

# Utley Family Update

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# 'Pirates of the Forked Deer' Utley Reunion 2009

Final plans are being made for the **2009 Utley Family Reunion, "Pirates of the Forked Deer."** 

The reunion will be held on **Saturday**, **July 25**, at the **Pinnacle** at **Premier Place**, 2644 N. Highland Ave, in Jackson, TN. The noon meal will be catered by Carl Jones and his nationallyrenowned catering staff.

Before the meal at noon, we'll have time for visiting with relatives, and we'll take reunion group photos.

The schedule for the day will be:



10:00 Arrive for visiting 11:15 Group photos

12:00 Catered lunch

12:30 Program

2:00 Goodbye for now

If you have photo albums you'd like to share, please bring them. We'll have a photo table set up for their display. We will also display your framed photos of deceased family members, including our Founding Couple, John Allen and Lilla Maude Utley.

Don't forget to appoint, assign, elect, or con a family member as the representative of your branch of the family. After our lunch, we'll hear reports from each branch of the family about all the births, deaths, marriages, engagements, new jobs, graduations, etc. from that branch.

Wear your favorite pirate outfit OR your comfortable casual clothes; and plan to help us celebrate the **Utley Family** in 2009!

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#### **Utley Family Update**

A publication dedicated to continued communication between the descendants of **John Allen and Lilla Maude Jacobs Utley.** 

Published bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Deadline for submission of material is the 20th of the month preceding publication.

### **Reunion Reservations**

You will find an **Utley Reunion** registration form in this newsletter. Our generous, anonymous relative will pay for the banquet room and for the catered meal, but we ask each family to pay a \$10 registration fee to help cover name tags, decorations, favors, programs, etc. Any money left over will go toward newsletter expenses.

We must turn in a definite head count to the caterer by **July 15**. Please don't assume that we'll "know" that you are planning to attend. We need it in writing!

Since we must pay

for all meals that we guarantee, if you find you can't attend after sending in your reservations, please let us know. We hate to pay for food that will not be eaten.

This will be a great opportunity to visit with far-flung relatives.

See YOU there!



## Cousin Spotlight on Everett Utley's Family

**Everett Vivion Utley** was the first child born to **John** and **Edrie Utley**. **Everett** was born on January 19, 1925 in Lavinia, Carroll County, TN. He married **Lyda Sue McLemore** on May 6, 1951, in Spring Creek, Madison County, TN. They had two children: **Alan Thomas Utley**, born August 15, 1957, died January 9, 1988; and **Mark Anthony Utley**, born November 23, 1958. **Everett** died on December 18, 2000 and is buried in Highland Memorial Gardens, Jackson, TN.

### A Mom's Viewpoint by Sue McLemore Utley

"**Everett** and I were married a little over six years when **Alan** was born. We had thought about adoption. Then fifteen months after **Alan's** birth, **Mark** was born.

The boys were very different in looks, interests and personalities. **Alan** always loved animals especially horses. **Mark** was interested in hunting and fishing.

At age 4 1/2 **Alan** developed diabetes. It didn't hinder many of his activities until adulthood. Then he had severe problem with his eyes, kidneys and heart. He was one of the first for Dr. David Meyer to use photocoagulation on the eyes. College was hard due to health problems but he finally earned a BS from UT Martin.

**Mark** never worried about school. He once said if he couldn't eat it or shoot it he wasn't interested. However, he did earn a BA and MBA from Union University.

Both boys worked in the summer when they were old enough to get paid. One summer **Mark** worked for the City of Jackson. He was about 15 and went to see Mr. Tobe Bailey who was a City Commissioner. He told him his mother was a teacher and he needed a job.

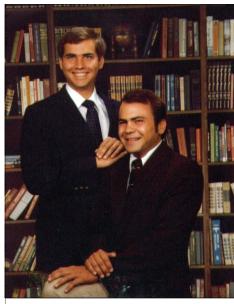
Both boys were active in church (choir, handbells, RA). They were very active in Scouts and earned the Eagle award."



Mark and Alan Utley March 1959



Alan Utley Undated photo



Alan and Mark Utley 1983



Mark and Suzanne Utley with Rev. Jimmie Breedlove February 2007

### Utley Family News

Welcome to the **Utley** family, little **Madisyn Mae** and **Dylan James!** 

Madisyn>Melanie>James>Louise>Annie Dylan>Melanie>James>Louise>Annie Melanie>James>Louise>Annie James>Louise>Annie Lucy>Annie

### ~Abe~

Mildred Hestand emailed on June 19, "Grady is in the midst of a trip to China; George is working for Utley Insurance and learning the business; Larry and Cindy are moving to a house; Jake placed fourth in the Colorado High School State shot put event; he is a recruit of the US Naval Academy and still has his senior football season ahead. Suzanne and Kevin [Bieri] have relocated to New York City (with jobs). Kate has been accepted to UT Austin graduate school.

**Sunny's Tio Ramon** has received the high honor of being designated a Santa Fe Living Legend; we are so happy for them. He is both an artist in wood carving and a builder so he will leave a treasured legacy in Santa Fe. [**Sunny** is **Grady's** wife.]

I am starting to learn Facebook but must confess good weather has lured me into the yard. The shasta daisies grown from seed had to be divided; now the lemon lillies from Taylor Street are in full glory and need to be divided again.

We are blessed with good health and good friends, not to mention GOOD kids."

Grady>Robert Vernon>Abe Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe Suzanne>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe Kate>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe Jake>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe George>Robert Vernon>Abe On June 10, **Tracy Utley** emailed, "We are in the process of moving to just outside of D.C. Don't know if there are any cousins up there, but would love to know if there are. **Michael** took a job with a company called lurn.com. He has already started working up there and is trying to find us a rental. We will try to rent/sell this house and join him in July. I'll send our contact info once I know where we are going.

Wish us luck. packing a house alone with 4 boys is interesting...."

#### Michael>Lloyd Allen>Abe

### ~Maudie~

Sue Bates, wife of Bobby Bates, reports, "Cuzzin Steve, wife **Barb** and his brother **Dave** & wife **Chris** are due in on the 19th of July but will be heading back to MI the day of or before the reunion. Both guvs are pulling their camper trailers down & will be staying at Pin Oak RV park near the lodge. We're always excited to see **Steve** & **Barb** again but this is a double treat since we've not met Dave & Chris in person yet. One of the advantages of being an adoptee is meeting family for the first time. **Bobby** is taking the week off too; his first vacation in about 6 years, I think.

We had a surprise visit last Friday from a **Rainey** cousin and his wife from CA--**Paul & Abbey Rainey** who are related via **Frank Paul Rainey's** grandfather and 2nd wife **Bettie (Gibson)** while **Frank** descended from the 1st wife. **Paul** is much lettered, is currently teaching and shares administrative duties at Cal-Poly Tech. We've been in touch for a few years now and this is the 2nd time they've visited us when they

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### ~Prentyce~

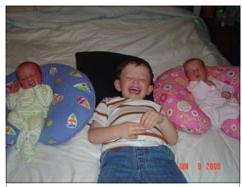
#### Richard and Becky Utley

recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to the Grand Canyon. They enjoyed the trip, especially a helicopter ride over the Canyon.

Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

### ~Annie~

Congratulations to **Melanie** and **Chet Buck! Melanie** gave birth to twins on May 27, 2009. **Melanie** emailed that everyone was home "safe, healthy and very happy. **Madisyn Mae** arrived May 27 at 4:39 pm, weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 3/4". **Dylan James** arrived May 27 at 4:40pm, weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18"."



Dylan, Coltyn and Madisyn Buck June 9, 2009

Proud grandfather, **James Buck**, wrote, "The babies were born in Denver, Colorado on May 27th. We found out later that May 27th is **Aunt Lucy's [House]** birthday. I called her and she was so excited to hear the news. They went to the doctor today and received a very good report. **Dylan** is now over 7 lbs. and **Madisyn** is almost 7 lbs. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers for **Chet, Melanie**, and the kids."

# Utley Family News, cont.

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were in the area. We had a great visit and they took us out to dinner at Pin Oak Lodge."

#### Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

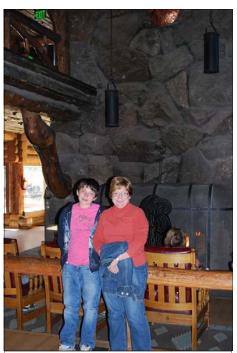
Geraldine Rainey emailed on June 13, "Glenn had his final checkup with the heart surgeon this week and had an excellent report. He says he is free to do whatever he feels like doing now. (of course we have to remember we are both 78 years old). Now we have to go back and start checking on the remains of the prostate cancer now but we are so thankful the heart is in working order now. Our best to you and we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. Geraldine"

#### Glenn>Maudie

Jill, Craig and Maxx Thomas recently visited Yellowstone National Park. On their Shutterfly page, Jill wrote, "Maxx will be on Choir Tour June 13-18 to Hershey, PA. Bring on the Chocolate! Jill will be going with Mom and Dad to Jackson for the Utley Family Reunion July 23-26!

> Jill>Glenn>Maudie Maxx>Jill>Glenn>Maudie

Today's Famíly News wíll Become Tomorrow's Famíly Hístory



Maxx and Jill Thomas Yellowstone National Park June 2009

~Raleigh~



Robert and Jackie Hatcher had their first baby, Addison Nora Hatcher, on May 29, 2009. Addy weighed 7 lbs and 3 oz.. and was 19 and half inches long. Addy is (Bubba) Jerry and Teresa Hatcher's grandbaby, and Emily Utley Oliver's great grandchild. Welcome to the **Utley** family, little **Addy**!

Addy>Robert>Jerry>Emily>Raleigh

**Carol Barrett** writes, "My oldest son, **Lee Barrett**, graduated from Northside High School [Jackson, TN] on May 12, 2009. **Lee** has been accepted to the University of Memphis and will attend this fall. He graduated with distinguished honors from Northside, and has received a band scholarship with the University.

Lee > Carol > Emily > Raleigh



Robert, Lee and Carol Barrett Northside High School Graduation May 2009



### Charles Wilkerson Fourreau 1936-2009

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Charles "Chuck" Fourreau.

His wife, Karen Sladek Fourreau, wrote, "Charles 'Chuck' Fourreau passed away on Sat. 6/13/09. Services were held at Knollcrest Funeral Home in Lombard, IL. He was 73 yrs. old. We would have celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary the following Sat, June 20."

The obituary, published in the Chicago Tribune on June 15, 2009, read, "Chuck W. Fourreau, age 73, of Villa Park and formerly of Lombard. Beloved husband of Karen, nee Sladek; loving father of Arleen (Walter) Torres, Dennis (Kathy) and Scott (Jill) Fourreau; devoted grandfather of James, Jonathan, and Justin Torres, Andrew, Michael, Matthew and Dillon Fourreau; fond brother of Rita Strubel and the late Alberta Fourreau; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitiation Tuesday, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Knollcrest Funeral Home, 1500 S. Meyers Rd., (3 blks. S. of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Funeral Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Glen Oak Cemetery. Memorials to The American Diabetes Assoc. are appreciated."



Karen and Chuck Fourreau 1989

### Sept/Oct 2009 'Utley Family Update'

The September/October 2009 issue of the "Utley Family Update" will feature a wrap-up of the 2009 Utley Family Reunion including the group photo and candids.

Our Cousin Spotlight will feature the children of James Allen and Evelyn Frances Utley: Pam Taylor and Pat Bolin. If you have memories or stories about these two, please share them. Photos will be most appreciated!

As always, we need your family news-births, deaths, engagements, marriages, job changes, address changes, school honors, sports awards, civic achievements, church

honors, fun vacations, and anything else you would like to share with our extended family.

The deadline for sending photos and information for the next newsletter will be August 20th.

Also a reminder: if you're receiving a paper copy and have email access, please consider receiving an email copy only. With the cost of postage, paper, printer ink, and envelopes spiraling out of sight, sending the newsletter by email is an great money saver. You can reach me by email at the address on the front page of this newsletter.

### Newsletter Heroes

The "Utley Family Update" is an ongoing project with ongoing expenses. Although some newsletters are sent via email, the majority still must be printed and mailed through the postal service. With frequent postage increases, help is needed.

All contributions, large or small, are gratefully accepted.

Any money not used for the newsletter will be applied toward family reunion expenses.

Thank You to these **Newsletter Heroes!** Jack and Earldine Carver Wilma Utley Lynn Williams



Cynthia Wise & Amelia Truax



James Andrews & Jack Carver



Rebecca & Brian Love with Lynn Williams



Martha Frances Bates, Chris, Jill & Maxx Thomas

### Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 Jackie and Robert Fortner, Jr.
- 2 Kathy and Heath Utley Carson Williams Dianalee Marie Bobadilla
- 3 Helen Utley
- 8 Suzanne and Kevin Bieri
- 9 Cynthia Wise
- 11 Rachel Andrews Jeff Utley

Travis Usinger

- 13 Jerome Henderson Teresa and Jerry Hatcher, Jr.
- 15 Matthew Collin Buck
- 19 Andrew Buck
- 20 Rebecca Love
- 22 Kathy Fourreau
- 24 Bennett Usinger—85 Alexa Svetz
- 26 Kathy Utley
- 27 John Utley
- 28 John Parker
- 30 Teresa Denson
- 31 Michael Utley George Utley



- 1 Jack Utley
- 2 Paula and Robert Simpson
- 5 Stephanie Bolin Melissa and Quint Ervin Brandi and Drew Draper
- 6 Deniece and Joe Montes
- 7 Barbara Mayo Kayce and Jonathan Singleton
- 9 Rhonda and Neyl Williams Suzanne Utley Bieri—25 Kate Utley Toon—25
- 10 Lindsey Sipes Wil Simpson Dane Utley
- 11 Carla Buck
- 12 Tracy and Michael Utley
- 14 Donald Glenn RaineyFernando FuermanRachel and Cobb Andrews
- 15 Kae and Randy Utley-45
- 16 Julie Spratt—50Jill UtleyMelissa Buck Smith
  - Diane and Paul Deschenes
- 18 John Simpson
- 19 Stephannie Welsh Lynn Grenfell Avery Barrow
- 20 Sunny Utley
- 21 Elizabeth Massey—30 Jenna Utley
- 22 Sarah Grenfell
- 24 Jill Thomas
- 25 Gaines Massey
- 26 Lexie Bolin Alesha Utley
- 27 David Utley Rhonda Williams
- 29 Jackie Fortner-50
- 30 Tracy Svetz
- 31 Scott Buck-35

# 2009 Utley Family Reunion Premier Place, Jackson, TN Saturday July 25, 2009 "Pirates of the Forked Deer"

Please make your reservations, before July 15, 2009, by filling out the form below, and mailing it to: Jackie Utley 590 Wallace Road Jackson, TN 38305-2839 731-668-5409 E-mail: JUtleyMail@aol.com.

An anonymous relative will pay for the catered meal. Please enclose **\$10.00 per family** *registration fee.* Please make checks payable to: *Utley Family Reunion.* 

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