



# SWOPE NEWS



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### OBITUARIES

#### **Amanda Nichole Swope**



Amanda Nichole Swope, 23, of Evansville, Indiana, died January 1, 2003.

Amanda is survived by her parents, Harlan L. and Doris C. Swope of Evansville, Ind.; sisters, Earleen Stoneberger of Evansville, Ind., Darnell Anderson of Montezuma, N.Y., Deborah Moody of Newburgh, Ind., and Jacqueline Sanders of Louisville, Ky.; brother, Joseph Richard Sanders of Buckeye, Ariz.; grandparents, Thurman and Blanche Davisson of Louisville, Ky.; aunts and uncles; seven nieces and nephews; and great-aunts and great-uncles.

#### **Mary Lou Henry**

*(Sorry, this should have been in the December 2002 issue)*



Mary Lou, 85, died on September 23, 2002.

After she graduated from Purdue University in 1938, Mary Lou (Hess) Henry, a native of Seymour, Indiana, taught in the Green County Public Schools until she married the late Donald L. Henry on December 24, 1941.

Services were Saturday September 28, 2002 at McCutchanville church with internment immediately following in the church cemetery.

#### **Carolyn Glackman**

*(Sorry, this should have been in the December 2002 issue)*



Carolyn 45, of Evansville, Indiana, died September 16, 2002, at her residence. Carolyn is survived by husband of 23 years, Grant G. Glackman of Evansville, Ind.; daughters, Eva F. Glackman of Bloomington, Ind. Services

were Friday, September 20, 2002, at Methodist Temple.

### FROM JO SCHLOTTMANN

Okay here is the latest, Manfred got hurt and had to have surgery, he is in the healing process and I am trying to get used to a stay at home husband. He is okay now but not released to do any work.

Still working with REACT (radio emergency and communication team) and we have had so many accidents lately. Everyone is just in too much of a hurry. We are getting ready to celebrate Mikey Macias's 2nd birthday. It has been a joy to have him around, brings out the young in me.

We are blessed each day because no matter how bad we think things may be, we have our family and God to take care of us and that's all we ask.

Jo Schlottmann

### **FROM ROSS & MAE RIGGS**

The Ross Riggs family is doing pretty well. We are concerned about Floyd's eye sight. We hope that will get better for him.

Our family has two weddings coming up. Dan - Becky's son is getting married in New Orleans on April 19th. We are looking forward to going there and enjoy the wedding and family Doug - Roger's son is getting married May 19th in Danville. Doug also landed a job right out of college in Dec. (graduated from Purdue) Grandson Levi is graduating from Danville High School, also.

Mike is doing very well with his hip replacement and can now jump on the tractor and milk cows!!!!!!!

We are still in Fl., but hope to be home the 1st week in May.

Hopefully we will see you all at the reunion. Mae and Ross

### **FROM KATHRYN SOSBE**

All is well in Philly, or at least outside of it. We marveled at our first snow storms since moving here from Florida. Folks say we brought it with us. After three years of fairly mild weather, the biggest storm in four years brought 18 inches. By the third day of that storm, we were missing Florida.

By the time this newsletter comes out, I will have spent a week with Sarah, who is planning a visit during the last week of March. We're heading to D.C. to visit Sarah's future office, the U.S. Supreme Court, and to get our Library of Congress library card. We'll also probably drive by the White House and stick our tongues out. I'm even thinking of carrying a sign, but I don't think he'll be able to read it. (Sorry if I offended anyone's political bent, but that's mine.)

We also plan to visit Baltimore, where Sarah is hoping to eventually attend law school. In the meantime, she has applied for Teach for America, a program that places college graduates in urban

and rural public schools, almost always very low income areas. Generally, those schools are not the top choices for teachers. It will be a real challenge. I'm very proud that she would take on something like that. She can get her teaching credentials and affect the lives of young people. Her interview is in early April, and we should know by May, which is when she'll graduate from college with a double major in English and history -- and with honors! Victor and I are driving back to Colorado to celebrate with friends and family (Victor's brother still lives there.) And we're hoping Jack and Mary will meet us there. It'll be a great, well-earned celebration.

Laura is doing well at school, too. She is president of the Black Student Union and active with the Society of Professional Journalists chapter. She works hard each day before heading for classes. Her spring break brought less fun this year. She had her wisdom teeth pulled and is recuperating at Sarah's apartment. She has applied for a couple of internships this summer, and is still waiting for word. But it looks like she'll get one in Colorado Springs. I can't wait until I can get her out here for an extended visit, if not to live.

I'm attending college and plan to get my own degree, hopefully, within two years. It's been the biggest regret of my life. No more regrets. Ok, maybe some, but not this one. I'm also taking a sign language class, and the others in my group find me odd. Not because of my personality, for once, but because I do not have anyone in my family, my friends or at work who is deaf. In other words, I'm just taking it. It's really a beautiful language and can be a real self-esteem booster. You must use facial expressions and your body to speak to someone. Hopefully, I'll be able to feel more comfortable with people staring at me during a conversation. I also bought a CD-ROM sign language dictionary that is helping me with the class. It's fun.

I enjoy reading the newsletters and Paul's dedication.

Everyone take care.

Love Kathy

### **FROM PAULA SWOPE**

Hello Everyone,  
Spring has finally arrived in Texas. Our daffodils and iris's are all blooming. Red Bud and Pear trees all have blooms, too. Rain is slowing down and the temperatures are warming up.

The family is all healthy and we were lucky enough to make a trip to Virginia to see Tim at Ft Myer for Christmas. We saw some snow, but the worst went north of us and we were able to have a nice visit and do some sight-seeing. Tim took me to Arlington Cemetery and I got my first look across the river at the Pentagon. It really hit me at how close Tim was to the 9/11 experience. I knew he was close and knew he had been involved, but I never realized how close he really was to all the disaster.

I've taken a job at the local community college in the Library Computer Lab. I'm missing my freedom, but Richard is taking good care of my animals in addition to trimming and shoeing horses.

Richard will be coming with me to the family reunion this year and we hope to see many of you there.

Paula Sue Swope

### **FROM THE KRAMER'S**

Snow hit us in the amount of a foot last week. While we are anxious for spring, the snow was welcome to help keep the threat of forest fires back. This week the weather is warmer and we see signs of spring all around us. We enjoy watching the calves in the pasture play. We have been busy with work and with all of the kids and grandchildren who are all doing very well. Our son John has been activated and we are waiting further word. We have a grandson Justin who has been called too, we are not sure where yet. Yet another grandson Brian will be joining the Marines in the very near future. We have uncovered the camper and some of us are beyond ready to get out camping and fishing again this year..... We hope this newsletter finds all of the family well and happy.

Jack and Mary Kramer

### **KITTY AND HARLAN SWOPE**

You know the news from here, nothing has happened to write about Since Amanda's Death. Guess you can tell everyone about that. Harlan and I are just trying to cope yet, she was our life for 23 years. My Amanda touched a lot of people in her 23 years. We still Miss her SOOOO. No one can even imagine think it's so Hard on me, because she was My BABY all those years.

She was My life,,,,,I lived for her, to make her happy and comfortable. To fix all good nourishing food for her, to give her all of her Medicines on time, to be sure she was clean, and always odor free. She was so loved, and still is. Seems like yesterday.

We just bought her head Stone last week, its not in yet, got to check it over when it comes in. So now we have done all we can for Our Special Angel.

Except to put flowers on her grave now and then, I'm not going to be running there all the time,,,,,I know its not good for me.

Hopefully Harlan will get us some tomatoes and Peppers planted this year, plus some other goodies, need to do some canning. No tomatoes as good as home canned.

Love you All.

Kitty and Harlan

### **ISABEL ANNE McKEEBY**

My niece, Lois France with her friend Pat, was here a few days ago. Among the things she said was that you wanted to hear (*many of us want to hear-Ed.*) from some of us "old timers" about our memories of early teachers, classmates etc. So I'll comply.

As I started school in 1914, age 6 (ooh – along time ago!) the new school (*McCutchanville School*) wasn't quite finished, so we met in the church. I remember the sand table and the little red chairs. In January the school house was completed and we moved in.

It consisted of two class rooms divided by a hall, and a large auditorium used for all kinds of programs and community meetings. Underneath was the furnace and a large recreation room where we played games and practiced drills.

My first grade teacher was Miss Margaret McCutchan whose hands were always fluttering, whether from habit or from Parkinson I don't know. The students with me were Ruth Hornby, Ruth Webb (killed by lightning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade) Sam Moffett, Clarence Cooksey, Delbert Deisinger and Clarence Seib. The last three came from a village down by the church (I don't remember its name). They rode in the "school bus" – a horse drawn wagon with seats running along the sides. Occasionally I rode that bus to visit overnight my sister Mayme and husband Robert Henry who lived on a farm down there.

We walked to school joined sometimes by Ruth and Geneva Hornby. Other kids who joined less often were Martha and Oscar Riggs and Billy and Olivia Effinger because I guess they lived farther away.

My 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was my sister Elnora Swope. Her future mother in-law was the janitor and kept the rooms clean. I often stayed after school to dust the erasers and clean the black boards. Some time during those grades we were joined by Isabelle Schlensker and another Isabelle. One thing remaining in my mind of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was having to "play see-saw" holding hands with the boy across the aisle. "Zeke" was a tall gangly boy who smelled like he came fresh from the smelliest part of a barn! I hated it! In spite of that Elnora was a good teacher and got us ready for the next grade.

We had no indoor plumbing or running water. Two outdoor out houses, one for girls and one for boys, met our needs, even in winter when we ran back and forth. Water came from a pump with a tin cup hanging on the side. We didn't worry much about sanitation!

The games we played were base ball, rabbit, hidden go seek or board, and in the wooded area behind the school "witch". If you were caught you became a witch and stayed that way until rescued, hopefully by a favorite boy friend!

Miss Florence Ensle came once a week to teach us songs and drills. The drills we performed later for parents at PTA etc. We had all kinds of drills – flag, dumb bells, wands (broom handles!). Being the shortest kid in the class I was always stuck at the head of the line. If I made a mistake, so did everyone who copied me.

In 1918 the terrible flue epidemic hit us. The stage of the auditorium was set up with temporary Beds. I remember lying in one with chills and fever. I just couldn't get warm! The one casualty was Willis Moffett. I believe he was older than me.

Miss Lida Henry was our teacher through grades 5 – 8. She was an excellent teacher and prepared us for the dreaded 8<sup>th</sup> grade county exam. All the community gossiped about her and "boy friend" Asa coots. It was rumored they'd marry when both their parents died, but they didn't. She finally took him in to care for when he was old and unable to care for himself.

During those years a boy, Clay Stinson, joined one of the classes. He was always getting into trouble. Older kids I remember were Alice and Kathryn Swope, Geneva and Lucille Hornby and Clifford -?-.

To go to high school we had to take a "traction" – an electric car that ran from Princeton ( or above) to Evansville. Again we had to walk a long way to catch it and a long way back. I often waited for Dad in his County Assessors office in the Court House to ride home with him – a long wait in a cigar smelling office!

Four long years in Central High School for a shy country girl -! It was terrifying – it was fun!

Isabel Anne Swope McKeeby

### **ANNA ISABEL SWOPE McKEEBY**

Will be 95 April 18 2003. Don't you think every one should send her a birthday card?

### **FROM NEIL McCUTCHAN**

The Florida McCutchans have been busy this winter & fall with their usual activities. One activity that we enjoy is playing in our churches, Beymer UMC, bell choir. We play at least one Sunday a month and usually play two numbers. One Sunday we did all of the special music (four numbers). Both Judy and I play. She plays in the treble clef & I play in the bass clef. I also sing in the chancel choir. That takes a couple evenings a week. I help with the collections by taking the money up at the second service and put it in a safe. Then a bunch of us get together and count it Monday.

Judy & I are also involved with Eastern Star and

Rainbow Girls. We are both on the Rainbow advisory board for the local assembly. Judy is treasurer and I'm president. Then we are in the 'west' for the Eastern Star again. This will be our third time through the chairs. I received an appointment as Grand Representative to Nebraska in Florida for my work for the present Worthy Grand Matron (state 'president'). Judy has made Eastern Star purses for various people again this year. I'm not sure how many this year specifically (about 25-30), and it makes 100 for the past 3-4 years. We will be going to Florida's Grand Chapter the first part of April then go to Nebraska's Grand Chapter in the middle of May. The end of June we will go to Rainbow's Grand Assembly to receive Grand Colors (a type of service award).

The first part of April is the Sun-n-Fun flyin. The Masonic organizations in the area provide a labor pool to help run various eateries and booths. Judy & I will be helping during various parts of the week in the main kitchen.

We have put in our applications to go back out to Yellowstone. We can't go out until the middle of July so don't know if we will hear anything or not. If we don't we will need to figure something out to keep us active this summer.

Allen has a job at a Penny's distribution center near here. He leaves the house at 4 am. He put in 2 weeks of active duty the middle of Feb. He hasn't heard anything about the Gulf War. He's in an artillery unit and all of their 'spotters' have been called to active duty. Those that remain will be called for hurricane duty though.

Neil McCutchan

### **FROM THE DUNBAR'S**

Hello from Darmstadt!!

I guess our biggest news is Dave's new job. He started working for Electronics Research Inc. on March 17<sup>th</sup>. He hasn't been there long, but already he loves it.

All the kids are doing great.

Megan is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade honors classes and consistently getting on the A honor roll. She was on the set construction crew for the play "Peter Pan" and was also Prop Mistress. She is a member of ACTT (Advisory Council for Today's Teens) at Central Library. She is active in the

church youth group. And, of course, she rides horses every chance she gets. Oh, and I just cut a little over a foot off her hair!

Will is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and he has been on the B honor roll every grading period so far this year. His passion right now is Game Cube!!

Eric is doing well in second grade and is also obsessed with Game Cube. He will be starting baseball soon. He is a great ball player.

Blake is in Kindergarten this year and is doing well. He will be playing T-Ball this summer.

Andrew, who is 4, stays home with me. I have been home schooling him. He knows all the letters of the alphabet can print most of them and knows how they sound. He can also print his name and knows left from right.

I want to urge everyone to come to the reunion this year. We all stay so busy with our personal lives that it is difficult to see most of our family during the year. The reunion gives us the opportunity to see those we don't get to see through the year and catch up on each other's lives and just spend time together. Our reunions seem to get smaller every year. I really don't think our family is getting smaller. It's as if some people think family doesn't matter anymore! OK, OK!!! Enough lecture. Just mark your calendar and make a point of being there!

Can't wait to see everyone there this year.

Karen

### **FROM JOHN SWOPE**

Hi all,

Just wanted to update everyone. My son, JP, and his wife, Aimee, are living in Tallahassee, FL. They are doing the full-time ministry thing and are very happy. They will be married 1 year on June 1.

Jamie is presently trying to get her job back at Whirlpool.

Shellie and I are still trying to eke out our lives at her place in New Haven IL. We've been together 2 years now.

John

### EVELYN EVANS

I spent Christmas and most of the month of December in Massachusetts with Jean and family. Did jobs, laundry and meals. Michael was swimming every evening after school until 5 and came home wet and hungry. I tried to have supper ready by then. This year his High School swim team went to State again, at Harvard. (Relay team of 4 boys) He is planning to sign up for a life guard job at a City pool this year. He has finished his six months beginners driving permit now needs four weeks of drivers' education. So by the time he gets here on spring break he can drive alone.

They will be here Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter evening about 7pm and go back the following Saturday. I have several jobs waiting. The boys have been snow boarding most week ends, one parent takes and another goes to get them. (Four boys, each can take a friend) One mountain is only a half hour away but the big one is in Vermont. I went there last year with the girls to outlet stores shopping.

I've been quilting a lot this winter for something to do.

Janice has trips planned this year with the regional appraisers in New Orleans and Canada for their National Meeting.

Andrew has been swimming with the town team and will do base ball with the town team, none at the middle school but hopes to start High School next year.

Michael will get to do varsity base ball this year and practice has started.

Evelyn Evans

### RAY & AUDREY

David has called home from Kuwait several times, still ok as of Friday 21, 5:53am. Said he is just waiting for Kevin & Kerry to get over there. Says "I'll keep my helmet on and my head down low when the sirens go off". He has gotten one package already. Lots of birthday cards on the way.

He also said they are all in a huge building, one room about the size of a city block to sleep.

No inside toilets, a trailer with a row of porta potties and a shower which is about three football fields away. They have to be fully dressed to go

out. They do have a library, a PX, gym, chapel and good food.

Kevin called home Saturday March 22, still waiting at Ft Leonardwood Missouri. He has been able to spend the last three week ends at home with Lisa and boys Kenny and Tommy.

Kerry is at Ft. Knox, KY, still waiting. Ray and Audrey have been down three times on Sunday (every other week) visitors' day. I went once with them, it's a big place. Went this past Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tanya and Eric went along too and toured Patten Museum.

Earlier Kerry said he was to drive trucks for jet fuel in Kuwait. His truck has been sent by rail to Texas and there by boat. To take six to eight weeks to get there. He said that it went February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Reported by Evelyn Evans

### FROM JANICE EVANS

Kerry called Audrey tonight (Tues 3/25/03) and said he leaves in 96 hours.

That's sometime Friday. There is a family meeting tomorrow at 2. Tanya is taking off work and she, Ray and Audrey are all going down to Ft. Knox.

Ray and Audrey also have Kristy's husband (Chuck Chapman) is in the Air Force in Alaska and Tammy's son-in-law is in the Navy (I think) somewhere out east near them.

So that's 5 in Ray's family in the military right now!

Janice

Up Date

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2003 2:26 AM  
Still ok here in Doha. I'll have to look for Kerry. There's so many different places he could go to here in Kuwait. If he's not stationed here at Doha, I might not see him. I don't get off Doha very often. Even though the war has started, there is still no real job for me. My units' trucks have not arrived yet. And until they do we just sit and do nothing. Gotta go for now. My computer time is up for the day. I promise to stay safe. best wishes, god bless, love David

UpDate

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2003 9:29 AM

Subject: Just an up date!

Hi Everyone!

Kerry called Mom over the weekend and told her that he got bumped for another troop. So for now any way he is still at Ft. Knox. Will let you know when he is sent over. Take care Tanya

### **FROM THE GLACKMANS**

Our granddaughter, Eva, will graduate from I.U. this spring. She will have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and will have her Sr. art show at the university the week after Easter with a reception that Friday. We hope to make it up to Bloomington for the festivities.

Our eldest grandson Jake continues to, as he puts it, "chip away" at his degree by taking a few courses a semester at St. Joseph in Philly while working as a chef at a French restaurant.

We haven't been doing much exciting lately besides visiting various Dr.s trying to find out the cause of my ailments. Oh yes, these are the golden years!

Nancy Glackman

### **FROM PAUL SWOPE**

Not much going on with me. I keep getting after everyone for not sending in an article so I thought I better get some thing in. As for me Evelyn and I are still going together. She hasn't run me off yet. Candy is doing fine; she watches my every move and checks me that I might bring her something when I come in from being out.

As you see I'm still trying to get the Swope News letter out and I have two others I also get out. Get one out for my Coast Guard Auxiliary unit and also one for the community where I live now. The Coast Guard and the community ones are both monthly news letters.

Been teaching our winter safe boating classes at North High School and in Owensboro. That takes some evenings this time of year.

Paula, Karen and John all have something in the news letter, Vicki hasn't sent anything. Vicki is still working at the grocery in Texas as a pricing clerk. Her husband still is working for the school corp.

Paul

### **FROM LOIS**

Hi! Surprise! Greetings from the Happy Traveler. Left Indy at 4 AM & headed south...was glad to

get away from cold & snow (over 50" of snow). Spent 3 nights at a State Park in Alabama ...warm & beautiful sunshine. Then went to Atlanta & had a great visit with Isabel. She is doing very well, walking her rounds and playing Skip-Bo. She has a birthday coming up April 18<sup>th</sup>. Spending 2 weeks in Clearwater, Fla. Plan to call Dotsie to see if we can arrange to visit. Then leaving for St. Augustine & Guyanne and I plan to meet at a State Park there. So a great trip still ahead with visits with relatives I haven't seen for awhile. I'll soak up some sun for you all!

Lois France

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

#### **REUNION**

The reunion this year has been set for July 6, 2003. I have the McCutchanville Church hall reserved for that day but if any one can think of a place they think would be better please let me know. McCutchanville Church hall costs us \$50.00 and of course the cost is always a consideration.

The time has been set for 1:00pm, which is an hour earlier than last year. Last year I was concerned about the time we could get the tables in place and set the time later. We seemed to have plenty of time last year so the time was moved up to 1:00pm.

The form I think will be the same as it has been a carry in covered dish dinner.

An added thing I think that would be fun is that each family wears a different colored shirt. I have the colors included. The comments that came back to me were agreeable. SO LETS DO IT!!!

#### **GENEALOGY**

The offer still stands that any family member that wants a copy of the family tree I can send them a copy. I can send it for use on your computer or send it on paper. Just get in touch with me and we can work out the details. This is the work of many family members and I would hate to see it lost.

#### **E-MAIL**

I send out email address attached to an email to everyone that I have an email address for. If you

or someone in your family has an email address get it to me so I can add it to the list and send the list to all the Swope descendants that have email address.

**GRAVE STONES AT OAKHILL**

As you notice on the accounting sheet we now have enough moneys to go ahead with the updating and upgrading of the Swope stones in Oakhill Cemetery. I was thinking that Nancy and I could go and work this out with the monument maker. If anyone else would be interested in helping with the selection please let me know and we will let you know the date and will include you in to help make the selection.

**ACCOUNTING**

It appears we have 10 printed pages plus the mailer this time. That means the cost will be more than budgeted. 11 pages x 5 cents + 37 cent stamp x 60 news letters = \$55.20. We will save a few cents because there will be a few hand delivered. Save a few stamps. We need enough donations each year to support the News Letter and to cover rent at where we gather.

**NEXT NEWS LETTER**

In keeping with our decision to have three news letters a year, the next news letter will be right after the reunion. Have your articles to me at the reunion or get them to me when you get home from the reunion.

**SWOPE REUNION**

July 6, 2003

This year the descendants and spouses of each of the Swope children should wear a different color shirt. These are the colors that were decided upon. There was some discussion on colors, but this is what was finally agreed on. It need not be tee shirts as these pictures show; the color would be what is important.

These are the colors.



Mayme Blue      Ralph Green      Elnora Red      Laura Rose      Kathryn Plum      Alice Orange      Isabel Tan

We think it would be great fun and also we could tell who belongs to whom!!!!

**REMEMBER, wear your colors PROUD!!!**