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1870-1955

# SWOPE NEWS



Kate Swope  
1870-1939

## 2012 Reunion? July Where???



Mayme  
1890-1953



Ralph  
1892-1948



Elnora  
1894-1997



Laura  
1900-1991



Kathryn  
1903-1981



Alice  
1905-1985



Isabel  
1908-

Year 2011

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### OBITUARY



Jo Schlottmann, 59, of Robinson, Texas, passed away Monday, July 5, at her home.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Memorial services will be held at Pecan Grove Funeral Home, 3124 Robinson Dr. at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7, with Rev. Howard Whidden officiating. Visitation with the family will follow the services.

#### **LIFE STORY**

Jo was born on February 16, 1952 in Evansville, IN., to Everett Sosbe and Marjorie McCutchan Sosbe.

Jo was involved in several functions: MDA, the Katrina relief effort in Robinson, campaign manager for Bob Harold and David Schleicher, REACT, and worked for Charlie Pack for several years and her pride and joy was putting on the Tadpole Fishing event for the children. She was wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, and was loved by everyone. She touched many lives during her lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister.

#### **SURVIVORS**

Jo is survived by her husband, Manfred "Hopper" Schlottmann and between the two they have a blended family of five children: Christopher Michael Valiant of Robinson, Roy A. Valiant Jr. of Austin, and her three step-sons Chris Schlottmann of Arlington, Craig Schlottmann of Cumberland, MD, Andrew A. Macias III of Waco, and her precious adopted grandson Jared Mykael Macias. Thanks

#### **TUESDAY 7/5/2011**

Talked to Manfred Schlottman, Doris Jane's husband, after we got home from dermatologist appt.

Gave him info that was needed. She had a long battle w/cancer in one form or another (Judy figured at least since 2005). This last was 2 years where she was more incapacitated.

Talked to Joyce and found that Ross had a stroke in the last two weeks and is doing rehab now.

I haven't heard anything about Dots.

Derm. took two bits of me for biopsies. Will learn more later. Judy passed her exam OK today.

Won't make it for the reunion. Allen, our son, had his days off counted for his National Guard summer camp and won't have a build up for another month or so. Might be around the area either Aug. or Sept.

Tell all hello for us.  
Neil McCutchan

### **FROM OTWELL INDIANA**

I haven't sent news in for some time so here goes.

Jean flew in the first of June. Jim and Andrew drove coming later in the week. I got a lot of outside jobs done while they were here that I can't do anymore. I'm having trouble walking in the yard or for a far distance but I still get on the mower and do the yard.

We celebrated Andrew's birthday when he was here. He is 22 years old now and has just graduated from UMass Dartmouth with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resource Management. He said he wants to be with people and plans on going into occupational therapy. This fall he'll take the two anatomy classes he needs to apply to grad school. He was on the swim team for all 4 years. This Summer as last year Andrew is the life guard supervisor for the Department of Conversation and Recreation at the Hampton Pond State Park in Westfield, Massachusetts.

Michael didn't come visit the past two years. He's busy working. In January he started a 2-5 year teaching assistantship which pays for his grad school at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He was able to spend time with his family on their return trip from Otwell at their rental cabin near Athens. Michael's master's thesis involves studying 500 salamanders and do the DNA/gene testing. These salamanders can be found from Maine to northern Alabama. He teaches the Intro Biology Lab.

Jean is employed as the Director of Youth Services for the town of Enfield, Connecticut. She loves singing professionally and cooking. Jean and Jim live in West Springfield, Massachusetts and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last December.

Janice is busy with real estate appraisals. She works for David Matthews Associates in Evansville. She has and still holds various positions with her state, regional and national appraisal organization and travels to a variety of cities for those meetings. She also needs to travel to get the required continuing education requirements for her appraisal licenses in Indiana,

Kentucky and Illinois. Janice keeps busing outside of work with the American Sewing Guild, cooking a monthly meal at the men's local homeless shelter, Philharmonic Chorus, and the church choir. In the past few years she has been the Evansville Chapter's ASG president and newsletter editor and the chair of her church's trustees.

I still keep going. I enjoy having a quilt to quilt, a jig saw puzzle to work on and reading.  
Evelyn Evans

### **ISABEL UPDATE**

At 103, Mother is still residing in her same room in assisted living, but is now needing additional assistance and also requires a sitter at night. She doesn't hear now and her vision is poor so conversing and reading are difficult. She is eating very little and continues to lose weight. Daughter-in-law Sara Mac has had to take up her slacks so she can keep them up. Son Don goes by to see her almost every day and they do try to play Skip Bo. She is not bed ridden but does nap in her lounge chair much of the day.

I go up (from Jacksonville) as often as possible but Charlie and I both have had our own health issues to contend with lately.

Our daughters and families stay very busy with their jobs. Grandson Joshua is now a Pharmacist, having graduated in May. His brother Ben will attend St Louis School of Pharmacy in the fall. Grand daughter Sarah has had a wonderful summer performing summer stock at the Munny in St Louis. She was in "Legally Blond", "The Little Mermaid", and in August will play Ruth in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". She'll go back to Pittsburgh for her final year of school in the fall.

Love to all, Gyanne (Germano) Smith

### **FROM TALLAHASSEE**

I want to thank Grandpa for working to keep the family informed and together through newsletters and reunions! I know many families wish they had someone that would take it upon themselves to work like this only to receive a thank-you and a pat-on-the-back. I'm grateful that he is compelled to lead our family by giving us numerous opportunities to stay connected! Thank you!

The Swope family just got back from their Midwest to Southeast tour of the United States! We drove to Indiana for the reunion on Thursday, left on Monday to Chattanooga, Tennessee, left on Wednesday to Tallahassee, Florida, left on Friday to Orlando, and left on Sunday back to Tallahassee!! With a pregnant wife and 3 year old that equates to around 32 hours of point-to-point driving which doesn't include driving in the cities themselves!

We had a great time in Indiana, it was good to see the family and friends and beat my dad and his sisters in Rummikub...I'm sure they let me win to encourage me, thanks guys! It was amazingly peaceful to sit outside of the house we were staying at and watch the cornfields blow in the breeze. I didn't appreciate the beauty of the land when I lived in Indiana but it is truly a gorgeous part of God's creation. Everyone kept saying how hot it was but they don't understand humidity and heat of the Southeast! To us, everyday was refreshing. It is amazing how much Asa loves his Papa, my dad. I am very grateful to Papa for loving my son by playing with him, talking with him, working on puzzles, and just getting on his level...on Asa's level not my dad's, although they may be pretty close to the same☺ Just kidding Pops!

After our time with family and friends in Evansville, we travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee to see my mom's side of the family which includes a lot of cousins and second cousins for Asa to meet and play with. We had a great time at the Chattanooga Creative Discovery Museum on Tuesday and then went swimming in the mountains on Wednesday with Asa's "grandmother". We never taught him to call her that, we have always said grandma or mahma, so it made her feel special that he had his own name for her. Asa was nervous that rocks were going to fall on his head in the mountains but overcame the fear and did not have one rock fall on his head. He did fall on several rocks as he sprinted in jubilation down the trails and swam in the little creek coming down the mountain. But that apparently didn't bother him as he would hop up, knock the dirt off, and sprint on down the trail. It was a hike to the swimming hole but well worth it and we were grateful we took on the adventure.

We then made about a day and a half stop at home before heading to a church conference in Orlando. There were some good classes but I think we enjoyed the lazy river at the hotel more than the conference. By this time we were tired and our patience for things were starting to run thin, so we will definitely plan differently for any future trips.

All-in-all it was a great trip and we look forward to visiting everyone again!  
JP, Aimee, and Asa Swope

### HELLO FAMILY,

Well, as you all have heard, Texas is hot and in a drought. Hay is very expensive, if you can get it. We pray daily for rain.

On a lighter note, Richard and I made the trip to Evansville for the family reunion. If you weren't there, you missed a great time. You that were there, it was fun seeing you and visiting with you.

Richard had to get back to work, so we only stayed 3 days, but he was able to get in a couple of Otters' games. I was able to visit with Dad, Karen, Megan, John, JP, Aimee, and Asa. We sure missed Vicki, Will and Jamie. Maybe next year.

I lost my Schnauzer this year and found another furry friend at the local Humane Society. I have no idea what kind of dog she is, but she weighs 6 lbs and loves to travel with me. They think she is Yorkie and Chihuahua. But, really, who knows?

I'm slamming into the big 60 this year. Yep, 60th birthday. Boy, I don't think of myself as 60, but my body tries to tell me every once in a while that I best start thinking that way. LOL I struggle on and some days I have to find creative ways to get on my horse since my knees won't let me climb on like I use to.

Everyone here is fine, hot but fine. I'm looking forward to spending Christmas at Dad's this year. He better decorate the house a little bit anyway. Since Mom passed, he doesn't decorate much. Maybe I can get him to put up a tree!!! Think so?? Well, I guess I can go to Karen's to see a Christmas tree.

Love you all and wishing you all the best.  
Paula Sue Swope (Paul Swope's daughter)

### **FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD**

Not much going on here on Clippinger Road.

Paula and Richard were up for a short time for the Swope reunion. Richard likes to see the Evansville Otters base ball games and he went to all of them he could. Of course they lost every game he saw.

John still working from the union hall and there has not been any jobs lately. He does pick up some odd jobs here and there.

Karen is still working for the credit card company in down town Evansville.

Vicki is still working as pricing clerk at a grocery in Gun Barrel City Texas. Her husband is not in very good health.

I am now getting ready for the Reitz 1946 grads reunion. I'm on the committee and we have been having a reunion every year. This will be the 65<sup>th</sup> year since graduation. Don't know how long we can keep that up.

My companion here, Angel, still spryer than I. She pretty well runs the house. Tells me when it's nap time and bed time or time for her food if I forget.

Paul Swope

### **LEISURE LANE**

Things are pretty quiet here on Leisure Lane. The most exciting thing was that we lost our 17 year old cat Scout on Memorial Day weekend. Gene took her out and he and Logan buried her in the back yard on S.E. Browning Rd. Whoever buys the house won't know that there is a pet cemetery included. Now we're down to one cat, Boo, but he makes up for it weighing in at 20 lbs.

We're getting ready for August birthdays, Gene, Eva, and Ella all have birthdays within the next week Later this month Ted, Penny, Jake and Lori are coming for a visit and the weekend after they leave Julia is coming with her two boys, Zion and Leon. We're looking forward especially to meeting Leon who is 1 and we haven't met yet. The schools don't start in Philly until after Labor Day so since Penny and Lori both teach and Zion will be in second grade they are finishing their summer with a trip to Indiana.

We are very proud of Penny for receiving the national Presidential award for math and

Science. They enjoyed their trip to Washington D.C. and meting the president. We enjoyed their pictures but found out that they don't allow cameras in the White House. Ted said that Penny was one of four teachers who got a hug from the president. That would have made a great picture to remember the day!

We were very pleased with the family reunion at the Black Buggy restaurant. It would have been nice to see some of the younger members of the family but it was great seeing the ones who were able to make it. We vote to do the same next year!

That's all for now from Leisure Lane.

Love to all, Nancy

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### **FROM THE EDITOR**

#### **REUNION**

We had 38 in attendance at the reunion. It seems that everyone liked having the reunion at the Black Buggy. The ladies liked it because they didn't have to cook something to bring. The out of town families liked it because they didn't have to figure out how they were going to bring something.



There was no prep time, table and chairs setting up or taking down. Everyone enjoyed the food and deserts. If anyone has dislikes I haven't been informed. It looks like we have one approval. Sounds

like that might be the thing to do next year. Let me know of any favorite dates.

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](http://www.swopes.org/reunion.htm) there are pictures. I have put some of the 2011 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.

### 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

The Swope News letter costs approximately \$180 a year to print and send. We only collected \$50 at the reunion. That is really no problem though because we have about \$800 in the checking account. That will carry us for quite a few years and when that runs out we will decide what to do then

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.

### **WEB SITES**

Black Buggy

<http://www.blackbuggy.com/index.htm>

Swopes <http://www.swopes.org/>

McCutchanville Church

<http://www.mccutchanvillecc.org/>

McCutchanville Cemetery

<http://www.mccutchanvillecemetery.org/>

Bluegrass Church <http://www.bluegrassumc.org/>