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A.E. Swope
1870-1955

Kate Swope
1870-1939



Mayme
1890-1953

Ralph
1892-1948

Elnora
1894-1997

Laura
1900-1991

Kathryn
1903-1981

Alice
1905-1985

Isabel
1908-

Year 2010

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anne Isabelle

Congratulations!!!



102 Years!!

Love from all your Swope kin.

FROM GYANNE GERMANO SMITH

I just had a lovely visit here in Jacksonville with Lois and Pat on their way back up from visiting Pat's parents in central Florida. On their way down they had gone out of their way to visit Mother in GA. They had surprised her and she loved it. They even got in a game of Skip-Bo!

Mother, Anna Isabel will celebrate her 102nd birthday April 18th! We will have a family dinner. She insists on not having a "big deal". We

all think 102 *IS* a Big Deal, but we are abiding by her wishes. Charlie and I will be up there for a week. Our daughter Cindy, her hubby Gregg and 17 yr old son Ben will fly up for the weekend as will our daughter Kelly. Kelly's husband Rick is recuperating from Hip replacement surgery. Our other Florida family are unable to attend as they are busy in college. Joshua is in his final classroom work in Pharmacy school in NY and Sarah is presently appearing in a play at her school in PA. My brother Don and the GA family will all be able to come to celebrate with Mother.

I know Mother would appreciate hearing from her yankee kin. She loves cards! Let her know what's going on with your lives. Her address:
Anne McKeeby
7290 Lester Rd. E-49
Union City, GA 30291

ANNE MCKEEBY ON THE TODAY SHOW.

Don heard from the Today Show this week. He had submitted Mother's info on her 102nd birthday and they said she will be featured on the Smucker's spot with Willard Scott on Wednesday, April 21 probably around 8:30 am. They said it could be any time from 8 to 10 however. This was Don's third time to submit her so we are excited. Mother hasn't been told yet so keep it a secret till closer to the date.

DON GERMANO

This year **Anne (Germano) McKeeby** will celebrate her 102nd birthday. She was born in Evansville, Indiana on April 18, 1908, the youngest of seven children born of Albert E. and Kathryn Swope.

While attending Ohio State University, she met and married Guy G. Germano. When World War II broke out, the couple moved with their 2 young children, Gyanne and Don, to Florida where Guy was assigned as Red Cross Field Director at Buckingham Army Airfield in Fort Myers, Florida.

At the end of the war, the family moved to Georgia, where Anne and Guy both took up teaching jobs and remained outside Atlanta, where the children grew up.

Several years after Guy died in 1972 at the age of 65, Anne remarried a family friend, Bill McKeeby, and remained living in College Park, Georgia until Bill's death some 15 years later.

After that, Anne moved to Christian City, an assistant living facility, where she remains today. Anne continues to be fairly active and goes on her own to the facility's dinning area for her meals. She continues to handle her own financial and business affairs, and pays her own bills. She is a remarkable woman!

As a retired high school teacher, Anne still enjoys reading classic and current novels, as well as writing poetry. She also likes watching the news and keeps up with all the current events and politics.

Anne regularly goes out to eat wither son, Don, and his wife, Sara Mac, who live nearby, but she also likes going out to Thai and Chinese restaurants, and eating southern barbeque.

She celebrated Easter at Don's home together with Sara Mac and 2 great grandchildren.

Anne looks forward to visits with daughter, Gyanne, and her husband, Charles, who live in Jacksonville, Florida, when they can come up.

Don and Sara's son, Brian, a Methodist minister, and his wife, Trish, and their 16 year old daughter, Jennifer, live north of Atlanta about an hour from Anne.

Don and Sara's daughter, Amy, and her husband, Jerry, and their 2 children, Lily, age 13, and Fuller, age 11, live in Augusta, home of the Master's Golf Tournament, about 2 and ½ hours away.

Gyanne and Charles have 2 daughters, Cindy and Kelly, who live in Florida with their families. Cindy and her husband, Gregg, have 2 boys, Josh, who is a 2nd year pharmacy student in New York, and Ben, a junior in high school.

Kelly and her husband, Rick, have one daughter, Sarah, who is a student at a Pennsylvania college, studying dancing and the arts.

Anne is proud of her family!

We are expecting about 16 of the family to be here to celebrate Anne's 102nd birthday.

Anne's current address is:

7290 Lester Road, Sparks Inn E-49, Union City, Georgia 30 291-2322.

I am sure she would appreciate a card or note from any of her Swope and Indiana relatives on her birthday.

(On April 21st at about 8:30 AM, Anne will be among those whom Willard Scott recognizes and extends birthday wishes to on the **Today Show** on **NBC**. Be sure to watch!)

Don Germano

AMY GERMANO TICE

Happy 102nd Birthday to Meme!!! My husband, Jerry, children Lily and Fuller, and I are excited about getting together with the rest of our family to help celebrate Meme's (Anne Isobel Swope Germano McKeeby's) birthday on April 18th. We'll go out to eat (probably Italian), then go back to my parent's house for cake. Meme knows about this get-together, but for her 100th birthday, we conspired to give her her first ever "surprise" party! It was so much fun to see the look on her face as she came into the room! She was *really* surprised, because every single family member from out of town was there, and she'd thought she was going out with just my parents!

Although all of us can't all be together this year, we'll be together in spirit! We're blessed that we've had so many years to enjoy knowing Meme! She's an amazing person! She has a wonderful memory, and we always enjoy hearing stories about her life!

Recently, after hearing that Fuller was studying the Great Depression in his 5th grade class, she wrote him two pages about her experiences during that time. Knowing that she's lived through so many historical events is fascinating! In regard to 20th century history, the

kids and I often put it into the context of "how old Meme was" when it happened, and try to figure out how she might have been affected by it.

She has seen so many changes in her lifetime, but she's kept up with them all! We're so proud of her, and pray she'll have many more birthdays to come!

Amy Germano Tice (granddaughter)

FROM ROBINSON, TEXAS

We have been keeping busy. Can't believe how time just continues to fly by all the time. We are making plans to hook up and pull out our fifth wheel sometime in April. Haven't gone out since last year and we are getting cabin fever bad. We did check out the closest park here in Waco, Midway Park and they were flustered. Their computer has been down for 2 1/2 weeks so they technically don't know who is coming or who is going. You could tell they were not in good moods so we are going to wait till sometime in April and pray they have all that straightened out.

The weather here is hot or cold, seems like never in between. We have worked in the flower bed but don't dare try to plant anything because I just know it is going to snow again in April. The weather has been so strange.

Jared is driving me crazy wanting to take piano lessons so I guess we will let him. I will have to spend a week clearing off the dust on the piano that hasn't been touched in a while. We are having a birthday party for him Sunday since his birthday is March 30. He is all excited. I am trying to convince him that in Texas at the age of nine you can put children to work in the fields picking cotton. (So far he isn't buying it)

Our preacher came over last weekend with his son who lives in Houston. I thought they were just coming for a visit. He showed up and had fixed a roast that was soooooooo good with vegetables and flowers. I told my preacher that I thought I might be in love with his son. Such a sweet man. Manfred was thrilled by the meal since I have slacked so bad at home cooking lately.

I am hoping to find my garage these next couple of months. Have collected way too much junk. Finally told Manfred that I was even ready to sell my motorcycle since I didn't ride at all last year. I just want to be able to park my car in garage cause somewhere someone told me that is

what a garage is for. Mine is holding motorcycles, camping gear, tents, and things that other people want to keep and have no room to store. It is time.

Hope everyone is doing fine. I continue to do my thing at church and even starting a lay leader course soon I hope. Leading church services have kept me busy and humble. And I do need humble at time.

Love to all. Jo

CHATTANOOGA TN

I am almost done with my 3rd semester of school; will be done April 3rd; I am studying criminal justice, and am enjoying it greatly. I am working full time at McDonalds. I graduate Oct. 2011 with an associate's degree in criminal justice from Everest College online in Phoenix, AR. Looking forward to it; Blake, my son, turns 12 this year, and is on honor roll at school; Brianna turns 11 this year, and is involved in gymnastics, cheerleading and is starting to do modeling. All in all it has been a great year so far, and am looking forward to graduating and doing something with my life.

Jamie Loyd (John Swope's Daughter)

HAPPY EASTER, HAPPY SPRING!

I'm having a relaxing spring sitting in the sunshine and recovering from surgery on my spine. Doing well after three months of healing and lots of physical therapy. No pain, except when my arthritis kicks up. Well I am having a tough time trying to rake, or hoe the garden while using a cane!

I sure have a lot to be thankful for since it's been fifty years since I was hospitalized. Last time was when Mitchell was born January 19, 1960! So blessed.

Evelyn France

FROM THE HENRY GIRLS

This summer will be an historic one for our family. Mom and Dad will both turn 95 years old (Dad on June 17th and Mom on August 17th). Then on August 23rd they will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary! It is truly amazing to achieve both of these numbers in one year. We are planning a small party at Westminster Village (where they live) on August 21st with as many of their offspring as can make it. We'll be coming

from Vancouver, CA, Washington State, Florida and South Carolina and will include at least one great-grandson! It could be made an even greater event if some of you would send a card along for them to open and enjoy. The address is: Marge and Hugh Henry, 2741 N Salisbury Street #1203, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906. Thank you from, Jerilyn Dille, Jana Maples, and Joetta Senour

HELLO TO ALL:

Spring is in the air, the tulips have broken ground and the weather is warmer. Snow on the mountain tops is very thin, so we are already worried about fires this year.

We are looking forward to another get together this summer with children and grandchildren. Our oldest son Dennis and his wife Judi have moved back to Montana after living in California for several years. We love having them back home! Judi is an accomplished quilter, decorator and cook. She is constantly having us all over for dinner, which we all love. She is an excellent cook. Dennis is able to do his job from home and likes being close to family again.

The kids are all doing fine, as the grandchildren and great grandchildren. John is still in the reserves, a rumor that he might go overseas again. Kathy, Audrey, Dawn, Shannone, Tricia are all doing great, as are their spouses and children. We have two grandchildren that are graduating this year from high school, with plans to continue in college. Both of our grandsons from Arizona and their wives are coming home in August for another camping and fishing trip in the mountains with Grandpa and Dad.

I had the privilege of going to our grandson's Tanner's first piano recital and he did very well. He was staying with us as his parents were out of state on business. We recorded it so they didn't get to miss it. Was a bit of a hurry to get off the stage, but other than that, he did real well.

Jack and I are doing well, I still work, and we both stay busy keeping up with all of our family. We helped his sister move into a new house this winter, and then helped paint and do some odd jobs around. She is closer to us and her children, which is very nice.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone and their family doing well.

Mary Helen Sosbe Kramer

FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD

Not much different here on Clippinger Road. Still do what work I can for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The church still has a lot of things that need to be done. I can think of three things right now that are waiting to be fixed.

The Upwards Basketball organization at the church was very successful this year. As I remember they said they had about 65 kids involved. They expect even more next year. I didn't help much on it.

They got together and built a concession room in the gym and had good success with that. We came by some kitchen cabinets and I guess I will be involved in installing them in the concession room. John has it figured out how to get water and a drain to the sink. We won't even have to cut the floor.

Angel and I are getting along fine. She keeps me in line and takes naps with me. She does make me take walks with her. That's good for me and her. Seems like every year though I require a longer nap in the afternoon.

Everyone have a good year and I hope to see a lot of you at the reunion.

Paul

HELLO FAMILY,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUNT ISABELLE! I hope your birthday is wonderful and full of family and friends. I want you to know that I love reading what you send for the News Letters! Keep writing!

I have a busy year planned working 13 horse shows in KY, TN, NC, OH and TX, as well as the family reunion in July!!! Yes, I do plan to be there. It lands between my horse shows, so I can make it.

We've had a hard winter, just like everyone else. Lots of snow and we don't normally have much snow!

Richard's boys and their families are doing great. We get to see the grandkids at times and just love them. Yes, we are glad to see them go home and the house gets quiet! :)

Hope to see you all in July,
Paula Sue Swope in Texas

FROM KATHRYN SOSBE

Much information to update, including my marriage June 21, 2008, to Robert Schneider, a man who knows how to smile, laugh at obstacles and can keep up with me. We married in a beautiful park in Eagle, Idaho, near Boise surrounded by family and friends. We honeymooned in June in the Grand Canyon and once again in December in Disney World. Wonderful way to start a marriage.

Since then, in April 2009, I was laid off from my job as an editor with the newspaper in Boise. But I've since rebounded with a position as a public affairs specialist with the USDA Forest Service headquarters in Washington D.C., which I started in January. Bob and I made the cross-country move in January during the worst and largest cold front that nipped at the country for days. Taking the southern route to avoid snow depths that left many motorists stranded on the highways, our originally planned four-day trip turned into seven as every stop we made along the way greeted us with bitterly cold winds.

But we made it, and moved into an apartment in the Maryland suburbs with Harper Lee, an almost year-old golden lab who sometimes makes us wonder why we decided to adopt her. Bob is busy trying to train Harper (so named in honor of the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird") and seeing the D.C. sites. I'm busy learning more about America's forest than I ever knew. I encourage you all to do the same. It's about a lot more than Smokey Bear and a place to camp, although those are two great reasons. Of course, I venture out on the weekends with Bob and am rediscovering an area I always loved to visit.

It's an exciting time, and I've already been visited by the girls and look forward to many more visits from them.

If you're ever in the area, be sure to give us a call.

Kathryn Sosbe

McCUTCCHANVILLE

Easter morning in McCutchanville, Indiana. Remember Grandma McCutchan and Grandpa McCutchan all dressed up and sitting in the pew at church eagerly awaiting their "chicks" to show up. We would all march in there, dressed up all bows and ribbons and shiny shoes and the

cutest little white socks (I had a real problem with all that fancy stuff). We would go to Grandma's house after church and eat the best meals. I have never had mashed potatoes that tasted as good as hers. Laura's cakes were out of this world too.

The Easter Egg hunts were fantastic. Out the front door and all over the front lawn then veer to the left and run down the hill and look in the side and then the back of the house. Walking back up towards the driveway and being absolutely amazed at how many Easter Eggs we had gathered. Sitting around in a big circle and talking about what we had all gathered and some even sharing! (Does that happen anymore).

I never understood why Grandma always was smiling so much. How glad she must have been to have her family show up and everyone get along and all the laughter and the card playing, the football games on TV and in the front lawn. It is a great testimonial to both of them that they could get me to do anything they wanted by only using kind words, which they used so often.

All these memories are what make me go, make me want to make them for my children and Grandchildren. To be able to sit back in my old age and know that I had made that kind of impression on a child. She was a loving, caring "grandma" and I loved her so much. Grandpa was also so wonderful and laid back. He taught you so much yet you never felt lectured, you felt knowledgeable when you left.

This Easter was wonderful, the kids at church had a great time. Jared, who is a blessing in disguise, shared his eggs with all the children who showed up late. He will grow up to be a wonderful man and although he never knew my wonderful grandparents I tell him stories constantly and tell him that those two people showed more love than anyone else I had ever met before.

So happy late Easter and people don't stop sending in articles. I love reading them and learning from them. Some are history, some are sad, some are caring but all are "our" family. We should never be too busy to care and share!!!!

Love Jo Sosbe Schlottmann

FROM THE EDITOR

REUNION

The date and place for 2010 has been set for July 24 2010. It will be at McCutchanville Church as it has in the last years. The date I sent in an email a while back had some conflicts so this is a revised date. Come at 11am and visit, set to eat at 12 noon. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Remember the shirt colors, those that observed the colors had a good time with them.

See the web page at www.swopes.org/reunion.htm there are pictures from the 2009 reunion on this web site. If you would like to 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.

EMAIL

All of the family that is on the email list gets an up-to-date email list by email. There have been some bad addresses, if you have email and have not been getting updates, get your email address to me.

ACCOUNTING

Anyone wishing to audit the check book and account is welcome. I will have the check book and a sheet showing the up to date account at the reunion. If you would a copy of the account sheet I could email it to you.

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 fill the space. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required.



Grace Swope and her family.



Ted Glackman and family.



Checking the family tree.