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1870-1955

# SWOPE NEWS



Kate Swope  
1870-1939

## 2017 Reunion????



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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### Kathryn Tracy (Katie) Glackman



Kathryn Tracy (Katie)  
Glackman

Bloomington, Ind.

Katie Glackman passed away at her home in Bloomington January 27, 2016. Katie was born in Watertown, Wis., Aug 14, 1956.

She was a graduate of Elberfeld Grade School, Tecumseh High School and had a Masters Degree from

I.U. Katie worked several years in Bedford, Ind., as a state social worker. She was an avid I.U. basketball fan.

Survivors are parents, Gene and Nancy Glackman, of Evansville; sisters, Meg Glackman and Laurie Glackman, of Evansville; brothers, Ted (Penny), of Ardmore, Pa., and Grant (Carla), of Evansville; nephews, Jacob Glackman, Logan Moore and Gavin Glackman; nieces, Julia Glackman, Eva Glackman-Bapst and Ella Glackman. Katie also leaves her beloved service dog, Kiwani.

Private services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to PAAWS Box 115 Newburgh, IN 47629 or Another Chance for Animals Box 4336 Evansville, IN 47724.

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### FROM TEXAS

Hello Family,

What a great reunion! If you weren't there, you missed a good time. Sure missed seeing Susie Swope and her family, Uncle Dan and Aunt Mava Rogers, and others that didn't make it. Please mark your calendar for next year!

Richard and I drove up and stayed a week with Dad (Paul Swope). I was able to spend time with my sister (Karen Swope), my brother (John Swope) and my nephew (Will Yoder, Karen's son).

Texas is back to being hot and dry. No grass to mow when we arrived home! I had lots of people helping me feeding horses and cats while we were gone and I'm thankful to have such good friends.

It was a wonderful vacation, but I'm glad to be home and getting back into my routine!

Working a lot of horse shows as secretary this year. There's a break in the summer and my first show back will be the end of August. I have a lot of fun working the different shows, seeing different types of horses and meeting people.

Today is my first day home, so I'm catching up with laundry, mail, e-mails and housework.

Love to all, Paula Sue Swope  
Texas

### **FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD**

Back a few years ago when they were about ready to tear down what was left of the old Swope homestead, I went down and rescued a bunch of bricks from the floor of the old silo.

Then in 2004 when we were having the old Church refurbished, they were looking for bricks to close up some holes. The holes were from the old AC systems that were out dated and being removed. We were having new furnaces and modern AC systems installed.

We found that the old bricks from the silo matched the bricks in the old church. So the brick layers that were patching the holes used those old bricks that I had rescued.

Now I only have two of the old bricks from the silo left.

Paul Swope

### **FROM AUGUSTA, GA**

2016 is flying by for our family! Since January's newsletter update, our son, Fuller, completed his Junior year of high school. He and his lovely girlfriend, Kelly, had a wonderful time together at the prom! Fuller also did an amazing job as the three lead male roles including "Aslan the Lion", in his community ballet company's 31st performance of C.S. Lewis' The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. For the coming year, though, he has decided to leave the company and will only dance in performances through school. This will give him time to focus on his continuing passion for playing disc golf, and also to join a local youth hand-bell and singing choir. As he starts his Senior year, he's preparing for college by taking the ACT and SAT tests, and visiting different campuses in Georgia.

Our daughter, Lily, completed her first year at Covenant College near Chattanooga, TN. She made the Dean's List both semesters, and accrued enough hours to be officially listed as a Junior! She is excited to be returning at the end of August to live in an on-campus apartment, where she can cook vegetarian meals for herself, instead of having to eat in the cafeteria. She has spent most of her time this summer preparing for publication on Amazon.com, a book of her own poetry and art! She is also planning to change one of her minors from secondary education, to art. Her major is

English with a concentration in writing, and she is continuing with her second minor in TESOL.

Both Lily and Fuller have helped Jerry and I with our ever-busy interior design business over the summer. We all enjoyed a week's break during July in the much cooler mountains of Sky Valley, GA, where my parents have a second home. Our other big event of the summer was all of us helping my best friend put on a wedding for her oldest daughter. Jerry helped with the flowers, I with the food, and the kids with prep and cleanup! It was lovely, but we have a new appreciation for letting the professionals handle things - very much worth the expense!

I hope all of you and your families are well, and will continue to be blessed the remainder of the year!

Amy Germano Tice for Jerry, Amy, Lily, and Fuller Tice

### **FROM TENNESSEE**

Hi all! Doing well. Me and Damon are roofing in San Antonio, TX for at least next two months. Hail storms mean good money! My now 18 yr old son Blake graduated in may from Marion county high school. He graduated with 5 college credits in computer applications. Brianna is doing well. She is studying nursing at Virginia tech. Trouble is 17 now and lil rowdy keeps him young. We still live in Ooltewah, TN.

From Jamie Loyd

### **LEISURE LANE**

Greetings from the old folks on Leisure Lane. We lost our daughter Katie in January. We were shocked because it was unexpected; Grant and Laurie took care of all the loose ends in Bloomington and Logan helped by bringing some of her belongings back. Laurie was able to find a good home for Katie's service dog. In April we had a private family service and buried her ashes at Oak Hill cemetery by Gene's Mother and his Grandparents. Ted and Penny were able to fly in for the ceremony; It's still hard to believe that she's gone. We weren't meant to outlive our children.

I've been sidelined most of the summer with a stress fracture of the kneecap. It has been extremely painful and the Dr. said it must heal on it's own. The last two months have been spent in

my lift chair or wheelchair. Gene has had the task of nursemaid besides all his other jobs.

Our oldest grandson, Jake and his wife Lorie and daughter Sevi spent a long weekend here in May. We hadn't seen Sevi before and are convinced that there couldn't be a cuter or sweeter great-granddaughter anywhere! She will be two in Nov .and is a very busy little girl.

Gene has provided transportation (wheelchair) all summer so I have been able to keep up my Happy Hooker work..I've lost count of the number of hats and scarves I've crouched. That and reading have helped pass the time. The library has sponsored a Book Club here at our club house. We meet once a month and all read and discuss an assigned book.

All the rain and Gene's constant care have keep out flowers, in pots and in window boxes, looking good this summer. This is the second year we have moon flowers and have enjoyed them.

We have two indoor cats now, Butterscotch who we adopted from Meg when she went in the nursing home and Tabatha who we brought in from the back porch cats and had spayed and given shots this spring. they get along well and are a constant source of entertainment for old people. We still feed two outdoor cats, a Siamese and a young orange male. They were both feral cats but Gene has them so tame that they let him groom them now.

This fall we're looking forward to a visit from Ted and Penny in Oct. And Gene has signed up for the next Honor flight to Washington D.C. Grant is planning to go with him, we hope we can iron all the problems out.

I think we all owe a big thanks to my brother for getting this Newsletter together and also for spearheading the family reunion every year! Thanks Paul Gene!!!  
Nancy Glakman

### **FROM WINTER HAVEN, FL . . .**

We've had an interesting year with a couple of nice trips and a couple of conventions/reunions.

Last fall we visited Vicksburg (MS) Military Park. It is in the National Park system. Vicksburg was one of the important battles in the Civil War. The park is within the city limits of

Vicksburg and contains the battleground of the siege, monuments for the various Union and Confederate army units and memorials that various states that their government contributed to the area. It also has an 'Ironclad' riverboat the Union used in the Civil war. The park reminds me of the time when there were a lot of woods around the McCutchanville area with hilly roads and shady areas. The lines of siege for both armies are laid out both with markers and pamphlets attained at the visitor center. One of the more interesting state memorial/monuments was Illinois. It had a classic domed building that was open. On the inside walls were bronze plaques for all the soldiers from IL that participated in the Siege of Vicksburg. Our son, Allen, has become quite interested in those battles.

This year we took a 'round robin' trip encompassing FL, AL, IN, OH, TN, GA and back. Allen wanted to see Fort Morgan on the eastern part of Mobile, AL bay. We had to go through Gulf Shores, AL to get there (which was a traffic nightmare on 4 Jul weekend). The Fort was used during the Civil War, WWI and WWII eras. It was interesting as maintained by the state of AL. I was surprised we could see oil wells drilled in Mobile Bay. The Fort had lookouts and shore gun emplacements incorporated in it.

After we left Fort Morgan we drove on to Evansville to visit our niece Marcia McCutchan and eat at Wolf's. Judy, Allen and Marcia really enjoy their ribs. I like their lemon meringue pie. We had an enjoyable evening there dodging a rain storm during that time.

Leaving there we drove up the new I-69 to Washington, IN and drove across country stopping at French Lick for a while. Since we had visited Spring Mill fairly recently we decided to go on through south IN toward Dayton. We stopped in Columbus, IN to tour the Bakalar Air Museum at their airport. I flew C-119s from there in the mid-70s before the aircraft were taken for conversion to gunships during the Vietnam era. It was an interesting museum and brought back memories of the base there. They also have information there about Camp Attabury. During this time, I flew the various aircraft in that unit from 1967 through 1977 (after it moved to Grissom AFB, IN).

We spent 4 days in Dayton at a helicopter unit reunion of mine – the Pedro Rescue Helicopter Association (HH-43). We had around 70 crewmembers that flew during the 10+ years that the helicopter was used. It was the first USAF helicopter in Southeast Asia used for rescue of air crew members. In 2012 I learned that one of my (our unit's replacement pilots) was shot down in fall of 1965, captured and imprisoned in the Hanoi Hilton for seven years. Then this year a pilot that I flew with in Thailand spoke about his participation in the effort to recover some of those POWs in North Vietnam. We also visited the USAF Museum at Wright-Patterson for a day.

During that time there in Dayton Judy met up with and visited a lady that she had been confirmed with at Concordia Lutheran Church on Stringtown. They had not seen each other for over 61 years. As you can imagine they had a LOT to talk about.

After leaving Dayton it was Allen's turn to go to places he wanted to see. We stopped at Mammoth Cave to revisit the area we hadn't visited in years. Wow, was it crowded. Allen & Judy walked down to the cave and back. Suggestion if anyone visits there this summer is to get there early and reserve a time for a tour. Because this is the Park Service's 100<sup>th</sup> all of the parks are quite busy.

After leaving the KY area we again traveled cross country avoiding the interstates and Nashville and proceeded to Chattanooga. There we went to Lookout Mt. and Allen & Judy walked through the park there.

Allen found a couple of places in Georgia to visit then the next couple of days. One in Columbus, GA was the center of the Confederate Naval Yard building area. The museum there had several recovered boats there that were interesting along with a multitude of artifacts. After leaving there we were close to Ft. Benning so we visited the US Army Infantry Museum. The entry area takes a person through the history of the army (infantry) from its start.

We finally got home after a week and a half of traveling. It was good to have Allen along to take care of some of the driving as he & I took turns driving or 'navigating.' Unfortunately for Judy she was relegated to being the back seat

driver this trip. When we got back to the house we were welcomed to an 88 degree inside temperature. Our A/C had gone on the fritz. After calling our service company they said they were quite busy. Then the guy asked if we had a contract with them after finding that out he said that someone would be out that afternoon. Luckily for us it was fixed in rather short order.

And now we just have such beautiful and HOT weather with rain almost every afternoon. Our retention pond at the entrance to the development is almost over its bank and flowing into the adjacent small lake. It is the most water we have seen in that pond since moving here in 2005.

Hope everyone else is having a good summer. So long from FL.

Neil McCutchan, Judy & Allen

### THE LAWTONS

Hello from the Lawton's: Kim and Tim; John and Kathleen; Kyle, Shalee and Brooklynn

Florida is hot right now, much like the rest of the country. Tim and I are settling in and loving our pool! Kyle, Shalee and Brooklynn are happy and busy in Evansville and John and Kathleen are expecting a Christmas angel in southern Florida. They are house hunting and hope to be moved in before baby comes. WOW!!!! I will have two granddaughters!



Brooklynn is getting big! She visited Disney World for the first time and we went to Evansville for her first birthday. She knows what she likes, mainly shoes and her daddy! Our family continues to grow and grow.

I got a part time job at Walt Disney World. It is different than anything I have ever done. I am learning all about the restaurant business. I am a seater at 1900 Park Fare, a restaurant at the Grand Floridian Resort on property. I see lots of little princesses and pirates. And I meet lots of interesting Guests. It is very interesting and fun. I really love creating Magic!

Here's to hoping everyone has a blessed rest of the year!

### **FROM GYANNE GERMANO SMITH**

Hi to all. My daughter Kelly Meahl and hubby have just moved to a new address:

26724 White Plains Way  
Leesburg, FL 34748

She is enjoying a less stressful job now and she and Rick are happy to be away from the big city life (Orlando). Their daughter Sarah Meahl is performing on Broadway in "Paramour", fulfilling her life time dream . She has the second female lead and is understudy for THE lead and has gone on as the lead 4 times already receiving a standing ovation! Parents and Grand mommy Gyanne are very proud!!

Grandson Joshua Bibliowicz and girlfriend Bethany are now officially engaged! More exciting news!

I am going with friends soon on a trip to Upper Michigan 20 miles from the Canadian border where my friend has a cabin. Can't wait!! Cousins.... stay in health and God bless! Gyanne  
Cgyanne Smith  
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### **FROM RIGGS**

The Stoll's Buffet food was good and it was good to see so many Swope family members! I had my youngest daughter Nancy Richards and grandson Austin Richards there and we used it as an excuse to get together for four of our daughters and a grandson. Fifth daughter, Jeanne Winter, was working at a Special Needs Camp near Bloomington. It was great to hear of past get-togethers, making homemade ice cream, and how families are now scattered. Appreciate how Paula and Richard always make it up from Texas. Thanks, Paul Gene, for all you do to keep us updated and organized. Nancy and Jeff are parents of our youngest grandchildren-Austin is at Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology, Cameron is at Purdue University, leaving Evan, our youngest still in high school. We are expecting our eleventh great-grandchild this November! Rich has been gone two years now and I still miss him.

Heard that the Elnora France house sold. It had sheltered that family for a long time and I am sure it had many good memories in it. The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation will be

building a new school where their soccer fields and baseball field are next to the McCutchanville Community Park. We are fearful of all the traffic that will generate. We are getting so much more now from all the housing developments now. We have Creekside Meadows, Carrington, Carrington Meadows, Stonecrest, Bridlewood, Breckenridge, and Eagle Crossing. Then from McCutchanville Church over toward Highway 57, is another bunch of housing developments. No wonder they need another school! I'm sure that family members who had the foresight to develop McCutchanville Park would be pleased to see how much it is used for youth playing soccer and baseball. Yes, I've been there to see grandchildren play soccer and even a great-grandson play baseball.

With Indiana now providing kindergarten, the churches are providing preschool programs. Blue Grass' Vacation Bible Experience had almost 300 youngsters attend. I'm pleased to see our area church preschools busy with so many kids whose parents think it important to give them a good start. The county fair just finished. It was hot, as usual, and it rained, as usual. My sister-in-law Lois Riggs and I reminisced about the many good memories we had from past fairs. She made it to the fair, I did not. We both agreed it used to be a lot easier to walk!

We have had plenty of rain this year (wish we could share some with Texas) and corn and soybeans look really good unless they have been under water. Looks like we will have record yields this year. Sure makes keeping up with the yard mowing hard. I'm lucky to have daughters Pat Marcum and Jan Weiss come to do most of the mowing and sometimes a son-in-law or two and even a great-grandson. Things sure do look different around here. Guess change is inevitable.

Blessings to all,  
Jeanine Riggs

## Those Signed in at the 2016 Reunion

1. Jan Weiss
2. Ann White
3. Jeanine Riggs
4. Austin Richards
5. Patty Marcum
6. Nancy Richards
7. Paula S. Swope
8. Nancy Swope Glackman
9. Gene Glackman
10. Paul Swope
11. Laurie Glackman
12. Meg Glakman
13. Logan Moore
14. Cummy Moolison
15. Malik
16. DiShore
17. Samoria
18. Anthony Marcum
19. Patty Marcum
20. Kerry France
21. Audrey France
22. Richard Ratley
23. Karen Swope
24. Evelyn France
25. Kathy Speiker
26. Sarah Swope
27. Miah
28. Raylee
29. John Swope
30. Harlan Swope

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### REUNION

The reunion this year, 2016, was a success. My count was that there were 30 in attendance.

If you would like to see pictures or print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

I do not know if I can continue working the reunion and news letter. Someone should take over if we wish to continue.

### 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 \$668 in the checking account. We did not collect money this reunion. 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 mails 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 then August after the reunion. 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. I receive some pictures for the news letter. I try and put them in but when they go in they must be black and white. Printing them in color would be cost prohibitive. If you would like to see them in color you can see them on the web site at "News Letters".

If the news letter is to keep going someone needs to step forward and take over.

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, although they went from 6 cents a page to 10 cents a page. 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.