



# SWOPE NEWS

## 2010 Reunion Not Scheduled

A.E. Swope  
1870-1955

Kate Swope  
1870-1939



Mayme  
1890-1953

Ralph  
1892-1948

Elnora  
1894-1997

Laura  
1900-1991

Kathryn  
1903-1981

Alice  
1905-1985

Isabel  
1908-

Year 2009

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### FROM GEORGIA

Maybe some of you might be interested in my life in an Assisted Living Facility (Retirement Home). I have lived here at Sparks Inn, Union City, GA for 15 years. Our rent (which is exorbitant) includes 3 meals a day (some not very appetizing). The staff for the most part are kind and helpful. We're offered programs such as Bible Study, Exercise Classes and various games and programs.

After arriving here in 1994, I wanted to be useful and active so I was soon giving a series of talks in the meeting room on Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story". Following that I did a weekly talk on "First Ladies of the White House". I also did several book reviews. All were well attended and well received. When I realized it was taking a toll on my voice and eyes, I quit.

I also was a volunteer at the front desk greeting people and giving information. In 1999 I was voted "Ms Sparks Inn" in a contest involving about a dozen nominated residents.

Statistics say that one out of three people over 65 will fall. I'm one of the three. Last fall I fell one night cutting my hand on the sharp edge of my lunch tray. It bled profusely. Don was called. He took me to the hospital where it was stitched up with 13 stitches. It still pains

me sometimes and I can't fully open my fingers. So many residents fall that I call this "the house of fallen women". Sadly we see residents carried out on stretchers never to return. After observing several such incidents, my tablemate exclaimed, "People are dying who have never died before." She wondered why I laughed.

Though the nights usually pass without incident, I've experienced several unpleasant episodes. One night as I got out of bed, I stepped in about an inch of water! My room is across the hall from the kitchen, where someone had left water running from one of the faucets. The water had soaked my rug and gotten into my closet, ruining the box containing my shoes and pocket books. That and the carpet were finally replaced.

I've also had nightly uninvited guests. My next door neighbor (who has Alzheimer's) likes to walk the halls at night. She'd forget where her room was and often opened my door waking me up. Another Alzheimer patient came to my room late at night dressed in only a T shirt and underpants and wanted me to follow her to the hall.

Don and Sara Mac live about 15 minutes away from me, so he takes care of my pharmacy and other needs. He and Sara Mac often take me out to eat or to their home for a lovely home

cooked meal. I get letters and phone calls from Gyanne and Charlie and sometimes the grandchildren.

In April I observed my 101st birthday with a small family affair. Sara Mac, Don, Gyanne and Charlie, grandchildren Cindy, Brian and family, and Amy and family were here to celebrate several get togethers. When people ask me to what I credit my long life, I always say "God has been good to me, and I have a wonderful, caring family!"

God bless you all!  
Anne Isabel

### **HENRY'S**

My husband, Walt, and I spent two days with Mom and Dad (Marge and Hugh Henry) the middle of July on our way to Michigan to pack our daughter, Kaylan, and move her to South Carolina to live with us. The folk are doing remarkably well for 94 years young! Dad has the garden growing to capacity, and Mom gets out once a week to play bridge or go to exercise class. They drive to church most Sundays and Dad is also still responsible for maintaining the trees and shrubs in the median for several blocks of a nearby street. He did have to cut back a little on keeping the city pruned when he turned 90! I am so impressed at their independence at this stage and their RELATIVELY good health overall. They will be celebrating their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 23<sup>rd</sup>. And 'they' said it wouldn't last. One more year and we can celebrate them turning 95 and 70 years of wedded bliss!

My sisters are doing well in retirement, traveling the world (India, the Galapagos and Peru) and visiting the family. We are all (husbands included) going to river boat cruise down the Blue Danube from Budapest to Prague next May. That's it in a nutshell.

Joetta Henry Senour

### **FROM KAREN SWOPE'S FAMILY**

Hi everyone! Was nice to see everyone who showed up at the reunion this year. Missed all of you who didn't get to make it.

I have been house hunting and have found one that I love. My offer was accepted and the house inspections are this week. I am very excited to get out of this apartment and call myself a homeowner!

Will has been in Basic Training for Army Reserves all summer and his graduation is August 14<sup>th</sup>. John and I will be driving to Ft. Sill Oklahoma to be there for family day and graduation and then bring him home. He will finish out his senior year of high school and then go to his job training for the Army Reserves when he graduates high school. He will have to do one weekend a month throughout his senior year for the Reserves.

Megan went down to Texas with Paula after the reunion and the first day she was there she signed up for the Navy! Who would have dreamed? Not me. She went to Dallas to do her testing and scored higher than anyone her recruiter had ever signed up before. He was very excited, as was our whole family. Paula, Richard and Megan are also going to be at Will's graduation on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Megan will then start her Basic Training September 14<sup>th</sup>.

I guess we have turned into a military family. I am very proud of both my kids.  
Karen

### **FROM ROBINSON TX**

Well my feelings are hurt since I had planned to write in on what a wonderful time I had in Indiana and the reunion buttttttttttttttttttttt that didn't happen did it.

I ended up in the hospital and ruined all those plans. So all I can update you on is how my house has been getting on my nerves for the last eight weeks. The good thing is I was finally released to go out and drive a little therefore people around the house are starting to like me again. Wonder why??

We (or should I say the church members) did their thing at the fair again this year and had a blast and then the next week we had VBS and I was "allowed" to sit and handle registration since I'm still not worth doing anything else.

Of course have been thankful for the wonderful family who has continued to stick with me through all this and come by and keep me occupied all the time. I have never lacked for family and friends here and thank God for that.



Other than that and our new addition to the house "Anneliese" (see pic) we are still up and running.

Let's start a quick discussion on "lift chairs". A newly acquired article in my house.

After being in the hospital this time, upon coming home I settled back for some relaxing in my good old "lift chair". Maybe that is the problem. It used to belong to Manfred's mom and last we put our heads to it, is roughly nine or ten years old. Well back to the story. Anyway, there I was resting away looking ever so cool in my "lift chair". In case anyone is not old enough to know what this is, it is a device that looks like a recliner but upon pushing a button up or down will slowwwwwwwwwly raise you where you can get out of a chair without fighting or straining yourself. The conception alone is mind boggling. The people who thought this thing up need only to speed it up a little bit and it would be flinging old people out of chairs and catapulting them into the TV sets. Well my story is about what happens when you are laid back relaxing and suddenly figure out that the stupid button no longer works. If you are healthy don't go any farther just get over there in your recliner and let it go all the way back, then try to climb out of it. It is not that easy, if you are weak or ill and slightly overweight it is impossible.

That was were I was at 3 a.m. when it quit. At six am I woke Jared (age 8) to please find me a phillips screwdriver and some electrical tape. (That alone took a while) But bless him he found it. Of course thinking I am

smarter than the average bear I "*know*" I can fix it.

I take it apart and sure enough a wire had broken. I start working on it and to my amazement got, I thought, all excited when I finally figured out I had just sent electrical shock through me. Telling Jared to unplug me was the next step. Approaching this carefully now I go to fixing it only to find out without my "granny" glasses I can't see that well. Again Jared with the granny glasses. I finally get it fixed and back to working and by then I am shaking thinking if it doesn't work I might be stuck there like a beached whale until Manfred came home sometime after 1 P.M.

The good part of this story is that it worked. The bad part of the story is that it proved again that I 'ain't the smartest cookie on the block. If this story got to you I am thinking of starting a non-profit organization called, "G.W.C.G.U." Grannies Who Can't Get Up.

Mind-boggling I'm telling you.

Love Jo Sosbe Schottmann

### SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mom and Dad's anniversary celebration was wonderful. Dad spoke at the celebration and told about the first time he knew he wanted to marry Mom. Mom had a poem in which she recalled her childhood, the love of her life, children, grandchildren, and more. Many of these things were unknown to even us ("kids")! God has richly blessed us all!

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Riggs of Danville were honored at a reception in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 11 at the United Methodist Church, 820 W. Mill St., Danville, IN. Their family did



host the reception from 2-5p.m. Ross Riggs and Mae Melloy were married June 26, 1949 in Evansville, IN. Mr. Riggs is retired from Indiana Farm Bureau, but continues to farm on occasion, while Mrs. Riggs is a homemaker and enjoys her children, grand and great grandchildren. Mae and Ross raised five children, Michael Riggs of Danville, Rebecca Gladhill of Shakopee, Minnesota, Roger Riggs of Danville, Roy Riggs of North Salem and Maribeth Williams of Avon. The family presided on the Riggs third generation family Dairy Farm. In addition to their five children, God has blessed them with 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

I'm sorry we missed the Swope reunion. I always count it a blessing when we can meet with everyone and learn more from each other and about our heritage. I so enjoy hearing stories about my Grandma (which I named my daughter after) - she truly was a loving, beautiful person who I miss very much.  
Maribeth Riggs Williams

#### **FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD**

Not a whole lot has changed here. The Swope reunion did go well. Thirty-six signed in but I believe there were a few that did not sign in.

Still working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Also still part of the Reitz 1946 reunion committee.

I think I said something last time about now being on the board of directors of the Cemetery Association. There was talk about digitizing all the cemetery records. Well I took on that task. It is not complete yet but if you wish you can view what is done at the McCutchanville Church web site. <http://www.mccutchanvillecc.org/cemetery.htm> It will take a while to get it where it needs to be. If you look you will note that I don't have all the index cards up as yet.

Also there is information in the file accumulated by Kenneth McCutchan about the Catholic Cemetery that was in McCutchanville. Ken got some pictures of stones before they

were completely destroyed. He put them in the cemetery file and I hope to get them on the web site soon.

I am still a trustee at the Church. Seems they are calling all the time that something needs fixing. Sometimes I think that I made a mistake by moving close and being so handy. We have what we call a "To Do List". Seems we complete things that are on the list but it gets longer all the time instead of shorter.

Well I think that is enough rambling.

Paul

#### **LAWTON'S**

Hello.....I am writing for a Disney Web site now. It is a new hobby and learning opportunity! It gives me a chance to share the things I love most about Disney World with others and explore some new computer skills. The Web site has just been updated with a new look. I thought it might be fun to share with the family: <http://wdwnewsletter.com/>.

John, my 24 year old, will be graduating soon from Sullivan University with a cullinary degree.....who would of ever thought, a Chef!

Kyle continues to study at USI, his major is Education. He is growing his karate business everyday teaching at Tri-State Athletic Club where The ChunJiDo Academy now resides. That is all for now.....

God Bless, Kim

#### **DEAR FAMILY,**

Our summer has been very busy this year. With 2 trips to Indiana, a horse show here and one in Denver, Will graduating from Army Boot Camp and Megan enlisting into the Navy. The grandkids stayed the summer with us and it was hard to see them go home. We got a new metal roof on our house and that's a good thing because we've actually had rain all summer. The grass is actually green and we are still mowing. By August, the lawn mower is usually at rest because the grass is brown and not growing!

We've really been busy! The summer has passed very fast!

Not much else to report, I'm still busy working on web sites and working my horse shows. I hope your summer has been a good one!

I love my family,  
Paula Sue Swope

### **FROM CARDINAL DR.**

I'm telling ya, theres Just not that much changing here at My Home.... Seems every thing is always the same...Which is, in Many ways good...Health wise theres been big improvements...Thank GOD ....For 6 years My Doctor had been treating me for Inflammatory Arthrtist..finally I couldn't stand those horrible painful flair ups, and told him there had to be something I could take for it..and he seen (for the ??? times) how hot, red and swollen it was. Long story short,,he had More intense tests ran on me,,, Guess what...I didn't have Inflammatory arthritis at ALL... I had GOUT....well he put Me on Gout Meds,,,and Thank God, I've not had even ONE flair up since...I do have "some" arthritis he said was normal for my age....welllll....

My Daughter Moved back home ,will be a year Next Month....She has 2 cute and loving little dogs,,15 pounders ...Their only fault...They will eat every thing in their path...and I mean every thing!!!! For 15 years I have never taken My teeth out except for cleaning...The other night I woke up coughing bad a couple times....and My teeth were bothering me, SO I put them on the head of my bed...WELLL... I was half asleep. don't really remember if I did or not...Got up Monday.....and realized...My teeth wasn't in my mouth... so I went on, washed My face, etc,...went to get My teeth, and LOW and BEHOLD ...there weren't there,,, I searched every inch of My bed,,,,,under sheets, Pillow's and in Pillow cases...Looked under both sides of bed,,, (remember I was "still asleep, when I removed them"..) Still No teeth...well, By Now I'm having a panic attack...Harlan came in from out side, and I had him go "hunt". He found them..... In the dogs bed,,, she had them ATE

up... I mean demolished...She had one whole half chewed off, over half of the roof area, and was starting up the other side. They are not allowed in any of the rooms...But I didn't close My door ALL the way shut (,To a click), when I went to Bathroom...Apparently, she realized it, and snuck into my bedroom, as soon as I went into the bathroom.

LOL. there's lots more details, but I think ya get the story....LOL..I'm sure Hungry....Got 2 weeks to go for My New teeth....so back to my oats...( I'll never have another set of teeth as good as those were... David Swope made them....They were perfect...From the first second they were put in my mouth!!)...

Every one have a wonderful life.  
Kitty, and Harlan

### **FROM S. E. BROWNING RD**

The family reunion was great for our family this year with most of us attending. Ted, Penny and their family; Jake with his wife Lorie and Julia with her son Zion were here from Ardmore Pa. This is the first time in many years that they were all able to make it. Meg wasn't able to be here but her son Logan was, also Laurie and her friend Amy, Katie came down from Bloomington and Grant with his wife Carla and children Ella and Gavin. Gene and I were happy that we were so well represented.

It was good to see the cousins get together!

I've had more bad luck with my left knee. It won't stay in place anymore even with my new high tech brace. The next option seems to have it fused and I'm not looking forward to that. I haven't set a date for the surgery yet but it will be this fall sometime. Ella celebrated her third birthday this month along with her Grandpa Gene who celebrated his eighty first and her big sister Eva who had her twenty ninth.

We're starting to think of downsizing but I really don't look forward to it. It's amazing how much stuff we can accumulate!

I haven't been able to get out much lately  
so don't have much more news.  
Nancy

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

**REUNION**

The date and place for 2010 has not been set. Having it at McCuchanville church seems to work. Think about it and let me know of a date preference and a place preference.

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 2009 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 email 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.

### ACCOUNTING from July 2009 to July 2010 --- SWOPE REUNION

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

Date	Item	Who Spent	Amount	
	Cash Brought Forward from 2009			\$931.17
July 2009	Ice	Church		
July 2009	Roll Table Cover	Stock		
July 2009	Glue Pen, Tape	Stock		
July 2009	Name Bages 40@41/2c each		(\$1.80)	
July 2009	Cups	Stock		
July 2009	Streamers	Stock		
July 2009	Napkins	Stock		
July 2009	Plastic Forks & Knives	Stock		
	Bread			
July 2009	Lemonade & Tea	Nancy & Evelyn		
July 2009	Paper Plates & Bowls	Stock		
July 2009	Decorations	Nancy & Evelyn		
July 2009	Church for Meeting Hall	# 526 7/13/2009	(\$50.00)	
Aug 6 09		budget	(\$55.18)	
Dec 8 09		budget	(\$55.18)	
April 4 10		budget	(\$55.18)	
July 15 09	Had to buy more checks	Deduct Account	(\$20.99)	
	News letter budget			
	set for 9 pages @ 5c			
	and a 44c stamp=89c each			
	x 62 = \$55.18			
		Total Spent	(\$238.33)	(\$238.33)
		Donations from reunion 2009		\$180.00
		Balance		\$872.84
		<b>Cash on Hand For 2010</b>		<b>\$872.84</b>

Reunion checking account stands at \$1090.18

## Mailing Address

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.	Jerlyn 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.	Walter & Joetta Senour	923 Wickham Dr	Graniteville, SC 29829
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.	Grant & Carla Glackman	1102 St. Johns Rd	Chandler, IN 47610
15.	Paul G. Swope	9737 Clippinger Road	Evansville, IN 47725
16.	John Swope	P.O. Box 18234	Evansville, IN 47719-1234
17.	Jamie Loyd Swope	105 Baxter St. Apt C	Chattanooga, TN 37415
18.	J.P. & Aimee Swope	9422 Windam Way	Tallahassee, FL 32312
19.	Karen Ann Swope	3903 Vista Drive	Evansville, IN 47710
20.	Vicki & Ronnie Nobles	111 Bedford's Bend	Gun Barrel City, TX 75156
21.	Paula Sue Swope & Richard Ratley	11691 C.R. 1200.	Malakoff, TX 75148
22.	Grace Swope	2100 Jefferson Ave.	Evansville, IN 47714
23.	Meg Glackman	500 Rock Springs Rd. Apt. C1	Smyrna, TN 37167
24.	Laurie Glackman	703 S. Englewood	Evansville, IN 47714
25.	Aimee Leslie	1900 Bellemeade	Evansville, IN 47714
	-----ELNORA SWOPE	FRANCE	
26.	Curtis & Ruth France	11235 Pocahontas Road	Marine, IL 62061
27.	Lawrence France	8918 Whetstone Road	Evansville, IN 47725
28.	Evelyn Evans	8640 E. CR 200 N	Otwell, IN 47564
29.	Evelyn France	8924 Whetstone Road	Evansville, IN 47725
30.	Lois France	5300 W. 96 <sup>th</sup> St Woodside #34	Indianapolis, IN 46268
31.	Tammy White	248 Davistown Road,	Blackwood, NJ 08012
32.	Ray & Audrey France	1592 N. County Rd. 900 E.	Otwell, IN 47564
33.	Janice Evans	1406 North Saint James Blvd	Evansville, IN 47711
34.	Mitchell & Denise France	17216 Cambridge Grove Drive	Huntersville, NC 28078
	-----LAURA SWOPE	McCUTCHAN	
35.	Doris Dauble	2750 Drew Street #309	Clear Water, FL 33759
36.	Marcia M. McCutchan	P.O. Box 816	Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
37.	Jack & Mary Kramer	21315 Mullan Road	Frenchtown, MT 59834
38.	Neil & Judy McCutchan	411 Terranova St.	Winter Haven, FL 33884
39.	Ross & Joyce McCutchan	393 Bucaneer	Largo, FL 33770-1578
40.	Jo Sosbe Schlottmann	2857 W. Moonlight Drive	Robinson, TX 76706
41.	Kathryn Gale Sosbe	3344 N. Lakeharbor Lane, #102	Boise, ID 83703
42.	Sarah Sosbe M.S. 391/Angelo Patri	2225 Webster Ave	Bronx, NY 10457
43.	Brian McCutchan	612 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
	-----KATHRYN SWOPE	RIGGS-----	
44.	Lois Riggs	13940 Petersburg Road	Evansville, IN 47725
45.	Richard & Jeanine Riggs	13701 Petersburg Road	Evansville, IN 47725
46.	Ross & Mae Riggs	642 N. 200W	Danville, IN 46122
47.	Patty Marcum	4900 N Posey Co Line Rd	Evansville, IN 47720
	-----ALICE SWOPE	COOKSEY-----	
48.	Kendal Cooksey	560 Fair Hill Road	Libertyville, IL 60048
49.	Randyl Cooksey	914 N. Sheridan Road	Peoria, IL 61606
50.	Steven Cooksey	501 Loudoun	Winchester, VA 22601
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51.	Isabel McKeeby	7290 Lester Rd. Apt. E49	Union City, GA 30291-2324
52.	Don & Sara Germano	435 Dix Lee Dr.	Fairburn, GA 30213-3613
53.	Cindy Bibliowicz	257 SW 159th Lane	Sunrise, FL 33326
54.	Kelly Meahl	1829 Kalurna Court	Orlando, FL 32806
55.	Rev. Dr. Brian & Patricia Germano	1342 Bertha Way	Marietta, GA 30062
56.	William & Amy Tice	3004 Bransford Rd.	Augusta, GA 30909
57.	Gyanne & Charles Smith	5019 Brighton Dr.	Jacksonville, FL 32217-4816
	-----COUSINS-----	-----	
58.	Lovye Young	1300 Hathaway	Evansville, IN 47712
59.	John Schellhase	1925 E. Gum Street	Evansville, IN 47714
60.	Loretta Marie Heyen	2447 South 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	Terre Haute, IN
61.	Autumn Swope Taylor	6 Rollingwood Lane	Sandy, UT 84092-4803
62.	Nancy Swope Smith	R.D. 3 Box 234	Tyrone, PA 16686
63.	Debbie Webster	5689 Keymar Dr.	San Jose, CA 95123-3416
64.	Sandy Wahl Owen	5365 Mission Circle	Granbury, TX 76049