori's Grove, especially the Annual Swiss Picnic, which was always a big event for them.

We wish to thank the Swiss Club for sharing all these memories with us and to wish them congratulations on their 75th Anniversary.

Julius Nonella Family

Julius Nonella was born on September 8, 1895 to Luigi and Catarina Nonella of Sant' Antonino, Switzerland. The Nonellas had 9 children but only three would live past their childhood years. Out of the three surviving children, two were destined to make a new life for themselves in the New World.

In 1913, Julius, or "Julie", as many of his friends would later call him, immigrated to the United States and moved to Arizona where he worked on a dairy milking cows. He stayed on the dairy in Arizona until he later moved to San Luis Obispo and there worked at a dairy creamery.

Then Julie moved to Guadalupe, California, where he held several different jobs such as working as a foreman for field crop laborers. It was in Guadalupe where he was to meet his future wife, Miss Mary Costa. In 1927 Julie and Mary were married in the mission at San Luis Obispo and later had two daughters, Dolores Zambruno of Hughson, California, and Joan