



# SWOPE NEWS



A.E. Swope  
1870-1955

Kate Swope  
1870-1939

## 2016 Reunion July ?



Mayme  
1890-1953

Ralph  
1892-1948

Elnora  
1894-1997

Laura  
1900-1991

Kathryn  
1903-1981

Alice  
1905-1985

Isabel  
1908-2011

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### GERALD ROSS MCCUTCHAN, 83, of



Evansville, Indiana, passed away Friday, June 5, 2015 at Heritage Center.

Ross was born in Evansville, Indiana on December 30, 1931 to the late Jason and Laura (Swope) McCutchan. He graduated from Reitz High School in 1949 and served in the U.S.

Air Force during the Korean War. Ross sold veterinary supplies for 30 years until his retirement and served on the board of the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center. He was a faithful member of Blue Grass United Methodist Church for over 50 years.

Ross is survived by his daughters, Debbie Backus (Bob), and Donna Gassier; sons, Jeff McCutchan, Dana McCutchan (Tammy) and Kirk McCutchan (Diana); brother, Niel McCutchan (Judy); 11 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Ross is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Martha "Joyce" (Hoover) McCutchan; by his parents; son, Gerald "Gerry" Ray McCutchan;

sisters, Jane McCutchan, Marjorie Hart, and Dotsie Dauble; and by his brothers, Harold McCutchan and Ronald McCutchan.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 2015 at Blue Grass Church, 14202 Petersburg Rd., Evansville, IN, 47725 with Pastor Doug Heiman officiating. Burial will follow at Blue Grass Cemetery where the Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit from 11:00 AM until service time on Monday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Grass Church.

### MARJORIE ANN (JACKSON) HENRY, 99, of West Lafayette, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at Westminster Village.



Marjorie was born Aug. 17, 1915 in Kentland. She graduated from Morocco High School in 1933.

Growing up, Marge lived in Enos and Columbia City before moving to West Lafayette where she

spent the rest of her life.

She had been a secretary at various real estate and insurance companies, voter's registration, license branch and First United Methodist Church. Marge was a former member of Eastern Star, Tri Kappa Sorority, Methodist Women's Ministries and Purdue Agronomy Wives. She volunteered at Long Center for Performing Arts, Lafayette Urban Ministries, Museum of Prophets Town, First United Methodist Church and had delivered for Meals on Wheels.

Marge played bridge in two clubs and couples bridge with her husband, Hugh. She had a passion for making beautiful greeting cards from previously used cards, furnishing thousands to Lafayette Urban Ministries, Westminster Village, family and friends. She was an avid crossword puzzler and enjoyed sewing and cooking. In 1997, Marge had been awarded Woman of the Year by the Methodist Women and in 1998 had received the Rose Award.

Marjorie married Hugh Henry in 1940 and shared life for 72 years. They had three daughters who survive, Jerilyn K. Dille, of Port Angeles, Wash., Jana H. (Martin Shapiro) Maples, of Largo, Fla. and Joetta (Walter) Senour, of Graniteville, S.C. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Elisa Macfadyen, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Evan Dille, of Longview, Wash., John Maples Jr., of Palm Harbor, Fla., Caryn Davidson, of Des Moines, Iowa and Kaylan Senour, of Graniteville, S.C.; and four great-grandchildren, Jace Maples, Jacob and Markus Dille and Jackson Davidson.

A funeral service for Marjorie will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel, 1184 Sagamore Pkwy. West, West Lafayette, Ind. 47906. Burial will follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

Those wishing may contribute in her name to First United Methodist Church or Lafayette Urban Ministry.

You may sign the guest book or leave memories at [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com).

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## **SUSIE SWOPE**

Susie Swope had a new shoulder put in March 18 2015. It is now 4 months and she is doing fine. She was home the next day.

## **TUE 7/14/2015**

Thank you for the notice. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend. Living in Minnesota keeps me from attending functions in Indiana as frequently as I'd like. However, I will be visiting dad (Ross) during part of this week. He is living at the Villages Of Avon (Avon, Indiana) and has been there since this past November. He is in the dementia unit. My brothers and sister are close by. (Mike, Roger, Roy and Maribeth) I'm thankful much of the family is living in the area because they are able to take him out and someone visits him daily.

I hope all attending will have a great time at the reunion. Thanks for all your efforts. Mom and dad enjoyed attending for many years.

Blessings to you,

Becky Riggs Gladhill

## **HERE IS A BRIEF UPDATE FROM OUR FAMILY...**

"Brian (Anne McKeeby's grandson) and Trish Germano recently moved. As a United Methodist pastor, Brian serves where sent by his Bishop, and after 10 years in Marietta, GA, he was reappointed (a promotion) to be the new Senior



Pastor of LaGrange First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, GA (an hour and a half SW of Atlanta). Trish will be a 9th Grade Math teacher at LaGrange High School, and they

are enjoying their new home there.



In the meantime, their daughter Jennifer (Anne's great granddaughter) and granddaughter Hannah Prosba (Anne's great-great granddaughter) still live near Pittsburgh, PA, where Jennifer is finishing her Senior year at the California

University of PA. Brian recently baptized Hannah (picture attached of Jennifer, Zach and Hannah), and is now 7 months old, crawling and keeping her mother and father (Zach Prosba) busy. (see additional picture)"  
Brian Germano

**FROM GYANNE GERMANO SMITH**

I have lived down here in the Ft Lauderdale area (Plantation,FL) for over a year now and am loving it. I'm 15 minutes away from daughter Cindy and son-in-law Gregg. I have a spacious 2 bedroom apt. with nice screened and windowed balcony at Covenant Village, a faith based independent living community. I enjoy so many activities here: Fitness, swimming, art workshop, entertainment, etc. I have had 2 shows in the Art Gallery and appreciate all the opportunities here to display my artwork.

I celebrated my 80th birthday in April and daughters Cindy and Kelly gave me a lovely party with relatives and new friends attending. I just returned from a wonderful visit with brother Don and Sara Mac in Georgia. I love their new mountain home in beautiful Sky Valley, GA.

Soon I'll be off again. This time to visit my old friends in Jacksonville whom I've not seen since moving.

I feel really blessed to be living here with so many opportunities and wonderful friends (and one happens to be a gentleman friend)!  
Love to you all and God bless.  
Gyanne

**HELLO FAMILY,**

The reunion was great!! I love seeing family and visiting! Richard and I spent the week in Evansville visiting family. Richard also took in two Otters games. He loves watching the Evansville baseball team.

It was wonderful seeing Dad, Karen and John. Karen and Dad came over to Dad's and we played many games of Rummikub!!! We can't leave Evansville without a box of flip-overs and a meal at Gracie's! Sue Swope even joined us at Gracies!!

The drive is getting harder for us and this year was worse. So much construction and our 12 hour drive took 14 hours. Richard swears we will split the drive up into two days from now on.

Our family is spreading out and it's harder to keep up with everyone, but family is important. Please send something for the newsletters and try to schedule your vacation to make the reunion next year.

Paula Sue Swope from Texas

**FROM JEANINE RIGGS**

Hard to believe that it has been more than a year that Richard died. His family misses him. He died June 15, 2014, Fathers Day. I like to think that he knows how his family continues to grow with our oldest great-grandchild being 14 and the youngest being 7 months, Abigail Winter being our tenth great-grandchild. With grandchildren scattered from Evansville, Newburgh, Indianapolis, Avon, and Danville, Indiana, and Granville, Ohio, and Brussels, Belgium, I appreciate Facebook so I can see first smiles, teeth, turning over, steps, swimming lessons, and pictures from trips, the prom, etc.

As families grow, they look for new, larger homes, continue to be active in academics, lego robotics, band, sports, and younger grandchildren now starting college. Richard always stayed up-to-date on farm and dairy information. We knew that agricultural products were one area that kept the United States export market balanced. It is upsetting how the politicians play games with our products and our income!

Our area has had an abundance of rain this year. If your planted farmland has been underwater, you have lost your crop, but if it is

higher and well drained land, the crops look very good. However, as Richard would say, you can't count it until it is harvested.

At the Swope Reunion, watching pictures from the past, I remember Richard talking about the cousin get-togethers and making home-made ice cream from the good Jersey cream. He always liked his ice cream. I am thankful for a wonderful supportive family, a good supportive Blue Grass Church family, and lots and lots of good memories!

Jeanine Riggs

### **FROM KAREN SWOPE**

Not much has changed with me. I'm still working at Springleaf. I sure wish I could afford to retire, but I don't see that happening anytime soon.

My oldest child, Megan, will be getting out of the Navy in September. Her ship, the USS Porter, went to Rota Spain in April. Rota will be the home port for The Porter. They used to be in Norfolk, VA. She has gotten to see a lot of the world while she was in the Navy. But she has done her six years and is ready to get on with her life. She plans on going back to college.

My youngest, Will, just finished a two week training in Virginia for the Army Reserves. He has reenlisted so he must enjoy it. He has moved back in with me after trying it out on his own for awhile.

Leela, my cat just had a check up and is doing well. She is six years old now. She keeps me company and has been a nice addition to the family. Megan brought her home about three years ago because one of her sailor friends was being sent somewhere that they couldn't have the cat. I said no at first, but then ended us saying yes. I guess I'm kind of glad I did.

Sure wish we could see more family come to the family reunion. You never know when it may be the last time we see each other.

Karen

### **FROM CLIPPINGER RD**

My companion Angel (9 years old) got sick and had to be put down. But I went to Ratbone Rescues and now I have a new companion. Bella is 6 years old and I think she has had a rough life. But we have bonded and everything is going well.

Paula, Richard and Chanel were here as house guests during the Swope reunion. Chanel is Paula's little pooch. I only wish more of the Swope clan would attend. I am moving the second yearly addition of the news letter to just before the reunion, hoping that will help.

I am still in fairly good health. Was in the hospital for a couple of days last year, but I'm doing well now. I guess I should be happy for I'm 86 years old now. Where does the time go? It seems to get farther to the floor every year. I have someone cut grass for me and I have a lady that cleans house for me at two week intervals.

Been in this house for thirteen years now, again where does the time go? The house next door has now its fourth occupants. Am I a bad neighbor and chase them away?

Paula, Karen and John are doing fine. I'm not going to do a write up for them they must do it themselves.

That's all from here.

Paul

### **FROM LEISURE LANE**

Greetings from the two old timers on Leisure Lane. We live a very unexciting life here. Our big happening, or harpings in July were having to have work done on our car, having to call in a computer expert to get rid of a virus and having to replace our 20 + year old television. Gene was impressed that the new flat screen only weighed 20 lbs. when the old one was about 250 lbs. Modern technology!

We made the family reunion but for one reason or another none of our family were able to come. Paul Gene puts so much work into it I wish we could have a bigger turnout, those of us who were there enjoyed visiting with each other.

One excitement this summer has been our Moon flower bush. I wasn't familiar with the Moonflower at all until we moved here. Our gardener here gave me some plants this spring; we gave all but one away and planted it in a container where it has bloomed all summer. It is setting seed pods now so if anyone is interested in some seeds let me know.

Earlier this summer our daughter Katie visited from Bloomington, she had been tied up finding a new apartment and moving so hadn't been able to

visit for a while. Our oldest son, Ted will be in this week for a visit. He and his family live in Ardmore outside of Philadelphia. Ted works in Maryland and Penny retired from teaching. Both of their children live in Ardmore also. Julia has two boys, Zion and Leon and Jake and his wife Lorie have the newest addition to our family, eight month old Sevilla Rose. Lorie is very good about keeping us up to date on Sevillas progress but we still would love to hold her. Computer pictures and videos are great but nothing like a real baby!

Grant has semi retired now which means he won't be doing taxes and will cut down on his other work load. We were at Grant and Carlas home Sunday for a birthday cookout and party for his two daughters, Eva who was 5 and Ella who was 9. Meg was able to spend the afternoon with her son Logan.

Nancy and Gene Glackman.

Nancy came up with this. In the A. E. Swope family originally there were 30 First Cousins. As of now there are 12 Left. Makes a person that is left think.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

#### REUNION

The reunion last month was at Stoll's and it seemed to go well and everyone seemed satisfied. Please let me know if the last Saturday in July is a problem and we will try some other date. There were about 21 in attendance. Strolls require that we have 25 people to insure that the room is private. Although they did not put other diners in the room this time, they may.

See the web page at [www.swopes.org/reunion.htm](http://www.swopes.org/reunion.htm) there are pictures. I put some of the 2015 reunion pictures on the web site. If you would like to see more pictures or print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

#### ADDRESS

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. If you want the latest list let me know and I will get you one. Please try and keep the list up to date. If any of your family needs to be added let me know.

#### ACCOUNTING

The Swope News letter costs approximately \$120 a year for two issues to print and send. If we

don't have full 8 pages it is somewhat less. We have \$801 in the checking account. Things were a little hectic this time and we never got around to collecting any money for the mailing. With the money we have I see no problem.

Anyone wishing to audit the check book and account is welcome. If you would like a copy of the account sheet I can email it or snail mail it to you. I will have a copy of the accounting sheet at the reunion.

#### NEWS LETTER

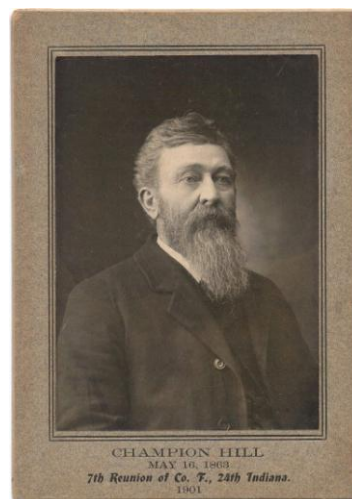


We have decided to a two a year news letter cycle. They will go out in January, and July before the reunion. (Second one August this year.) I always need articles of family interest to keep the family up to date. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required.

If anyone wants the job of editor I will gladly give it up. All you need to do is ask.

I now have News Letters printed and stapled at the UPS store. It is easier that way and they can print it cheaper than I can. Remember if you have missed an issue all are on the Swope web site. I still print the address mailing sheet, I may figure out a way they can print that too.

It seems that we get less input for the news letter each time for publishing. If there is not more interest shown I will suggest that we quit publishing. Then there is a problem of closing the checking account, who gets the money left?



A. A. Swope at Co. F. 24<sup>th</sup> Indiana Reunion.