

Frank and Nancy Nervis renew marriage vows

Nearly a hundred family members and friends gathered in Lake Providence this week to honor a couple celebrating a 60-year marriage.

Frank and Nancy Nervis were married Dec. 29, 1935 in Lake Providence. Dozens of family members and friends, gathered at the Lakeside Resort 60 years later to honor the couple and witness a renewal of their marriage vows.

Frank and Nancy met when they were 11 years old and when Frank first saw the young girl who was to be his

wife, he said he "knew she was going to be his wife."

At the age of 19, Frank and Nancy married and have been together ever since. They had five sons and three daughters, and proudly count 66 living descendants.

One son, Frank Nervis Jr., died in 1986, but the remaining children, John, Robert, Ernestine Nervis Gamble, Arthur, Louis, Kitty McKinley and Cookie Jackson, were on hand to congratulate their parents.

Rev. John Nervis, of the Bethlehem Institutional Bap-

tist Church, Oakland, CA, officiated at the renewal of vows ceremony.

Frank and Nancy are members of Progressive Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Providence.

The couple's pastor, Rev. Emanuel Jones sees Frank and Nancy Nervis as true role models for today's youth.

"I would like to hold them up as an example," Jones said. "People can stay together in marriage if they work at it. All our young people should learn from them."



NANCY and FRANK NERVIS, front, are surrounded by family members as they gathered at the Lakeside Resort last week for their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple renewed

their wedding vows at the reception. Gathered around Frank and Nancy are family members Daisy, Louis Sr., Pastor John, Arthur Sr., Ernestine and Kitty.