



A.E. Swope  
1870-1955

# SWOPE NEWS



Kate Swope  
1870-1939



Mayme  
1890-1953



Ralph  
1892-1948



Elnora  
1894-1997



Laura  
1900-1991



Kathryn  
1903-1981



Alice  
1905-1985



Isabel  
1908-

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## OBITUARY



Jane McCutchan, 83, of Mount Vernon, Ind., formerly of Evansville, died Sunday, July 15, 2007, at Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Jane is survived by her brother, G. Ross McCutchan of Evansville; sister, Doris A. Dauble of Clearwater, Fla.; brother, Neil J. McCutchan of Winterhaven, Fla.; caregiver, Marcia J. McCutchan of Mount Vernon; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were 10 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2007, at Blue Grass Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Ben Lovell.

Memorial contributions may be made to McCutchanville McJohnston Chapel at McCutchanville Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association, 4770 Covert Ave., Evansville, IN 47714.

## OBITUARY

Robert Lawrence Young passed away on June 22, 2007 at the Deaconess Hospital. He was 74 years old. He suddenly took ill on May 16. He had a blood clot hit his small intestine. He had two surgeries. He was hospitalized 38 days prior to his death. Robert was the grandnephew of Kate Young Swope.

## FROM ANNE ISABEL

I enjoyed being raised on the Swope farm. We had plenty of kittens to play with. My 2 older sisters, Kathryn and Alice and I would dress them up in doll clothes and ride them around in an old baby buggy.

I remember the first outside task I was given. I had to go through a large potato patch with a stick and knock off the bugs in a can of kerosene.

Later, we were given sharp blades with long handles to strip leaves off cane stalks. They were then taken to be ground up so the juice could go into good old country sorghum. We always had biscuits and sorghum for breakfast.

A fun task was riding horseback to take water or snacks to the men working in the wheat or hay fields. We rode horseback a lot.

There was a big woods behind the barn where as young girls we had picnics or wiener roasts. We had occasional hay rides with favorite boy friends. It was fun growing up in the country.

Isabel McKeeby

## WELL HERE GOES:

We have spent the summer with strep throat, pneumonia, bronchial problems, but other than that all alive and well.

Here's what we did do that has everyone making fun at me.

We have gone to a Wildlife game preserve. The little Korean woman smiled and said, "Windows up

or windows down, not up and down." While motioning with her hands the up and down motion. I thought, okay, what is the big deal.

We crossed the cattle gate and of course, immediately here comes the cute little sheep, deer, and small pony. It was so cute, then, from out of nowhere on the left here is this huge camel. I am in the front passenger seat so I don't care. He goes to the driver and they (the driver and Jared Mykael are looking at him, we laugh as the camel reaches into the back of the pickup bed to see if there is anything there, we walk back up to their closed window and as they are laughing and talking my cell phone rings.

My boss calling, never a day off, we talk quickly and I hang up. I look over to the left again and the camel is gone, I turn to my left and look behind me to see if he is back in the pickup bed and he is gone. I couldn't help but think for something so big, it sure did disappear kind of quick.

That thought was still rumbling in my mind when all of a sudden I had camel chest deep in the window on my side drooling all over me and pressing against my chest. Well I am proud to say being brought up in McCutchanville and knowing about farm animals etc--- okay who am I kidding, being a city girl and not real smart the first thing I try to do is push the massive head out the front window while telling my old heart not to quit beating and for the love of God not to embarrass myself by peeing in my pants. What seemed like 3 hours later, my friend said it as 3 seconds (I know she lies a lot) my brain said that I should maybe try to push him out my side open window since that was where his massive chest was. I push and while I am pushing, he is pushing on my chest and now heading down if you will excuse me- between my legs. Panic is now really setting in. This creature of the desert, this ugly creature was going to take my leg off (or worse). We are now into the 12 hour of this event (again my friend butts in with it was only 3 minutes- as I said before she lies). I have now come to terms that this is not a good thing and why, why did we come? No sooner as I progressed that (over the heart attack that I was having) then all of a sudden the beast----- if you are easily scared you might want to consider stopping here-----

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-----grabbed the bag of food I had on the floor board. Sack and all raised that huge head with

those big frightened eyes and got out of our pickup truck.

It should be noted at this time that it didn't matter what the Korean woman said the darn window went up. Only part of that was my son and my friend were laughing at me so hard it was loud in the truck and I was so embarrassed that the heat from my face was sun burning me.

Morale to the story: Just when you think you are so special that you think you have something someone wants----- the poor thing doesn't want you, just the bag of food. Kind of hurt my feelings.

Second Morale to the story: It takes a 12 hours (okay, okay a minute) to make a fool out of yourself and probably a lifetime to live it down. Thank goodness I am old it won't be forever.

Jo Schlottmann

*(I hesisted putting this next article in but my Daughter informed me that I don't normally edit articles sent to me, just put them in.)*

To the younger generation of the Swope/McCutchan family, let me introduce you to Mr. Paul Swope.

I know (been there and done that) that you, and you know who you are, might think that this whole "reunion" thing is a boor.

Let me explain something to you real quick. You have a generation of families that are still willing to meet every year. I have never been to McCutchanville that I have not been greeted with smiles and friendship. I am the type that when I come home I backtrack on memories and don't think twice about knocking on doors and walking through yards of old memories. (and I have never had one person tell me no). I do not get home often enough but when I do I love to hear stories of not only long ago but of what has changed and what is going on now.

You are from strong stock and should be proud of it and what you may not realize now is that if you don't learn about "your families" now there will be a time when the story tellers are no longer around.

Paul Swope has been a strong link in keeping all of that possible and it would be wonderful to know that long after Paul Swope, Jo Schlottmann's and on and on are gone that the "new" youngun's care enough to keep it all going.

We are from a background of families that make good reading. We had strong great-parents, strong

parents, and I honestly believe we are stronger people because of it.

I have a bad habit of boring Paul with stories and information that has nothing to do with newsletters but want him to know what is going on down here in the heat and floods of Texas. Know that he has family here and feel closer to him just because of that.

Paul should be highly commended for caring enough to not only do these newsletters, but for accounting the where abouts of each and every one of us. It is very important to not only keep that up but also to keep him updated on your moves, your email changes, the up to date information on your immediate family.

He has managed for all these years to be there for me, not only on paper but in person and I love him dearly for that. So for this newsletter I would appreciate the next one being full of stories of what Paul Swope has meant in everyone's life. How has he helped you in tracking back your family's background, finding an address for you, remembering old stories and tracking them back.

I would also like to know that someone young is willing in this computer age to sit with Paul and learn about what he is doing and give him a hand. He is one great person and I know he alone is not doing everything during the reunions, but he is my contact in knowing my beginnings and I will forever be indebted to him. I love you Paul and I think you from the bottom of my heart. To everyone who attended this year and thanks again to Paul for the list and the pictures I hope you had a good time and I sure enjoyed seeing the pictures. Even though it was impossible for me to be there I couldn't wait to show them to my husband and talk about "McCutchanville, IN".

Love Jo

### **NEWS FROM GYANNE AND CHARLIE SMITH:**

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June. Our daughters Cindy and Kelly and families came up for an early celebration at Easter. (Everyone's schedules were too busy in June.) Charlie and I also celebrated with a Maritimes Adventure touring by coach: Maine, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. We flew in and out of Boston so enjoyed visiting that city as well.

My One Man Art Show was a big success in June with 14 out of 45 paintings sold. 40 of the paintings were watercolor and the 14 sold were all watercolor.

Mother (Isabel) continues doing very well for her 99 years. She keeps up with current events and politics and enjoys her reading. A Book Mobile comes by every 2 weeks and keeps her supplied with new material. Christian City does have a nice library recently renovated. She has an electric scooter that she can scoot to the library, to get her mail, go the hair dresser and to the dining room on the first floor (which has more selections than the dining room across her hall.)

We're proud of all our grandchildren. Joshua will begin his 3rd year at Albany School of Pharmacy in the fall. 4 more years to go. Parents Cindy and Gregg and brother Ben will go up in Sept. for his "White Coat" Ceremony.

Ben is 14 and quite the leader in his school and youth group.

Sarah Meahl is a name you might watch for. Sarah is 17 and not only is quite an accomplished dancer, but on June 20 she portrayed Natalee Holloway (The girl who disappeared in Aruba) on Court TV's program "Haunting Evidence" She was even interviewed on Fox News. Sarah will go to New York in August for a Broadway Workshop. Besides winning First in National Dance Competition in July, she also was named Most Photogenic and Miss Nextstar.

Charlie WON a sweepstakes trip with Cosmos Tours! He chose to take the Tour which flies to Paris, then goes to Giverny, the Normandy WW II Cemeteries and Memorials, San Michelle and then Chateau Country. So we'll be off again in September!

Hope all of you are doing well.

Much love,

Gyanne Germano Smith

### **HELLO FAMILY!**

The Swope reunion has come and gone and I'll be heading back to Texas soon. The reunion was really great! Good food, good company, a tour of the renovated Chapel, a walk through the cemetery and lots of remembrances at each headstone.

Tonight some of the family will meet at Gracie's to eat and visit some more. I can never get enough of family since I travel to Evansville only twice a year. Dad, Karen, John and Will were able to come down this spring to leave Will for the summer. I had

forgotten how hard it is to fill a growing teenager! I don't think he ever stopped eating! :-)

Texas is getting rain and we are finally getting to cut hay. Our hay reached \$11 for a square bale and \$90 for a round bale. (Before the drought square bales were \$3.50-\$5.00 and round bales were \$25-\$35). I heard the other day that square bales were going for \$4.50 behind the baler. I'm hoping we get more cuttings this year to fill the storage barns and that will also bring the cost down some more. Richard called to say we are getting rain in August!!! It is hard to believe, that is usually a dry month.

Richard and I are grandparents again, 7 so far. Ric, Richard's oldest son and his wife, had a little boy Matthew Cole Ratley. This makes 5 for them; Ric has 2, Mandi has 2 and they have Matthew together. Tim, Richard's youngest, has signed up again and is still stationed in Dallas as an Army Recruiter.

If you didn't make it to the reunion, I'm sorry I missed you. If you have any ideas as to what would make the reunion more enticing for family to come, please let Dad know. John has suggested a golf tournament in conjunction with the reunion, anyone like that idea? Also, we've thought about having the reunion at Burdette Park to have access to the pools and grounds. Any other ideas?

Hope to see you at the next reunion!  
Paula Sue Swope & Richard Ratley, Sr.



**KIM**  
Hi!! I would like to share that Kyle, my 20 year old son who is a third degree black belt, will be traveling to Canada in August with other black belts from his school to compete in the 1st World Black Belt Championships. Kyle is an instructor with Evansville Chunjido Academy at 2 of the satellite schools, Tri-State Athletic Club and Metro Sports. He is so excited to be going!! The tournament is August 18 and 19 in Toronto at Olympic Stadium. There is a movie being made to be released in Canada in the fall and hopefully on DVD in the United States later this year. Karate is Kyle's passion, he has studied the martial arts since he was 6. When he is not at the dojo, he attends USI majoring in Education.

Thanks! Kim Lawton

## **NEWS FROM MONTANA:**

The heat has been unusually warm for us this year. Starting in July we broke records with 105 degree weather and not just a day or two at a time, but weeks. While it is still unusually warm for us, August is seeing high 90's and the fires are all around us again this year. We here in Missoula are actually surrounded on four sides by fires now. Everything is very dry, horribly dry. Even the huckleberry picking started about a month early and they are already dried up. We have only been out camping twice, with the boat out once. We plan a trip to his brothers in Washington soon, for the Omak Stampede and in September, the children are sending us to Anaheim California to visit with Dennis and Judi.

Our family continues to grow, with another great granddaughter Maykayla born in February this year. That makes two great granddaughters, and both are the cutest. We hear that a third great grandchild is on the way in MD, as Rebecca and Justin are expecting their first. All of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are doing very well. We are amazed at how fast they grow and what wonderful human beings they are.

Jack celebrates his 75th birthday this year on August 20th. The family is getting together, enlarge, and all children will make it home to help him celebrate this occasion. We will gather for an outdoor get together at Audrey and Dave's home and have food, fun and stories of the last 75 years.

My sister Kathy visited me this year and we had such a wonderful time together. We laughed, shopped, and just plan bonded. She is closer now, working in Idaho and we have plans for me to visit her yet this year! She is truly another amazing woman and a great support in my life along with my beautiful nieces Sarah and Laura.

I have accepted a new position with St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center as Conference Coordinator. It is a completely and absolutely total change in my life and different than anything that I have ever done. I am responsible for all of the conference rooms and all of the training equipment that the hospital uses. It is exciting, fast paced, and I am physically active during my days, which is very good for me. I work for the most amazing and inspirational woman and thoroughly enjoy exploring new and innovative ways with her.

Meanwhile, Jack found a John Deere A tractor that he and his father bought in 1950 at Davies here

in Missoula. Sitting in a field, not running, cracked head, rusting. Mike gave it to him and we loaded it up on a trailer and hauled it home. Where to begin? I just shook my head and wondered why any man in his right mind would want to bring home this rusted piece of junk? He surely lost it. He has worked on this pile of rust for almost a year now and it has provided him with hours and hours of work, memories and just plain fun. The engine is repaired, it has been sandblasted and torn completely apart to the point, I wondered if my husband would remember what part went to where! But now, the JD GREEN is starting to show up, pieces are going back together, and we are actually thinking that soon, we will get to start her up and listen to her putt putt.....Oh, it takes so little to entertain us old folks.

We hope this update finds the family well, happy and enjoying life. Thank you Paul for keeping us all in touch.

Love, Mary and Jack Kramer

#### **FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD**

Every thing here keeps going on. Angel, my pooch, is still going strong and keeping me in line.

Paula was in for the biggest part of two weeks and left on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Had all the kids that are in Evansville here about every evening. There are not many stores in the small Texas town Paula lives near so we have to hit all the big stores in Evansville. She especially wants to get to the electronic stores.

I can make Swope descendant books for anyone that wants one, they would be personalized and I can make them for \$10 each. Also if anyone wants a CD copy of the Swope family tree I can furnish one of those for you. You must have the program "Family Tree Maker" in your computer to use it.

That's about all from here.

Paul Swope

#### **BUSY AT DANVILLE**

Everyone is busy, busy at Danville. Four of the grandchildren are heading for Purdue, One to middle school (6th grade)- one to first grade, second grade and third grade. Renda back to North Elementry and Maribeth back to Sycamore in Avon Elementary to teach Music.

Grandson Levi is cutting his own Country Gospel records and finishing up his last semester at Purdue. Graduating in December.

Micah the 6th grader is in football at Danville as well as our 3rd grader at Avon in football. Looks like Grandma and Grandpa will be attending lots of games!!!!!!!

Roger and Roy are busy traveling all over the country with their jobs- Mike and the cows are doing well.

Becky in MN has more dance students than ever and is having dance classes at some of the schools to accommodate all her students (after school) The rest are hanging in there!!!!!!!!!! State Fair, etc.

Enjoyed seeing all at the reunion.  
Stay Well. Mae and Ross

#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

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##### **REUNION**

The 2007 reunion is past and all seemed to have a good time. There were 35 people present and everyone seemed to stay and visit for a while. I need input if we still want the reunion every year and also about the time of year and place.

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 2007 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. One cousin requested to be added this issue.

##### **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 your email address to me.

##### **ACCOUNTING**

There is a page attached 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. If I get an overfill I reduce the font slightly.

We did not have as many articles sent in this time so there are only 5 pages of news. Let's see if we can fill 6 pages next time.

**Swope Newsletter Mailing List Revised --- Thursday, August 16, 2007**

No	Name	Address	CityStZip
	-----MAYME SWOPE	HENRY-----	
1.	Hank & Helen Henry	7610 Shore Acres Dr.	Olympia, WA 98506
2.	Hugh & Marjory Henry	2741 N. Salisbury #1203	W. Lafayette, IN 47906
3.	Jerilyn Dille	1039 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Port Angeles, WA 98363
4.	Don & Robyn Henry	1527 Arthur Ave	Lakewood, OH 44107
5.	Jana Maples	14429 Iraquois Ave	Largo, FL 33774
6.	Joetta Senour	1368 Hedgerow Drive	Easton, PA 18040
7.	Judith Rezendes	2119 Spring Lake Dr.	Martinez, CA 94553
8.	Warren & Lana Henry	6116 N. Cleveland Ave	Kansas City, MO 64119
	-----RALPH H. SWOPE		
9.	Harlan & Kitty Swope	803 Cardinal Drive	Evansville, IN 47711
10.	Kathy Speicher	1303 Mary Street	Evansville, IN 47710
11.	Margaret Swope	2916 N. Bedford	Evansville, IN 47711
12.	Ted & Penny Glackman	517 E. Spring Ave.	Ardmore, PA 19003
13.	Nancy & Gene Glackman	10122 S.E. Browning Rd.	Evansville, IN 47725
14.	Paul G. Swope	9737 Clippinger Road	Evansville, IN 47725
15.	John Swope	P.O. Box 187	Mt Vernon, IN 47620
16.	Jamie Loyd Swope	122 Sequoia Dr Apt 2	Chattanooga, TN 37411
17.	J.P. & Aimee Swope	9422 Windam Way	Tallahassee, FL 32312
18.	Karen Ann Swope	3903 Vista Drive	Evansville, IN 47710
19.	Vicki & Ronnie Nobles	111 Bedford's Bend	Gun Barrel City, TX 75156
20.	Paula Sue Swope & Richard Ratley	11691 C.R. 1200.	Malakoff, TX 75148
21.	Grace Swope	2100 Jefferson Ave.	Evansville, IN 47714
22.	Meg Glackman	500 Rock Springs Rd. Apt. C1	Smyrna, TN 37167
23.	Aimee Leslie	1900 Bellemeade	Evansville, IN 47714
	-----ELNORA SWOPE	FRANCE	
24.	Curtis & Ruth France	11235 Pocahontas Road	Marine, IL 62061
25.	Lawrence France	8918 Whetstone Road	Evansville, IN 47725
26.	Evelyn Evans	8640 E. CR 200 N	Otwell, IN 47564
27.	Evelyn France	8924 Whetstone Road	Evansville, IN 47725
28.	Lois France	5300 W. 96 <sup>th</sup> St Woodside #34	Indianapolis, IN 46268
29.	Tammy White	248 Davistown Road,	Blackwood, NJ 08012
30.	Ray & Audrey France	1592 N. County Rd. 900 E.	Otwell, IN 47564
31.	Janice Evans	1406 North Saint James Blvd	Evansville, IN 47711
32.	Mitchell & Denise France	17216 Cambridge Grove Drive	Huntersville, NC 28078
	-----LAURA SWOPE	McCUTCHAN	
33.	Doris Dauble	2285 State Rd. 580 Apt. 304	Clear Water, FL 33763
34.	Marcia M. McCutchan	P.O. Box 816	Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
35.	Jack & Mary Kramer	21315 Mullan Road	Frenchtown, MT 59834
36.	Neil & Judy McCutchan	411 Terranova St.	Winter Haven, FL 33884
37.	Ross & Joyce McCutchan	3408 Turtle Dove Court	Evansville, IN 47715
38.	Jo Sosbe Schlottmann	2857 W. Moonlight Drive	Robinson, TX 76706
39.	Kathryn Gale Sosbe	3344 N. Lakeharbor Lane, #102	Boise, ID 83703
40.	Sarah Sosbe M.S. 391/Angelo Patri	2225 Webster Ave	Bronx, NY 10457
41.	Brian McCutchan	612 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
	-----KATHRYN SWOPE	RIGGS-----	
42.	Lois Riggs	13940 Pittsburgh Road	Evansville, IN 47725
43.	Richard & Jeanine Riggs	13701 Pittsburgh Road	Evansville, IN 47725
44.	Ross & Mae Riggs	642 N. 200W	Danville, IN 46122
45.	Patty Marcum	4900 N Posey Co Line Rd	Evansville, IN 47720
	-----ALICE SWOPE	COOKSEY-----	
46.	Kendal Cooksey	560 Fair Hill Road	Libertyville, IL 60048
47.	Randy Cooksey	914 N. Sheridan Road	Peoria, IL 61606
48.	Steven Cooksey	501 Louden	Winchester, VA 22601
	-----ISABEL SWOPE	GERMANO McKEEBY-----	
49.	Isabel McKeeby	7290 Lester Rd. Apt. E49	Union City, GA 30291-2324
50.	Don & Sara Germano	435 Dix Lee Dr.	Fairburn, GA 30213-3613
51.	Cindy Bibliowicz	257 SW 159th Lane	Sunrise, FL 33326
52.	Kelly Meahl	1829 Kalurna Court	Orlando, FL 32806
53.	Rev. Dr. Brian & Patricia Germano	1342 Bertha Way	Marietta, GA 30062
54.	William & Amy Tice	3004 Bransford Rd.	Augusta, GA 30909
55.	Gyanne & Charles Smith	5019 Brighton Dr.	Jacksonville, FL 32217-4816
	-----COUSINS-----	-----	
56.	Lovye Young	1300 Hathaway	Evansville, IN 47712
57.	John Schellhase	1925 E. Gum Street	Evansville, IN 47714
58.	Loretta Marie Heyen	2447 South 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	Terre Haute, IN
59.	Autumn Swope Taylor	6 Rollingwood Lane	Sandy, UT 84092-4803
60.	Nancy Swope Smith	R.D. 3 Box 234	Tyrone, PA 16686
61.	Debbie Webster	5689 Keymar Dr.	San Jose, CA 95123-3416
62.	Sandy Wahl Owen	5365 Mission Circle	Granbury, TX 76049

ACCOUNTING from July 2007 to July 2008 --- SWOPE REUNION

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

Cash Brought Forward from 2007				\$873.63
Date	Item	Who Spent	Amount	
	Ice	Church Ice Mach		
	Roll Table Cover	stock		
	Glue Pen, Tape	stock		
	Name Bages 30@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-2007	Church for Meeting Hall	Check #518	(\$50.00)	
Aug-2007	8 Pages x 63 =504	Paul Check # 519	(\$49.39)	
	504 x \$0.05 = \$25.20			
	59 Stamps @ 0.41 = \$24.19			
Dec-2007		Budget	(\$53.32)	
Apr-2008		Budget	(\$53.32)	
	News letter budget			
	set for 9 pages @ 5c			
	and a 41c stamp=86c each			
	x 62 = \$53.32			
		Total Spent	(\$208.32)	(\$208.32)
		Donations from reunion 2007		\$205.00
			Balance	\$872.60
		Cash on Hand For 2008		\$872.60

Reunion checking account stands at \$976.95