



# SWOPE NEWS



A.E. Swope  
1870-1955

Kate Swope  
1870-1939

## 2007 Reunion; A date preference?



Mayme  
1890-1953



Ralph  
1892-1948



Elnora  
1894-1997



Laura  
1900-1991



Kathryn  
1903-1981



Alice  
1905-1985



Isabel  
1908-

Year 2006

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### OBITUARY



Been meaning to contact you. My dad Skip (Walter) Webster died on June 13 after many years of frail health. He had cardiac problems and CHF and his heart finally gave out on him. He was home and my Mom found him. My family is doing fine, he had a good life; his wife,

6 children, and 12 grandchildren miss him.

Take care. Keep me posted. I appreciate the contact.

Debbie Webster (note – Walter and Debbie were at our reunion in 2000)

### AUNT ISABEL

Dear Readers of the Swope News Letter,

I think my son intends to tell you about the lovely surprise birthday party they gave me. It was truly great and I was truly surprised!

I would like to thank all of you who sent me birthday cards. I appreciated every one.

I'll not send memoirs, but I'll send an original poem I wrote years ago. You didn't know I wrote poetry or at least rhymes? Well, I did way back then. Maybe your kids will enjoy this one.  
Anne Isabel McKeeby

### A DAY WITH MOTHER GOOSE

Old Mother Goose feeling lonely one day  
Called all her children to come out to play.

Humpty Dumpy was the first to arrive  
He'd had a great fall and was barely alive  
Little Jack Horner wouldn't budge from a corner;  
He looked a disgrace with pie on his face  
Mary, usually contrary, said, "Quit being dumb,  
Come out quickly, and Ill give you a plum."  
To get the plum and show he was quick  
Jack jumped over a candle stick!  
Little Boy Blue held hands with Bo Peep,  
All they talked of was his cows and her sheep.  
He'd left his horn where he'd fallen asleep,  
So his cows now were lost as well as her sheep.  
Georgie Porgy was having great fun  
Kissing the Girls and making them run.  
Old Mother Hubbard, her mind in a fog,  
Whistled in vain for her poor old dog.  
Shed worked in the cupboard to fin him a bone.  
But finding none there had come on alone.  
Jack and Jill still limping for a fall  
Crouched in a corner and had no fear at all.  
Peter the Pumpkin eater and old Jack Sprat  
Brought there two wives, both ridiculously fat.  
The all mad fun of Poor Old Kind Cole  
Who had no brown, just a pipe and a bowl.  
He shouted for a disk that was fit for a king,  
A pie of blackbirds, that would taste good and sing.  
Little Miss Muffet with a scowl on her face  
Kept yelling that spiders crawled all over the place  
The Old Woman who lived in a shoe  
Brought all her children, she had quite a few!  
They all ran wild like let our of a zoo

Poor Old Lady didn't know what to do!  
Poor Mother Goose at the end of the day  
Cried shed never again call her children to play!  
Anne Germano McKeeby

## **FLUTY WINNER'S BIG BATTLE WON**

### **EARLY**

By TOM WYRWICH

Courier & Press staff writer Tuesday, July 11, 2006

She could hear the screams from the hallway - "Code Blue!" - and see the doctors and nurses running past her doorway until somebody finally closed it, like all the patients' doors in the hospital's oncology ward.

In the room, her mother started crying, because she knew what the chaos meant: another patient's body was giving in to the disease.

That's when Miranda Osbourne, 9-year-old leukemia patient, first asked her parents, "Could that happen to me?"

Miranda Osbourne, 19-year-old healthy college-bound student, has no residual effects from her fight with cancer - "Other than a pill here and there," she says - at least not physically.

After three years of growth hormone treatments, to counter the stifling effects of radiation, she has grown to 5 feet, 1½ inches - the last half-inch the most important to her.

Osbourne, the 2006 Bill Fluty Women's Golf Scholarship winner, can walk and play 18 holes, a long way from when she could only go to school for half a day and sit out of recess.

She can't remember her lowest score from her three years playing at Bosse High School; she never remembers the scores. Nor cared much for them.

"No matter how her game was going," Darla Hoover, her coach at Bosse, says, "I couldn't tell because she had a smile on her face all the time." Osbourne has been blessed with a short memory. Great for a golfer. Even better for someone who experienced as much as she did.

Her memories of the almost two years fighting leukemia - the first bout and the rematch after a relapse 13 months later - come in small clips.

If she could remember it all, she would see all the good, all the bad and all the nervous anticipation in between.

She would see the doctors first diagnosing her with a sinus infection, but her mom, McKayla, persisting through different doctors until they figured out what made her daughter so weak and fatigued.

She would see the doctor try to have her leave the room before telling her parents the news - that their daughter has cancer - only for them to reply, "You've got something to say, say it to her." And from then on, she would see them asking her young opinion for every decision.

Then she would see how the bone marrow transplant from a young boy in St. Louis would cure her, once and for all.

She would see her own faith in the imminence of such a monumentally serious situation, how she found one passage, Psalms 56:3, and quoted it again and again: In the day that I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee.

"For a little kid, that's all she needed," McKayla says.

She would see her parents living three hours apart, McKayla at the hospital in Indianapolis and Mark taking care of their other two daughters at home. She would see how many other parents in the hospitals divorced and separated because of the stress of critically ill children, but her parents managed to become closer.

"Sticking to the old wedding vows," Mark says. "In sickness and in health, till death do us part."

Miranda doesn't see all these images when she tries to remember, but she insists she's a better person because of them.

"It makes me grateful for how far I've come and get to experience things in life," she says.

She remembers the nurses.

The night nurses, especially. They are the ones who took Miranda out of her room in the middle of the night and let her momentarily escape her sickness and feel like a kid again.

They told her countless stories, made blonde jokes, showed her wedding pictures and raced office chairs down the hallways. Each night was a slumber party.

The nurses provided something as valuable as any medicine. They gave her comfort.

She sees them every year when she goes back for a checkup and shares stories and pictures. Soon enough, she will have more relevant stories to share.

Miranda is going to Western Kentucky next year study nursing.

"I see the way they interacted with my family and me, and that's what I want to do," she says.

She has that chance. For everything leukemia took from her, including a year of school and many friends, it never took her life. "Code Blue!" never came for her.

"It's unreal, kind of, when I look back through it all," she says. "I feel very blessed."



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### AUNT ISABEL



April 18, 2006 was mother's (Anne Germano McKeeby's) 98th birthday. We celebrated by giving her a surprise birthday party. It was a great success! She was truly surprised and said it was the first "surprise" party she had ever had.



Almost the whole family attended. Charles and Gyanne came up from Jacksonville, Florida. Their daughter, Kelly, her husband, Rick, and their daughter Sarah, age 16, joined us from Orlando, Florida. My daughter Amy, her husband Jerry and two children Lily, age 9, and Fuller, age 7 arrived from Augusta, Georgia. My son, Brian, his wife Trish (who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer) and their daughter, Jennifer, age 12 came down from Marietta, Georgia.

Sara Mac and I hosted the party at a local restaurant where we pulled off the surprise, did a lot of talking, laughing and hugging and had a nice meal. We returned to our house for birthday cake and presents and a continuation of the "celebration".

It was truly a memorable evening for mother, as well as the rest of us.

She appreciated all the cards and congratulations from her Indiana kin as well.



Mother lives in a very nice assisted living facility about 5 minutes from our house. She is doing remarkably well for her 98 years and gets around pretty good. She likes to read and keeps up with the news, weather, and family activities.

Gyanne and Charlie's other daughter, Cindy from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was unable to come for the birthday celebration, but visited with her husband

Gregg and two boys, Josh, age 19 and Ben, age 13 with mother, Sara Mac and me June 29 and 30th. We all enjoyed their visit.  
Don Germano

### DEAR FRIENDS:

I have now survived cancer, chemo therapy, mid life crisis, grey hair, a five year old and a motorcycle burn on my left leg.

I feel it fair to ask that you not email me anything that would wish me bad luck (I have had my share) check on how many friends I have (I am lucky enough to have many) test my parental skills (although rusty still intact) worry about my faith in God that I have to email 96 people in 10 seconds to prove it (God has sit beside me for the last two years, I have no doubt, and I knew he existed before that), or tell me that if I don't email 33.6 people on a Saturday that it doesn't rain at 4 in the afternoon I will not win the lottery in 2010 (I'll chance it, thanks).

I would love instead to hear personal things from my email buddies such as which child do you fill you will kill today and why, what did your husband say about your cooking this time?, You bought what and for how much?, and pray tell, you had time to read what book?, Recipes for small ovens in small campers, how to cut my toe nails with busting my bag, or the big one, how do I look intelligent to my five year old when I realize without a doubt in my mind that he is smarter than I am.

Ask me how my garden is (burnt), ask me how Hopper (Manfred) is, stubborn but lovable, ask me how much money I have saved on my electric bill this month- okay that was a joke.

I look forward to living a while longer and enjoy the thought that I will hear from my friends and be entertained since I have no sense of humor at all.

Love ya all, Jo

### McCUTCHAN

Been a couple of newsletters that I haven't responded to Paul's appeal for an article for the newsletter.

We didn't go to Yellowstone this year. We had a good reason, I think. Allen, our son, returned from Afghanistan July the 6th. The unit returned to Ft. Stewart, GA, near Savannah, in five 'shifts.' Allen was on the third. We drove up on a Thursday and he didn't get onto the base until 9:30 pm. There were about 250 troops that returned in their group. Allen spent six months at Blackhorse, a forward operating area east of Kabul, not very far though. Then



another six months at a smaller forward operating area on the southern outskirts of Kabul.

The approximately 1500 National Guard troops were responsible for training the ANA (Afghan. National Army). While quite a number were directly involved in the training, the rest were in support. Allen ended up at a 'tactical operations center' (TOC) where he communicated with various convoys and arranged their departures.

He said for the most part his time there was calm. The last month though the Taliban started more activity launching rockets, mortar rounds and vehicle borne explosives. There were two deaths the battalion due to enemy action. Several were wounded. There were quite a few injuries from the usual accidents also.

While he was deployed we would most often receive a weekly call from him. Plus we often got an e-mail weekly. That sure is different than from my time in Thailand where we waited two week or so for mail to come and go.

Judy & I went to CT for 4 days. The group of guys that flew and flew in the USAF rescue helicopter I flew on active duty held a reunion. It was quite interesting since the Kaman HH-43 Huskie was manufactured there. The company is still there and the 85+ founder is still alive. We got to watch one of 'our' helicopters fly around the area. As with most reunions I go to I was a bit apprehensive. I usually feel 'out' of it. We met a number of new individuals. One pilot came in and looked at my name tag and said that he had heard about me from another pilot that was stationed with me in Thailand. Kept hoping that the words, thoughts were OK and not 'He was a @#\$\$%& bum!'

It was unusual also as there was a fighter pilot that one of our helicopter's picked up in the ocean near North Vietnam. He was an F-105 Thunderchief pilots that flew out of Takhli, Thailand. So the rescue pilot told his story from his perspective and the fighter pilot told his. Then to top it all off he was telling where he graduated from college, Evansville. And grew up, Indiana. Then found out his wife, Sharon (Englestad) Felton graduated from Reitz HS, the same year as I. Plus they are planning to come to our class reunion in September. And to top it all she went to Bluegrass church and knows Ross and Joyce.

So that reunion was a great time. This coming week, middle of August, we are taking off for a small trip to OH and IN. Allen wants to go to the USAF Museum in Dayton and then to E'ville. Hopefully go to Cape Girardeau, MO to see Judy's sister.

As some of you may know Jane McCutchan has gone into a nursing home. She is at a nursing home in Mt. Vernon, the same one as Harold. Marcia McCutchan, Harold's daughter, is watching over her.

Neil McCutchan

### **HELLO FAMILY!**

Our trip this year was short and sweet since Richard had to get back to work, but we had a good time at the reunion. A few of us stayed and played "Spoons" (a VERY active card game) all afternoon. That was a lot of fun. We were able to visit and talk about what goes on in our lives between reunions. It was wonderful to see Uncle Dan and Aunt Mava there. I'm glad they make the time to visit us on that day. I think we need a Rogers reunion!!! I was sorry there were some that didn't make the reunion and I sure missed them. I do hope that Lois is feeling better!

We were able to get in our trip to "Gracie's" the Chinese Restaurant out by the 4-H Center. We are finding it a great place to meet up with a lot of our family and friends. We eat and talk, and eat some more and just have a good time! Aunt Gracie (Grace Swope) has been able to make it each time and I just love seeing her! Can you believe she is going to be 90? I just can't!

Texas has been awfully hot this year. The main problem is the drought. We have not had any rain! Some of you will understand what I mean when I tell you that grass hay (small bales 75-80lbs) is going for \$8-\$10 a bale, and the round bales are going for \$80-\$100 each. We normally pay about \$3.50 a bale for squares and about \$25-\$30 for rounds. Its been pretty rough. The pastures are dry and we are forced to buy hay to feed our horses. Of course, everyone is starting to suffer. The cows are flooding the markets and the horses are too. I get calls daily people wanting to sell their stock. There just aren't any buyers!

I'm looking forward to visiting in November or December. I hope to see some of you then!!

Love you ALL!!! Paula Sue Swope (Richard Ratley, Sr.) Texas

## FRANCE

Cassandra and Jason Brent are the proud parents of a 9 pound 20 inch long baby boy, born July 21<sup>st</sup>. They named him Dalton Garrett Brent. Grandparents are Brenda and Brad McCandless of Princeton Indiana. The Brent family lives in Evansville.

That makes me a great-grandmother!

My son Mitch and wife Denies (of Charlotte NC) came for a 4 day visit just in time to see and hold Dalton shortly after his birth. By the way, I have pictures!!!

Audrey France (Ray's wife) had back surgery August 8<sup>th</sup> and is home recovering. Tammy White (daughter) came from New Jersey to help out. Evelyn France

## HELLO, ALL

I am a Swope again! After the divorce last year, my name has officially changed to Joyce Taylor Swope.

The kids are both doing fine. Matt spent the summer with Amanda and I and has now returned to school. He is attending the Alexandria School of Scientific Therapeutics in Alexandria, Indiana. He's excited to have found a school that specializes in this field of study . . . massage therapy. One year from now he should be licensed to practice.

Amanda begins her school year at North High School as an incoming freshman. She's a bit nervous but I'm sure she will do well. She's been keeping busy practicing her guitar and hanging out with her friends. Music is her passion . . . she has also decided to keep playing cello at school this year.

Mom celebrated her 90th birthday August 15. Sue planned a wonderful reception for her at the Methodist Temple on Sunday, August 13. It was a huge success . . . many people stopped in to wish her a happy birthday.  
Joyce

## FROM S.E. BROWNING ROAD

I guess I could write "How I spent my summer vacation", it consisted of a hip replacement surgery on May 15, followed by two weeks in rehab, followed by more surgery because of staph infection followed by a month of IV antibiotic treatment. I am doing better now and thank goodness the hip doesn't hurt any more!

Gene feels he could now apply for a job as therapist, nurse and chief cook and bottle washer. He is happy to be relieved of most of his duties at long last.

On the good news side, we have a new granddaughter, Ella Grace Glackman, born on Aug 9th to son Grant and daughter-in-law Carla. She weighed 7lbs and 1 oz. and was 20" long. She was born the day after her big sister Eva's birthday and 4 days after her grandpa Gene's birthday.

Granddaughter Eva and her husband Mark Bapst had moved into a condo north west of Chicago but she made the trip down to meet her new baby sister.

The Phiilly branch of our family, son Ted and Daughter-in-law Penny spent two weeks in June in France to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. They hope to be able to go to Cape Kennedy this fall for the shuttle blast off if it doesn't conflict with Penny's school's opening. The grade school where she teaches will have a memento sponsored by her class onboard the shuttle.

Daughter Laurie came back from a Texas vacation with a new member of her family a little half schnauzer half yorkie named Odessia. That's about all the news from this branch of the family tree for now.

Nancy

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **REUNION**

The 2006 Swope reunion has come and gone. If no one comes forth with a preferred date I will pick one.

We have been having the reunion at the McCutchanville Community Church, in Atcheson Hall. Unless some one can come up with a place that can beat the price I will reserve it again for next year.

Remember the shirt colors, those that observed the colors had a good time with them. See the web page at [www.swopes.org/reunion.htm](http://www.swopes.org/reunion.htm) there are pictures from the 2006 reunion on this web site. If you would like to print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

### **ADDRESS**

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. The latest list I have is attached to this News Letter. Please try and keep the list up to date. If any of your family needs to be added let me know.

### **EMAIL**

All of the family that is on the email list gets an up-to-date list by email. There have been some bad addresses, if you have email and have not been getting updates, get you email address to me.

### **ACCOUNTING**

There is a page showing the reunion account. Anyone wishing to audit the account is welcome.

### **NEWS LETTER**

We are still on a three a year news letter cycle. They go out April, August and December. I always need articles of family interest to fill the space. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required

**2006 REUNION PICTURES**



# Swope Newsletter Mailing List

Revised --- Thursday, August 03, 2006

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## ACCOUNTING from July 2006 to July 2007 --- SWOPE REUNION

(Physical year starts with the reunion, ends day before next reunion.)

Date	Item	Who Spent	Amount	
	Cash Brought Forward from 2006			\$867.19
	Ice	Church Ice Mach		
	Roll Table Cover	stock		
	Glue Pen, Tape	stock		
	Name Bages 35@41/2c each	Paul		
	Cups	stock		
	Streamers			
	Napkins	stock		
	Plastic Forks & Knives	stock		
	Bread	Paul		
	Lemonade & Tea	Evelyn France		
	Paper Plates & Bowls	stock		
	Decorations	Nancy& Evelyn		
July-2006	Church for Meeting Hall	Check #514	(\$50.00)	
Aug-2006	News letter Budget		(\$50.40)	
Dec-2006	News letter Budget		(\$50.40)	
Apr-2007	News letter Budget		(\$50.40)	
	News letter budget set for 9 pages @ 5c and a 39c stamp=84c each x 60 = \$50.40			
		Total Spent & budge	(\$201.20)	(\$201.20)
		Donations from reunion 2006		\$208.00
		Balance		\$873.99
		<b>Cash on Hand For 2007</b>		<b>\$873.99</b>

Reunion checking account stands at \$1025.19