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1870-1955

# SWOPE NEWS

**2013 Reunion  
Saturday July 27  
Stoll's Evansville**



Kate Swope  
1870-1939



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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## OBITUARY



Doris Anne (McCutchan) Dauble, age 78, died September 9, 2012 in Indianapolis. Born and raised in Evansville, she was a 1951 graduate of Reitz High School. She was Assistant City Comptroller under Mayor Russell Lloyd, and

then moved to Florida in 1977, where she lived until moving to Indianapolis in 2011.

Dotsie was preceded in death by her husband Ronald E. Dauble in 1965; her son David E. Dauble in 2010; her brothers Harold and Ronald McCutchan; sisters Jane McCutchan and Marjorie Sosbe; and her parents Jason and Laura McCutchan.

She is survived by her daughter Leslie A. (Tim) Murphy of Indianapolis; Son Phillip (Lee) Dauble of South Carolina; Daughter-in-law Mary Beth Dauble of Clearwater, FL; Brothers Ross (Joyce) McCutchan of Evansville, and Neil (Judy) of Winter Haven, FL, and 5 grandsons.

Interment in Lutheran Cemetery

## HELLO FAMILY!!!

Since the last news letter, I traveled to Indiana to visit. Thanksgiving was wonderful, but the travel back was awful. I'll never travel on a Sunday after a holiday again. The drive from Indiana to Texas took 2 hours longer than normal. It was so tiring, but I made it home safe and sound.

It was such a great time and I celebrated my 61st birthday with people that love me and that I love. I started my trip to Indiana early and was able to see Megan while she was home from the Navy. What a blessing family is! It was so great seeing everyone and Will with his girlfriend. Life is so short and family is the corner stone of our whole life.

Love you all Family!!!!!!!

Paula Sue from TX

## HI EVERYBODY HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Did 2012 go by quickly for you? Can't believe it's December already!

I enjoyed a lovely garden wedding for my granddaughter Casie last June 10<sup>th</sup>. Paul Swope escorted me to the site at Audubon Park on a gorgeous day! My two great grandkids were a part of the ceremony as were the Grooms two older Sons. The Groom Kevin Enlow and Casie are both in management at Schnooks. They reside in Henderson Kentucky.

My brother Art Geiselman died in August. He was 94 years old. My other brother Arnie died in early October. He was 92 years old. I have one sister living at 90 years old.

My sister-in-law, Lois France is recuperating from hip surgery. Ray's wife, Audrey is recovering from an series bronchitis attack, both got home for Thanksgiving.

Lawrence fell recently and brought lots of excitement with Fire Department EMT and also an ambulance, which he didn't need. I suggested he use his cane or walker next time. His response, "I know".

Have a good year in 2013.

Evelyn France

### AMY GERMANO TICE

Here is a photo of my parents, Don and Sara Mac Germano, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this past June!



Happy Holidays to all of the extended Swope family! Our family misses my grandmother, who died last August at age 103. Her recipe for Cranberry Relish (sent in last fall's Swope Newsletter) is a "must have" for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Her recipe includes ways to serve it plain, or in jello - both are equally good!

When I was little, she owned a red ball that had a pattern in it that looked like this relish. (Picture of Amy Tice and Grandmas ball). My brother, cousins, and I all enjoyed playing a game called "School" with her using this ball on her front steps. Recently, I started thinking about other holiday items she



made, and came up with the following recipes. The Forget Cookies were my favorite, and I

remember how excited I was one year when she presented me with my very own bag of these cookies! Enjoy, and may you all have a blessed year in 2013!

### Forget Cookies

2 egg whites

3/4 cup white sugar

Dash of salt

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup chocolate chips

1 cup chopped pecans (or just double the chips if you don't like nuts)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cover a cookie sheet with foil. Beat egg whites until foamy and stiff.

Add salt, then gradually add sugar while continuing to beat. Fold in vanilla, chocolate chips, and pecans. Use a teaspoon to drop onto the pan. Place the pan in the oven, and turn OFF the oven. Do not open the oven for 8 hours! (A good idea is to make them in the evening and forget them overnight!)

### Orange Balls

12 oz. vanilla wafers, crushed

1 box powdered sugar

1 1/2 cup chopped nuts

1 6 oz. frozen orange juice, thawed

1 stick butter or margarine, melted

1 7 oz. bag flaked coconut (OPTIONAL)

Mix all together. Form into small balls. Roll balls in coconut if desired. Let stand 1 hour. Store in an airtight container.

From Amy Germano Tice, daughter of Don and Sara Mac Germano, granddaughter of Anne Isabel Swope Germano McKeeby

### GREETINGS FROM LIESURE LIVING!

This must be one of the quietest areas in Evansville. The only things moving around here on most days are the ambulances picking someone up or bringing someone home. We've been working toward getting decorations up for the Christmas Season but it's slow going for two old people.

I did get my shopping done last week. It's amazing what all you can get by catalog.

I spent a few days in the hospital in Oct. and have had a flare up since but my Dr. doesn't seem worried so I'm not worrying either.

We had a visit from Katie and her dog in Nov. They don't make it down from Bloomington very often. It was good to have them and also enjoyed Paula's visit home for Thanksgiving. We

had a quiet Thanksgiving dinner, just Meg, Logan and us.

I worked on getting Christmas cards written today but I have too much volunteer help in the form of a big, spoiled 20 lb. black and white cat. He thinks his help is needed every time I sit down. I have to shut him out of the room to get anything done. I'm enclosing a little piece that we received in one of our early cards...

**THE OLDER I GET**

the simpler my holiday preparations become...

the closer I feel to old friends as I write my  
Christmas cards...

the more I cherish the oldest ornaments...

the more fondly I remember Christmases past...

the longer I hold on to a holiday hug...

the more I realize Christmas is a matter of the  
heart...

the tighter my throat gets when I sing " Silent  
Night"...

the more I enjoy giving than receiving....

the more I try to see Christmas through the eyes of  
a child...

the longer I sit at night in the glow of the  
Christmas tree...

the more wondrously beautiful the Christmas story  
is

the deeper my awe at God's infinite love...

the More I Love Christmas!

I hope you all enjoyed this as much as I did.  
Merry Christmas to all from Liesure Living.

Nancy

**9737 CLIPPINGER RD**

Not much going on here at 9737 Clippinger  
Road.

Angel and I are still coexisting. Paula being  
here for two weeks as a house guest was  
wonderful. Megan was home for a few days last  
month, and is supposed to be home again over  
Christmas.

Seems like everyone is falling apart, Karen  
hasn't been well, missed some work. Vicki is in  
the hospital at the time of this writing. She lets  
herself go and thinks that the work place can't get  
along without her.

Megan's ship she is assigned to is back in  
Norfolk, they have been in the Far East for the last  
couple of months. The next deployment is  
supposed to be to Spain. The ship was damaged  
while in the Far East and is in dry-dock now for

repairs. The Captain was replaced because of the  
accident.

I still have been trying to help out at  
Church as I can. With age creeping up it is limiting  
what I can do. My son John is now on the trusties  
starting to take my place. I'm still on the trusties,  
doing what I can.

It seems that the electronic technology is  
passing me by though. The kids insisted that I get a  
cell phone. I'm still trying to figure it all out. They  
also insisted that I subscribed to AAA. I guess that  
is ok for I know that now I could not change a tire  
if the need would arise.

One other thing I would like to tell all. That  
is there is almost no Swope hill any more. The  
airport is hauling it down to the airport getting  
ready for the runway realignment which they say is  
going to start next year. I counted seven tri axel  
trucks just going by and someone said they  
counted ten. They have two big backhoes loading  
trucks and the trucks are running down to the  
airport.

I guess that is about all from here.  
Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a happy  
new year.

Paul Swope

**FROM FLORIDA**

As you may know we had a tornadic visitor  
the last of June. Well . . . the repairs are complete.

First there was the people to get the  
moisture out of the drywall. It is so much fun to  
live in a house with industrial dehumidifiers going  
on 24 hours a day. It is quite hard to think much  
less hear. After three days those things were  
thankfully taken out. In the mean time we sat  
thinking we'd see some activity with an insurance  
adjuster. It so happened our company took the  
estimate from the people that came to dry out the  
house and 'ran with it.' But we didn't know it for a  
couple of weeks and were getting unset about the  
progress of repairs.

We finally got a local contractor and he got  
us some estimates and we proceeded to get things  
done. After the 'dry out' came the roofers.

The day before we had a rain storm and the  
wind threatened to tear off our blue roof (the tarp  
keeping rain out). Thankfully our son, Allen  
and a helpful neighbor in back was able to get the  
tarp back on. We thought the roofing would take a  
couple of days but it dragged out for 31/2.

After that got through they came in to take care of the ceiling damage. We had several wet spots that showed and the drywall people had to do what was called a skim coat on the living room ceiling. The floor was covered in plastic and plastic hung down the walls and lights.

Have you ever had to smell the wet plaster and the stuff that creates the texture? It was like a wet dog's fur that had been rolling in the grass and other things smell. Along with the living room we had the ceiling come down in the garage and they had to put new plaster board up in there.

Finally the painters came and did the inside. While they did the ceiling, Judy, Allen and I did various walls of the house. The painters also did the outside.

It took a month and a half to get everything done and we at least didn't have to leave the house. Plus there were many homes in town that were destroyed and had to be torn down or gutted and restored.

We have continued painting various rooms. Gotten flooring and shades for one bedroom and in the midst of this got some new landscaping we had planned several years ago. We now have some orange trees and banana plants to watch over. Merry Christmas all.

Neil, Judy & Allen McCutchan

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LAWTON FAMILY**

2012 has been an exciting year for us. Tim and I continued our trips to Florida but now we have our own house to stay in! We bought a home in Clermont, Florida, just west of Walt Disney World. We are becoming Disney experts. Just let me know if you need some information! My dream is to work there someday. Check out [WDWDAILYNEWS.COM](http://WDWDAILYNEWS.COM). I actually write articles for the bi weekly newsletter they publish.

Earlier this year I got my Black Belt in Chunjido, a form of martial arts. It was an awesome journey with my youngest son as the instructor. He even tied the best on me for the first time. And then a few months later he was promoted to 5th degree black belt or Master. WOW! Just search Kyle Lawton on You Tube to see some of the ceremony. .... We were quite proud.

In July we had a wedding and I got a daughter! Shalee and Kyle were married and live

here in Evansville and are looking at a house in McCutchanville! Really.....more on that as the story develops. For now he is teaching at Lodge Elementary School and Shalee studying at Ivy Tech and they continue to settle into married life.

Our other son and his girlfriend are living in Louisville and attending school there. She is working on her Masters and he is working on a business degree. They miss Florida but love Bardstown Road and the Kentucky Derby. He has found a love for accounting of all things!

We wish you all have a blessed holiday and hope that 2013 brings joy to everyone.

### **THE BEST PRESENT EVER**

As you may or not know my dad, Dwight Swope, played the trombone for almost sixty years. I understand from what my mom told me that dad had his first paying gig when he was fifteen and still a student at Reitz High School. While at IU in the 1930s he played with a large band that played the "big band" music of the day. I don't know all of the spots he played or all of the bands but I think his sister, Nancy Glackman, her husband Gene, as well as his brother Paul Swope have some tales they could tell on their big brother and his music gigs. I do know that they ranged from the popular not always so savory to the country club and on Saturday nights it was where he was. When I was small I remember mother took me a few times to peek in the window at the county club to listen to the Bland Gayer Band which was the five piece dance band he played with at the time. By the time I was in high school and until shortly before his death he played with Art Ingles. I actually got to perform with them once at a Christmas program for area children. They played Alley Cat and I danced.

Two years ago this past June mom, Grace Swope, decided that she needed to move from her home of fifty years to assisted living. My sister, Joyce, my mom and I went through and selected the things we thought she would need to take with her and got her moved. As you can imagine there was still a house full of stuff and memories at 2100 Jefferson Ave. The three of us went back several months later to sort through things. As we went through closets, drawers and cabinets we found several old reel to reel tapes. They were not in the best of shape and not all were labeled but a couple did say Art Ingles. We had no idea what was on

any of the tapes but knew we needed to hang on to them. The following spring the tapes were still residing in my home closet. My daughter, Jennie Duvall, who is a teacher, was talking to a local photographer who was doing some work with the students at her school. It turned out he had the technical capabilities to explore the tapes and see what was there. He made no promises and said he would look at them over the summer. Last fall shortly after school started my daughter had a visitor at school. It turned out that the tapes were brittle and not in the best shape. They had been made during a dance on a tape recorder set up beside the band but some of it was playable and he was able to record it for us.

Those forgotten tapes now CDs are one of the best gifts I have ever received. I wasn't there when each person heard the CDs for the first time but I was when my grandsons, one of whom now plays dad's horn, heard the grandfather they had never known play. I was there when my mother and dad's baby brother Paul Gene heard him play for the first time in over twenty years. The wonder and comfort I felt wasn't just mine and being able to share them with our family and musicians who had played with him has been truly a joy.

Sue Swope

(If anyone would like copies of these two CDs just ask and I will send you copies. Paul)

### **FROM THE RIGGS**

Writing from the Richard Riggs household in Vanderburgh County during some really nice and warm weather this early December! We continue to plug along with Richard slowly making progress. We truly appreciate all the help our daughters and their families give to us. We will be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary on December 11 with a family dinner here at our home. We surely enjoy our family, good food, fun, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

Ann and Dale White, now that they are retired, have been working in some traveling but still have coached volleyball for South Spencer and now are into club volleyball out of Owensboro. They always have some project in their plans.

Jan Weiss continues to chair the Math Department at IVY Tech. Her husband, Tom, gave us quite a scare as he spent several days in the hospital and was finally diagnosed with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. He has been able to

return to work now. Their son, Gabe, has been trying to fill their freezer with venison and his wife, Teshia, intends to get a deer of her own. Jason Weiss and his wife, Maribeth have an opportunity to live and work in Belgium for three years and will be leaving soon with their two children.

Pat and Anthony Marcum are enjoying their first granddaughter who is four months old now. Anthony is working in real estate and Pat is still teaching at the University of Southern Indiana. She was written up recently for having some of her students help in researching a study on how long a concussion affects an athlete.

Jeanne and Sandy Winter are at Hanover, Indiana with Jeanne being pastor at Hanover United Methodist Church and Sandy continuing to work as an EMT and firefighter. They, too, are enjoying their first granddaughter, Anna, who will get a little sister this next April. Chris and Kristin live in Indianapolis with Chris being a police officer. Jeanne and Sandy's daughter, Megan and her husband Jalen Mattingly have just celebrated their first anniversary.

Our youngest daughter, Nancy and her husband Jeff Richards live near Granville, Ohio with three sons. Lego Robotics is a big deal there and Nancy and Jeff have been coaching a successful team. We got an excited call from them that their team had won three awards at their tourney, one of them being the Ambassador Award which is for sportsmanship and co-operation, very coveted! They will be hosting a tourney this weekend. Their boys are also involved with academic, math, and history competition and marching band.

The new Blue Grass church continues to progress. A couple of weeks ago the congregation was invited to go in and inspect the building. It was exciting to see how much is getting done and you can tell what it is going to look like. The building committee is a dedicated group and state that the McKnight group who are the contractors are such a good group to work with. Much consideration is given to small details. The support and enthusiasm of our church membership is gratifying.

May all have a joyous and rewarding Christmas,  
Jeanine and Richard Riggs

## NEWS FROM MAE & ROSS IN FLORIDA

Kids all are doing well. Roy has been traveling all over the world. Roger just US & Canada both keep busy. Levi still singing lots of places--sang for national FFA convention many county fairs. Sang in Cal. Ws. Lu. Ne. and I cannot keep up. Roger is expecting another grand boy any time. Mike & Ann have been doing some traveling after Ann retired. Becky sold her dance company at 61 she said it time to quit. Maribeth' Grant & Faith are doing real well on trumpet & flute.  
Mae and Ross

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### REUNION

The Black Buggy Evansville has closed their doors and went out of business. There were suggestions of Stoll's so I checked with them. I have talked to Stoll's and we have a reservation date of noon Saturday July 27, 2013. If we have 25 people or more the room will be private. The room will hold 100.

See the web page at [www.swopes.org/reunion.htm](http://www.swopes.org/reunion.htm) there are pictures. I have put some of the 2012 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 \$180 a year to print and send. The donations at the 2012 reunion were \$130.25. If we don't have full 8 pages it is somewhat less. We have \$784.70 in the checking account so we can operate a while. I received a check for \$50 after the reunion, so that covers another year.

Last month I became very disillusioned with 5/3 bank. To make a long story short I have changed the Reunion checking account from 5/3 to Heritage Federal.

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 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 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.

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.