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My name is Eddie Joe Velie. Yes, that is my given name and NOT Edward Joseph Velie. In 1987, I married Donna Russell and we had Regina Nicole Velie in October 1987. Divorced in 1989, and focusing for nine years while in the USAF, I earned four university degrees, a Private Pilot certificate, and did a lot of SCUBA diving, I married Nancy Ann Knowles in 1996. We gained custody of my daughter, Regina Nicole Velie, the same year. Nancy and I had Benjamin Allen Velie in 1997, and Holly Ann Velie in 1999.

FAMILY LEGEND #1: My father's Mother, Rose Lee, who was raised in the Okefenokee Swamp in S. Georgia, was probably at least half American Indian. Even this evening, November 26, 2019, while at dinner with my father, Benjamin Philip Velie, he described my Grandma to my kids. She had long very black hair to her waist even near death at over 80 years old. She was born into the Lee family in South Georgia, USA, as Rose Lee and reportedly never left Billie's Island [Named after Seminole Chief, Billie Bowlegs], in the Okefenokee Swamp, where she was raised, until she married my grandfather, Lewis Velie at only 12 years old. Here is an attempt to name their ELEVEN children in order BY AGE: Gene, James, Herb, Raymond, John, Andy, Sarah, Nancy, Joel, Ruth, and Benjamin.

FAMILY LEGEND #2: We are related to General Robert E Lee. My double first cousin, Ricky Lauren Velie, recently showed me a photo of him standing next to a statute of General Lee. They could easily pass for brothers. They had the same height, facial hair, stature, posture, and clothing. I remember being a little annoyed and saying, "We lost the war, and people will hold that against us if we tell them we're related!" Truth is we do not know. Ask the Lee side of the family. Our Lee family side still has a Lee family cemetery in the Okefenokee Swamp and we hold our family reunion near there annually. :-)

FAMILY LEGEND #3: Our Velie family is related to the founders of the Velie Car Company that thrived from 1908 until about 1928. Follow this link, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Velie>, to Wikipedia's brief history of the Company and John Deere's maternal Grandson, the founder. Nancy & I have subscribed to a newsletter, "The Velie Register," since 1996. The association tracks known Velie automobiles, Velie aircraft, and Velie family members.

The March – April 1998 issue of "THE OFFICIAL VELIE REGISTER," announced, "*Another Velie arrived. And on Christmas Day, Benjamin Allen Velie, born to Eddie & Nancy Velie of Margate, Florida. Yes, a 1997 model!*"

However, to my knowledge, no one has traced the precise family tree back to the those industrious Velie boys