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1870-1955

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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



Floyd L. Riggs, 74, of Evansville, died at his home after a long illness, surrounded by his loving family on Friday, November 19, 2004. Floyd was born on February 24, 1930, in Evansville.

Services were at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 24, at

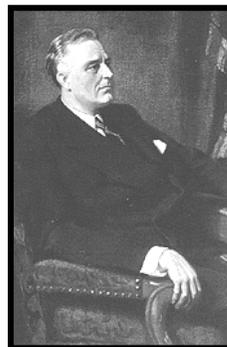
Blue Grass United Methodist Church, with the Reverend Doug Heiman officiating. Burial was in Blue Grass Cemetery.

## TRIBUTE to F.D.R.

October 2004



Gyanne and Charley took me recently to Warm Springs, Georgia, where I renewed my admiration for the President who meant so much to me. Of course, he had his enemies and of course, he made mistakes, but what president doesn't? There in that fairly new museum which houses his simple



home when visiting Warm Springs, I could almost feel his presence. There were no elaborate or expensive furnishings as one might expect in the home of a president, just simple and utilitarian things as might be found in any home of the time. The only item which showed expense was the specially

designed car which he was able to drive. I was touched by the case of hundreds of canes, no doubt given him

by well wishers. We all came away with a renewed admiration for a great president. Why isn't his face among those on Mt. Rushmore?

Back in the '30's at the time of the Big Depression, many banks failed and many people lost all they had. There were many suicides of people who had lost everything. But President Roosevelt restored order closing banks and initiating many programs that helped financially strapped people. Guy and I were among those. Fresh out of college in 1930, I had been able to get a measly job as a high school teacher in a one horse town in Ohio at the princely sum of \$100 a

month. From that I paid room and board, clothes, and transportation back home at Christmas and years end. I endured it for four long years!

Meanwhile, Guy could find only temporary teaching jobs. No longer willing to wait, we married in '34, no jobs, no prospects. Then came Roosevelt's first big help for us in initiating Adult Education Classes. Guy got a job in one. What a blessing it was! We were able to move into an apartment in Evansville in what used to be the old Cook home (of Cook's beer fame). I walked with him of evenings and listened as he taught.

A few months later, Guy applied for and received another of Roosevelt's jobs as Educational Advisor at a CCC Camp in Worthington, Indiana. They boys in the camp were mostly from the poverty stricken homes of Kentucky. I believe their parents received \$20 a month for their sons' services, clearing and building roads, parks and bridges, cutting trees etc. While the boys, besides room and board, got a small salary for expenses. Guy was the only civilian on the staff. The others were army officers. It was a great life for us and our two children, Don who was born in '39 and Gyanne was 4.

When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Roosevelt declared war on Japan and all the CCC officers scattered to various army camps. Guy applied for and got a job as a Red Cross Administrator at Buckingham Air Field in Ft Myers, Florida. After he served two months training, we moved to Florida. It was a whole new and exciting life for us, even in the midst of war.

We listened with pride and confidence as Roosevelt led us through the terrible days of WW. II. We were living on the army base in a "two wide trailer" surrounded by other army officers and their families, when I heard on the radio on April 12, 1945 the sad death of Pres. Roosevelt in Warm Springs. I remember listening about the funeral train bearing his body back to Washington, tears running down my cheeks. A great President, a great man, had left us. He had done much for the country—and for us!

Aunt Isabel McKeeby

(Born 1908 – 96 years old -Editor)

## TRIP SOUTH

Oct 30th I returned from a month long travel in the South, including stops in Alabama-4days--- then on to visit Anne McKeeby near Atlanta. We enjoyed the brief but good visit. She is well, and was crossing her fingers for the upcoming Presidential Election!!

On to Florida for two weeks, several days camping at Ft DeSoto on Tampa Bay--then on to Indian Rocks Beach for another week.

Altered "normal" direct route home by traveling west through Alabama--on to find the Natchez Trace in mid Mississippi. This road is very peaceful and beautifully scenic-and NO TRUCKS. The Trace angles North-East to Nashville.

Two days in Nashville--one spent enjoying the beautiful Opryland Hotel and all it's lush gardens and flowers.

Finally pulled the r.v. into the drive way and discovered that we had missed the beautiful Ind. fall weather. It really felt like winter.. oh well... back to reality... Oh forgot... I also had a good visit with Dotsie..We had lunch and caught up on family events....

Pat Bowyer and Lois

## FROM GYANNE

Our Florida branch of the family is fine, all having survived the hurricanes without any more than power outages and much debris.

Charlie and I were actually on a trip out West during "Frances" but left our house boarded up. We flew to Denver and joined a tour visiting Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Yellowstone Nat. Park, Jackson Hole, the Tetons, Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon Parks and other sites along the way. What a beautiful country we have!

Our daughter Kelly and husband Rick celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary Nov. 2nd. Cindy and Gregg celebrate their 21st on the 25th.

We are proud of our grandchildren who are all excelling in school. Cindy's son Joshua is a senior this year and is working toward becoming a Pharmacist. He has worked part time in a pharmacy in his spare time. His brother Ben is 12 now and spent 2 weeks with us last summer.

Kelly's daughter Sarah ,14, always wins awards at dance competitions. Last summer at the Myrtle Beach competition she was one of a few girls chosen to model dancewear for the dance catalogue. She has been in commercials for Disney, Universal, Siemens and others. She is getting quite an impressive resume.

I am painting watercolors, volunteering at church, still doing Aquarobics 3 times a week and also work part time (fill-in) at the club where I do the aquarobics.

We hope all our Indiana kin are doing well. Love to all,

Gyanne Germano Smith (Anne Isabelle's daughter)

### **ENJOYING HURRICANES**

As some of you may know the U.S. has a hurricane season. We now have had the opportunity to enjoy three 'rides' through FL's latest entertainment attraction. In Winter Haven Charley, Frances, and Jeanne have visited us. All of this has occurred in a six-week period. Such a deal. Well, many here have resorted to the use of humor to keep us at an even keel. Judy & I saw this on a Walgreen's sign: "Florida: the plywood state." That sums it up fairly well. There have been many other expressions borne from the hurricanes.

Charley was the first to visit. It was a bit unexpected as there were indications that it would hit closer to Tampa area. It made a turn into the lower west coast and we didn't really have that much time to get ready for it. The eye itself went just to the west of us about 10-15 miles.

The day it came in Allen was called up for hurricane duty and he rode Charley out in the Bartow Airport Guard Armory. Judy & I put some foam cushions in the 'center' bathroom, put down some sheets and spent the night in there. The winds were something else. We didn't have a chance to board up the windows so we could look out. The trees were shaking and bent over. We lost electricity fairly early in that storm. Throughout the storm we were hearing different sounds and couldn't figure out what they all were. After the winds went down some we went outside to look around. The house next to us has an avocado tree and all of them had fallen (there sure

were a lot and a hazard to walk around). Also found that our wood privacy fence was blown down in the storm. Electricity was off about three days for us. My nephew, David Dauble, in Clearwater took sympathy on us and sent over a generator he had that we used for two days.

Charley was hard on much of Florida. Many large and small cities have sustained major damage because of it. Punta Gorda, Arcadia, Wachula, Fort Meade and Lake Wales were in it track as it came north through the interior. Many people's homes had roofs blown off literally or shingles. Those with manufactured homes had the most damage.

Charley was a 'blow hard.' The winds were the worst part of the storm. While there was wind it went through the area fairly quickly and the storm didn't cover as much of an area as the other storms of the season. Allen ended up pulling around two week duty at Ft. Meyers.

Frances was next and she took forever to transit the state. This storm was a BIG storm in area. There was more time to prepare for it. We also were able to get a generator to use in case (a good buy this year). Allen had gotten off active duty for the Guard about a week before Frances. Judy, Allen & I prepared the home a bit more by boarding up some of the windows. Allen was again called up and his unit drove immediately down to the Miami area to ride out land-fall. Then they went to Port St. Lucie and stayed about a week.

Judy and I rode out Frances in our study. The window was boarded up so we were confident that nothing would come in there. We had foam cushions on the floor we slept on for the night. We lost electricity late in the evening/morning and it was out for a day or so.

Frances was all about rain. There was a lot of it. It filled up the area lakes quite full and started flooding around the different rivers. There was some damage in the area but not as much as there was on the east coast where it came ashore (about where Allen went after the storm). We had no damage other than a few more limbs come down.

Ivan was next for Florida (and Allen). While Ivan didn't do any wind damage here we got some rain from it and that added to the two previous filled all of the retention ponds and put more

water in the lakes. It set the area up for more flooding. Allen went to Panama City for this storm and was gone a week. They didn't get off between Frances and Ivan.

Jeanne was next. Allen and his unit was relieved at Panama City and drove down Friday and Saturday before the storm. We hadn't taken down the plywood from the windows so we went out and bought extra plywood for the back windows since this storm seemed a bit more powerful. We were able to get all but the small bath window covered. Allen was home for this 'blow.' Saturday night the winds came in and the RAIN. My rain guage over flowed so there had to be over 5" of rain. Jeanne was rain, wind and small tornados throughout the area as it went through. It took almost the same path as Frances but in the beginning they were saying it would go up the east coast.

We had little damage. Homes around us have shingles off. The retirement community across the main road from us was flooded after Jeanne. Many homes have pretty new blue, plastics roofs. Roofing contractors have over a years work in Florida. In all we survived. We had to replace some circuit breakers, our washer and will have to put up a new fence.

We have started our fall schedules. Judy is subbing in schools. She is busy most days. I've picked up teaching public speaking at Keiser College in Lakeland. Allen is finally back to work at Penny's distribution center. Hope the rest of you are OK.  
Neil & Judy

### FROM PHILADELPHIA

We are all fine here and hope all is well in E'ville. Julia's baby will be 5 months old on Tuesday (10/5) and is as cute as can be! Ted is working hard and still plays basketball every week and Jake is cooking at one of Philly's best restaurants. That's the news from Philly!

Take care,  
Penny Glackman

### HELLO FAMILY

Well, winter is coming and I sure hate to see it, but we enjoy summer so much more because of it.

Everyone here is doing well. Richard's youngest son gave us another grandson this year. We now have 4 grandbabies and we are so proud of them.

Tim is still in the military and is stationed in Virginia at Arlington Cemetery. He just finished his schooling and will be transferred next month to Texas as a recruiter. We were so excited to have him closer, but he will be in Midland, which is 7 plus hours from here. Still a long way! Ric is still a police officer in a town close to us and we enjoy seeing him and his kids.

I am resigning my position in the library at Trinity Valley Community College Nov 30th. The hours are awful and I can't seem to get my horses worked, so I am trying to get a position at the local public school that is 1 1/2 miles from our driveway. That seems so appealing to me, being able to walk to work! LOL

Our friends from Mississippi will be coming in for Thanksgiving and I'm really looking forward to that. We had an Arizona cowboy here giving horsemanship clinics, lessons and roping lessons this last month and that was so much fun. I learned more about myself and my techniques and I hope I can use my newfound wisdom to train my 3 young horses. I now have 5 horses and Richard has 2.

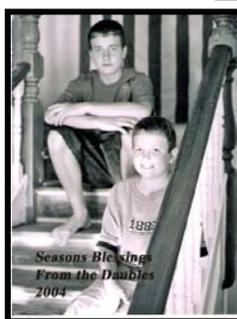
I'm hoping to get to Evansville during the holidays. I'm not sure if I will get up there before or after Christmas, but I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Richard is working on a cookbook of his favorite recipes and writing family stories and poems with each one. He will be giving these to our family and friends for Christmas. This is really a labor of love and has turned into a good size project, but I'm sure it will be worth it once it is completed.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Paula Sue Swope and Richard Rately, Texas

### THE DAUBLE'S



Merry Christmas to All and may the Holidays bring you bountiful blessings!!

David, Mary Beth, Bailey, and Christian

## SCHLOTTMANN

Good grief Charlie Brown, I wonder where the time goes. We stay so busy.



First off check out the picture. It is Jared Mykael Macias (who is really loving Christmas) and Manfred Schlottmann decorating for Christmas. We have downsized our tree and decorations due to getting to old to mess with it, and look forward to more reading, making things for Christmas, etc.

I have cheated and already received my Christmas presents this year. (another advantage in getting old) My new car is a Scion and at 35 miles to the gallon I am in love with it. I gave my Ford Expedition (only a year old) to my husband and told him Merry Christmas. I just was ready for the smaller car and can always jump in the big one when I feel threatened. Jared and I really love it though. We are collecting for Toy for Tots this week and Saturday are meeting at the dealership and doing a caravan to Austin to meet with all other Scion drivers. Stupid to some but just a great way to collect toys for kids.

My youngest boy (still 30 at that) also bought a Scion and we are laughing. I have almost 3,000 miles, he got his car two weeks after I did and he is just getting 800 on it and we are teasing him about all the mileage he will rack up going to Austin.

We were able to hand out over 83 Turkeys to the needy for Thanksgiving and had a food drive and now should be able to carry everyone through Christmas. That is really what it is all about, spending a lot of time stocking though and don't let anyone lie that isn't the fun part.

Jared is in daycare now (to give me time to regroup) and he is learning so much. Can be a typical boy but they say he is a pretty good kid. I know I really enjoy him, I think you get that way as you get older.

Anyway everyone have a great Christmas and remember that there is a reason for the season. Love to all  
Manfred and Jo Schlottmann and Jared Mykael Macias.

## THE KRAMERS

Dear Family: Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a love filled holiday. Our Thanksgiving was full and beautiful with our family. The only thing missing was Grandma's Plum Pudding and my nieces. Things in Montana are surprisingly warm this year, with us walking around with sweaters late in November. We are hoping for lots and lots of snow. (Skiing and snow pack for the summer)

The family continues to grow. We have a new Granddaughter Mindy now who was born a month ago and already weighs 10 pounds. The Grizzley's (University of Montana in Missoula) won their last game so are in the play offs, which means that I get some of the grandchildren on Saturday again, while the parents go to the game. Yea, Go Griz!

Everyone is growing and doing. Shannone just returned from CT. She spent three weeks there in training. K.C. and her two boys did very well, but they missed each other terribly. All are together again and very happy.

Shannone got a very nice promotion in her job at Smith Barney. We are very proud of her.

Things are busy at work and we have taken on a couple community projects during this time of year. I am busy sewing, painting and making for the family. Seems like no matter how early I start, I am still rushing to get many things done. I do love it though! Our family wishes the best to all of your during the holidays. Stay well and happy.

The Jack & Mary Helen Sosbe Kramers

## FROM PAUL

The biggest thing that has happened here in the last few months is that I lost Candy, my miniature rat terror. A sad time, she was my companion.

Every thing else is about the same except that I am into a lot more things at the church now. Building committee, keeping up the web site, and work details.

The Chapel work is near completion, only a few small things to be completed. If you ever went to McCutchanville church you should stop by and look at the chapel. I would be happy to give anyone a tour.  
Paul

your address. My email address is at the top of the news letter.

I send out family interest items from time to time by email.

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### **FROM THE EDITOR**

#### **REUNION**

The Swope Reunion has been set for July 16, 2005 at the McCutchanville Church. The new building program will be completed by that time and there will be no problems with access. (See building program at [www.mccutchanvillecc.org](http://www.mccutchanvillecc.org)). With the new sanctuary being done by then, the set up and take down will be much simpler.

Same as always a carry in dinner, sit to eat at noon, bring your own table wear. There will be lemonade and tea available.

Any ideas, help, or someone wanting to take over is welcome.

#### **ADDRESS**

Trying to keep address up to date, there is my latest list with the News Letter. Please try and keep me up to date. Any one you think should be added get the name and address to me.

#### **ACCOUNTING**

Also there is a page showing the standing of the Reunion account. Anyone wishing to audit the account would be welcome.

#### **NEWS LETTER**

As was decided at a reunion some time ago we are still on a three issue a year time table. The next issue will be in April 2005. I need articles in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages of news letter without any more postage required. If we get a lot of articles I can reduce the print size and get them all in.

#### **EMAIL**

All the family that is on the email list gets a copy of the family email addresses by email. At this time there are 51 on this list. If you have an email address and do not get the list by email, send me

## **HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**AND A  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

# Swope Newsletter Mailing List

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## ACCOUNTING from 17 July 2004 SWOPE REUNION

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

Cash Brought Forward from 2003				\$801.40
Date	Item	Who Spent	Amount	
	Ice	Church Ice Mach		
	Roll Table Cover	stock		
	Glue Pen, Name Badge, Tape	stock		
	Cups	stock		
	Streamers	stock		
	Napkins	stock		
	Plastic Forks & Knives	stock		
	Lemonade & Tea	Nancy		
	Paper Plates & Bowls	stock		
	Decorations	Nancy & Evelyn		
July 26, 04	Church for Meeting Hall	Check # 504	(\$50.00)	
Aug-2004	57 news letters (3 Double, 1 Single)	Paul Check # 505	(\$42.41)	
	57 Mailers			
	53 stamps			
Dec-2004	News letter budget		(\$46.74)	
Apr-2005	News letter budget		(\$46.74)	
	News letter budget			
	set on 9 pages @ 5c			
	and a 37c stamp=82c each			
	X 57 = \$46.74			
		TOTALS	(\$185.89)	(\$185.89)
		Donations from reunion 2004		\$172.00
		Donations after reunion		\$40.00
		Balance		\$827.51
		Cash Available For 2004		\$827.51

Reunion checking account stands at \$920.99