



From left to right: Noël Racette (1885-1966) grand-father of the actual president and his father, Mathias Racette (1858-1949)

Family of Paul-Émile Racette & Marguerite Chayer

Parents of Michel & Louise Racette, respectively president and administrator of the Rasset Family Association

Following up on our biographies of board members, here is the family of Michel Racette, president and Louise Racette, administrator.

Paul Émile Racette is a descendant of Jean Rasset, first ancestor to arrive in New France. The latter came from Sainte-Geneviève-en-Bray in Normandy, France. He settled in Saint-Agustin-de-Desmaures near Quebec City around 1675 where he married Jeanne Chapeau. Their descendants settled in different regions of Quebec, such as Lanaudière, Laurentides and Abitibi. Others moved to the western provinces. Finally, there are many in New England, Louisiana, Kansas and several other American states. The other descendants of our line are Jean-Charles Racette 1732, Ignace Racette 1777, Moses Racette 1828, Mathias Racette 1858 and Noël Racette 1885.

Paul-Émile is the third in a family of three children, son of Noël Racette and Anna-Emma Therrien. He was born in 1912 in Montreal. He meets Marguerite Chayer, born April 29, 1914. The couple unites their destiny in 1938 in Montreal, more precisely in Tétérauville, neighbourhood of the East of Montreal.



Marriage of Paul Racette & Marguerite Chayer in 1938

From their marriage four children were born: Monique, Nicole, Louise (board member of the Association of Families Rasset) and Michel (current president).

First, the eldest Monique was born on May 11, 1939 in the parish of Ste-Claire in the east end of the metropolis. She was educated in this parish and at the Notre-Dame de la Trinite convent in Pointe-aux-Trembles. She then joined the Canadian National Bank, which later became the National Bank as a teller in a branch office in the east end of the city. She will stay there for many years and meet her future husband, Claude Mainguy who holds the position of accountant. They married on June 12, 1965 in Montreal. From their union were born two boys, André and Benoit.

Nicole, the second daughter of the family of Paul and Marguerite, was born on December 1, 1943 in the parish of Ste-Claire in the east of the metropolis. She did her elementary and secondary studies at the Louise Trichet School in Tétérauville. She follows in the footsteps of her older sister as she also becomes a cashier for the Canadian National Bank when she is only 18 years old. She meets her future husband Claude Gauvin, a technician at Bell Canada in the Rosemont neighbourhood. Their marriage took place in September 1962. The family grew with the arrival of the first of three sons, Denis. The couple moved to Laval in the Duvernay neighbourhood. Two other boys will complete the family, Luc and Daniel Gauvin.

Unfortunately a disease will affect the family of Paul and Marguerite with the death of Nicole only 49 suffering from a generalized cancer. Her death causes a shock in the family that will take years to recover.

Louise, the third daughter of the family of Paul and Marguerite, was born on December 18, 1951 just like her twin brother, Michel, who will be the last of the family and the only son of Paul and Marguerite who are very proud of the newcomers. Imagine, twins in the family!





Louise and Michel in March 1958

Louise is also studying in Sainte-Claire Parish in Tétreaultville at Louise Trichet School. As the Canadian National Bank is in the genes of the Racette, she also enters the service of the bank as a "key punch" operator at the head office located Place d'Armes in Montreal. She will work there for many years. She meets her future husband, a French citizen recently landed in the name of Daniel Lecocq of Normandy.



Marriage of Louise Racette & Daniel Lecocq

He is a pastry chef in many Montreal establishments including the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. The couple moved to the neighbourhood where Louise was born, Tétreaultville.

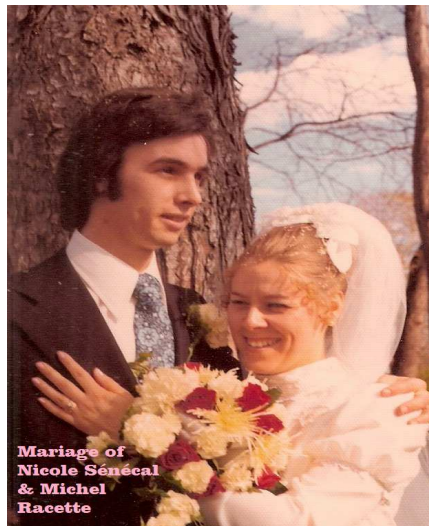


Louise Racette, her daughter Valérie & her husband Daniel Lecocq

The couple will have a girl named Valérie. Louise accepted last year to join the Association's Board of Directors, a position she still holds.

Michel is the only son of Marguerite and Paul Racette. He was born on December 18, 1951, twin of his sister Louise. Michel attended elementary school at De la Vérendrye School in Ste-Claire parish, Tétreaultville. He continues his secondary studies in several schools of this Montreal neighbourhood. He then began college at the Ville-Marie Normal School in Ville Saint-Laurent to become a teacher. However, he interrupted his studies after one year and just like his sisters joined the Canadian National Bank as cashier and subsequently at the head office of the bank located at Place d'Armes. He will spend 8 years in the IT service as a representative in the payroll department.

In parallel with his work, he began studying at the University of Montreal in his leisure time, public relations and journalism. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1980. At the same time, he founded with a group of young people from his neighbourhood, the Club Alpha 70 that offers various recreational activities to young people in Tétreaultville. He will, of course, be the president and he will meet the woman who will soon become his wife, Nicole Sénécal also involved in this group. They get married on May 18, 1974 in Montreal. (To continue in the next journal)



Marriage of Nicole Sénécal & Michel Racette

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