



# SWOPE NEWS

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## OBITUARY



**Rev. Kenneth E. Reed**  
88, of Franklin, Indiana and Fort Myers Beach, Florida, died January 2, 2017. He was born in Powell County, Kentucky, the son of the late Vernon and Nora (Collier) Reed. After graduating from Francis

Joseph Reitz High School in Evansville in 1946, he served in the United States Navy during WWII as Machinist Mate 3rd Class aboard the USS Scania (AKA-40). Following his military service, he received a BS in Elementary Education from University of Evansville, as well as a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree & PhD in Psychology and Counseling from Boston University.

In 1948, he married Alinda "Linda" Rogers, who preceded him in death in 1998. They had two children, Deborah (Reed) Fletcher and Michael Kent Reed. He married Sandra (Drummond) Reed in 2002, who he leaves behind, along with his brothers Roger & Elvin, 5 step-children, 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brother Chester and sister Thelma.

Dr. Reed was ordained by the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church and was appointed to serve Methodist Hospital of Indiana from 1958 to 2000 as Associate Chaplain; Director of Chaplaincy Services; and retiring as Senior Vice President for Values, Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Pastoral Services. During his tenure, he served on the hospital's Medical Ethics Committee, started a Clinical Pastoral Education program, and created Buchanan Counseling Center.

Life was his work – he wanted to share his knowledge and insights with all. As best he could, he practiced what he preached and taught on a daily basis. Ken was active in his local community. He was a member of Meridian Street United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin, and Faith United Methodist Church in Fort Myers, Florida. He enjoyed traveling, sailing, and learning.

Memorial gifts in Dr. Reed's memory can be made to the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation. Family and friends are encouraged to view Dr. Reed's extended obituary information online at [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com).



Becky (Riggs) Gladhill, Ross Riggs and Maribeth Riggs Williams

Mayberry Café in Danville, Indiana

October 2016

### **NEWS FROM THE ROSS RIGGS FAMILY**

Happy New Year from the Ross Riggs Family! As we get older, we realize the value and true meaning of family. Our Grandma Kathryn left such a rich heritage for us. She passed down the intangible traits of faith, family, integrity, work ethic (and the list goes on) to her sons; Richard, Ross and Floyd. I'm sure her values were instilled by the strong Swope character. And as the generations go – our family was blessed with my Dad

(Ross, who will be 89 in March) and mom (Mae, who died September 15, 2014), who also paved a path of a rich heritage from generations passed.

Dad resides in a memory care unit in Avon, Indiana. (Villages of Avon) He is in general good health, other than the maladies that older people seem to be plagued with. His short term memory is a problem and he needs assistance in all capacities of moving. He is visited often by his children and their spouses in the area:

Mike and Anna Riggs, Roger and Renda Riggs, Roy and Katie Riggs and Maribeth and Jay Williams. I (Becky) live in Minnesota and try to visit frequently as well. There are numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren who also visit dad. Ross has a total of 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. His oldest "grandchild" is now 45 and the youngest great grandchild is 6 months old. Quite a legacy....

Many of you know mom and dad moved from Evansville to Danville, Indiana in the fall of

1969. They bought a farm with acreage and built a milking parlor in order to move cattle from Evansville to Danville. Dad continued farming and also worked fulltime at the Indiana Farm Bureau Corporate Office, located in Indianapolis. Mae and Ross built a home adjacent to the family farm in 1986. Mike and Anna purchased the family farm house, along with much of the property and the family farming tradition continued. It was with sadness that mom and dad's house was sold, along with 1 ½ acres this past fall. There are a lot of wonderful holidays, celebrations and memories we cherish from that house built in 1986, but it was time to let someone else enjoy it. Ross frequented the home, even after taking residence in the Memory Care Unit.

He still attends Danville United Methodist Church each Sunday, where the church just consecrated a new sanctuary on January 8, 2017. Ross was very proud of the Steeple he and my mom donated to the new church as well as a new Clavinova for the music ministry. The Ross Riggs family has been the backbone of this church and because of family faith and dedication, this church has ministered to many people. Again – Grandma Kathryn's influence played a role in her example of faithfulness and love for the Lord.

As for Dad's future; the state of his dementia is slow, but progressing. He still recognizes his family and close friends, as well as recalling memories from the past. And occasionally he can still play bid euchre like a champ!

If anyone would like to send him a note, (I'm sure he'd appreciate a birthday card on March 27th!) please send it to my brother, Mike at:

Mike Riggs

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Blessings to all for a happy, healthy New Year!

Becky (Riggs) Gladhill

### **NEWS FROM FL MCCUTCHANS**

It has been a 'get back to the usual' fall & early winter season. Judy is Matron & I'm Patron of our Order of Eastern Star Chapter (associated with Masonic Order). We head up the meetings. During this past summer and fall we have had quite a few OES funeral services to do. That takes

time to try to get about 10 or so people to do their parts.

Then schools started meaning Judy would get substitute calls on the week day mornings starting at 5:30 am. Judy has subbed for the last 17-18 years here in FL. She used to go to 4-5 schools in the area but has cut back to one. It is enjoyable to get a 5:30 wake up when it isn't expected (NOT). Judy gets a lot of requests from those teachers she knows at the one school though. Enough to get her an average of 5-6 days a month. It keeps her young seeing and interacting with the lively ones.

Me? I'm secretary of a couple of organizations. One is called the Pedro Rescue Helicopter Association. While on active duty in the USAF, I was pilot on the HH-43B/F rescue helicopter. The active duty I served at were: MacDill AFB, FL; Nakhon Phanom AB, Thailand; Incirlick AB, Turkey, and Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia. In 2001 crew member (pilot, crew chiefs, medical technicians, pararescue men, and firefighters) got together and formed the PRHA. We now have reunions on the even years. I became secretary in 2010. We currently have just over 230 members. I keep up a roster with member's names, etc. and email copies out quarterly. Unfortunately, we are a finite association. There will never be more of us so we will dwindle off to just a few as we pass away. We have had reunions in Dayton, OH; Hartford, CT; Seattle; Colorado Springs; & Montgomery, AL to name a few. Many of the crew members picked up various wounded and those that ejected out of aircraft in SEA.

We have enjoyed the HOT weather this summer & early fall. There was one tropical storm and then a hurricane that provided us with some concerns. But after the end of this year's hurricane season the rains have turned off. The retention ponds in the area are either dry or receding. Irrigation of our lawns is required to keep things green (as required by the HOA).

'Nuff of my ramblings. Hope everyone will have a good year.  
Neil McCutchan

### **FROM AUGUSTA, GA**

Happy 2017 to all! We have many blessings to be thankful for! Our family enjoyed the holidays

by spending time with our family and friends. We joined my parents and my brother's family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both times, it was so much fun watching my two year old great-niece, Hannah, as she explored the house and enjoyed the simple pleasures of climbing up and down the steps, catching a glimpse of herself in the full-length mirrors, chasing the dog, and passing out presents! The tissue and bows turned out to be just as fascinating to her as the actual gifts! Her climbing the stairs reminded me of when my cousins, brother, and I used to play "school" at my grandmother's (Anne Swope Germano McKeeby) house using a red ball that had a pattern on it that looked like the cranberry relish that she always served during the holidays. As we all get older, just being with those we love, reminiscing and also making new memories, seems like gift enough!

As we look towards Spring, both Jerry's business and our personal lives will increasingly revolve around the all important Master's Week in Augusta! We always rent our house out, which involves a LOT of preparation!!! We just found out that one of Jerry's clients will be renting out their house (that he decorated) to the famous golfer, Gary Player! We'll also be busy as Fuller counts down to his high school graduation in May. After being accepted to all five universities he applied for, he's decided to attend Mercer University in Macon, GA. Go Bears!!! Lily finally finished the book of poetry she's been writing and has submitted it to the publisher, so maybe next newsletter, we can offer details on how to get a copy!

Amy (Germano) Tice

### **FROM CLIPPINGER RD**

Not much going on here on Clippinger Road. Bella and I are still coexisting. She keeps me in line and lets me know when time for certain things. She likes to go down and see Evelyn and when it gets that time in the afternoon she lets me know.

As you all know I have tried to slow down some. That old guy with the scythe is catching up with me. Some things I am still doing and some I have already quit. I can still run the computer, although sometimes I have to start over a couple of times.

I hope I can get this Swope News off by email. There is still money left in the checking account if someone wants to take over mailing it by the hard copy. It takes time and effort by the time to get it printed and folded and mailed. The last few mailings I have had it printed at a shop doing printing. That has helped some.

I did travel to Franklin to be at my Brother-in-law's Celebration of Life Service. I did not have to drive, my son John took over that chore. Even at that it wore me out. The funeral service was at Indianapolis, but I didn't make that.

Well that is about all I have to say.

Paul Swope

### **FROM ELLETTSVILLE**

Daniel, my son, started dialysis Jan 6. He is waiting for a kidney transplant.

Mava and I are fine and just got back from our grandson and his wife Autumn's graduation from NAU in Flagstaff, AZ.

Dan Rogers

### **FROM KAREN SWOPE EVANSVILLE, IN**

It was great having family here for Christmas. Paula came in from Texas. Megan and her boyfriend Will was here. Love having family around especially during the holidays.

Right before Christmas I got the stomach flu and it was terrible. Thanks so much to John, who came over the first night when I was the worst to make sure I had water to drink and took my temp, which was 103. My son Will also helped bring me liquids to drink the whole time. Paula came over after a couple of days and moved me out of the bed so she could wash my sheets and lysol the whole house. Then she came over the next couple of days to do my laundry and clean up the house because Megan was coming in and I was in no shape to clean. There for awhile I thought Paula was going to take me to the hospital, but I got to where I could keep my meds down after a couple of days, so she didn't. I have the best family ever!! Was so sad to see them all leave.

Megan is getting ready to start college this month. She has been out of the Navy for a little over a year now. She is living down in Texas around where Paula lives. We lived down there for a long time and she considers Texas home. I miss

her being here though.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a blessed New Year.

Karen

### **FROM PHILADELPHIA**

Swope news – January 2017 the Glackmans in Philadelphia are doing OK. Ted is enjoying his semi retirement by staying involved in mental health administrative work as a consultant.

Penny continues to do photography for the school district, and also volunteers about once a week at grandson Leon's school. Jake and Julia continue to stay busy with their respective families, work, and outside interests.

Our grandchildren are doing well. Zion is in seventh grade and looking forward to an international youth soccer tournament in Phoenix next month.

Leon is breaking the code in reading, and is often seen curled up with a book deciphering the words. Baby Sevi, who at 2 is not a baby anymore, continues to amaze us with her centered disposition, and precocious skills. Her cousins seem to be her best entertainment as they make her laugh raucously. She can be quite silly when she is with them, which only eggs the boys on more to be even sillier.

We wish all the best to everyone for 2017.

### **GYANNE**

Happy 2017 to all!! Time goes by so quickly. Not many of us first cousins left. I wish you especially health this new year.

2017 promises to be a big one for my family.

Grandson Joshua will be married in October.

Grandson Ben graduates from Pharmacy School in May.

Granddaughter Sarah Meahl continues to shine in the Broadway show "Paramour".

Her Mom Kelly and I are planning a trip up to see her soon.

My daughters Cindy and Kelly and hubbys are well. We are blessed.

I am staying busy with many activities where I live. I continue to paint, mostly watercolors. I sold 3 in December. I'm in the

Harmonica Club and we even perform occasionally. I'm also on the Hospitality Committee, Women's Ministry Decorating Committee, etc. I have a Bible Study in my apartment led by my friend Art (an ordained minister and Missionary in Taiwan for 35 years). He and I have been "keeping company" for 2 years in February!

God bless you every one!!!

Gyanne Smith, Isabel's daughter

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### **HELLO FAMILY,**

Texas is the normal winter rollercoaster of temps! Breaking ice on the water troughs for the horses one day and wearing t-shirts and shorts the next!!!! Then the rain in between!!

I've been giving riding lessons on the days that are warm and not raining.

Spent Christmas with my Evansville family. Back in Texas for New Years to celebrate Christmas with my husband's family. Lots of driving, but love seeing everyone during the holidays.

I have several horse shows lined up to secretary in 2017. It's going to be a busy year! I'm planning to go to Evansville a few times this year. Megan Yoder (Karen Swope's daughter) and I are making plans to go to Norway and Sweden for Christmas next year. I'll miss the family, but my horse training friend wants to show me their Christmas traditions. She even wants me to snow ski!!! Not sure that 65 is the right age to learn to snow ski!!!

Hoping to see you all this coming year!

Paula Sue Swope – Texas!!

### **JAMIE**

Hey family! Jamie here. Still doing well. Over the summer we started chasing storms roofing and started in san antonio tx for 8 mths then garden city ks for 3 months. Feels good to be back at the homestead in ooltewah tn!! Trouble is 18 now...he is my grumpy old man. Blake graduated in may. He is working at walmart and engaged to a nice girl. Brianna is 17. She went in the army but 4 days before graduation she broke her hip. She is also engaged to a man in the army.

Jamie Loyd

### **LEISURE LANE**

This is one time I can't report that nothing has happened on Leisure Lane. The week of my birthday (Sept. 17), the rod in my left leg broke causing much pain. We didn't get any answers from my orthopedic Dr. so we ended up at St. Mary's E.R.. They concluded from cat scans and x-rays that it was indeed broken and admitted me. Their Dr. arranged for me to go by ambulance to I.U. med center in Indianapolis. Grant went up to be with me when they operated to remove the broken rod and put in a temporary spacer in. We had decided that Grant would be better able to navigate in Indy and communicate better with the Drs., leaving Gene home to worry with the cats. After several days recovery time they sent me home again by ambulance to Heritage Nursing home. For the next six weeks I took I.V antibiotics (that caused me to itch badly). We had to return to Indy for more tests and x-rays. This time I was able to go by wheelchair van, so Grant rented one and drove Gene and I up and back to Heritage the same day. I was scheduled for more surgery to put a new rod in, but the next time they checked my blood it showed a lingering infection. The Drs. in Indy wanted to start the whole routine again, starting with more surgery to replace the spacer rod with another and do the I.V. routine another 6 weeks. I decided to let well enough alone and rather than have more surgery to try making do with the temporary spacer rod and go with physical therapy, learning to navigate from the bed to wheelchair etc. I didn't look forward to Christmas in the nursing home but friends Joan and Elvin Reed brought me a small tree with lights and Carla and Ella (my daughter in law and granddaughter) came with Santa decorations etc. and a wreath for my room door. I did get to go home for one day. The Friday before Christmas Gene and I came home in a wheelchair taxi. It was great to see the cats and just be home. We didn't do much just kind of an open house. Paul Gene, Paula and our next door neighbor, Bob Nicholson, were our first callers. Grant, Carla, Ella and Gavin came and spent the afternoon. Before we returned to Heritage Logan brought Meg over. The next few weeks were devoted to physical therapy and I was

released to come home on Jan.10th. So far we're doing fine. Laurie has been over to help when she can, the Doggie Play Care business she and her two friends opened is growing all the time. The last time she was here she had a treasure hunt looking for the hearing aid that one of the cats had snagged for a toy while Gene was napping. We were all relieved when it was found. A very expensive kitty toy! It seemed none the worse for wear. Logan is excited and trying to get all his ducks in a row toward buying a house in the near future. I'm working toward being able to get in and out of the car so I can go to church sometime soon. Laurie came by after work this evening to help me figure out how to get this mailed in time for the Swope News. All the settings have changed and I have a hard time figuring them out. If you're reading this you know it was a success. Goodbye from Leisure Lane till next time,  
Nancy