

RAMSEY



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Ramsey Ancestors



↑ CORA RAMSEY
↓ JIM BETCHAN



↑ EGBERT RAMSEY
↓ MINNIE GRANT



RAMSEYS
LUTHER-NOLA-EGBERT-CORA



LUTHER'S WIFE
BEULAH GALBRETH



WHITES & MILLS
JUANITA-DILLARD-NOLA-PAUL



JUANITA WHITE



WHITES
VIRGIL-FELIX
JUANITA-VERA-GEORGIA

Ramsey Family History:

Robert H. Stone, 1439 South Kansas, Springfield, Missouri--65807 has written a book entitled "WILD GARLIC ISLANDS" which is supposed to be a genealogical account of the Ramsey family. He says, in it that the name Ramsey or (Ramsay) has always been frequently interchanged. The book, according to the author, covers both the prominent and the obscure. Births, marriages, deaths, wills, administrations, census records, civil war records, and etc. covering the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania and etc. He says the name can be traced back to the Scottish Earls of Dalhousie and the British Colonial Governors of India and Canada.

Many of the early Ramseys were indentured servants or sentenced to transportation to such colonial establishments as the Barbados and the New World. This means little, for in colonial times men (and women) were imprisoned in England for such minor offences as religious beliefs and trifling debts.

The compiler of this family record gleaned the information found herein from family members and offers no documentary proof of its authenticity. There is no extra charge for mistakes in the context or spelling or in mistaken dates.

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The compiler has a picture of a lady, named "Bettie" Elizabeth Ramsey. She was born in March of 1838. The writing on the back of the picture refers to her as Aunt Bettie, and notes that she was celebrating her 93 rd birthday, March 18, 1931. It also said that she died on March 25 th 1932 after being bed-ridden for six weeks. She died at Vernon, Texas.???

I have in my notes the name of an Elmer Ramsey. Was he a brother of Albert Jacob "Jake", the sire of this family history???

I have in my notes the name of Tom Ramsey, known to be the brother of Albert Jacob "Jake" but I have no other information about him, or his family.

I have an obituary card, quite elaborate in style, made in loving memory of

Mrs Mary A. Ramsey

Born Sept 11, 1836

Died Feb. 20 1906

age 69 years, 5 mos. 9 days.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

We have lost our darling mother,

She has bid us all adieu;

She has gone to live in heaven,

and her form is lost to view.

Oh! That darling, how we loved her!

Oh, how hard to give her up,

But an angel came down for her

and removed her from our flock.

The card was a copyright by H.F. Wendell and Co. Leipsic, O---Who was Mary A. Could she have been the wife of Elmer or Tom? Was "Bettie" the wife of either Tom or Elmer? Questions???

DECENDANTS OF ALBERT JACOB "JAKE" RAMSEY

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Albert Jacob Ramsey

Spouse: Mary Eliza Gwaltney

b. 7 January 1847

b. 28 August 1851

m. 1869 or early 1870

d. 3 April 1911

d. 18 October 1908--Both buried at Honeygrove Cemetery.

The family had moved to Gainsville, Texas. And "Jake" was working at his job, as a carpenter, when he fell off a high ladder. He died of the injuries from the fall. He was taken back to Honeygrove for burial. Mary died just a little over two years later and was taken back to Honeygrove and buried there beside her husband. The compiler was told that Mary E. was perhaps half Cherokee indian. I found no confirmation of this in any way but I do know that there were some charactics common to the Indian race.

7 Children; A; Etty ---- B; Benjamin----C; Nancy Cora----D; Charles Egbert----E; Albert J. F; J. Luther----G; Nola Belle.

A; Etty Ramsey---b. 13 October, 1870-----died. 5 July 1873

B; Benjamin H. Ramsey---b. 7 October 1872-----d. 19 June 1873

C; Nancy Cora Ramsey

Sp.--James Layfayette Betchan

b.--4 September 1874

b.--5 January 1879

m--30 June 1898

d.--30 June 1948

d.--11 February 1968---both members of the Baptist church, Hollis Oklahoma.

Both buried in the cemetery at Hollis, Oklahoma

Cora had lived in Midwest City, Okla for several years and died there.

2 Ch.--1, Alvin-----2, Mable

C, 1---Alvin Betchan -----Sp.--Velma Sarah Hamilton

b.--18 May 1899-----b.--4 June 1902

m---9 June 1923-----d.--26 October 1992 (Guthrie, Ok.)

d.--27 August 1928.--so young, 27 years, 3 mos, 9 days.

Velma never remarried, she had a good job with the telephone company and she was so good to her Mother-in-Law, Cora as time passed. She moved into the Masonic Home in Guthrie in her declining years and was still there when she died. She was much loved by the family.

C, 2---Mable Betchan-----Sp.--William Henry "Mutt" Mims

b.--28 October 1900-----b.-----1885

m.-----1918-----d. Date unknown

d.--11 February 1945---

Mable and Bill divorced. He had been married previously and had 3 children from that marriage. They were Lura, and Joy with son born inbetween. His name was Addie. Joy was a pilot. Mable and William had 3 Ch. (1)--Ira Noel--(2)--Harold Dick--(3)--Melva Marie

C-2-1--Ira Noel Mims-----Sp--Katie Cain

b.--16 April 1919-----b.--16 February 1924

Adopted-in 1956-- A.--Rodney

b.--8 October 1953 --Los Angeles, Ca.
 Adopted in 1962--B. Suzanne-----Sp--Fred Ford
 b.--28 February 1962-----b. Not known
 m.--not known
 b.--1 son-----1 daughter.

C-2---2--Harold Dick Mims-----Sp.--Noma Shelly
 b.--18 Aug 1922-----b.--20 October 1924
 m.--20 January 1944-----d.--
 d.--25 April 1992
 4 girls---A--Martha---B.---Cathy-----C.---Linda.---D.---Nancy

A.-- Martha Mims-----Sp.--Larry Connel
 b.--13 January 1949-----b.--
 m.-----1972

B.---Cathy Mims-----Sp.--Jake Friedman
 b.--4 November 1950-----b.--
 m-----
 d.--
 2 Children;---1--Micah Baruck-----2--Elyse Elaina
 1-- Micah Baruck Friedman-----
 b.--21 June 1984-----

2--Elyse Elaina Friedman-----
 b.-- January 1986-----

C.--Linda Mims-----Sp.--"Bob" Robert Slingsby Kellen
 b.-- 16 August 1954-----b.-- not known
 m.---1 November 1980-----divorced.
 m.-----1992 Sp.--2--Lance Armer

2 Ch; ---1--Robert Kellen-----
 b.--1 October 1984-----

-----2--Shelly Corbin Armer-----
 b.--1 June 1993-----

D---Nancy Mims -----
 b.--9 November 1957-----

C--2--3--Melva Marie Mims-----Sp--Virgil Kuykendall
 b. 10 March 1924-----b. 19 February 1920
 m.-----1945-----d.--
 d.

2 sons---(1)-- Michael Donnell and(2)-- Gary Bob

(1)-- Michael Donnel Kuykendall-----Sp--Pat Martin
b.--7 January 1946-----b. Not known
m.----- 1969-----divorced

Sp. 2--Eve Burns

2 ch; ---1--Michael Donnell Jr-----2--Kristi Marie

1-- "Mike" Michael Donnel Kuykendall -----Sp-- Michelle

2 ch: A--Brandon Donnel -----B--Joshua Michael--both born in San Diego

(2)-- Kristi Marie Kuykendall-----Sp--David Roundtree.

b.--21 October 1972-----b.--

m.--24 October 1992---Las Vegas, Nevada.---

(2)--Gary Bob Kuykendall-----Sp--Linda Joy Gilbert

b.--19 June 1948-----b.

m.-----divorced--Sp. 2--Joyce Thomas ---divorce

I child;

1--Timothy Todd Kuykendall-----Sp.--Christine Hulska

b.--11 November 1969 -----b.--

m.--23 December 1994 (Bullhead City, Az.

Son,-- Justin Todd Kuykendall-----

b.--6 December 1996-----



Wedding - 21 August 1898
Albert Jackson Ramsey - Amy Elizabeth Ketchum



Mayfields
Walter alpha DOW II
A.D. I Nancy Albert Lee

D. Charles Egbert Ramsey-----Spouse; Minnie Grant
 b.--19 September 1877-----b.--15 October 1877
 m.--28 September 1929-----d.-----1961
 d.-----1962

Both were 52 years old when they married, and they were married close to 32 years.
 Charles Egbert was a tall man, probably 6 foot, 5 inches tall. He stood very straight and tall.
 He preferred to dress cowboy style for that is what he was. As a young man he worked as a
 cowboy, later he had his own farm and farmed but he loved horses and rode them most of his
 life. He was some where in the vicinity of 85 years of age at the time of his death.
 Minnie was a short little woman, maybe 5 foot 1 or 2 inches tall. She could easily stand under
 Charles Egberts out-stretched arm. She was a bit on the plump side, but was a sweet little woman.
 They made a very nice couple. They lived near Dimmit, Texas and were highly respected in their
 community, among those who knew them. She was some where around 84 years old at the time
 of her death. They are buried side by side in the Castro Memorial Gardens, near Dimmit, Texas.

E. Albert Jackson Ramsey.....Spouse.. Amy Elizabeth Betchan
 b..15 July 1880 ...Honeygrove, Texas.....b..16 October 1880, Orange Co.. Ind.
 m..21 August 1898.....d..2 January 1921..Child birth
 d..25 December 1931..51 years, 5 months 10 days.....40 yrs, 4 mos.17 days

Albert died of Asthama and complications

Both are buried in the Olton cemetery, near Olton, Texas, along with 2 babies and an eight year
 old son.

Albert Jackson and Amy had only 22 years to-gether and neither of them were ling lived but they
 had 12 children. They were:

1..Nancy Mary..2..Edward Jacob..3 Cora....4. Albert Jackson, Jr....5 Harry Lee...Roy "Biggin"
 7..Amy Elizabeth..2nd..8 Baby girl...9..Charles Luther..10.. "Bud" Clarence James..11..Baby girl
 12.. Beulah Christell "Sis"

Nancy Mary Ramsey.....Sp. Alpha Dow Mayfield
 b..26 August 1899.....b..24 January 1889
 m..12 December 1926.....d..31 October 1978..Clovis New Mexico
 d..19 September 1978.. Clovis, N. Mex.....bur. Bowie, Texas.
 Bur.. Clovis, N Mex.

Alpha had been married to Nora Betty Luttrell...born 5 April 1891 and she died the 30 of March
 1926..Complications following the birth of Nora Bell in Dec. 1925. Alpha was left with 5 children
 ranging in age from 15 years down to less than a 4 month old baby.....They were:

A.. Gilbert....B..LutherC..Joseph....D..Evelyn....E..Nora Bell.
 Nancy Mary and Alpha had 3 sons...F..Alpha Dow, Jr....G..Walter Virgil....H..Albert Lee

Nancy and Alpha were sort of adopted parents to Beulah Christelle and even to "Bud" at times
 and even to the writer of this history during the 5 years she and Bud spent in New Mexico.
 Their door was always open and the welcome was out for any of their brood and others who

drifted in and out, down thru the years. His children and their children were all their family but he made no bones that he had loved Betty dearly. Nancy was past 25 years of age when they married so they both took on a huge responsibility when they married. She had most of the responsibility of Beulah from the time of her birth until she married. Nora Bell was just past 1 year old when they married and there were the other 4 children to be cared for. Caring for children was not a new thing for Nancy. She was a kind and loving mother.

A..Gilbert Mayfield.....lived only 17 years...died of Pneumonia
b..11 April 1911.....d.. 11 April 1928...buried at Plainview, Texas.

B..Luther Dow Mayfield.....Spouse..Rosa Berniece Frost
b..18 May 1914.....b.....25 December 1920
m.. 1939.....d....
d..18 December 1999..Grady New Mexico...bur. 21 Dec 1999

3 Ch..B.1..Jeanette.....B.2..Ronnie.....B.3..Edwin

B.1..Jeanette Mayfield.....Sp. Arnold Cross
b..29 June 1940.....b..
m..d.. Divorced
adopted 2 ch. B.1.a.. Dana Sue Cross
b..26 March 1966.....

B.1.b.Miles Shannon Cross.....
b..19 June1969.....

B.2...Ronnie Mayfield.....Sp. Jackie
b..19 September 1941.....b..2 January 1943

Ch: B.2.a..Sherrie Dawn...B.2.b..Jerry Dow....B.2.c..Kelly Shawn....B.2.d..Rita Kay.....

B.2.a..Sherrie Dawn Mayfield.....
b..5 June 1945.....

B.2.b..Jerry Dow Mayfield.....
b.. 1962.....lived only 2 weeks

B.2.c..Kelly Shawn Mayfield.....
b..14 July 1963.....

B.2.d..Rita Kay Mayfield.....
b..27 July 1966

B.3..Edwin Mayfield.....Sp..Lorraine
b..22 February 1943.....b..28 September1947

B.3.a..Michael Mayfield.....
b..27 March 1964.....

B.3.b..Russell Wayne Mayfield.....
b..30 July 1965.....
Twin

B.3.c..Randall Dewayne Mayfield.....
b..30 July 1965.....

B.3.d..Shawn Mayfield.....
b..3 May 1972

C. Joseph Robert Mayfield.....Sp..Reba Daughtry
b..3 February 1918.....b...abt 1920
m.. 1938.....d..
d..

Ch: C.1.. Noretta.....C.2..Barbara Jo

C.1.. Noretta Mayfield.....Sp..Jim Parker
b..18 July 1939.....b..1 July 1935
m..29 April 1957.....d..

2 Ch:..C.1.a..Layla.....C.1.b..Rhonda

C.1.a..Layla Parker.....
b..8 February 1959.....

C.1.b..Rhonda Parker.....
b..17 October1961.....

C.2..Barbara Jo Mayfield.....Sp. John Huston
b..22 July1940.....b..10 April 1937
m..12 May 1957...Norman, Okla.....d..

2 Ch: ..C.2.a John, Jr.....C.2.b...Dee Dee

C.2.a...John Huston, Jr.....Sp...Laura
b..10 July 1958.....b.. 1959..Norman, Okla.
m..12 May 1977...Norman, Okla.....

C.2.b...Dee Dee Huston.....
b..31 July 1964.....Fort Worth Texas

Twin sons.....names not known

D...Evelyn Mayfield.....Sp..Jesse Shaver...So. Bap. Preacher
b..7 August 1921.....b..2 November 1920
m..30 September 1938.....d..
d.. Deceased.. Date unknown.....

Jesse surrendered to preach sometime after 1946. He finished at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1971 and it was a struggle for both he and Evelyn during his schooling as it is for many.

3 Ch..D.1..Larry Dale....D.2...Linda Gail...D.3..Arnold Wayne

D.1..Larry Dale Shaver.....Sp..Annette Jelek
b..6 July 1940b.. Portales, N. Mex.
m.. 1959.....d..

2 Ch: ...D.1.a. Angela.....D.1.b...Valeria

D.1.a...Angela Shaver.....
b..10 November 1961.....

D.1.b. Valeria Shaver.....
b..10 July 1966.....

D.2..Linda Gail Shaver.....Sp..Wayland Leonard
b.. 1944....Grady N Mex.....b..
m.. 1965....

2 Ch:.....D.2.a..RandyD.2.b...Donda

D.2.a...Randy Leonard.....
b..21 October 1966.....

D.2.b...Donda Leonard.....
b..17 June 1968.....

D.3..Arnold Wayne Shaver.....Sp..Joyce Chilton
b..27 April 1946...Grady N. Mex.....

2 Ch: ...D.3.a..Traci.....D.3.b....Kimberly

D.3.a Traci Shaver.....
b..26 October 1971.....

D.3.b.Kimberly Shaver.....
b..18 July 1973.....

E..Nora Belle Mayfield.....Sp. Robert "Bud" Harden..Dentist.
b..6 December 1925.....b..23 June 1926
m..25 December 1944.....d..
d..27 December 1989...Emphzema and complications
buried at Clovis, New Mexico. 64 + years at death

3 Ch:..E.1..Robert Afton....E.2..Darrel....E.3..Kieth.....

E.1..Robert Afton Harden.."Swanney".....Sp..Norma Gray
b..1945.....b..15 June 1949
m..1968.....

Ch:E.1.a..Cody Allen Harden.....
b..24 March 1969.....

E.2..Darrel Adam Harden.....Sp...Juanel Briscoe
b..10 September 1948.....b..28 November 1949
m..1966.....d.. Divorced
.....Second Sp..Marvella Bodard
b..18 May 1947

Ch:..E.2.a..Darrel Adam Harden, Jr.
b..8 Feb. 1967.....

E.3..Kieth Harden.....Sp. Susan Wilson
b..7 September 1954.....b..
m..1973.....d.. Divorced

Ch:E.3.a..Christian Kieth Harden.....
b..1 January1974.....

Bud and I and Jesse and Evelyn got to be good friends and spent quite a bit of time together. After Arnold Wayne was born he had the Colic really bad and he was inconsolable, he hurt so bad. Evelyn tried so hard to find some way to ease his pain, but nothing seemed to work. This happened every evening so there was no way they could go to church on Sunday night. We often spent the Sunday evening at their home, trying to help out, as best we could. It was a real ordeal for them and I don't know if we were able to really help at all, or if we were a hinderance. We wanted to help..it is so hard to hear a little baby cry so hard and so long.

F. Alpha Dow Mayfield, Jr.....Sp..Loretta Jewel Sudduth
 b.22 November 1927..Hart, Texas.....b..15 December1927..Abeline, Tx.
 m..19 December 1945.....d..
 d..1 February 1980.....

Alpha fought the call to preach for many years. God got his attention with some serious back problems.He finally got the Message. He preached for many years before he finally finished at Southwest Baptist Seminary in 1971. He held many pastorates in New Mexico and Texas as well as a missionary pastorate in Montana. He had more than 21 surgeries for his back problem and finally had to wear some kind of electronic gizamo that helped somehow with the pain.He had to retire in 1973, just 2 years after he finished at the Seminary. He was only 52 + years at the time of his death. Loretta was a sweet-help-meet for him in his life and his ministry. They shared 34 yrs

3 Ch:...F.1..Peggy...F.2..Patsy....F.3..Clifton Ray

F.1. Peggy Jane Mayfield.....Sp.. Donald Warren Goble
 b..17 March 1947...Portales, New Mexico.....b..22 June 1945..Kentucky
 m..30 December 1966.....d.

2 Ch:...F.1.a..Angela....F.1.b..Laura.

F.1.a..Angela Marie Goble.....
 b..31 August 1968..Great Falls, Montana...

F.1.b..Laura Donese Goble.....
 b..19 June 1972

F.2. Patsy Ann MayfieldSp..Stephen Adam Washburn
 b..8 May 1950...Lubbock, Texas.....b..11 October 1947..Little Rock Ark.
 m..20 December 1969.....d..

2 Ch: F.2.a...Troy.....F.2.b..Travis

F.2.a..Troy Stephen Washburn.....
 b..19 June 1971..Agana Guam.....

F.2.b..Travis Robert Washburn.....
 b..24 December1977..Beaumont, Texas.....

F.3..Clifton Ray Mayfield.....Sp.. Jane McNeil
 b..14 January 1952..Carrizozo, New Mexico.....b..6 October 1951
 m.. 1974

son..F.3.a..Kenneth Ray Mayfield.....
 b..2 January1976.....

G.. Walter Virgil Mayfield.....Sp. Oleta Williams
b..10 August 1929..Hart, Texas--9:15 A.M. on a Sat.----b..6 October 1929..Grady, New Mex.
m..18 October 1947.....d..
d..17 October 1991..On vacation at Red River

72+ years..bur Llano Cem, East Amarillo, Tx.

Walter had a heart attack 18 May 1979 and had 4 by-pass surgery, 22 June 1979. He had to have surgery again on 18 January 1989 for 5 and one half hours in which 2 of the by-passes had to be redone.He had a very rough time for a long time. He had to go back into the hospital on the 27 February 1989 to have the fluid drained off. It was November of 1989 before he was able to go to the office for just 3 or 4 hours. On the 9 August 1990 he had to have more by-pass surgery for his legs, and finally he could feel a pulse in them so it seemed he was some better.. In October 1991 he and Oleta went to Red River for a short vacation and rest, as they had done before. On the 17 October he died there. Walter had had a good job with a railroad and had retired some years before his death. He and Oleta had opened a lamp and shade shop, which Oleta continues to operate in 1998.

2 Ch: G.1..Herman Eugene.....G.2..Ruth Ellen.

G.1. .Herman Eugene Mayfield.....Sp..Carolyn Sue Borger
b..27 August 1948...Clovis, N. Mexico.....b..29 June 1951..Amarillo, Tx.
m..9 August 1969.....

2 Ch:..G.1..a.Jennifer Lynette.....G.1.b.Richard Andrew.

G.1.a..Jennifer Lynette Mayfield.....
b..16 September 1973.....

Ch..G.1.a.1..Shelbee.....
b.. 1991

G.1.b...Richard Andrew Mayfield.....
b..31 July 1975.....

Richard was born premature with only one working kidney. He had successful surgery when 2 weeks of age.

G.2...Ruth Ellen MayfieldSp..Sam Kay Collins..Preacher
b..23 March 1950.....b..10 November 1947
m..8 March 1969..Truth or Consequences, N. Mex.....d..

3 Ch:...G.2.a. .Jeffrey.....G.2.b. Lisa.....G.2.c...Amy
G.2.a..Jeffrey Kurt Collins.....b..22 August 1975.....

G.2.b..Lisa Donna Collins.....
b..15 March 1977..Pampa, Texas.....d..16 November 1997...Accident..Goodwell, Okla.

Bur Llano cemetery, Amarillo, Texas
G.2.c..Amy Collins.....b..1979

H.. Albert Lee Mayfield.....Sp. Anita Obar
b..23 March 1934.....b..1 April 1935
m..18 February1952.....d..

5 Ch:..H.1 Charles...H.2..Weldon... H.3...Janice....H.4..Terry....H.5...Debbie

H.1.Charles Mayfield.....
b..15 July 1952.....

H.2...Weldon Mayfield.....
b..5 August 1953.....
d..17 March... 1962..drowned8 years 7mos. And 12 days

H.3..Janice Mayfield.....Sp..Ron Richmond
b..4 February 1955.....b.
m.. 1973.....d.. Divorced

Twin sons..H.3.a. Rodd Richmond...b..and d..29 December 1973
H.3.b..Todd Richmond.....
b..29 Dec 1973.....

H.4..Terry Mayfield.....
b..27 June 1956.....
d..16 April 1971.....Choked...14 years 9 mos.19 days..Amarillo

H.5..Debbie Mayfield.....Sp...Scott Cuzenz
b..27 July 1957.....
m.. 1956.....

Ch: H.5.a..Christopher Cuzenz.....
b..31 August 1976.....
d.. June 1998...After a 2 year fight with Cancer.. He was nearing 22 years of age.



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Edward Jacob Ramsey

2.--Edward Jacob Ramsey-----Spouse.--Florence Baker
b.--27 November 1900-----b.--
m.--21 January 1925-----d.--
d.-- ????????????

3 Ch..A.-- Claud----B.--Eugene.----C.----Thought to be a girl.

A.-- Claud Ramsey-----
b.-- October 1925-----

B.--Eugene Ramsey-----
b.-- 1927-----

C.--? ? ? Ramsey-----
b.-- 1929-----

This is one of the mysteries, in this family that has never been solved, and we still wonder ??????

“Ed” as Edward was called, and Florence lived with Florences folks. Ed was proud of his little growing family and he was a family man. If there was trouble in the home, his origional family did not know anything about it. Ed left in his car one day, to go to purchase his car license tag. He’s never been seen since that time. Nor was his car ever found. His family just did not believe that he just took off and left his family. They tended to believe that there was foul play in the situation. There was a big excavation project going on in the area and they voiced their thoughts to the law but nothing was found to confirm their suspicions. Because of their suspicions about his disappearance, all contact was lost with Florence and the children. What a loss to the family and to the little family of Ed. I wish them well where ever they are but it would be wonderful to meet up with them for a wonderful reunion. In this year of 1998 the Children would be in their late 60's and early 70's but we have no idea how much family they have had or where they may be by this time.. It is very doubtful that we will ever know what happened to Edward Jacob Ramsey.....

3.--Cora Ramsey-----Spouse.--Gordon Bales



#2 Jim Lain and Cora Ramsey Bales

3.--Cora Ramsey-----Spouse.--Gordon Bales
b.--29 March 1902---Hollis, Okla.-----b.--9 November 1899
m.--25 December 1923-----d.--22 August 1941
d.--26 June 1974---heart attack--72 yrs,2 mos 28 days-----41 yrs 10 mos 13 days
d.--Olton, Texas-----buried---- Plainview, Texas

2 nd Spouse--Jim Lain
m.--28 July 1944--by Alpha Dow Jr,-- Nancy attending -----b.--
d.-- Vechicle accident

5.--Ch: A.--Ruby----B.--Clara Bell----C.--Elmer----D.--Mary----E.--Alice

A.--Ruby Lucille Bales-----Spouse.--Stin E. Sartor

b.--27 November 1924-----b.--15 July 1922
m.--5 December 1942-----d.--22 August 1985---63+years
d. 21 July 1998.....bur. Lubbock cemetery.....73 years and about 9 months of age.
4 Ch.--1--Elbert---2.--Ronald Kieth---3.--Gordon Lee--4.--Ruth Ann

1.--Elbert Wayne Sartor-----Spouse.--Charollott Allison Vaughn
b.--8 June 1944-----b.--27 February 1946
m.-- 1966-----d.--
d.--

3 Ch:- a --Steven Todd---b.--Tonya Michele---c.--Tina Re'nea

a.--Steven Todd Sartor-----Spouse..Lisa Aileen Swilley
b.--13 December 1967.....b..13 April 1968
m..15 July 1987

Ch..a.1...Kelsie Aileen Sartor.....b...21 February 1995

b.--Tonya Michele Sartor-----Spouse..Cody Scott Richardson
b.--3 January 1972.....b..11 May 1973
m..30 July 1994.....

Son..b.1..Cody Scott Richardson, Jr.....b...12 March 1996

c.--Tina Re'nea Sartor-----
13 April 1976

2.-- Ronald Kieth Sartor-----Spouse.--Bonita Jane Hickman
b.-- 12 January 1945-----b.--
m.--14 December 1965-----d.-- Divorced Dec. 1974
d.--
Career-- Law Enforcement

2 nd Spouse--Doyla Henderson
m.--25 January 1975-----b.--6 November 1952

4 Ch.--A.Laura---B.--Rhonda---C.--Kristi---D.--Rebecca....E. Amber Lynn..

A.--Laura Jane Sartor-----Spouse..Paul Baker Flowers
b.--26 April 1969-----
m..24 November 1988.....

3 ch. A.1..Sarah Elizabeth Janeb.13 August 1989
A.2..Paul Baker, Jr.....b.27 January 1992
A.3..Stephen christopher.....b.14 January 1993

B.--Rhonda Laine Sartor-----Spouse..Eric Freijo

b.--27 August 1970-----

m..8 June 1991.....

Ch...B.1.Joel Gregory Freijo....b..28 May 1994

B.2. Erica Catherine Freijo.....b...28 November 1995

C.--Kristi Lee Sartor-----

b.--28 October 1976-----

D.-- Rebecca Ann Sartor-----

b.--1 March 1979-----

E..Amber Lynn Sartor....b..5 May 1983

.....The last 3 girls were by Doyle

3.--Gordon Lee Sartor

b.--10 August 1946

d.--31 October 1948-----2 years, 2 mos, 21 days.

4. Ruth Ann Sartor-----Spouse.--Robert Michael Weber

b.--9 February 1950-----b.---5 February 1950

m.--12 May 1974-----d.--

d.--

2 Ch:--A.-- Jennifer Ruth-----Stin Michael

A. --Jennifer Ruth Weber-----

b.--3 April 1975-----

B.--Stin Michael Weber-----

b.--16 May 1977-----

B.--Clara Belle Bales-----Spouse.--Donald Douglas Dunn

b.--10 January 1928-----b.-- 1 June 1924

m.--23 December 1947-----d.-- 4 October 1973--Heart Att.

d.--

m.-- 3 August 1976 -----2 nd Spous---Don Goode

-----b.--

2 Ch:-- 1.-- Herbert---- 2.--Donnita

1.-- Herbert Daniel Dunn-----Spouse.--Ruby Starns

b.--10 December 1950-----b.--19 August 1951
m.--30 December 1971-----d.--
d.--

Ch: Jason Douglas Dunn-----
b.--20 August 1972-----

2.-- Donnita Dunn-----Spouse.--David Lee Rumfelt
b.--23 July 1953-----b.--
m.--28 March 1973-----d.--
d

Ch.--Junko Rumfelt
b.--13 April 1975-----

C.-- Elmer Russell Bales-----Spouse.--Donita Sue Brasher
b.-- 4 May 1932-----Lamb Co. Texas-----b.--25 May 1933
m.-- 23 June 1952-----d.-- Div. 21 Dec 1970
d.-- 7 May 1980-----48 years, 3 days-----Cancer-----
2 nd Spouse.--Gertrude K. Sissney
m.-- 29 May 1971-----div. Late 1973 or early 1974
3 rd Spouse.--Susan Sutton
m.--22 January 1975-----b.-- 11 August 1915

2 Sons--1.-- Gordon---- 2.--Walter

1.--Gordon Russell Bales-----Spouse.--Gail Ann Boren
b.--227 February 1955-----Plainview, Texas-----b.--15 December 1955
m.-- 16 November 1974-----d.--
d.--

Ch:--1 a. Breanne Bales.....
b.-- 27 November 1979.....

1 b ..Jenna Sue Bales.....
b.. 28 December 1983.....

2.-- Walter Bruce Bales-----Spouse.-- Judy Irene Preast
b.-- 9 May 1956-----Plainview, Texas-----b.-- 7 August 1956
m.--29 November 1975-----d.--

Ch..2a..Windy Beth Bales.....b 17 August 1981

2b..Jamie Sue Bales.....b. 6 August 1984

D.-- Mary Catherine Bales-----Spouse.--John Thomas Woods, Jr.
b.--23 July 1937-----b.-- 7 August 1930
m.--9 November 1957-----d.--
d.--

3 Ch.-- 1--John----2.-- Catherine----3. Kristy..

1.-- John Randall Woods-----Spouse.-- Rebecca Meeks
b.--21 April 1960-----b.--
m.--15 February 1990-----d.--
d.--

son.--John Thomas Woods
b. 8 June 1991

Rebecca brought 2 children to the marriage. a.--Charles Brown---b.--1964-----
b.-- Mindy Ann Brown----1966

2.-- Catherine Lynn Woods-----Spouse.--Michael Carl Owen
b.-- 17 June 1962-----b.--
m.-- 1985-----d. Deceased
d.--

son.--Mason Carl Owen
b.-- 30 October 1987

3.--Kristy Lynette Woods -----Spouse.--“Larry” Lawrence Edward Preston
b.--2 June 1970-----b.--13 March 1967
m.--23 March 1991-----d.--
d.--

E.--Alice Marie Bales-----Spouse.--Joe Cleve Manley
b.-- 11 December 1939-----b.--22 March 1924
m.-- 9 December 1961-----6.--18 April 1978----54 years ---
d,-

2 nd Spouse.--Charlie Mc Bee
m.-- 4 November 1979-----b.-- ? but Closer to her age

3 Ch:-- 1.--Theresa----2.--Sharon----3.--Linda

1.--Theresa Diane Manley-----Spouse..Donald Gene Creed
b.--19 July 1962-----
m..18 June 1982.....

Div.

Ch ..1.a Michael Gene Creed...b.19 April 1983

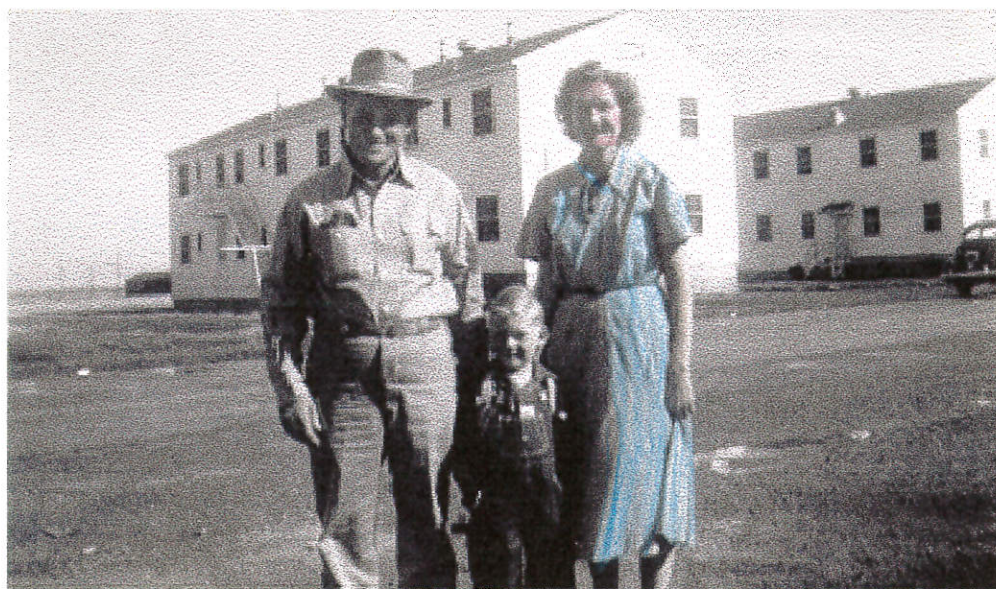
Spouse # 2 ..Duane McBee
Son of Charlie McBee

2.--Sharon Darlene Manley-----Spouse..Monty Lynn Skidmore
b.--25 September 1963-----
m..16 August 1982.....

Children.. 2.a.. Valerie Gene...b..13 March 1983.....
2 b.. Tony Bruce.....b..22 March 1984.....
2 c..Eric Blake.....b..27 October 1985

3.--Linda Re'nee Manley-----Spouse..John Cline
b.--25 November 1965.....
m. 7 June 1986

Ch. 3a..Hiedi Nicole Cline..b..6 February 1990..
3b...Megan Michelle Cline...b...15 April 1991



1951

Ramsey's
Albert II - Scott - Dorothy

4.--Albert Jackson Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Dorothy Thompson
b.--21 January 1904-----b.--12 April 1908
m.--14 December 1924-----d.--30 July 1997--Almogordo, N.M.
d.-- 18 April 1973----Heart attack---Canyon, Texas---- She was 89 years, 3 mos, 18 days

both buried at the Dreamland Cemetery----Canyon, Texas.

He was 69years, 28 days -----

When Bud and I, Leona, married we spent our first night at the home of Albert and Dorothy out north west of Mulhall where they worked on a farm. We lived closer to them during our earlier marriage so I got to know them more than some of the other brothers and sisters. Dorothy always complained with her stomach, whether it was ulcers or what she never seemed to know. Eventually they moved away from us but we kept in touch thru letters and the occassional family reunions or short trips made by one or the other of us. Albert finally had to retire from the farm labor that he seemed to like better than any other kind of work that he did, tho he was in Law enforcement at one time in Edmond. They moved to CanyonTexas when he had to retire. He was able to raise a garden and keep up the yard work but the health problem did not go away. One day on the 18 th of April 1973 he went out and started the mowing. A neighbor happened to see the push mower going across the yard by itself and ran to investigate. Albert was down and evidently had died as he went down.-----Now, Dorothy had gone to work as an aide, some time after they moved to Canyon and in spite of health problems that she had she worked past retirement at the Hospital, there in Canyon. After she had to retired she moved to almogordo, to be near their daughter but she was not

daughter but she was not happy so she moved back to Canyon. Her health continued to be a problem so she had to move back to almogordo, once again. She truly did have lots of health problems. She suffered from hypo-glycemia, and Ulcers, She finally had to have one third of the stomach removed in 1983. On the 11 March 1984 she had a knee replacement in Canyon - In 1987 she had to have a pace maker installed. She had developed a duodenal ulcer in February 1989 and spent 9 days in the hospital with that situation..She had successful surgery on her only seeing eye for a Cataract. She lived with the Daughter and son-in-law back in Almogordo for a time but finally went into the Betty Dare Samaritan Center on Florida Avenue in Almogordo. She was living there when she passed away. The daughter, "Snookie", a special niece to me, had preceded Dorothy in death by some 9 months, she had a long battle with Lou Gherig disease.

Dorothy and Albert had 2 Ch.--A. Gladys Christine----B--Scott Allen

A.--Gladys Christine "Snookie" Ramsey-----Spouse.-- David Lee.

b.--8 November 1926-----b.-- 24 May1927

m.-- 17 October 1946-----d.--

d.-- 10 October 1995----Almogordo, New Mex.--Lou Gherig disease.--

2 sons.-- 1.-- Jackson----2.-- Joe

1.-- Jackson Edward Lee-----m-- a girl named Judy -----annuled.

-----Spouse--Debra Maye Herrera

b.--5 October 1951-----b.--17 June 1953

m.--13 December 1975-----d.--

d.--

3 Ch.-- a.--Jason----b.--Jerod----c.--Janice

a.--Jason Alan Lee-----

b.--30 July 1977-----

b.--Jerod Wayne Lee-----

b.-- 1979-----

c.--Janice Christine Lee-----

b.-- 1981

2.--Joe David Lee-----Spouse.-- Pam

b.-- 8 September 1953-----b.--

m.-- 1973-----d.--

d.--

2 Ch: a.-- Rebecca----b.--Darrell

a.-- Rebecca Ann Lee-----
b.--24 January 1976-----

b.--Darrell Eugene Lee-----
b.-- 1980-----

B.-- Scott Allen Ramsey-----Spouse.--Karen DeHart
b.--16 July 1946-----b.--30 August 1948
m.--25 June 1966-----d.-- Div. 5 July 1977
d.--

m.--10 June 1987-----2 Spouse.-- Peggy
b.--26 July 1953
d.--12 April 1992

Both were in the Airforce-----Peggy was buried in Fort Bliss Cemetery, El Paso, Tx.

2 Ch.-- one by each wife-----1.--Scott Allen----2.--Roberta

1.--Scott Allen Ramsey, Jr.-----
b.--12 June 1973-----

2.--Roberta Lee Ramsey-----
b.-- 29 November 1978-----

5.-- Harry Lee Ramsey-----Spouse.--"Dee" Cordelia Joiner
b.--12March 1905-----b.--27 October 1909-- Hollis
m.--1 September 1930-----d.--Wed. 21 January 1998
d.--11 August 1973---Amarillo, Tx.-----d.--Amarillo, Tx.
Both bur. In Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo-----bur. 23 January 1998

They raised a girl from the time she was 4 years old but couldn't adopt her until she was grown, which they did. After she was grown she found her biological family, which consisted of sisters and brothers. Whether she had much to do with them, I never heard. She did not seem to be around for Cordelia a lot in her need in later years. Patsy had a serious health problem of her own, I had heard, back at the time of Alberts death.

She was Patricia Fore Ramsey-----Spouse.--Scott Richard Lewis
b.--7 May 1942-----b.--4 April 1938
m.-- 1963-----d.--
d.--

Their home is at Rosebud, Texas.

Dee had 3 sisters---1.--Etoile Pope-----Amarillo---She did what she could for Dee
2. Eileen Bynum-----Rocky Ford, Colorado
3. .Nona Lee Clark-----El Paso, Texas.



Lee and Dee Ramsey



Wedding - 17 November 1928

Roy Ramsey - Naomi Breathouse

6.--Roy Ramsey "Biggin"-----Spouse.-- Naomi Elbertia Greathouse
b.--23 July 1906-----b.--1 January 1912
m.--17 November 1928-Walsh Colorado-----d.--
d.--24 December 1972--Blood clot hit his heart-----
66 years, 5 months of age.

Roy had slipped on ice and broke his leg. He had been in the hospital and had it fixed and dismissed to go home for Christmas. There a blood clot hit his heart and he was gone, instantly. It was Christmas eve of 1972. (His Dad died on Christmas day 41 years earlier.)

4 Children: A.--Aliene----B.--Neil----C.--Barbara----D.--Darwyn

A.--Aliene Delores Ramsey -----Spouse--Willie Steven Lippoldt
b.--15 November 1929-----b.--21 September 1926
m.--30 June 1946-----d.--
d.--
Celebrated their 50 th Anniversary 30 June 1996

4 Children:-- 1.-- Wynn----2.--Lind----3.--Nema----4.--Elmer

1.-- Wynn Allen Lippoldt-----Spouse.-- Denise
b.-- 20 December 1955-----b.-- Lives.Newcastle 1999

a Son--Ryan. Lee Lippoldt.....b..30 March 1984
Foster son Miles Lee Lippoldt...b...21 April 1990...son of Lind's 2nd wife Shirley Walker
Lippoldt..They married on 24 November 1995....The day before Lind died.

2 --Lind Devon Lippoldt-----Spouse.-- Marsha Ann McClay
b.--3 April 1958-----b.-- 1960
m.--4 December 1976-----d.-- Divorced
d.--25 November 1995---Lymphnoma--non Hodgkins---

1 Child by Marsha, a girl whose name is Onna Lynn Lippoldt. She is in her second year of College in 1995, at Fort Collins, Colorado.....b..12 March 1977.....At Windsor Co. in Dec. 1999

3.--Nema Rae Lippoldt-----Spouse.-- Dave Konkel
b.--2 June 1960-----b.-- Lives Enid, Ok. 99
m.-- 1978-----d--
d.-- Sp.2..Allan Decker
b..

5 Ch...3.a Dustin 3.b. Andy. 3.c. Kristelle 3.d. Damion 3.e.Kabrina

3.a.-Dustin Lee Konkel-Decker-----
b.-- 8 November 1978-----6lb, 12 ozs---21in. Long--9;21 P.M.

3.b- Andy Drew Decker.. b..5 July 1983
3.c. Kristelle Anea Decker... b..18 September 1985
3.d. Damion Vaun Decker. .b.. 24 September 1887
3.e. Kabrina Nicole Decker. b... 9 May 1995

4. Elmer Antone Lippoldt.....Sp..Lisa Kimberlasus Plagge
b..30 December 1962.....b..9 November..1960 Sache, Tx. 1999
Dallas area.

2 sons..

2 Ch.. 4.a. Logan Gray Lippoldt.....b..23 February 1990
4.b. Breckin Lane Lippoldt.....b..10 October 1994

B. Neil Duane Ramsey-----Spouse.--Eula Marie Parker "Pookie"
b.-- 19 November 1933-----b.--3 October 1936
m.--10 April 1954-----d.--
d.-- 26 December 1996..Denver Hospital...bur. Walsh, Colorado

4 Children.--1.-- Terry----2.--Toni----3.--Traci----4.-- Tami

1.--Terry Lane Ramsey-----Spouse.--0
b.-- 27 September 1955-----b.--

2.-- Toni Dawn Ramsey-----Spouse.--Terry Kim Smith
b.--8 October 1956-----b.-- 7 September 1956
m.-- -----d.--
d.-- Collige, Ks. 1999

3 Children.. 1.Michelle...2.Jennifer....3.Ashley

Child.-1- Michelle Lea Smith-----
b. 17 January 1975
m.--
d.--

2. Jennifer Smith.....
b ..13 September 1977.....

3.Ashley Renea Smith.....
b..30 October 1979.....

C.-- Traci Lea Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Jerry W. Davis

b.-- February 1958-----b.--

m.--

d.--

Sp#2..Jim Wilger

Sp#.. Osbment Coolige 1999

Children: 1..Jason Craig Davis....b...

2..Casey Ryan Wilger...b...

3..Shea Nikea Wilger...b...

D..".Tami" Tamela Dean Ramsey.....Spouse..Scott David Nevius

b.. February 1959.....

Lamar, Co. 1999

2 Children...D.1. Tanner Duane Nevius...b..

D.2. Travis Douglas Nevius..b..

C.-- Barbara Lynn Ramsey -----

b.--16 December 1947-----

m.--

d.--

Barbara had a career in the USN. Mother, Naomi wrote in 1981 that Barbara had retired from the Navy, she had made Lieutenant Commander. In 1991 and 1992 she was working in a hospital in San Diego..She is at Grossmont Hospital in the E.R. in La Mesa, California in Dec. 1999.

D.--Darwyn Dahl Ramsey-----Spouse---Rhonda Kay Wheeler

b.-- 29 November 1950-----b.--18 July 1950

m.--27 February 1970-----d.--

d.--

Katy, Tx. 1999

2 ch.--1.--Nichole Ramsey----2.--Darren

1.-- Nichole Dawn Ramsey -----Spouse..Jeremy Cherry-Newby

b.-- 30 July 1972-----

m.--

d.--

3 Ch. 1.Alexis Nicole Cherry-Newby...b..

2 Drake Cherry-Newby....b..

3 Zachary Cherry-Newby....b..

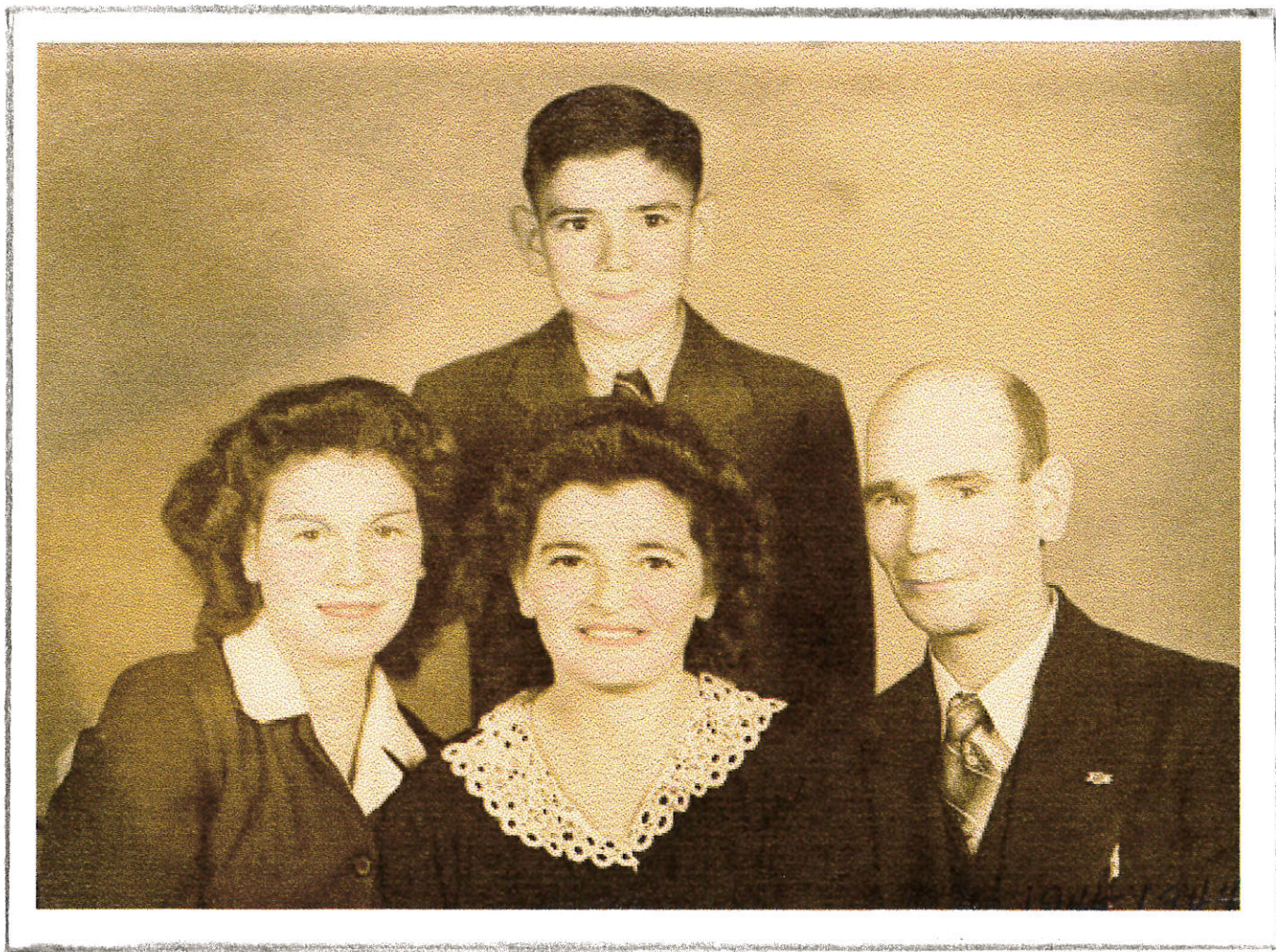
2.-- Darren Michael Ramsey-----

Home

b.--14 November 1974-----

m.--

d.--



Albert Eugene
Beulah Mae - Amy - Otto Ketchan

7.-- Amy Elizabeth Ramsey-----Spouse.--Otto Betchan
b.--26 December 1907-----McLean, Texas.-----b.--19 January 1898--Gainsville, Tx.
m.-- 27 December 1925-----d.--22 October 1960-- Cancer----Seattle Wa.
d.--14 August 1968--Seattle, ---Asthama-Emphyzema----both bur, Washington Memorial-Seattle
60 yrs 7 mos 19 days-----61 yrs 9 mos 2 days

2 Ch.--A.-- Beulah Mae----B.-- Albert E.

A.-- Beulah Mae Betchan-----Spouse.--L.Z. De Spain, Jr.
b.-- 29 May 1928---Mulhall, Okla-----b.-- 14 September 1925--Altus, Ok.
m.--23 April 1944-----d.--
d.--

3 daughters.-- 1.-- Shirlee----2.-- Sherrie----3.--Sylvia

1.-- Shirlee Ann DeSpain-----Spouse.--Frank Howard Kinney
b.--22 December 1944----Okla. City-----b.--17 November 1943--Renton, Wa.
m.--12 September 1962-----d.-- Divorced
d.--
m.-- 31 March 1986-----2 nd Spouse --John Mott.-----Divorced

2 Children: a.--Denise Suzanne---- b.--Sean

a.-- Denise Suzanne Kinney-----Spouse.--Chris Bray
b.--11 April 1963---Renton, Wa.-----b.--
m.-- -----d.-- Divorced
d.--
m.--3 July 1993-----2 nd Spouse----Gordon Douglas Bevans

Child.--Keenan Douglas Bevans-----
b.--11 July1994----Roseburg, Oregon-----

b.-- Sean Howard Kinney-----
b.--27 May 1966----Renton, Wa.-----
m.--
d.--

Sherrie Lynn DeSpain-----Spouse.--Gary Dale Byers
b.--10 February 1946-----b.--1 April 1943----Alaska
m.-- 5 June 1964-----d.-- Divorced
d.--
m.--2 April 1976-----2 nd spouse.--Arnold Hatch
b.--1 January 1939

Daughter: Dawn Teolene Byers-----Spouse-- Lance Oliver
b.-- 20 February 1966----Leavenworth, Kansas-----b.--
m.-- 1987-----d.- Divorced
d.--

4.--Children:-- A.--Lorrae Faith----B.--Serree Teo----C.--Desirea----D.--Shannon

A.--Lorrae Faith Oliver-----
b.--26 January 1988-----Redmond, Wa.-----
m.--
d.--

B.-- SerreeTeo Oliver-----
b.--24 May 1989
m.--
d.--

C.-- Desirea Dawn Byers-----
b.-- 28 October 1992-----Everett, Wa.-----

D.--Shannon Christine Bissell-----
b.-- 4 July 1994-----Everett, Wa.-----

Father of Shannon Christine Bissell is Hugh Bissell--2 nd Spouse of Dawn Teolene Byers

3.-- Sylvia Jo DeSpain-----Spouse.--Cadian Colbert Hendricks "Ken"
b.-- 4 July 1950---Okla city-----b.--24 April 1949---Louisiana
m.-- 1981-----d.--

4 children: A.--Cadian----B.--Erin----C.--Julian----Lilian----A and B are twins

A.-- Cadian Colbert Hendricks-----
b.--16 December 1981-----Port Towsend, Wa.
m.--
d.--

B.--Erin Elizabeth Hendricks-----
b.-- 16 December 1981----Port Towsend-----
m.--
d.--

C.--Julian James Houston Hendricks-----
b.--29 June 1984----Port Towsend, Wa.-----
m.--
d.--

D.-- Lilian Laurel Hendricks-----
b.--9 September 1988----Port Townsend Wa.-----
m.--
d.--

B.--Albert Eugene Betchan-----Spouse.--Janet Lee Stokes
b.--8 October 1931----Guthrie, Okla-----b.--14 April 1934
m.--3 July 1952-----Orlando, Florida-----d.--
d.--

Young Albert was in the Army and he married a girl named Jean, the marriage was annuled. 1947

3 sons: 1.--Glen Eugene----2.--Albert Lee----3.-- William Otto

1.-- Glen Eugene Betchan-----Spouse.--Zule Collzo
b.--20 July 1953-----Mineral Wells, Tx-----b.--
m.--17 July 1976-----d.-- Divorced
d.--

2 nd Spouse.--Patty Soomea

2 ch:-- a.--Rodney L----b.--Michelle

a.-- Rodney Lee Betchan-----
b.-- 16 May 1977-----Porta Rica-----
m.--
d.--

b.--Michelle Betchan-----
b.--30 November 1979-----
m.--
d.--

2.-- Albert Lee Betchan-----Spouse.--Lenora Ann Hayes
b.-- 5 October 1954-----Mineral Wells, Tx-----b.--
m.--9 August 1975-----d.
d.--

Daughter: Angele Leigh Betchan-----
b.--16 February 1977-----Atlanta, Georgia-----
m.--
d.--

3.--William Otto Betchan-----Spouse.--Tammie Schneider "Brandy"
b.--23 April 1959-----Bad Constant, Germany-----b.--
m.--14 February 1978-----Orlando, Florida-----d.-- Divorced
2 nd Spouse.-- Julia Tate

2 children:-- A.--Amy----B.--Ada

A.--Amy Elizabeth Betchan-----

b.--26 April 1979-----Orlando, Fla.---(8 lb 10 oz)-----

m.--

d.--

B.-- Ada Marie Betchan-----

b.--18 June 1981-----Hineville, Georgia-----

m.--

d.--

8.-- Baby Girl Ramsey----

b.-- 12 March 1909

d.--12 March 1909

9.--Charles Luther Ramsey-----

b.--15 August 1913-----

d.-- 19 February 1922-----8 years 7 months 4 days of age.

bur. Olton Cemetery, Olton Cemetery

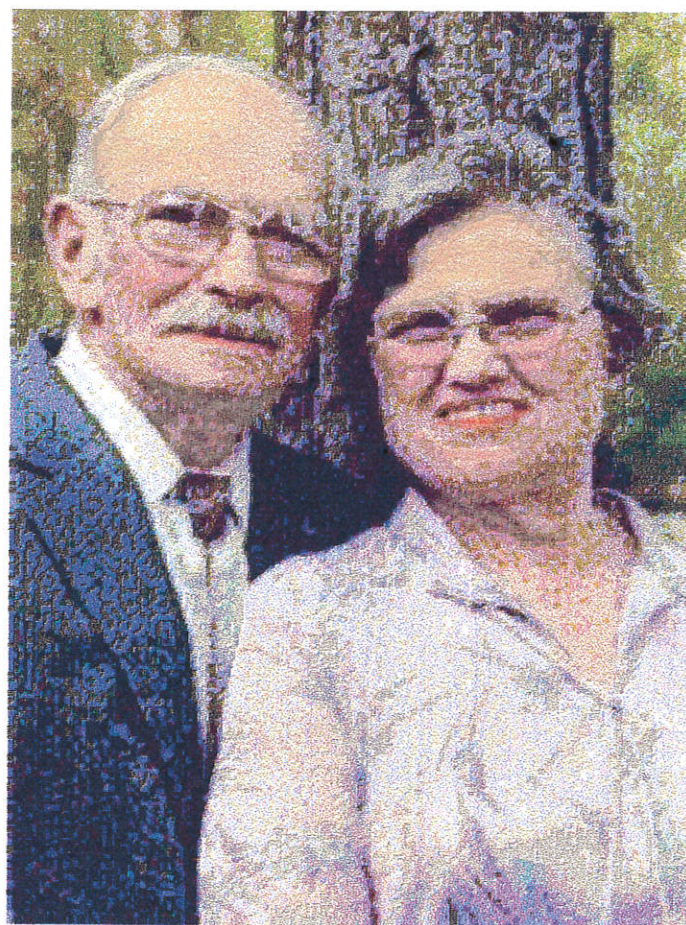


Wedding - 14 May 1938
Clarence James Ramsey - Leona Myrl Fent





Leona Myrl Oaks



Leona Tent Ramsey
m. Emerson E. Oaks "Pappy"
17 Feb. 1983 - 17 Feb. 1990

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10.--Clarence James Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Leona Myrl Fent
b.-- 28 February 1917---Hale Center, Texas-----b.-- 2 May 1919--near Orlando, Okla.
m.-- 14 May 1938---Mulhall, Ok. By J of Peace. Bell-----d.--
d.-- 20 October 1978---Midwest City, Okla.---bur. Arlington Memory Gardens. 23 Oct. 1978
Cause: Emphyzema and complications

Leona remarried to Emerson Etheridge Oaks
b.-- 14 August 1903---Frederick, Okla
m.-- 17 February 1983---in her Lake home
d.--- 17 February 1990---in Calhoun, Louisiana
bur. Fairlawn Cemetery, Stillwater.

7 children: 1.--James----2.--Horace----3.--David----4.--Clara Jane----5.--Nancy----6.-- Ronald
7.-- Paul

1.-- James Lee Ramsey--"Jim"-----Spouse.-- Marilyn Kay Payn
b.--7 December 1941---6 lbs 11 ½ ozs--1:11 p.m.-----b.---4 April 1942 Okla. City, Ok.
Clovis Hospital, Clovis, New Mexico---Pearl Harbor-----
m.--3 June 1961---Pastors Office---First Bap. Ch. Midwest.Cty----d.--
d.--

M. Ks parents-- Wilbur and June payn

3 girls.-- A. Debbie----B.--Melodie----C. Tiffanie

A.-- Debbie Lynn Ramsey-----Spouse.--Kenney Lovell
b.-- 2 December 1962---Midwest City-----b.--20 August 1950
m.--21 March 1986---Meadowwood Bap. Ch. Mwc-----d.--
d.--

2 girls,-- 1 April D.----2.--Tabitha R.

1.-- April Dawn Lovell-----
b.-- 19 August 1986---Midwest City-----
m.--
d.--

2.-- Tabitha Re'nee Lovell-----
b.--29 June 1990-----
m.--
d.--

B.-- Melodie Dawn Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Richard William McCalister-"Rick"
b.--27 May 1967---Midwest City-----b.--1 April 1966
m.-- 1 June 1990--Meadowwood Bap. Ch.-----d.--
d.--

2 children.--1.-- Megan----2.--Cory

1.-- Megan Dawn McCalister-----

b.--28 August 1992---8 lbs--Midwest City-----

m.--

d.--

2.--Cory William McCalister-----

b.--17 January 1995----Midwest City-----

m.--

d.--

C.-- Tiffanie Lea Ramsey-----Spouse.--Bill Vaughn Drew

b.--12 March 1971-----b.-- 21 December 1971

m.-- 28 July 1989----7:00pm. Meadowwood Bap Ch.-----d.--

d.--

Bills Father--Max Drew

2.-- Horace Jackson Ramsey -----

b.-- 26 October 1943----Clovis Hospital, Clovis, New Mexico.

d.-- 26 October 1943 after only 4 hours----bur. Grady Cemetery, Grady new Mexico.

3.--David Lin Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Cynthia Lorene Kieth "Cindy"

b.-- 9 June 1946----just before midnight on Sat.-----b.--4 February 1948

m.-- 10 September 1966--Nicoma Park Bap. Ch.-----d.--

d.--

David was born in Dr. Whites clinic. Clovis.

Cindys Dad--Orval Jessie Kieth
...Mom..Daisy Lane

a.--Gary----b.--Mark----c.--Julie

a.-- Gary Lin Ramsey-----Spouse.-- DiAnne Sue Dentis

b.--29 April 1970----University Hosp. O.K.C.-----b.--7 September 1969

m.--26 April 1997----Tulsa, Oklahoma-----d.--

d.--

Parents: Larry Walter Dentis--b.1950
Lois Ann b.1948

b.-- Mark Lee Ramsey-----

b.-- 11 November 1972---University Hosp. O.K.C.---

m.--

d.--

c.-- Julie Ann Ramsey-----Spouse.--Sean Reineke

b.--2 February 1975-----Midwest City Hospital-----b.-- 4 Dec 1974

m.-- 7 October 1994-----d.--

d.--

4.--Clara Jane Ramsey-----Spouse.--Daniel W. Stivers

b.--31 October 1947----born at Home on east Reno-----b.--22 August 1945

m.-- 24 August 1964----...first Bap. Ch.--Nicoma Pk.-----d.-- Div, 28 Sept. 1967

d.--

2 sons:-- A. Danny----B.--Steven

A.-- Danny Wayne Stivers-----

b.--23 December 1964---University Hosp.----

m.--

d.--

B. Steven Michael Stivers-----Spouse Kim Holstein

b.--29 June 1966-----b.--

m.-- 27 December 1988-----d.--

Div. April 1992

d.--

Child:--Christopher Brenden Stivers-----

b.-- 7 April 1990

d.-- 7 April 1990----- bur Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Okla.

m.-- 18 November 1994-----2 nd Spouse Cindy Forsters

b.--23 February 1971

Child: Stephanie Meghan Stivers-----

b.--1 January 1995-----

m.--

d.--

Janes other marriages:

Richard Massey -----

b.--26 April 1921-----

m.--30 March 1968---Decatur, Tx.-----Div. End of Sept.---He had 6 children

Dennis Allen Mange-----

b.--26 September 1943-----

m.--22 April 1971, --Gainsville, Tx.-----Div. June of 1973---He had 1 girl 2 boys

John Helm-----

b.--29 May 1931--Cooke Co.----

m.--27 July 1973--Gainsville, Tx.-----Div. 1975-----He had 6 children

James C. Mayes-----

27 May 1947-----

m.-- 18 June 1976-----Div. Late 1977

Tom Mosher (Preacher)

b.--20 February 1952

m.--1 December 1978---Spencer, First Baptist Church----Div. May 1979--He had 1 son

Lonnie Willis-----

b.-- 29 January 1937

m.-- September 1979-----

d.--

5.-- Nancy Elizabeth Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Herbert David Cozens

b.--5 November 1950---AT Home on East Reno-----b.--3 March 1947

m.--12 March 1968--Shady Nook Free will Bap. Ch-----d.--

d.--

Parents: Merle Cozens and Charlene

2 girls.-- A. --Annette---- Shirley

A.--Annette Re'nee Cozens-----Spouse--Tracy Vann

b.--14 October 1968---University Hosp. O.K.C.-----b.-- 19 January 1968---Hawaii

m.--19 May 1990-----Texas Baptist Ch.-----d.--

d.--

Parents:

2 children: 1 .-- Nicholas----2.-- Lorena

1.-- Nicholas Taylor Vann-----

b.--23 March 1992-----Midwest City, Okla.

m.--

d.--

2.--Lorena Elizabeth Vann "Rena"

b.--12 January 1994-----Midwest City Hospital---8 lbs 8 oz.-----

m.--

d.--

B.--Shirley Jean Cozens-----Spouse.--Dean Jennings

b.--13 October 1970---University Hosp.-----b.--2 March 1967

m.-- 2 December 1989---Free Will Bap on Reno near home.

d.--

Div. 1991

m.-- late 1991-----2nd Spouse.-- "Jerry" Gerald Kliendinst--div.1993

m.--21 September 1996 in O.K.C. 3rd Spouse.--Gary Hair

b.-- 10 December 1976

Grandparents:-- Bill and Ruth Hair

and

Son of Shirley and Jerry:-- Kyle. James Cozens-----

-b.--27 September 1992---University Hospital----8 lb. 10oz.-----
m.--
d.--

6.-- Ronald Gene Ramsey -----Spouse.-- Janice Pearl
b.--2 August 1956---Capital Hill Hosp.-----b.25 November 1955
m.--26 September 1981---Nicoma Bap. Ch. By Truman Gregston-----div.23 Sept. 1984
d.--

m.-- 22 May 1992 by Eual Bowen-----2 nd Spouse--Cathy Ladona Bowen, Cofer
b.--24 January1951---Seminole
Parents Eual Bowen and Maxine

Eual Bowen was the Pastor at the Missionary Bap. Church, 15 th and Henney Road where Ron
and Cathy were married.

7.-- Paul Don Ramsey-----Spouse.-- Linda June Baxter
b.--23 October 1959---Mercy Hospital-O.K.C.-----b.--9 December 1961
m.--29 December 1980--Nicoma Park Bap Ch. By Truman Gregston Div. 1982
d.--

m.--23 May 1987---Norfolk, Va.-----2 nd Spouse-- Lynn Herman
b.3 June1948 Div. 1998

Lynn had 2:--Michelle Beringer b.--5 August 1974, m.-- ? Gregory--had a boy. --
Shawn Beringer b--4 February 1979

m.-- 18 February 1998-----Texas--3 rd Spouse---- --Maxine Moore

b.-- 14 December 1959--Lock Port. N. York

Parents:--Wallace Bruce Moore
.....Grace Maxine Connell

Maxines Children ...5

1
2

3..Hannah-----b. 13 March 1982
4..Tamara-----b. 2 September 1983
5. DeeAnna-----b. 12 July 1885



Beulah Christelle Ramsey

12... Beulah Christelle Ramsey.....Spouse..Troy Scarbrough
 b..2 January 1921.....b.
 m..20 July 1941.....d. Divorced
 d..1o April 1976.....Died from a brutal beating with a body shop tool, in their garage.

Spouse 2...Ted Slife

Married 30 December 1947.....b..13 July 1910

d..9 November1967.....57+ years

Spouse 3..Blain Anderson

Married 12 July 1968.....They had been married 8 + years

Beulah..(sis).. (Butch) had no children but she did mother Teds 2 sons a lot and a daughter at times, although the daughter spent most of the time with the mother. The children were very dear to Beulah and they loved her and grieved for her when she was so brutally killed.

They were 1. Melvin..”Mel”.....Spouse..Lorrili Golding

2 Ch..Mark Slife and Elizabeth Slife.

2.. William “Bill” Slife.....Spouse Carol Dillon

2 Ch.. 1..Janice Pearl Slife.....2. David Ernest Slife

3..Janice Slife.....Spouse..Conrad Graham

2 Ch.. 1..Constance Carol Graham2...Alice Marie Graham.

Carol was the one who kept in contact with us about the situation of Beulahs death and she can't possible know what that meant to us. The Police said that they thought Blain was the one who beat her but it was never proven so it has been in Gods hands to take care of the situation...She was taken to the Hospital and lived long enough to under-go surgery but didn't live long after. Bill and Carol lived in the same area and had a cleaners establishment there alsoso it was hard on them as Blain was so close to them in the area. They were able to sell the cleaners in Nov.1987

Janice their daughter, who was 22 years old in 1986 was very ill that year and had lung surgery, she was doing well by the Christmas letter I received in 1987

6...Luther J. Ramsey.....Spouse..Beulah Gabreth
 b..18 September 1882b..28 September 1893
 m..29 April 1915...(He was 26.....She was 21).....d..26 April 1969...Henryetta, Ok.
 d...29 September 1969.....Henryetta, Ok.

Both buried in the Cemetery east of Henryetta

Luther was a working Cowboy in his youth and before he died the two of them had donated some of his western regalia to a Museum, I believe at Dimmit,Texas. They had farmed in the Dimmit area, Later, in the Council Hill, Ok. Area, but their last few years they lived in Hanryetta, Ok. They celebrated their 50 anniversary on 29 April 1965. They had no children, and her only relative that I know of was a brother, Charles Gabreth.

Beulah had some talent with painting but I don' t know to what extent. We have a picture that she painted of 2 little boys fighting that seemed to be pretty good.

1.. Jerry Lee White.....Spouse.. Patricia Sullivan
b.. 1947.....b..
m.. 1971.....

Child.. A.. Gerald Robert White.....
b.. 1971.....

2..Karl D White.....Spouse.. Linda Sullivan
b.. 1949.....
m.. 1973

3 ..Allen Royce White.....
b.. 1953

4..David Wayne White.....
b.. 1956.....

5.Danny Ray White.....
b.. 1958.....

I.. Stanley Ray White.....Spouse..June Wildoner
b..26 January 1934....Lawton Oklahoma.....b.. 1 November 1934 ..Pensacola, Fla.
m..5 June 1953.....Bellfloura.....

Adopted 3.....1 Kelly Ann.....2..Douglas Ray.....3..Michael Travis

1.. Kelly Ann White.....Spouse.. Mark S. Fielding
b.. 26 July 1961.....Lynnwood, Ca.....b..6 March 1960...Spokane, Wa.
m..5 July 1980.....Lubbock, Tx.....d..

2 Ch.....A. Lindsay Jae.....B..Cody Tanner

A.. Lindsay Jae Fielding.....
b.. 10 May 1982.....Lubbock, Tx.....

B..Cody Tanner Fielding.....
b..23 August 1985.....Lubbock, Tx.

2.. Douglas Ray White.....
b..17 January 1966.....Los Angeles, Ca.

3..Michael Travis White.....
b..23 June 1970.....Keokuk, Iowa.....

3 Ch....A. Janice.....B. Jackie.....C. Glennie

A.. Janice Paris
b.. 1954

B.. Jackie Paris.....
b.. 1956.....

C.. Glennie Paris.....
b.. 1958

2.. Arthur Lee White.....Spouse.. Di Anne
b.. 1937.....b..
m.. 1956.....

Son..Donnie White.....
b.. 1957

3..Norma Jean White.....Spouse.. Jack Hobbs
b.. 1939.....b..
m.. 1970.....

4.. Raymond White.....
b.. 1941.....

D..Leonard Earl White.....b.. And d.....1916

E..Georgia Mable White.....Spouse.. Tillman Virgil Vance
b..27 July 1917.....b..
m..11 December 1933.....d..26 May 1973-Spotted Fever
Georgia had the fever also and was very bad, but lived.
Married24 August 1975.....Spouse 2..Harry Elder
b.. 1932

no Children

F..Ella Ruth White.....b..and died 28 August 1921

Twin

G..Elva Lou White.....
b.. 28 August 1921.....d..... 1939.... at near 18 years of age.

H.. Felix D White.....Spouse..Martha Merrel
b..24 July 1924.....b..
m.. 1945.....d..

5 Ch....1..Jerry Lee ..2..Karl D.....3..Allen Royce....4..David W.....5..Danny Ray

b..26 August 1937.....

5.. "Monty" John Mills.....Spouse.. Chris Jones

b.. 11 July1939.....b..

m.. 1958.....d. Divorced

d..

Married 1967 Spouse 2..Rosemary Thompson

3 Ch.. A..Dori.....B. Nette....(by Chris.).....C..Monique

A..Dori Mills.....

b.. 1959

B..Nette Mills.....

b.. 1961.....

C..Monique Mills.....

b.. 1968.....

6..George Eldon Mills.....Spouse Betty Rhodes

b..23 May 1942.....b..

m.. 1963.....d. Divorced

d..

Married1964.....Spouse 2.. Judy Fincetermocher

2 Ch.. Names not known

Services for Eva Juanita Whitem Mills, Woodward were held on Tuesday, 5 February 1979 at Sherman-Demuth Funeral home. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Her home was 2307 S.E. 46 th St. Oklahoma City Ok. She was 65+ years . She died on Saturday at South Community Hospital. She has been a resident of Okla. City since 1946 and operated the Era Beauty shop for many years. Survivors include 5 sons..Richard and Donald of O.K.C.--John of Norman--Robert of Los Angeles-- and George Eldon of Panama City, Florida. A sister Georgia Vance, Elder of Colorado Springs, Co. And 3 brothers. Jack of San Juan N Mexico.-Felix of Mustang and Stanley of Spokane, Washington.

C.." Jack" Virgil White.....Spouse..Cora Flint

b..27 December 1914.....b..

m..\\\\\\.. 1933.....d..

d..

4 Ch..1.. Lois.....2..Arthur.....3.. Norma.....4..Raymond

1..Lois Marie White.....Spouse..Jim Paris

b.. 1935.....b

5 Ch... A....Debbie.....B..Linda (Levenias).... C..Penny....D..Tammie.....E..Gena

A..Debbie Mills.....

b.. And died 1953

B.. Linda Mills.....

b.. 1955

C.Penny Mills.....

b.. 1960.....

D.. Tammie Mills.....

b.. 1962

E..Gena Rae Mills.....

b.. 1964

3.. Donald Rex Mills.....Spouse.. Ruby Roberts

b.. 7 June 1935.....b..

m.. 1953.....

4 Children.....a..Donnie.....b..Tammie.....c.. Harold.....d..David.

a..Donnie Mills.....

b.. 1954.....

b.. Tammie Mills.....

b.. 1956.....

c.. Harold Mills.....

b.. 1958

d.. David Mills.....

b.. 1960.....

4.. Robert Eugene Mills.....Spouse.. Judy Schmitt

b.. 26 August 1937.....b..

m.. 1956.....

2 Ch..A..Robbie.....B. Timmie

A..Robbie Mills.....

b.. 1957

B..Timmie Mills.....

B.. Sarah Allen.....
b.. 1948

3..Betty Alice Woodside.....Spouse.. R. Z. Smith
b.. 1931.....

2 Ch.....a..Sammyb..Liza

a..Sammy Smith.....
b.. 1950

b.. Liza Smith.....
b.. 1952.....

4.. Calvin Dillard Woodside.....Spouse.. Linda
b.. 1933

5..Sarah Nola Woodside.....
b.. 1935

6..Rosa Nita Woodside.....
b.. 1938

B...Eva Juanita White.....Spouse.. Paul Monighan Mills
b..2 September 1913.....b..
m. 1931.....d.. 1953
d..3 February 1979

Married 1957.....Spouse 2.. Jack Woodward
b..
d. 1967

5 Ch.....1.. Marvin Paul....2..Richard Alvin.....3..Donald Rex.....4..Robert E.
5..John "Monty".....6..George E.....

1 Marvin Paul Mills
b.. 7 January 1932....Okla. City
d.. 1935....Okla. City

2.. Richard Alvin MillsSpouse ..Levenia Roberts
b..20 April 1934.....b..
m. 1953.....d Divorced
d..
Married 1959.....Spouse 2..Charlene Caviness

7 Nola Belle Ramsey.....Spouse.. George Dillard White.
b.. 27 June 1892.....b..14 February 1888
m.. 1910.....d..17 March 1967...Suicide..79 yrs.
d.. February 1967.....74 + years

9 Ch. A. Vera.....B.. Eva Juanita....C..”Jack”Virgil...D..LeonardE..Georgia....
F..Ella R.....G..Elva L.....H..Felix.....I..Stanley Ray.....

A. Vera Belle White.....Spouse.. Woodside.
b.. 1911.....b..
m.. 1926.....d..
d..

6 Ch.. 1 Mary Lou.....2.. Daisy Mae.....3..Betty Alice.....4..Calvin D....5..Sarah...6..Rosa N.

I.. Mary Low Woodside.....Spouse..Richard Carr
b.. 1927.....b..
m.. d..
d..

4 Ch..a..Kelso.....b..Linda.....c..Kathy.....d..Marsha

a..Kelso CarrSpouse
b.. 1943.....b..
m..
d..

b..Linda Carr.....
b.. 1945

c..Kathy Carr.....
b.. 1947

d.. Marsha Carr.....
b..1949

2..Daisy Mae Woodside.....Spouse..Eddie Allen
b.. 1929.....b..
m..
d..

2 Ch....A. Chrisandra.....B.. Sarah

A.. Chrisandra Allen.....
b.. 1946



Lora - Nancy - Amy



Ramsey Wives
Dorothy - Dee - Naomi - Leona

Sept 1958

David - Leona - Nancy - Jim



Jim - Marylyn - girls



25th Anniversary



Ronald & Cathy 1992



Kennedy - Debbie
Tabitha - April



Gary



Cathy



David - Nancy



Mark



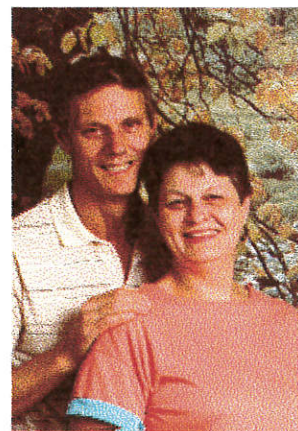
Paul



Bill - Tiffanie



Julie



Lonnie - Janice



E. E. Oaks - Leona



Sean - Julie



Gary - Mark - Julie



Danny Steven

Last Day of 1998.....Cold and will get colder to-night, the weather-men say.

Christmas for 1998 has past and for myself and family it was a blast.
We brought our little gifts, wrapped, and un- named and played the dirty Santa game.
It works for us just swell, no one has to spend a lot on gifts, to tell.
and every one knows that they won't get a great big expensive, something they can't use or sell.
One little great grand daughter got left with a cookie making set this year and she was so glad,
She is four, come New years Day, and it was big plans to make play dough cookies, that she had.
I personally have a hard time coping with shopping,, at this time of my life, my back goes fast.
I utilized my painting skill and colored pencil art to make pictures for most of the bunch, to last.
Most of them like Home made things any way and I enjoy doing those kinds of things, I must say.

I received the round Robin the middle of December and shared it with Melvin and Mary Ann.
I wrote my letter the same evening so I could send it on, as quick as ever I can.
We don't know what happened to it, I guess we can blame it on the U. S. Mail
Or maybe it just flew off into the bushes and is out there hunting worms, with out fail.
Aunt Mildred called to ask me if I knew where it was and let me know she hadn't got it.
We decided it would be a good idea to get on the ball and start another one after the rush
Late as yesterday it was still missing, so I'm starting another, hoping it won't go to the brush.
As each of you receive the letter, be quick with the Pen, make your notes as fast as you can,
And we will soon catch up on the 3 weeks or so that the Robin has gotten mighty thin.

Most of my family came to-gether on Christmas eve at the home of David and Nancy,
They decorate to the T, for Christmas, and it is a lot of work, making it so fancy.
They agree that they are getting toooooo old for all that extra work, especially putting it away.
But it makes a mighty pretty background for a good old-fashioned party at the end of a day.
Each of my Children then have their families on Christmas Day, but I have a place to be.
Ronnie and Cathy have no children so they get Cathys Mom and Dad, and also me.
It is a more Peaceful time that we all share to-gether and that we all enjoy,
It gives us time to visit and renew our friendship and time for Ron to play with his toy.
As the day is ending I find, that I never mind, coming home alone is just wonderfully fine.

Tonight at midnight the horns will blow and the whistles will sound, and 1998 is done.
A new year will be born and we will all resolve to make it a better one.
God is still in control and if we obey his will, all will be well with each of us.
No matter what goes on around us, bad things do happen to good people, don't fuss.
'Cause good things do happen to bad people, sometimes, makes us wonder a lot
But we know that we have the Secret of a joyful happy life. Lord Jesus is what we've got.

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Year 1999--January 1

You came in on a mist and fog at the stroke of twelve.
You inched your way into our lives, as we will surely tell.
What are your intentions, may we ask, as we start along the way?
Are you going to do good for us? is what, I'm trying to say.

We had a jolly family party full of laughter and fun.
As we played a game together, that wasn't even done.
It is good to share an experience as we travel on our way.
To have a closeness that is so good, at the ending of the day.

Good food, good fun, and good camaraderie with part of our clan
And wishes that it were possible for all to share their heart and hand.
It is not destined to be just now in our family, large in size.
Just why? Only the good Lord knows, because he is so wise.

As we move on into the days ahead, that are to come,
May the Spirit of the Holy one work to bring all of us home.
In the year Nineteen Hundred and ninety nine we can hope for love,
Peace and good will among men, as has been wished from above.

The Bible tells us that there will be no lasting peace,
As long as Men are vile and mean and hatred does no cease.
This world is growing worse day by day, as the good book says it will.
Until Jesus, our loving Saviour comes to claim his bride, and he will.

Will it be this year, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Nine? that we cannot tell.
We have orders to be prepared for that day, and it will be well.
Please heed the words found in the Bible that lead you to obey,
And to always be ready for the coming, inevitable day.

What will Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Nine bring forth for us?
That is a mystery, that we may be blessed for, so don't fuss.
Just remember that if we are ready when God calls us home,
We will be so happy to answer that call, and to no more roam.

This is my contribution for this first day of a whole new year.
May God give me the health and strength I need to bear.
What ever is the will of God for my life this year, and more
And help me God to be kind and sweet and never be a boor.

By Leona

Eighty Years.....by Leona Oaks

2 MAY 1999

How did I live long enough to get this old?
This is a question that I must ponder, I'm told.
It just happened day after day as I muddled thru the years.
There were plenty of times in days gone by, and lots of tears.
No one goes thru this life on earth without some grief and pain.
But also lots of love and happiness and joy that is our gain.
I would like to be able to say there has never been any sadness or strife.
But there has also been goodness and Godliness and love in my life.

How did I live long enough to get this old?
This is a question that I must ponder I'm told.
As a child I had loving parents who were fair but stern.
They believed in God and my ability to learn.
We had hard times as we went on the way, at times.
But we knew we were loved, in the good or bad of climes.
Brothers and sisters, we had a plenty, to cherish and love.
I look forward to being with them all someday, up above.

How did I live long enough to get this old?
This is a question that I must ponder I'm told.
Life has been full, with Children and Husbands and joy.
There are things I would change if I were given the power.
Sorrows and sickness, sadness and strife and more.
Replaced by gladness, happiness, joy and love ore and ore.
One must experience the low spots in life. I believe
To appreciate the high experiences, that we can conceive.

Tulipsby Leona.

Tulips, from Dave and Cindy, for Mother's day.
Dressed in their rose colored garments, standing so tall and gay .
Beauty in a plastic container, covered with pretty paper, alive.
In time they will be transplanted into the good earth to thrive.
Hopefully from year to year and so on and on, to show,
That life is eternal, and it's in Gods hands, to grow and grow.

3 May 1999...Tornado Alley

The day was bright and sunny as Oklahoma often seems to be.
And nearly always it is windy, and we need that you see.
The weather people had warned us that it would not stay that way.
And as the day went along, we saw that they were right, in that, to say.
About 4:00 O'clock in the afternoon it began to look really bad.
And all 3 channels on my T. V. took over the situation, so very sad.
It was going to be a long evening and an even longer night.
We did not have a clue of what the storm would produce, what a sight.

Our Department, at Church, has a standing date to go to Picadilly.
Six was the hour and 11 hardy souls did gather there, willy nilly.
We had our Supper and enjoyed the time together, as we are wont to do.
Not worrying about the storm that was coming to a brew.
It was raining very hard as we left the Mall and driving to our home.
We realized that we had been foolish to tempt fate, as we did roam.
But we got safely in, and were thankful that God had heard that plea..
We promised to be more wary, and careful of those choices, you see.

We had warning after warning, as to how the storms were coming on.
It was looking worse and worse and there was not a doubt, it was no con.
We soon were getting the reports of where it had already struck, and how.
We must take shelter very soon, as it was here, big and bad, and right now.
At this point I lost my electricity and my house went very still and dark.
I have no cellar or hidey-hole, and only a small hall in which to park.
I grabbed my little flash light and a couple of quilts and a lot of prayer.
"Lord if you want me now, just take me all the way, my life with you to share"

Around 40 people did lose their lives and I pray that they are with God
About 2000 thousand were left homeless, and their precious things buried in the sod.
It's said the Tornado was half a mile wide and continuous for 19 miles of core
This in the Oklahoma City, Moore, Del City and Midwest City Areas, and more.
Houses were turned into splinters and cars were turned into piles of scrap metal.
So many people lost all they had worked all their lives for, and that is hard to settle.
But many came thru it all with their lives and are rejoicing, and they are so glad.
Many things can be replaced as time goes by but life lost is so very sad.

The Spirit of Oklahoma is alive and many pitched right in to show that it is still alive.
Shelters were set up quickly in schools, churches and other places for those to survive.

Food, Clothing and other essential began to appear, Oakies are a giving lot.

Most have been on the receiving end and they have not forgot.

Other storms hit in the State, as well. One was my ol' home town.

The little town of Mulhall, where I went to school for eight years. I found
My husband there where he delivered the ice in the summer of Nineteen Thirty Seven

It was where my sister, Ruth lived the last several years before she went to heaven..

This little town was mostly destroyed, perhaps not to ever rise and build anew.

But the people had listened well and did the safety kind of thing so are alive and glad, too.

Storms come and storms go, and thus it will ever be so long as time goes on..

We can not stop the storms but we can walk with the one who can carry us thru them, and beyond.

Emmett Stratton for his 95th year

Emmett came into this world, a little baby boy,
Beautiful as all babies are and certainly a joy.
He fulfilled all expectations of his loving father and mother,
Who wouldn't tho't to send him back in exchange for any other.
He grew as children are prone to do and soon became a Handsome lad.
And as the time went along he became more like his Dad.
Now times were a lot different in the days of his young life
America was not all settled then and there was still some strife.
This boy grew up and got an education so he could teach school,
to help others to have a better life, and not be a fool.
It was a simple life that people led in Emmetts early years.
Work was truly labor sprinkled sometimes with tears.
Folk went about the business of living in a happy frame of mind,
They had never had it very different so far as they could find.
Water was drawn from a well or Spring and carried sometimes far.
Chips were what you found when you chopped the wood to make a fire.
Light was something that you got when you lit a candle or a wick.
You got to the chores before dark hit and did it very quick.
Closets were for clothes back then and not for coming out from,
and being Gay was being carefree and happy and not glum.
Grass was something to turn the livestock in on, or to mow.
Coke was a drink that we could get and we always dreaded the snow
There were no snow plows and with a shovel it was a hard way to go.
Travel was by wagon or horse drawn carts and, well a few cars.
You didn't go to the grocery store every day, food was put up in Jars.
We had neighbors who were our friends and who cared.
We knew all of those around us and all of us shared .
Ink came in a bottle, and you used a fountain pen or a quill.
Wheat and corn was something you grew and took to a Mill.
For cooking you fattened hogs, killed them and rendered the fat for lard.
That made wonderful tasting food and was used fast and hard.
Colestrol was something we'd never heard of in that day,
And something that we didn't worry about as we went on our way.
There were no such things as a grant for getting your learning.
So One had to earn their own way if they had the yearning.
Emmett had the bent to take that road and did it, and did go the mile.
No telling how many lives he influenced and he did it with a smile.
Emmett we salute you and we wish you nothing but joy
We know you are Ninety five, and you are a good ol' boy.

To A Friend
FERN PRICHARD

Fern, our sister and beautiful friend
A woman of Character. We all will attend.
Warm in your manner, and true in your way.
We will miss your sweet smile for ever and a day.
We know your earthly journey has come to an end.
And we know we will miss you, our wonderful friend.

Cornerstones will miss you on Tuesdays , I vow
but we'll know that you're singing up there, and how.
You won your home in the heart of God above,
by obedience and caring and living your love.
We honor you, our sister, for all that you are,
A friend and a neighbor who always went far.
Written with Love..Leona Oaks.

Rosa Lea Shell

Rosa Lea, my friend, you've jut a way to go
Be adventuresome but take it slow.
And you will reach that magic, ninety Five
and be thrilled you are still alive.

You have seen a lot of changes in your time
Like piped in water and a comfortable clime.
Fashions that have come and gone and are back
and notions, a plenty to fill a large pack.

Life has its trials, from beginning to end.
And you've had your share, my dear friend.
Trials generally bring us closer to God, above.
And to those about us who share in our love.

Living is a challenge that we face every day.
But one that we treasure, wouldn't you say?
You need to set goals for the days that lie ahead,
and meet them with courage, as the good book has said.

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I don't make no garden, I don't rake no hay.
I don't bake no bread, and I don't have no say.
I am just an old has been, and hardly worth a dime.
I'm sittin' in my easy chair, but that ain't no crime.
I'll plant my artificial flowers, red, and white and pink,
And I'll go out and enjoy them while I sit and rock and think. .
Make your gardens and plant your flowers, Okay.
Bow your back and tend your pains until they go away.
You ain't no Spring Chicken anymore, either, you know.
Break your back and plant those things and watch them grow.
Enjoy your Fruit and Veggies as they grow before your sight.
While I enjoy my easy chair, and my wheels, with all my might.

Horace Dunlap Fent was born the 25 June 1888. He was 7 years older than Catherine Elizabeth Christ and tho some of the Christ Children and some of the Fent children played to-gather Horace never paid much attention to Elizabeth until she grew up and went to work in Oklahoma city. The two families lived on adjoining farms near Fallis, Oklahoma. When they began to date she was working in Oklahoma City so he had to take a train to go to see her. Each of them were engaged briefly to some one else but they fell for each other and married on the 6 September 1916. The day they were to be married there were two trains running from Fallis to Oklahoma City. One was the Fort Smith and Western at 4:30 A.M. The M.K&T and hour later. Elizabeth met the later train but no Horace was on it. Elizabeth thought Horace had got cold feet and backed off and was her face red, for bride like she had told friends that she was getting married that day. She went home, very down and upset, but finally at 9:00 O'clock the Phone rang and it was Horace. He had got in to town by getting a ride in with a neighbor, then he had got a haircut and some spruceing up otherwise before he called but he was on his way. Street cars passed every 15 minutes so he was soon there. A motorman took them to the Methodist parsonage where they were married by I Frank Roach. His two daughters were their witnesses, one was Mary Catherine and the other was Mary Elizabeth. The girls all got tickled at the duplicity of names. It seemed to strike them as funny just as the Preacher said,"I now pronounce you man and wife". Young man you may kiss your bride." At that time a fire wagon went by, out on the street and someone remarked about hearing the bells ringing. We hurried to catch the street car, pick up my luggage and be able to catch the train to Fallis. Was I glad that I had not unpacked? You bet!. We made our connection and were there to catch the 12:30 P.M. train. Horace's brother Leslie met us and took us to the Fent Farm where his family had a lovely dinner waiting for us.

That evening Leslie, Elizabeth, Elma and Clemency and their families and other folks of the community gathered for a Chivaree. When we heard the noise and saw them coming we decided to run, but we didn't get far, as I ran into a wire gate. It throwed me and slowed Horace down but we made it to the barn before Elma's husband, Jimmy Smith shot off his gun several times and the rest made all kinds of noise. We joined the rest of them and passed out the treats and all joined in and had a good time.

Horace and Elizabeths first home was a part of the Fent house. They divided the house. Horace and Elizabeth had a Kitchen and a bedroom. The parents had 2 bedrooms, a dining room turned into a kitchen, a dining area in the living room. They still had 2 boys living at home. Horace and Elizabeth bought a place in near Langston in 1918 but soon realized they could never make the payments so let it go back. They then found a place west of Orlando and began to deal for it. Their first child, Richard Edgar had arrived on 12 July 1917 and another was on the way by the time they moved to Orlando. They were to move back and forth between the Orlando-Mulhall area and the Fallis-Luther area many more times. Elizabeth always said," we never had much because 3 moves are equal to a burn out and we did that too many times."

Information taken from Elizabeths story by Leona.

We are Mr. And Mrs Woodrow Stork.
We now stand back to back, like a dork.
For many years we delivered your babies and happy we could.
They came in many sizes, small, medium, large, and good .
We tried very hard to get them delivered on time.
Sometimes it was a struggle to make that last climb.
It came to that time that we learned that babies did hatch.
And you could just go out and get them from the cabbage patch.
We were happy to hang up the blanket we carried.
And retire to the lake to fish, for we are happily married.
We raised our own family of little Storks, surely fourscore.
We did what we could to keep Storkdom alive evermore..
Written by Leonaon 2 June 1999

Occasion....giving the wooden Stork for the auction at a Jarvis reunion.

Poem..written for Deeann' 14 birthday by Leona

Fourteen, what a sweet age to be.
Young, Pretty, immature, and so carefree.
Enjoy this year to the very top.
Otherwise, it will be a big flop.
You are growing tall but yet a child .
Keep in check some but go a little wild.
I love you very much, I hope you do see.
My youngest grandchild, you will always be.

2..June 1999 ...by Leona

Five months of 1999 have vanished in the sea.
Never to be reclaimed and that is as it should be.
January and February were cold and that we do expect,
We had very little snow and that was Ok, so what the heck.
March and April were a mixture of warm and cold,
And a lot of wind and quite a bit of rain, so bold.
Human nature reared its ugly head in late April in schools.
With killings so heinous and uncalled for, and against all rules.
Columbine, Colorado, not the first that ever happened but the worse.
Copy cats followed, as is almost a sure thing, but on a smaller curse.
Mother nature then got into the act with a lot of terrible storms.
May the third was the date..twenty two tornados, were a born.
That was not the end, more of them were waiting in the wind.

Bible...A best seller...not necessarily the most studied

One Bible student, on entering in his theological education was asked to tell what part of the Bible he was most familiar with. He answered, "I've not always been in Church and Sunday school but I think I have picked up enough information that will help me a lot." "Tell us about one of the parables?" The instructor said. The student replied.....

"A Pharisee was on his way to Jerusalem, when he was robbed and beat up by a man who had a demon. A Jew came by, looked at him, and thought he was dead so he went on his way and washed his clothes at the first Inn that he came to. He had accidentally dropped some seed of tares at the scene of the beaten man. The tares came up and grew fast and choked the man to death. At the Inn he met a man that was very rich, and that man gave him a thousand talents of gold and silver and several changes of clothing, and admonished him that he should invest all that he had given him. The Man, Elis being afoot, hurried to buy a mule and a cart, so he could travel in style.

Now Elis had never had so much Money, and he knew there were robbers so he went into the desert and buried most of the money. After several days all the food he had brought with him was gone, so he began to get very hungry, then he remembered God and he began to pray. God heard his prayers and sent a raven to feed him Manna and Quail. Three and one half years passed. He murmured and complained about the food but it had not rained in all that time so he again remembered God, and asked for rain. God heard his prayer and let it rain for 40 days and 40 nights. Elis hid out in a cave but every thing was very wet so he prayed again to God for help, and God heard his prayer. God told him to gather up a great pile of very wet wood, kill the mule, skin and quarter it and lay it on the wood, and pour much water over it. Then God called down fire and every thing was burned up except a bush that continued to burn day and night.

Elis searched for the money but all he found were a few talents that he had tied up in a piece of cloth. While he was looking for the rest of the money a man came by and Elis invited him to dinner. The man said. "I can't for I have bought a team of horses" so Eli went out in the by ways and hedges and compelled the people to come in and dine with him.

Elis was afoot now, since he had used the cart and the mule in the fire so he set out afoot for the town of Jerico. He had heard about the wicked King Ahab and his more wicked wife Jezebell. When Elis walked into town the first thing he saw was Queen Jezebell, sitting high up in a window. She looked down and saw him and she laughed. So he said "Throw her down" So they threw her down and threw her down, seventy times seven. Dogs came and ate up all that was left of her, except for her painted eyes and her hands and feet. Now Elis asked "Whose wife will she be on the day of resurrection?"by Leona ..24 May 1999

Goofs.....1. Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder.....2. No news travels fast
3. Every clown has a silver lining.....4. Am I my brother's keeper.
5. Rome wasn't burned in a day.....6. It's on the fork of my tongue
7. Take it with a grain of truth.....8. That's the frosting on the gravy
9. Arrogance is bliss.....10. If you can't do it right do it yourself.
11. Run it up the flag pole and see who sits on it
12. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw sour grapes.

Lorena Elizabeth Vann
A big name for a little girl who can,
go to Day school and learn a lot.
Tho she is really just a tot.
She has ambitions of being a dancer,
or will she be some kind of prancer?
She loves her Mom and her Dad,
That is if she is not mad.
Its easy to tell when she isn't happy
her face goes sour and she looks all sappy
Now what can make her come alive,
and smile and dance and even jive.
A real live pal, named Josie, the cat,
who would never, never catch a rat.
Happy Birthday, on being 5, Rena Bo.
Go on down the road for many mo.

Tent Worms.?

Tent Worms spin a tent or a bag in a tree.
Once the tent is completed they are very free,
to fill it up with a huge family.
The family can be hundreds of wriggly,
squiggly active worms.
Picture this-a tree with bags on many limbs, you see,
and hundreds of worms in every bag, full to a tee.
As the worms develop. You see them in all sizes.
From ½ to 3 inches in size, and very hungry, they be.
They strip the leaves from the trees, and then de
move on to porches, houses and what ever is trim..
Birds won't eat them, sprays won't faze them.
They are messy to squash, thoroughly nasty little critters.
Thank god, they don't bite or sting.
They are partial to any type of nut tree.
They stripped my big Pecan tree in the back yard.
They stripped my Sweet gum in the front yard.
They made Lace out of the leaves on the huge Sycamore,
tho I was told they didn't like the taste of those.
I guess worms are like people, if they can't get what they like,
they eat what ever they can get.
All Okies and some others have had the experience of these worms,
and were as disgusted as I was with those little wriggly forms.
I prayed for an early freeze, tho I don't much care for winter.
As I don't care much for a sore hand, because of a big ol' splinter.

We had this happen in 1997 but this got lost for awhile.

By Leona Oaks

It's hard to wish for an early freeze, when the Mums are just a bloom.
The days have been so cool and balmy, and winter' coming with it's gloom.
The mowing has been put aside, and for that I am glad..
But winter means more time closed in and for that I am sad..
I like to go out to be with friends who are so bright and gay.
That keeps me alive and happy, and so what more can I say.

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ALBERT BETCHAN-----Hero in War, and at Home.

Albert Eugene Betchan never let life's hard knocks defeat him. Not bullets in Vietnam, not years of disabling pain, not hardscrabble jobs. They were all battles he won.

Betchan Of Winter Park, a Vietnam War Hero who received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for bravery under fire died Thursday of Lung disease. He was 67 years old.

A heavy-equipment operator in the Army for more than 20 years, Betchan saved the lives of his commanding officer and first Sergeant when their Jeep was ambushed in Vietnam in 1967.

Although he took bullets through both hips, he managed to drive out of danger with his left foot. The officer was shot in the shoulder. The Sergeant was uninjured.

"He told me he kicked his right numb foot off the accelerator and drove out of there with his left foot and with four flat tires." said his wife, Janet of Winter Park.

Betchan spent a year in the hospital, nursing a damaged nerve after his return to the United States. The pain dominated his life for ten years and prevented him from holding a traditional job, his wife said. He managed to hold his own, with his wife's help, by running a childrens summer camp, a chicken farm, and a sandwich shop all in Georgia.

A family illness brought the Betchans to Winter Park, Florida in 1978. Here, Betchan found a cure for his pain through a little known procedure called Acupuncture. He also found a job that he loved. It was as a Security Guard at Walt Disney Worlds Magic Kingdom. He went to work there in 1980 and stayed for 15 years.

"He was someone that everybody liked" his wife said, "He always had something to say to people, and he had a sense of humor".

Betchan was a Member of the Orlando Baptist Church, and his services were done by Pastor Janney of that Church. He was born 8 October 1931.. He died February 25, 1999. Funeral Services from Chapel of Newcomer Family Funeral home --located at 4150 Forsyth Road, Winter Park, Florida.

Survivors are Janet, of the home..sons.. Glenn, Lee, and Bill, all of Winter Park. Sister Beulah DeSpain of Bullhead City, Arizona.--7 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grand children.

Written up by Sandra Mathers of the Sentinel Staff

Grand Children are Glenns 3.. Glenn Eugene and Rodney Lee and Michelle..Albert Lee and Lenora, a daughter, Angelia Leigh...William's ..Amy Elizabeth and Ada Marie.

Alpha Dow Mayfield, Sr.-----born January 24 1889
 Nora Betty (Luttrell) Mayfield----- born April 5, 1891-----March 30 1926
 married December 12 1909
 Nancy Mary (Ramsey) Mayfield-----born August 26 1899
 married December 26, 1926
 Children:
 Gilbert Wesley Mayfield-----born April 6, 1911--deceased April 1928
 Luther D Mayfield-----born May 18, 1914
 Joseph Rob Mayfield-----born February, 1918
 Evelyn Mayfield-----born August 7, 1921
 Nora Bell Mayfield-----born December 6, 1925
 Alpha Dow Mayfield-----born November 22, 1927
 Walter Virgil Mayfield-----born August 10, 1929
 Albert Lee Mayfield-----born March 23, 1934
 Written by Alpha Mayfield, Sr. July 8, 1970

This is a little sketch of a few things that I remember about my folks and my family. I was born January 24 1889 in Bowie, Texas. Later we moved to a farm, located about 10 miles, south west of Bowie and approximately 3 miles from Newport. My fathers and Mothers names were Gilbert and Clara Mayfield. My fathers first wife was Elizabeth Tabler and the 4 childrens names were, Ellie, Dave, Clara and Gid. Second wife was Clara St. and 5 children are Lettie, (deceased at 9 yrs and buried at Jockaboro, Texas.) Eva, Albert, Alpha and Addie.

We moved to the plains in 1902 in a covered wagon and it took about 2 weeks to make the trip. Our father traded for a section of land 15 miles northeast of Tulia, Texas. At that time there were a lot of Antelope and thousands of Prairie dogs, and lots of rattle snakes and I can't tell how many fleas to throw in for good measure.. We lived there about 4 years and then the folks sold the section for 4.00 dollars per acre.

We then moved south, went through Plainview and Lubbock. There was no railroad in either place at that time. Then the folks bought 2 sections of land 15 miles south of Tahoka, Texas. They paid two Dollars and ten cents per acre. The first party I attended I met a girl, Nora Betty Luttrell and she became my sweetheart from then on. We lived there about 4 years and then the folks sold for 10.00 dollars per acre and moved out in the Pecos Valley, near Lakewood, N. Mex. I thought I had to go back to get my girl so I started back with 4 horses and 2 wagons. Just before I got on the Plains, I lost my road, and I was lost until I saw a windmill and headed for it. When I got there it was a horse ranch, they took me in and treated me well. An Apache man came in with fifty buck sheep, he was also lost and they befriended him also. The following morning his boss came hunting him and gave him a cursing. It was very nice for a stranger to take us in. Later after the storm diminished, I made my way on to Tahoka and December 12 1909 I took Nora Betty Luttrell as my wife.. Her mother asked me to take good care of her darling daughter and that was the last time either of us ever saw her. Her mother passed away before we ever got to go back to Takoka.

We spent our honeymoon going back home. We started on Christmas Day and the trip lasted several days. We camped one night on a large ranch and our horses got loose and I had to go on foot to hunt them. I finally found them and Nora was so happy when I returned with the run-a-ways. We had more snow before we reached home. We lived near Lakewood about two years.

One summer we worked for a Mr. Munson in the hay fields. I helped put up the hay and Nora did the cooking. We got 35.00 dollars a month. I sold my crop for 400.00 dollars and all of us kids moved back to Ranger Lake which is about 12 miles North of Tatum and filed on land.

My father died on Christmas day. There was a big snow on the ground so we had to take him 17 miles to the King cemetery, five miles from Tatum.. We had to take him in a wagon and it was necessary to heat big rocks for Ma, to keep her feet warm. We had to stay overnight with some friends. My fathers life was not always easy. His first wife died and left him with 4 little children and four dollars. He had to get out and work hard for fifty cents a day and board himself and the children. He was born in 1842 and went through the Civil War. Later he became a preacher and he preached as long as his health permitted. He never received a Dollar for pay. I don't know exactly what his belief was, denominationally but he almost knew the Bible by heart and could preach it. The sad part of it is that I never paid enough attention to as long as he lived. He always said I would be alright sometime.

We filed on 320 acres of land and lived in a half dugout for a home. I expect we were as happy as any of our children who live in nice homes today, even when we had to burn cow chips to keep warm.

A Nazerene preacher and his wife came to our Community and held a revival, and we went and got under conviction. One night we were tired and stayed home. Something prompted us to take down the Bible and read some in it. We fell to our knees and prayed as best we knew how and ask God to save our souls and he sure did. He came into our hearts that very night and such Joy filled our souls that we didn't have words to explain it. We were not tired anymore. The next morning the happiness had subsided and the Devil said "What a fool you have made of yourselves" But we knew better for we had never been so happy, that way, before. The Devil is still on our trail to rob us of every blessing that he can.

The day came that we sold out and moved back to Texas, near Hart. We went to Valley View School and Church and loved it very much. The little school house had to serve as a Church and all denominations came together and got along just fine as Christians should.

So many times there has to come a sad part and I lost my dear wife on March 30 1926 and put her away, April 1 in Plainview cemetery. I was left with 5 children and Nora Bell was only 4 months old. I was a lost man, to know what to do with them all as I was not a very good mother.

I had some good neighbors and Albert, my Brother, offered to take Nora Bell and raise her but I couldn't give her up. I was determined to do the best by them. I tried to hire help but I could not find anyone I was satisfied to leave them with. My brother Albert helped me each month with finances or I don't know how I would have made it.

The Lord never leaves us comfortless and he came to my rescue and sent me another good wife. I had known Nancy Mary Ramsey for some time and I decided she would make me a good wife and a good mother for the children so she became my wife, 26 December 1926.

Anyone should know that it was a big job to take over a man and another womans 5 children and then raise 3 boys of her own. She has been a good wife to me and a real mother to the children. She has made mistakes as we all do, but she has tried to do the best that she could and love all alike. Only the Lord knows what we would have done without her. Now she suffers so much with terrible headaches.

Death struck again about 2 years after Noras death and took Gilbert with Pneumonia and we laid him beside his mother at Plainview.

In all the trials I did not feel like turning aside from the Lord. I only clung closer to him. His grace

was sufficient. The Church decided to make me a Deacon. I have never felt worthy of the position, but counted it a privilege to serve. It believe it was about 1929 and I have come short of the things expected of a Deacon sometimes, tho I have tried to do my best.

Other disasters came along in the years 1928-1929 and 1930. We had 4 hailstorms in the 3 years that beat our crops to the ground. If it hadn't been for ol' Pide, Pigs and Chickens we would have went hungry. In 1932 we moved to a farm near Grady New Mexico. We had 2 or 3 years of drought and bad sand-storms. But we have enjoyed a lot of good things out there.. We sure did love farm life and lots of the neighbors were so good to us. We'd be out there yet if we hadn't got so old and worn out.

In 1947 we moved to Hot Springs and operated a grocery market and later ran a motel. In later years we moved back to Clovis, New Mexico.

There are many more ups and downs I could tell. There isn't much use as most of you have had them yourselves. I am glad I passed this way on earth and am proud of each of my children.

We know that our journey on this earth will soon be over. We are in hopes that each of you and your loved ones will find, stay close to him, and follow us up to that beautiful place that Jesus has promised to each one that will accept him and do his will

Adolphus Clayton Fent.....20 April 1999
Written by Leona Ramsey Oaks, 20 April 1999

I attended the funeral today of my cousin Adolphus Fent. He was often known as A.C. He was born on the 17 of April 1904 near Earlsboro, Okla and died the 17th of April 1999, at Jones Oklahoma. His funeral was held at the Jones Assembly of God Church where he was an active member for many years. He became a born again believer in 1948 and remained faithful to God for the rest of his days. He was 95 years old on the day that he was gathered into the arms of his loving God. What a glad reunion day for A.C.!! What a wonderful birthday present!!

Reverend Tom Alvarez, Pastor of the Assembly of God eulogized first. He told of A.C. s faithful-ness to his Church and to God for all the time of his years in Jones. He had been helpful and always willing to give of himself and what he had to give.

Two Grand-daughters sang four songs through out the service and did it beautifully. The women were Connie Boggs, daughter of Eugene and Sherri Hutchinson, daughter of William.

A grandson Preacher, Kenneth, son of William, from Springfield then told of A.C. from the perspective of a grandchild.. He was a fun Grandpa.. He told a story of a happening that he remembered very well. Grandpa lived on a place where there was an old shed that was past being useful but was full of rats and mice. He was going to burn it down and he enlisted the kids to be ready to kill the varmints as they ran from the burning building. The kids armed themselves with sticks and clubs, as they were able to find and stood at the ready. He remembered it as being Hilarious and a lot of fun. How many rats or mice were killed remain a mystery but it was fun. Another time the family was all gathered together for an overnight visit and a bunch of the grand-kids were bedded down in the living room, and telling scary stories. Grandpa decided he would liven things up for them so after the lights were out, he stole out of the house and appeared at the door, wearing only his white underwear. Some one quickly thought to turn on the light and guess who was the most surprised. The joke was on Grandpa, caught standing there in his long johns and a red face. It was fun. . Another story by Kenneth was of a visit to a rest room, once when they were traveling. There was another Man in the rest room and Grandpa tried to strike up a conversation with the man, as was a way he had of doing. The man did not respond and after another attempt or too, grandpa turned to Kenneth and said, "Deaf Or Dumb"??

The Pastor had told of a health problem that A.C. had in 1987. He went to the Doctor and was told that he had Cancer and it had spread.. There wasn't much they could do but prescribe medication to ease the pain. He should just go home and prepare to die in a couple of months or so. He came home but he got his church and other churches and other people praying for him and he was healed.. In 1990 he was pronounced, by the Medicals, to be Cancer free.

A.C. served his Country by way of the Army from 1924 to 1930.

Reverend William Fent, Tulsa, Oklahoma spoke next. He told of how his father loved the soil and could hardly wait for Spring to roll around so he could get into working the ground and planting the seeds. He quoted 2 Corinthians. Chapter 5-verse 8. We are confident and willing to

be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Also Job, Chapter 19-verses 25 and 26. For I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though my skin "worms" destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Paul said in Romans Chapter 8- verse 11. But if the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you.

Adolphus married Minnie Lorene Bailey the 28 October 1930. They shared 68+ years together. He leaves his wife and 6 children who all still live. They are Eugene Adolphus, Alice Lorene, William David, Wanda Loretta, Raymond Neal and Ernest Darrell. He leaves also, 19 Grand children and 24 Great Grand children. Both Parents, Gurley Baker Fent and Alice Neill Fent and his Sister Hattie Archer and Brother Arthur Baker Fent, Sr. all preceded him in death.

Adolphus Clayton Fent was laid to rest in the Wellston Cemetery, at Wellston, Oklahoma where so many of the Fent family are laid at rest.

Dear Christ Family.....February 15, 1999

I'm writing this in a hurry...Paul is here with me and is in the process of getting his family up from Ingleside, Texas. He gets out of the Navy the the last of this Month. Retired from 20 and 1/2 years. He had saved up a lot of leave time and has been working in Oklahoma city for IBM since the 11 th of January. It's been real nice getting to know him again. I probably didn't see him a dozen times during that 20 and ½ years.

He finally found a house he could rent. It wasn't easy as they are animal lovers and no one wants to rent a house to you if you have pets.

The rest of my family, so far as I know are O.K. Ron still has not found a job. The one at the Pager place closed down on December the 4 th. So he's been at home, since that time

Winter has been very mild here except for 3 icy days about a week into January. I'm afraid this erratic weather we are having is going to damage my trees and bushes.

I hope every one is doing O.K. when you get this . Seems there has been a lot of allergies and Sinus problems and I have had some of those.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Melvin and Mary Ann were doing just fine a week ago. Their home is just beautiful and they have a lot of room in it.

Dear Ones

29 March 1999

January and February sped by and March is about to make its exit.....Time sure flies, don't it? January 11 brought Paul, from his post in Texas. He went right to work for IBM. After he had been here 5 weeks, he had found a house for his family. He got a week off and went and helped to get them moved up. They had some problems but finally were settled in, only about 3 blocks from where I live. The 27 March, Maxine found a house on 5 acres so they are going to be moving again. The neighbors were complaining about their dogs. I can't imagine why, since they only have 5. ??????. Where I live, it seems most folk are loaded with dogs, and tho I am not a pet lover, the neighbors dogs don't bother me, unless they let them run loose, and that is against the law.

We have had a fairly mild winter so far and of course it is now spring, whether it has sprung or not, remains to be seen. We had a couple of days--9 and 10 of January that were totally covered with ice. I had a Dental appointment on the 9 th, and I kept it but would never do that again. We had a beautiful snowfall Saturday the 14 th of March. Big white fluffy flakes that stacked up fast on bough and fence and every where. It quit off in the afternoon but came back around in the evening until we had a pretty deep collection. On Tuesday it was about all melted away. I didn't mind at all.

David and Cindy are still out there on the road, piling up the miles. The hauling business was slow just after Christmas for about a month tho. And they spent a few more extra days at home. They talk about retiring from trucking, but the money is good if you are running all the time. They are getting kinda weary of being on the road tho. Julie and Sean are both back in school and both working, so very busy. Mark has a very good paying job here in the area. Gary and Di Anne live and work in Tulsa-----Jim and Marilyn both have good jobs and all their girls and husbands are working and some in school. All their Grands are in school except Cory, so they are all Ok. I don't see them very often. Maybe some will come to Nancys for our Easter get to-gether there.

Ron is still out of a Job, and we are praying he will get one soon. Tinker is going to be getting a lot of job openings pretty soon but I don't know if that will be a plus or not for him. I'm glad I don't have to go out and hunt a job or go to work every day, but I do remember those good old days and how the last day I worked, away from home, was a very good day, Indeed.. But

I don't make no garden, I don't rake no hay.
I don't bake no bread, and I don't have no say.
I am just an old has been, and hardly worth a dime.
I'm sittin' in my easy chair, but that ain't no crime.
I'll plant my artificial flowers, red, and white and pink,
And I'll go out and enjoy them while I sit and rock and think. .
Make your gardens and plant your flowers, Okay.
Bow your back and tend your pains until they go away.
You ain't no Spring Chicken anymore, either, you know.
Break your back and plant those things and watch them grow.
Enjoy your Fruit and Veggies as they grow before your sight.
While I enjoy my easy chair, and my wheels, with all my might.

Dear Christ Family,April 13 1999

The round Robin arrived yesterday and I shared it, so I'll scratch out a few lines and get it back on it's way. Melvin and Aunt Mildred had been to see Aunt Roxie. She was in the hospital but I'm thinking Aunt Mildred will tell you more about her.

I was so sorry to hear about the problems some are having and hope and pray all of those are better. Most of us do hve things that we can be thankful for, even if not really wonderful.

I loved the Poem "How do you live your Dash" sent by Chuck and Dorothy and also the sticker on Elvas letter.

I'm copying this letter on the computer, as I origionally printed it by hand. My Computer was on the fritz. I do like having the computer. It is so easy to wipe out and start over if I make a mistake The kids are going to upgrade my computer for my birthday in May but they are so busy I don't know how they will get to it.

Because of all the pets Paul and his family have they have had some problems and I'm afraid will have some more. Since I'm not a pet person, I'm not very understanding as to why they need so many. Paul says "You know Mom, they are God's creatures to" and who can argue with that? City government can an does, since they do have a limit.

Lots of family got to-gather for Easter, after Church and enjoyed it very much. Some of us get to-gather often and always enjoy. Every one seems to be busy, busy, busy it seems.

Spring has sprung and it is real good to see green again.....

Love to all and God bless.....Leona

I heard of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth, and spoke the following date with tears.

But he said what mattered most of all, was the dash between those years. 1900-1970

That dash represented all the time spent alive, on earth, and now those who loved her know what that little life is worth. It matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash.

What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

Think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change.

You never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.

If we could just settle down enough to see what is true and real, and try to understand, the way other people feel. Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives, like we've never loved the people more. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile. Remembering that this special dash, might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy's being read with your life's action to rehash, would you be proud of what they say about how you spent your dash?

Round Robin.....June 4, 1999

Dear Christ Family.

The kids did get my Computer switched over to the 98 version for my birthday. I didn't know an awful lot about using what I had, an now need to learn more, I can say. I believe, in some ways it is a bit easier to do some things, but I am a slow learn. Some things, I just don't think I really care about doing on the P.C., but may in my turn. The Robin came today, and I was so glad it had made a safe and happy and fast trip. Elva, I know those bells are making for some weird noises, but there is relief so get a grip. They usually do finally go away or maybe we just adjust to hearing them doing their thing. The Bell Palsy will get better and I hope it already has. Ah yes, the wind is really on the wing. Crow?..Yes I guess all of us have had to eat our share of that ol' bird. It is really so very sad. When all that we want to do is help a hurting fellow man, but some way we've all been had. Helen, I'm glad you are having "fun" even when helping fix a meal for such a number of folk. One hundred and sixty, sounds like a pretty good size group of Lions, hope you can still joke. Dear Imogene, I did appreciate your call the middle of May, I was glad to be O.K., you bet. I'm sorry I had not thought to call and say so. I am not much of a telephone person, even yet. Mom was a very good teacher in that respect, no calls as long as all was going along well. It's a thing we learned to live by, and abide by and die by and it worked for us, just swell. A lot of my family and myself were very close to where the tornado did its terrible thing. But God was good to all of us and we and our homes were spared, for that we do sing. The little town of Mulhall, where I went to school for eight years, was really hard hit. Ruth and Charleys Son, Bob and wife lived in the house, on the edge of the town. And it, The house was badly damaged but Bob and his wife Jeri were safe in a clothes closet, off a hall. It was decided that there was about 28 tornados in that series of storm, Many a close call. The Pictures you saw on T.V. could not really do justice to what it looked like for real. That is Oklahoma in its fury and one thing we all abhor, but it is my State, even as I chill. Life goes on, people pick up the pieces and help each other, there's not much time to sigh. Or feel sorry for the misfortune that struck so many. A time to live and a time to die. Paul and his family have stayed real busy since his getting them all together here in this place. Maxine, his wife, has planted two large gardens, in the hopes of being able to keep pace. With the vegetables to can and freeze or preserve in ways that I used to do a lot of every year. And which I definitely retired from doing for Lo! Years and years. And never more, my dear. Ruth and Jim, I'm glad you are enjoying your life and giving joy to others. Keep it in bounds. Glad Ruth Ann and Mark are back for a few months and I'm sure you are on happy grounds. It would be so wonderful if you could all come to the Christ reunion in October, and how. I Think about it very hard, for it has been too long a time since we've seen any of you, now? Chuck and Dorothy have a new address, and for this time it is a temporary one, it does seem. Where they have lived for 28 years, sold so fast, the move came so quick, its been like a dream I fear I am about to come to the end of my page, and the end of thinking, very clear. So I will cut this off right now and say "God Bless you every one, You are all so dear."

Christ family round robin...August 19 1999

Dear Christ Family

I started the last Robin letter on the 4th of June this year.
It went through aunt Mildred and Elva and disappeared with out a tear.

I'm glad Larettia was concerned as much time went by
and realized that something must be very awry.

I wrote about the storm on May the third and that all here were Okay
and how thankful we were that God had spared us all, we were glad to say.
The little town of Mulhall where we kids went to school was about blown away.
Ruth and Charley's, Bob and wife lived there, the house damaged but they were O.K.
Oklahoma Is still my State of choice, tho don't like the storms, but that's life.
We get the storms through out our lives and have to cope with strife.
Paul and Maxine and the girls are back and fixtures in our living now.
She planted two big gardens and canned a lot of food before the drought hit, and how.
Paul is retired from Twenty years in the Navy and has a good job at this time.
Ron, who has been out of work since December is finally back at a job, and it's clime.
Nancy just closed her Day Care, it got to be too much for her after all the years
of struggling with the little rug rats and all the regulation that kept coming and the tears.

I talked to Melvin and Mary last evening and shared the letters with them to hear .
Melvin has an appointment with a Doctor today about some drainage from an ear .
We were hoping Cleo was coming this year for a visit but it seems a no show.
She has some health problems and a fear of flying and her kids couldn't come so that's no go.
Ramon and Gala have a new Great grand child, Kayauna Rose Swenson, 14 th June
The mother is Charity, daughter of Laura, daughter of Ramon and Gala. All in tune.
Gala is having work done on some teeth and a second cataract surgery coming up
We wish her well on those things, as they come to pass, May all goes well, God, fill her cup
Richard and Frances grandson, Lee Allen married Genny Marie Stimson 7th, August 1999

Congratulations on the twins, the names are beautiful as I'm sure they also are.
Thanks so much for sending dates and other stats, for that give your self a gold star.
Elva, I owe you an apology for my lack of response in Warrens death, I do care.
You have been in my daily prayers and I know that you know that God is always there.
Aunt Ruth, I'm so sorry to hear about Terry. I am praying now for all of you.
We all know that God is always there when we reach out to him, else what would we do.
We are so glad that Ruth and Mark are there, wish we could see them this time.
Know it will be a good time when you all can be together for a while, so shine.
As for me I am doing O.K. and holding to my busy schedule of business and it's fine.
To the rest of you who wrote your letters, I enjoyed them very much and I am I fear
expecting to see you all at the reunion the 16 of October at Shawnee, this year.
The time together there is short, I know, but our love for each other is strong.
And I think any of us here could come up with an extra bed, so come on along.

Christ Family Round Robin...October 01- 1999

Dear Christ Family

The round Robin has flow the circle, I am so happy to say.

It was so great to get it back in 6 weeks, it really has made my day.

To all of you who have had storms rage in your lives, take heart..

Time heals when we know where loved ones are, and in living, sadness is a part.

Bad and good things do happen to God's people, to help us be strong,
in our Faith as we travel the road in this world, and keep on going along.

Our reward is not of this world and without God we would surely tire,
So lean on him for strength and comfort and you'll not sink in the mire

Vacations can be wonderful times and I hope all of you have had one.

Chuck you and Dorothy had an extended one, I am happy for you and your son,
And all those other family members and friends that you saw, all precious to you.

And glad that you traveled so far, and safely, and all of us love you two.

I am looking forward to the reunion the 16 th of October and that is not far away.

We don't have time to visit a lot but it is all free time, no cookin' or dishes to do, just pay..

I'm afraid this letter won't get too far by that time, but, " You all come, hear."

We do have a good time just seeing each other, and saying" Howdy" with care.

Mary Ann and I had a good visit by phone, Melvin was doing his Boy Scout good deeds.
He does a lot of those but he never seems to mind, tho it really may be more than enough.

He did see the Doctor about his ear and the Doctor seemed to think it was fine.

He is not so sure of that as it has continued to drain, so he got drops to ease his mind.

I haven't heard from Ramon or Cleo since I wrote last time so no news on either one.

I always assume things are going on as planned so long as I don't hear it's been done.

We would love to see them all when we walk in the door at the Golden Corral.

It would be a pleasant, wonderful surprise and very good for our moral.

Imogene and Russell, I'm still farm enough to know how losing \$ 4000,00 of stock is sad.
I don't believe I've ever heard of that many being killed all at once, lighting sure can be bad..

My David and Cindy bought a bull, years ago, a few days later it lay in the pasture dead .

It was a devastating thing to them then, as I'm sure this is to you, so much more in the red .

I don't remember what happened to cause the Bulls death but the effect was hard to hack.

They had paid \$1000.00 for it but times were hard then and they almost felt they ought to pack,
to call it quits. I expect you all have had lots of times like that down through the years.

But you've hung in there for a long, long time, and maybe shed a bushel of tears.

I'm glad Ruth Ann and Mark came and saw their families, they needed that, I'm sure.

Wish they could have come to the reunion so we could all see them as they have before.

They are doing something that I truly admire them for, and I know they do it to obey God.

I wish them and all of you Godspeed until we get together again. Amen!

.27..November 1999

Dear Ones

I went to the mailbox expecting junk mail if anything.
Imagine my surprise to get a big fat letter, better than a ring.
All the letters were up-beat and it seems most are doing well.
We all like good news and hope we can, on that to dwell.

Various members of my family had a wonderful Thanksgiving day.
And also celebrated with friends and different relatives on Friday, but hay!
Saturday was time for a break though, both for fun as well as the food..
Rich foods are delicious but now its time to crave the simple but good.

I just had a nice long chat with Melvin and I shared the letters with him.
He said they had had a good Thanksgiving and he still felt some what dim.
He was alone, Mary had a chance to go somewhere to see the Christmas lights
So she had deserted him, but she will truly enjoy the trip and all the sights .

Nancy and David started gearing up for a big family Christmas on the eve.
They decorate outside and inside in a big way, more cheer to achieve.
The whole family makes an effort to be together on this occasion and so
we will have food and fun and play the dirty Santa game before we go.

Christmas sure seems to roll around a lot quicker now than in the past.
I wonder if it is because I'm growing older, I'm inclined to ask?
It seems like it was Easter a very short time ago, but it too, is about Jesus
And why we should celebrate Christmas, it is for his birthday, leave us.

Why do we struggle and wear our selves out to spend and worry
God just wants our obedience and our love, not our hurry.
Life could be so simple if we'd learn to trust and to lean on him.
To pray often, to love ourselves and others, as he wants us to.

By Leona.

Tidbits from 1998 Christmas letters received:

Beulah and L.Z. DeSpain--Beulah got a new leg, she named "Freda"--It is a honey of a leg and the tech that made it is Fred Cody in Tacoma, Wa.

Sherrie, daughter, has recouped from her heart surgery--Great-Grand-daughter,, Serree was awarded a Cancer Survivor Award. Her long term leukemia treatment was successful.

Daughter, Shirlee is looking for a city manager job, hopefully in Washington state.

Jennifer, Seans fianc'ees picture will be on the cover of the December issue of the Natural Health.

From Ramon:--Charity and Tim are expecting our 3 rd great-grand child in June, so that will be the main focus the next several months. Laura is taking an extra class this semester so she can finish her Masters degree in May. She wants to be available when the new arrival comes.

Jackie and Don--She and Cleo are shopping. She has it a little easier this year for a spell before christmas. It has been colder, earlier this year than is usual. Cleo will spend Christmas with them and some or all of their family and also Dons family.

Aliene Lippoldt--Had not heard of Dorothy or Cordelias Death--Naomi health is good but she does have Alzheimer and for that no improvement..Andy is Nemas second son--Nema is Aliene and Willies daughter. She is now married to Allan Decker--They live in Enid, Okla. Her Children after Andy are Kristelle, Damion and Kabrina..Wynn, Aliene and Willies oldest son lives in Newcastle and his son is Ryan. Aliene and Willies youngest son Elmer lives in Dallas and has 2 sons: Logan and Breckin. ----Willie was diagnosed with Cancer in April. He had Chemo and Radiation before he had surgery. They removed half of his esophogus and 1/3 of his stomach and he checks out good with the cancer but has trouble eating. The esophogus has been stretched twice and he is to have that done again the eighteenth of December.--Hoping for a better year in 1999..Aliene want, the names of cousins and who the parents are...

Helen Fraley wrote..I love Dumas. The Lord has really blessed my move..I will be with Kathy and family on Christmas and we will go fishing on Christmas day at Lake Eitling. They will take their motor home to stay in.....unless I'm surprised with 3 feet of snow..Ha! Ha!

Reta Crandall wrote that J. R. Blair had passed away and Jewell was planning to go to California. Jewell isn't too well and plans to stay with her daughter, maybe, until the end of March. Reta was Ok and still living in her house.

Bill and Carol--Busy year..Still have grand children Lilly 10 and in 6 th grade, and Joel 6 and in 1 st grade..Bill working at Home Depot..Carol on disability while the Dr. tries to get her blood pressure under control.

Mildred Hodo...doing as well as can expect. Can't walk much so don't get around a lot.

Imogene and Russell..Glad we will continue to have the reunion again in 1999..David Christ and his wife, mary Ann had visited Aunt Mildred first week in November. 9 th of Dec. The Roses and petunias still blooming and onions lettuce and turnips still OK in the garden. No hard freeze yet.

Surprise, Al and Jan wrote Middle of Dec. Al had Open Heart surgery in April. Had a car wreck in Sept, when a woman ran a red light. Thanksgiving Day he had a heart Attack. He was in the hospital for 12 days. Just came home yesterday. Hoping for a better year in 1999.

Oleta wrote 12 Dec 1999..I am in good health, but my helper retired October 30 so I am working 6 days a week, all day until I can find and train a new helper. Our first killing freeze was 8 Dec. The summer was hot and dry as it was in so much of the midwest. It was a year in November since we lost our beautiful red headed Lisa. The Lord gives us strength to go on. Albert and Anitas daughter Debbie, lost her 21 year old son Christopher in June of 1998 after a 2 year fight with Cancer.-----3 other ladies and I took a trip to San Antonio and Austin the last of March..Then in August my son and daughter-in-law drove me to Niagara Falls..Saw mansions and historical things in Hyde Park, N.Y. Plymouth Rock Mass., Newport Beach, thru New York city, saw statue of Liberty and other things, thru Penn. Stopped at Gettysburg..From there on to Ohio, Kentucky, Tenn, Arkansas, Okla, and on into home. Needed a lot more time but enjoyed it a lot. Didn't know that Dorothy had died. Called David and he said she was brought back to Canyon but no service there and no family came. Jack has been waiting 2 years for a Heart transplant. Shelbee is Jennifers oldest daughter. Genes grand-daughter.

Cleo wrote: She spent Thanksgiving Day with Jackie and Don--Nice Turkey dinner and the trimmings..Fred still working 50 miles away but Pat working at a Luckys food Mart, close to home. Fred came and took her home from Jackies--Fred and Cleos getting along better now.. Jackie is trying to help Cleo shop..She is resisting..

Frances wrote 9 Dec.:She saw Minnie Evalyn at Gordon and Christines 50 th anniversary.. Looked good, just older. Middle of Oct. Bill had a stroke. Spent 4 days there for tests. ½ his heart is beating too fast, other half too slow. Trying medication..Harold and Gloria had come the 24 th of October and stayed until the 31 st,..Gary and Barbara picked them up at the air port--Lynn and Frances took them back. Wonderful time but a lot of going and eating so tired when it was over.Katherine who has Parkinson is not doing well but also had to spend 10 days in the hospital with pneumonia. Frances family home on Thanksgiving. Gary and B. Left for Ca. Dec. 4 th and will be there thru Christmas. Lynn and Cloy Ann took Frances to Chickasha to see the lights Dec.5th..They were beautiful.

Dora Houser--Mary Kay and Husband took her to Hannibal, Mo. For Thanksgiving..Nov 26 thru Nov 30 and back home..Going to drive to Granite City Ill.for Christmas Dec 23 --27 with grandson and his mom and Dad.. Oldest granddaughter Megan Mesquita spent 8 Mo. in Brazil. S Am....Family members long distance travelers

Alice wrote--Pretty card you made.. Looks like a cactus wren. Bob is not doing well.--I got 1 78 rpm auction out. 46 dollars--It was very rare..Others 18.85..12.75..and 8 and 9.00..Big Job...

Norma Cook..Supposed to have Surgery (knee) 10 Dec. Was on the operating table. It was canceled as the Dr found she had a bad Bladder infection..Don't know when, now.

Lorene Owens..Good year hope 1999 is even better.....Her and Dorothy took Norma to the

hospital but had to just take her home because off the bladder infection...Be done in January, now Scott, Debbie and their families are fine..Invited me to come stay with her some time

Joyce Conway..Husband was complaining about the Dr. perscribing the 10 th pill for him until the Dr reminded him those pills had kept him alive for 5 yrs..Makes you more thankful from that perspective....Lindsey Chapel doing well..Tim and Debbie and kids are truly more interested in the Lords will than their own....Going to her Moms for Christmas..86 years old, lives alone and has Parkinson, controlled well with medication.

Jerry and Louis Free..She had Jury Duty before Christmas..a drug trafficking case..Both doing pretty well...Have a great grand-son, a year old 14 Dec 1998

Oaks..Tonya husband and baby moved to Iowa in June 1998 but were moving back first of January 1999..Opie has a good job in Atlanta, Georgia. Gets to come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas...Kristen has 11 black Angus cows, 3 of them she shows..Keeps her Hopping and keeps Butch and Becky busy trying to keep up.....Tim. Connie, Luke and Sara are O.K. Tims has given up his youth directing to spend more time with his folks ..His Mom, Ann, is in the hospital, very bad. I, Dorothy am about the same.....Got baby chicks..weather in the 30 s so means heat day and night..

Evelyn Davidson..Los of parties and churchy things going on, so busy..Family at daughter, Joyces They had had 2 nights of frost..rain and dense fog..Still had roses blooming.

Harold and Andrea Griggs..In May made a run to St. Augustine, Fl. To see the sights and attend the high school graduation of A's nephew, Beau Brooks...Went on to tour the Kennedy Space center, Cypress gardens and the Epcot Center, near Disney World..Augustine is claimed to be the oldest city in U. S. So a lot of History...Clean, beautiful and interesting....July, Kentucky to attend the wedding of A,s niece..April Weston...ffrom there..due west to the grand Canyon..Crossed southern Ind and Ill.and stopped in Kansas City, Mo visited relatives for 3 or 4 days.Crossed so. Part of Kansas and Okla. Visited a long time friend of A,s..Fran Spellman, her husband Vernon and sons.. Wonderful family..Then another friend in Okla, Kay Clark..Army friends from the 50's Crossed N.M.and entered Arizona..Saw, Painted Desert and finally the awesome sight of the Grand canyon.....Carlsbad Caverns..but great to be home again..We gardened but El Nino was not co-operative...Grandchildren keep us young. All doing fairly well..We have signed up to go to London and Paris doing Spring break in March 1999..We are exciited...A will retire at the end of the school year

Noma..Martha and Larry live in Nomas mothers house next door to Noma and Sspanky, their dog loves the big back yard. Cathy, Micah and Elyse are to come for Xmas..Jake has to work Micah is 14 and tall..Elyse will be 12 in January..They were here in August..Linda, Lance, Robert, and Shelley came in June..Robert was 14 in October and Shelley is 5..busy kidergartener.. I drove to Denver and Santa Fe in Mar, June and October then flew to Las Vegas to visit Melva and Virgil I spent a few days in Okla after Thanksgiving with Harolds relatives near Perry..Fun trips..... The pool now has a new filter and pump and a new cover..Big decision whether to keep it or fill it with dirt...Another year of bell ringing..I still enjoy sewing, doing some pottery and love to read.

Mysteries and fun fiction, included...Landscaping and flowers take some time..Enjoy that with Martha..I'm Active on the Camp committee..I missed the reunion again..bad timing, I guess

Jack and Alma..Jack made 2 trips to the emergency room..2 separate accidents,,1..messed up his rt. Arm. 2..Broke his left arm, working on a roll-away-bed..Don was 70 in November..Judy having hip surgery in January if they can get her blood pressure down. They went to south Africa this year..Donnita and Bill stay busy with their 6 year old Julia and 20 mo. Old Alana..Donnita is finishing her term as D.A.and chose not to file for re-election...Kirk and family have been living with Don and Judy Since Sept..Their house sold, New home not ready yet. Kirk works with Weinkauf petroleum Productions..Very busy with jobs and church and Boy Scouts. Kirk is a Scout Master. Sue, Ed and family have had to be separated by their jobs..not finding it too easy. Her job is vice president of blue cross- blue shield, south Carolina. They also have Texas, Fla. And Ill...Sue thought she could handle the job for 5 years and then retire..Ed has 3 more yrs.with General Motors to retirement...Amy still works in Public relations..Brian has a building and remodeling business. 6 yr old Hailey is busy with school, church and acrobatic activities.They have his 2 ch. Often..14 yr old Chad and 7 yearold Hailee, with their activities.Regina will graduate fron College in May 1999..She plans to work on a Masters Degree in Forensic Medicine. Craig is in Okla city, working for Cox Cable T.V. Anna works in filing insurance claims at Integeris Baptist Hospital..Craig is Mr Fix-it and Honey do for us. Jack and I plan to stay in Tulsa and help care for Judy, when she has the hip surgery. She has cared for us so much, during our surgeries of the last years.....We thank God for our little country church, and friends and neighbors