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1870-1955

# SWOPE NEWS

## 2006 Reunion Saturday 15 July



Kate Young  
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

Edith Young Bonner passed away on March 25, 2006. Funeral was held at Barkett funeral home in Cairo, Il. On Monday march 27. She was buried at the Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge, Il. Edith was 91 years of age.



She had lived in Anna, Il for around the last 10 years.

Robert L Young

Great grandson of Benjamin Young.

spoke of old times and the reunions of past. Her mother and mine were special sisters in that they were the youngest and closets to the same age. She seemed delighted to receive some Kripy Creme donuts and a couple of books as a birthday present.

I have included a picture of Isabel that we made on our visit. We also asked her to make a recording of a greeting to everyone in the family.

We have this to share but are running into technical difficulties with respect to sending it as an email attachment. Perhaps later.

Ken & Leslie

### NEWS FROM GYANNE GERMANO SMITH

We will be going to Atlanta over Easter to help Mother celebrate her Birthday. She will be 98 on April 18. For her birthday present she says she wants us to take her to Walmart to shop!!

I have been very busy this year with my watercolors. I had 7 paintings in a local show in January and February. On March 11, I was in a one day show at a Park Celebration and I'll be in another show for the month of April. Since retiring, I've really gotten into painting and all of a sudden doors are opening up. I've been asked to be the featured artist at a large annual Art Festival in 2007 and I'll also have a One Man Show at another Gallery scheduled for next year.

### FROM KEN COOKSEY

Leslie and I were delighted to be able to stop to see Isabel at her home near Atlanta. She charmed us with Southern hospitality and it was wonderful to see her. We



April is a busy month for us, with the art show, art show luncheon (I am to be a speaker), going to Atlanta for Mother, staying in Orlando for 4 days with our Granddaughter while her parents are on a trip, Charlie's High School reunion (53rd), also in Atlanta.

Besides being too busy, our Florida family is doing fine. More next time.

Gyanne

#### **FROM NANCY GLACKMAN**

Our only big news is that we have a new daughter-in-law! Grant and Carla Virgin were married in January, the day after our 55th anniversary. They were married in a small ceremony at their home on Volkman RD. Carla is a C.P.A. also so they should be able to keep their check book balanced.

Ted flew in from Philly for the wedding and it was nice to have him home for a few days.

Grant's daughter Eva and her husband Mark have bought a Condo in Chicago and will be leaving Evansville sometime in the near future.

My hip has kept me fairly house bound the past few weeks so I haven't been able to fully enjoy all my spring flowers this year. I go to the Dr. next week and will find out what the best course of action will be.

Oh these great golden years!

Nancy

#### **FROM ROSS RIGGS**

We have had two more great grand babies-- Becky's boys-- Dan who has moved back to New Orleans) has our 1st boy. David's girl was born March 20-- our 5th great girl and his 2nd within a year.

Dan is Africa in reserves.

We are in Ft Pierce Florida and saw our grand son 3 times singing with the Purdue Glee Club here in this state-- he does sing solos. They put on a great show. That is Roy's boy.

We will be back in Ind. the last of this month. Richard has moved in his new house.

Ross Riggs

#### **HARLAN & KITTY**

Not much news here,,, Seems everything stays the same. We've had a couple Deaths in my Family, A brother in law,,,,,and the Mother of the other Brother in law,,,,, that's not news any one would be interested in. My Daughter Jackie,,,is doing good,,,,shes the Manager of the Applebees.

Harlan is as sweet as ever, looks just like his Daddy. We had to buy a new reftig,,and a new Furnance,,if wasn't for bad luck, we'd have no luck at all it seemed.

Kitty

#### **FROM RATLYS IN TEXAS**

Hello Family! I don't think we had a winter this year. It was so warm all winter! Our biggest problem has been no rain. At one point we were 16 inches below normal. I think we are catching up with our spring rains, but we are a long way from our normal lake levels.

My family is all fine and Richard is starting a new job at the city water treatment plant. He works 4 nights a week and still finds time to keep his horse shoeing clients happy.

Because of the drought, we have had no winter pastures and hay has gone sky high. We use to be able to buy a square bale of grass hay for \$3.50, it is now \$8! Round bales are up to \$80. We are praying for rain and a good first hay cutting so the prices will go back down to normal. Of course, our horses are not suffering, just our pocketbooks!

Lois France actually made it to visit this year. At each reunion, she always talks about stopping in on one of her "trips" and I always tell her to come on. I've even given her a map. Well, this year she actually stopped in and spent the night. It was great having her! Richard had to work so he didn't get to visit with her much, but he cooked a meal for us that night before he left for work. It was a great visit, but not long enough. She took off the next morning!

I just returned from a McCurdy Plantation Horse Association trail ride with a girlfriend. We drove over to Alabama (10 hours) on Friday and spent April 1st on horses. The day was just gorgeous and we had a lot of fun. We visited with friends on Sunday and then headed home Monday. It was all wonderful and now I'm glad to be back home.

July is coming so quickly and the family reunion will be here before we know it. I'm looking forward to seeing you all then!

Paula Sue & Richard in Texas

#### **FROM LOIS FRANCE**

Finally got the old r.v. out and running in March...Started our trip with a stop at Bud's in Marine, Ill... Then headed south..Got as far as Memphis before some storms caught up with us...So pulled into a campground..stayed overnight and until 2pm next afternoon while we rocked in the

wind and rain, Had time for lots of good snacks and games...

Next stop was Rockport Texas..Had friends their that had spent the winter enjoying the gulf and warm weather...It was 70 degrees with a mild breeze.. tough to take when we heard of 20 degrees up here!!!!

Then, when time to head North, we had a nice visit with Paula Swope. She has great place with lots of good looking horses grazing in several pastures.....Think she was surprised that I really made it down that far .....

Next stop was in Birmingham. we stayed in a state park and Pat's niece came out to visit us and she and her husband spent night in r.v. with us....

Spring stayed with us most of the way home...But had 20 degree weather again....Boo!!! Anyway now I'm ready to take off again.....Just don't know which direction it will be.

See ya all in July....

.Lois

### **FROM JO SCHLOTTMANN**

Well I am back and settled in and in spite of everything else going on we had a wonderful Christmas. Jared Mykael is at such a wonderful age for Christmas and he eagerly waited for so long for it to happen. Of course it wasn't the greatest of trips going home for mom's "funeral"

Poor Jared didn't have the greatest of times with all those unhappy faces most of the time. (Mine half the time of just not feeling good) as we left Indiana and got to Illinois we saw Santa Clause outside of a shop waving at everyone. Now you could not convince this four year old that that jolly old man was not waving at him. We had to turn around (much to Manfred and Mykll's not wanting to) and go check out this old St. Nick. Sure enough it was him and he was telling Jared all kinds of stuff. I was amazed because this is the same child who last year wouldn't go near him alone, this time he practically jumped out of the truck and was on his way. Him and Santa Claus hit it off, he even ask the old guy f I had to have lights on my house and thank you Santa he said no.

We get back to the Waco area and Lord and behold Santa has a hot line. We call it again Jared talks to the guy and again reminds him of what he wants and we would think that was enough but NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO Santa sends him a letter talking about the conversation that they had and assuring him that his batmobile was on its way since he was such a good kid.

There was no containing my littler midget after that. He drove everyone crazy with his Santa tales. He also reminded us after we all opened our gifts that only HE got a gift from Santa soooooooooo apparently only he was good enough the whole year.

He has had me constantly laughing and believe me I have needed that.

I continue to learn from a child what I should have known a long time ago.

We have been anxious around here knowing we are reaching the deadline for my checkup to find out how I have faired after a year of surgery and chemo. I of all people who hate to wait on anything was losing it the last week and just wanting it over. The day I had to go to the cancer doctor, I took Jared Mykael to day care and wasn't the best "mom" in the world going to school, I was pre-occupied and worried and not saying much. I was in my own world when out of the back seat Jared yelled,. "Hey JoMama cool, look!" After having a stroke all most from him yelling I explained to him that I couldn't look going down the road.

We get to school and he practically jumps out of the car and shows me that he can now not only make the motions of snapping his finger but actually has produced SOUND! You would have thought he invented it. He ran into school, informed everyone at the front desk what he could do and walk to each woman and "snapped" in her ear and said "Did you hear it!"

He ran into his class "snapped" for his teacher, "snapped" for all the girls and boys equally. and they too were equally impressed. By the time I left the class room I was laughing at him and smiling and as I was leaving the school one of the teachers asked, "Isn't this the day you find out something about your cancer!" I smiled and answered that yes it was and she said "Aren't you nervous about it?"

I told her yes at first I was, nervous, self contained, worried, and sad but it took one little four year to remind me that while I think this is such a major thing for me something as simple as snapping his finger could not only bring happiness for him but for the whole school and especially for me when I really needed it and that was major for him. For days I was sad and worried and as I got back into my car that morning and the sun came out after days of raining I felt like God was on my side by just giving me this wonderful child.

The point to all this is I need to learn to trust in God a lot more and understand that little things

are equally important and that a child can spread sunshine better than anything else in the world.

I am in remission and happy about it. Not home free all the way but a promise of things maybe getting better. Everyday is a good day.

Jo

### **FROM PAUL SWOPE**

Not much going on here. Work on the news letters I get out, I have two, the Coast Guard Auxiliary every month and the Swope News three times a year. I have several web sites to keep up, of course the Swope site, two different Coast Guard Auxiliary sites, McCutchanville Church site, Reitz High 1946 site and the McCutchanville school site.

Also it seems there are always maintenance jobs at the church to be done. There are several fellows that pitch in at the church; I'm not alone on that job. The upper floor of the 60s building has been refurbished, paint, carpeting, ceiling and lights.

Evelyn and I are still seeing each other. Our main activity is getting out eating at different places. I can tell that is a problem when I look at the scales.  
Paul

### **NEWS FROM SARAH SOSBE...**

Hello family! Things are going well here in New York City. I am still busy teaching in the South Bronx and enjoying every moment of it! This year I am teaching a precocious batch of 6<sup>th</sup> graders and an energetic group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has been a ton of fun, because I teach them 4 subjects – so we've been on a lot of trips and completed many projects and activities. Recently, we just celebrated the opening of our Ancient Egyptian History Museum. All of the kids "donated" (made with construction paper, cardboard, wood, etc) Egyptian artifacts to build our museum. We had about 60 artifacts and wonderful museum for the school to enjoy.

We have been to outings to Central Park, enjoyed the music of Wynton Marsalis and Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, 3-D movies about the ocean, Beethoven stylings' by the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society, and learned about the history of rap at HOSTOS community college. We've had a busy school year, and things don't seem to be letting up. Upcoming trips include a visit to Philadelphia, the New York Historical Society, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Also, we are booked to see the Shakespearean play "Pericles" performed at the Julliard School. Always a great end of the year trip.

Outside of school things are going well. I am finishing up a degree to obtain a certificate to teach Gifted and Talented students, through Hunter College. Possibly I might try to obtain National Teacher certification next year. Law school is still on the horizon, but for now teaching is fulfilling everything career wise for me so I am not in a rush to move on. I have a new roommate, a step-cousin that has been a blast to have. She is working as an architect and hopefully soon will be designing us our own brownstone in Manhattan!

As usual I am still learning about my diverse city. The Broadway shows are awesome (I've seen The Color Purple, Julius Ceasar – I even got to meet Denzel Washington afterwards! – and Dessa Rose). I've taken up visiting the Museum of Modern Art on Fridays once a month and attended a few lectures – including a talk by Gloria Steinam (thanks to my mom!). The best activity is visiting the beaches in Long Island, which has been an oasis in the city! Now, I can't wait till beach season officially opens for 2005!

Currently, I am making plans to visit family in Colorado during my spring break. Once I return I begin a teaching program to learn how to incorporate New York City into the teaching of history in my classroom. It should be a busy spring, but lots of fun.

I wish every all the best!  
Sarah Sosbe

### **HI EVERYONE**

It has been awhile since I have included an article in the newsletter. So, I will attempt to highlight some of the activities of my family.

First of all, I am officially a Swope again. I have taken back my maiden name as of July 2005. Dad was so excited he thought I should have stood up in church and announced it. I sing in the choir at church and help out with the youth when they need me. I have also joined the Methodist Women. And, as of the last Methodist Men's dinner, where they were short help and I rolled up my sleeves and gave them a helping hand, they have told me I am an honorary "Methodist Dude". Oh, they also informed me when the next meeting was and advised not to forget my \$5.00!! I was very tempted to walk in on their meeting. Other than that, I stay very busy with work and running my kids around.

Megan went on two missionary trips last summer. She is still in the marching band; they just got back from a trip to Disney World where they marched in the Disney Parade. She is involved in

Youth Group and Youth Bible Study. Right now she is at school (on a Sunday afternoon) getting ready for the school play in which she is part of the technical crew (props, lights, ECT.). She is still getting good grades in Honors classes where she is now a sophomore. She turned 16 in October and we had a party for her at the church with 2 bands, I think she enjoyed that, it was pretty special.

Will joined the wrestling team and just finished the season. He wrestled with the high school feeder team this year and I am sure he will be joining the high school team this fall. He did pretty well for his first year. He has a lot to learn to fill his cousin's shoes. But he loves it and has fun which is the main thing. He is also involved in Youth Group and Youth Bible study.

I guess that is about it for now. Everybody take care until we see you again!  
Karen Swope

#### **FROM EVELYN FRANCE**

Happy spring time to all!

The year is going well thus far. My granddaughter Casie was married to Jason Brent, of Dawson Springs, Kentucky. They were wed in McJohnston Chapel where Casie's mother, Brenda, and father, Brad McCandless were married 30 plus years ago. It was called McCutchanville United Methodist Church then. The Brent's moved to Evansville after they were married.

It was great to have Mitch and wife Denise to motor home for the occasion from Charlotte North Carolina.

Grandson A.J, Allen's son, drove 35 hours from Seattle, Washington (2 months later) to spend a week with family. He brought a lovely girl named Keena for us to meet. Very impressed. She rides horses that jump and teaches classes in this skill. A.J. still skate boards. Both have hazardous activities to this ole lady!

It wasn't easy to get all three grand kids together – but I got Casie and Jason to join me, A.J. and Keena for a tour of the new riding stables on Hadden Road and pizza afterwards. Adam made it by the house for a short visit. It was for a few special moments of togetherness and made granny happy!

Adam is attending Vincennes University and also playing in the Clutters Broken Arrow Band on weekends.

A huge old Ash tree fell in the woods during a storm lately. Missed three young oak trees. Whew!

I feel safer going to the mail box since I moved it up nearer the side walk (at the Carriers suggestion) after two mailboxes were downed in a two week period. Now Lawrence wants his mailbox moved. I told him he'd have to run over his first. Ha!! Traffic is Very heavy with all the new houses.

Hope to see you at the Swope Reunion!  
Evelyn France

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#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

##### **REUNION**

The 2006 Swope reunion date has been set Saturday July 15, 2006. No one came forth with a preference so I took it upon myself to set this date.

The place will be the same as in the past, McCutchanville Community Church, in Atcheson Hall. The time will be assembling to visit 11am, set to eat at 12pm noon.

As always it will be a carry in lunch, bring your favorite food dish. Bring your own table service. We will have tea and lemonade available for drinks.

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 2005 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

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

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Jan 17 06	Majestic - War record on AA Stone	Check # 511	(\$125.00)	
Aug-2005	8 Pages @ 0.05 = 0.40	Check #509 Paul	(\$44.72)	
	60 copies x 0.40 = \$24.00			
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Dec-2005	9 Pages @0.05 = 0.45	Check #510 Paul	(\$47.72)	
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	News letter budget			
	set on 9 pages @ 5c			
	and a 37c stamp=82c each			
	X 60 = \$49.20			
		TOTALS	(\$316.64)	(\$316.64)
		Donations from reunion 2005		\$347.00
		Balance		\$879.03
		Cash Available For 2006		\$879.03

Reunion checking account stands at \$1145.67