

How Camille Rayana Olsen Was Named



Camille sounds like a beautiful flower. In fact Camille was Richard's grandfather's name! Born in Alsace-Lorraine, France in 1872, he emigrated to the United States where he met and married German born Emila Roskes. Daughter Edna was born in 1900 and Millie, Richard's mother, was born in 1910. We're celebrating Millie's 90th birthday in September. Camille is her first granddaughter.



Rayana was the name chosen by Sharon's sister Ruth for her own daughter. But her daughter turned out to be a son (Josh) and so the name went unused for 22 years until our Camille was born. Rayana is a contraction of Sharon's late parents names, Raymond and Anna Arnold, with whom Rayana's ashes will be interred. Sharon and Ruth have four brothers; Steve, Mike, Jonathan and Joel.



Olsen came from my late father, pictured here, Gustav E. Olsen, Jr., born New Years Day in 1897. His father, Gustav E. Olsen Sr, born in Denmark, emigrated to America where he met and married German born Matilda Berkenkamp. My father had three sons of which I, Richard, age 60, father of Camille, am the youngest. I have one brother Robert who flew in to Phoenix from Atlanta to comfort us. Robert has 3 sons.



My mother Millie, Camille's only living grandparent who lost a 2 year old son herself many years ago, has been a tower of strength throughout. She cuddled and kissed Camille in the delivery room that fateful day and reminded me to be strong for Sharon. I thank God Almighty for blessing us with her loving presence in our lives. I'm so very proud of my mother.



There you have it. The story of how **Camille Rayana Olsen** came by her beautiful name. But the most honored part of Camille's short life is not just her name but her loving mother, my wonderful and loving wife **Sharon**. Shown here is Sharon in happier times. God created Camille Rayana in Sharon's beautiful image. I love you Sharon with all my heart and soul. You gave me a beautiful daughter to love with you forever.

This tribute to Camille Rayana Olsen was prepared by her father, Richard Kevin Olsen, who wishes to thank all the wonderful people who have sent us their condolences. You can e-mail Camille's father at rko@home.com. For love and support go to Mothers in Sympathy & Support www.misschildren.org. They saved our sanity when we needed it!