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Veterans' Day, November 11th

Veterans' Day is officially the 11th day of the 11th month. The Treaty to end World War I (the War to End All Wars) was signed at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918. Known at first as "Armistice Day," it has since been designated as "Veterans Day" and will be observed this year on Monday, November 12.

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank living veterans who served our country in wartime and in peace.

Our **Utley** family has had family members proudly serving our country since the Revolutionary War. Our distant ancestor, **William Utley**, of Wake County, NC, has been recognized as a patriot who served the American cause. Our family's service continues through today, with family members proudly serving in the military.

We honor and thank all of our living veterans and honor the memory of all our deceased veterans.

[This is as complete a list as we currently have. If we've left anyone off, please let me know.]

~Revolutionary War~

William Utley, Sr. of Wake County, NC (1715-1794, great great grandfather of **John Allen Utley**)

~U. S. Army~

Lillian McLemore, WW I

Zelma Hemphill, WW I

Jacob Prentyce [J.P.] Utley, WW II

Robert Wylly Fortner, WW II

Jack Carver, WW II

Harry House, WW II

Robert V. Utley, WW II

Donald Glenn Rainey

Craig Thomas

Chuck Fourreau

John Thomas Utley

Mike Carver

Bob Utley, Vietnam

James William Buck, Vietnam

Chuck Fourreau

Brian Love

Robert Hatcher, Iraq

~U. S. Navy~

Raleigh Utley, WW II

James Allen Utley, WW II

Ted Wilson, WW II

James Tillman Buck, WW II

Tom Buck, Vietnam

Cyril [Sonny] Schindler

Rob Barrett

~U. S. Marines~

Everett Utley, WW II

Lynn Williams, Vietnam

~U. S. Air Force~

Randy Utley

Neyland Williams

Michael J. Massey, Sr., Vietnam

~Home Guard~

Cyril Schindler, Sr., WW II

Frank Rainey, WW II

Please remember to thank these brave family members!

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Cousin Spotlight on Louise Buck's Family

Diza Louise Buck was the first daughter born to **Lillian Abraham** and **Annie Louise Utley Buck**. **Louise**, as she was called, was born on October 21, 1921 in Spring Creek, TN. She married **James Thomas [J.T.] Buck** on July 24, 1937. **Louise** and **J.T.** had four sons, **James, Mike, Tom, and Eric**. Our Cousin Spotlight this month features these four sons.

James William Buck

[In response to a questionnaire, James sent these answers.]

“My full name is **James William Buck**. I am called **James**, except at church where they call me **Jim**. I was born on Wednesday, June 28, 1944, in Jackson, TN.

One of my first memories: This may sound unbelievable, but I was 1 1/2 years old when **Mike** was born and I remember sitting in a chair and watching a group of women fawning over this little baby, and I felt abandoned since I had been the center of attention for the last 1 1/2 years.

Early Christmas memories: the smell of cedar from a real Christmas tree.

A memory about early school: This isn't about school, but it happened when I was 6 years old; it was summer-time and Mom had promised that she would take **Mike, Tom**, and I downtown to watch the Casey Jones parade. We were playing outside (on Cedar Street) and could hear the band playing. We knew we were going to miss the parade. So I told **Mike** and **Tom** that I was going to watch the parade, but they refused to come with me, so I walked to downtown Jackson by myself. I guess it was a couple of miles. Well, I was standing in front of the Woolworth store waiting for the parade when a lady who knew me asked, “Where is your mother?” I replied, “I guess she is at home.” The lady marched into the store and called Mom. It wasn't long, before here came Mom in the big old car full of kids. Needless to say, I was in big trouble. And, by

the way, we all missed the Casey Jones parade that year.

Vacation memories: We were all St. Louis Cardinal baseball fans, so Dad saved up and we took a trip to St. Louis to watch a couple of games. It was the first time I stayed in a hotel and we each got a picture t-shirt of our favorite play: **Mike's** was Stan Musial, **Tom's** was Enos Slaughter, and mine was Red Schoendienst.

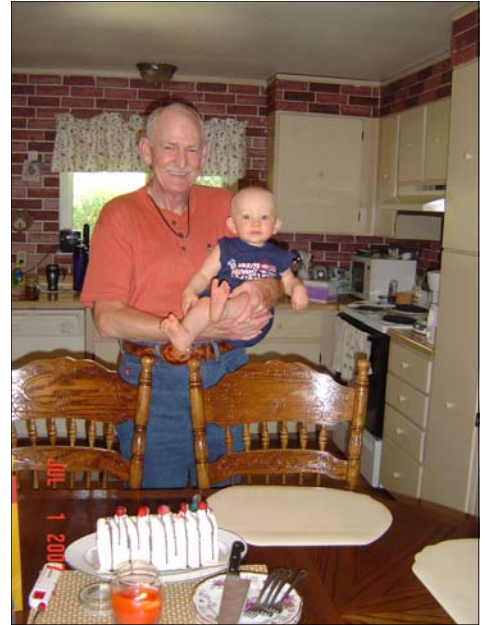
My first paying job: in 1960 I carried on a family tradition by working in a grocery store, A & P. They paid me 90 cents per hour to stock shelves and sack groceries.

I have been with my current employer, Fay Myers Motorcycle World (the largest motorcycle dealership in Colorado) for 16 years. I work in the Accounting Dept. and do several accounting functions including payroll, cash and bank reconciliation.

I attended the University of Texas, Arlington. My favorite subject in school was history, and my least favorite was math.

I met my spouse (**Patti Lou Alexander Buck**) on a blind date arranged by my best friend, Doug Walthall. We were married on June 8, 1968, in Arlington, TX. That was the only time I wore my dress blue uniform. (I was a 2nd lieutenant in the Army.)

Special memories of **Utley** grandparents: **Grandma Annie [Utley McLemore]** was a terrific cook. She did a lot of cooking for the church. It seemed that there was always something cooking in her kitchen. Her house was on a



James Buck with grandson Coltyn on July 1, 2007

corner lot with several huge pecan trees. In the fall we would gather pecans, and **Grandma Annie** would fix the best pecan pie you have ever tasted!

My children are: **Melanie Rene Buck**, born May 19, 1974 in Dallas, TX; and **Jennifer Ann Buck Fuerman**, born February 15, 1978 in Irving, TX.

My grandchild is **Coltyn Rae Buck**, born September 22, 2006. **Coltyn's** parents are **Chet** and **Melanie Buck**.

I served in the U.S. Army, 9th Infantry Division, from 1966 through 1969 (Vietnam 1969). Awards: Combat Infantryman's

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James Buck, continued

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badge, Bronze Star, Purple Heart.

I am a deacon in my church, First Southern Baptist, Northglenn, Colorado. I love singing Southern Gospel music and I have been involved in ministries at the Denver Rescue and the Elmshaven Nursing Home.

If my home caught fire and I could save only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely outside) I would save my Bible which I purchased on November 19, 1982 after re-dedicating my life to Jesus Christ. In the intervening 25 years I have taken copious sermon notes and have many notations in my Bible. My Bible, with these notes, is irreplaceable.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life I would say, commit your life to Jesus Christ and find a place to serve Him.”

“Dad was ordained a Deacon at the First Southern Baptist Church in Northglenn, CO on January 22, 2006. His brother **Mike** came from Texas to join us!

He is a wonderful husband, father and grandfather!”

—**Melanie Buck**



James Buck [left] was ordained a Deacon on January 22, 2006

Michael Allen Buck

[In response to a questionnaire, Mike Buck wrote:]

My full name is **Michael Allen Buck**. I'm called **Mike**. I was born on Thursday, January 3, 1946, in Jackson, TN. I was a preemie and weighed 4 lb. 6 oz.

An early childhood memory is playing Little League baseball and hitting a home run.

Christmas memory: I remember one Christmas, Mother and Daddy bought each of us a new bicycle. **Jimmy (James)** got a black one, **Tommy** a green one, and I got a red one.

An early school memory: My first grade teacher, Mrs. Lumpkins. And my 2nd and 3rd grade teacher was Mrs. Nora Smith-Smith.

Vacation memory: We went to Atlanta to see Daddy's sister, **Aunt Ruth, Uncle Charlie** and their 3 children (all red headed). We went to the Zoo and everybody was looking at us.

My first paying job: We had a

paper route. **Jimmy** would drive, I would throw the left side from the passenger seat, and **Tommy** would throw the right side from the back seat. My longest employment was B. F. Goodrich Tire Store. 20 years as assistant manager.

I graduated from Arlington High School, Arlington, TX. Went 1 year to Arlington State, Arlington, TX. My favorite subject in school was math, and my least favorite was English.

I met my wife, **Linda**, at a wedding. My best friend's brother married **Linda's** brother-in-law's sister. They brought little sister. It was love at first sight. Six weeks later we got married on June 6, 1965 at Community Christian Church in Richardson, TX. **Reverend Larry Tankersly** officiated. My outstanding memory of that day was how beautiful she looked.

Special memories of my **Utley** grandparents: My grandmother, **Annie Utley McLemore**, was the best cook. She cooked for West

Jackson Baptist Church. We lived with her or at least within 2 blocks of her all during my childhood.

My children are: **Michael Allen Buck, Jr.**, born on April 25, 1968; **Scott Andrew Buck**, born on August 31, 1974; and **Lori Jean Buck**, born on November 2, 1976. All were born in Dallas, TX.

Michael's children are son, **Zack Allen Williams**, born on December 28, 1983; and his daughters, **Jaynie Leigh Valdez**, born January 1, 1986 and **Heather Nicole Williams**, born on July 18, 1988. **Scott's** sons are **Matthew Collin**, born July 15, 1998; **Jacob Allen**, born September 15, 2001, **Andrew Ryan**, born July 19, 2004; and **Joshua Michael**, born August 23, 2006. **Lori Jean's** daughters are **Baylee Love**, born on January 19, 1994; and **Avery Lane**, born on August 19, 2003.

My great grandchildren are **Jaynie's** children: **Braiden Isaak**

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Cannady, born on March 28, 2002; **Celest Angelique**, born on April 28, 2003; and **Elizabeth Nicole**, born on February 1, 2007. **Heather's** daughter is **Taylor Lynn Jordan**, born on November 21, 1991.

We go to Beltline Missionary Baptist Church, where I am Song

Leader, Adult Sunday School Teacher, and Deacon Chairman.

If my home caught on fire, assuming all people and pets were safely outside, I would choose to retrieve as many pictures as possible. I know Mother's house caught fire, that is the most treasured things.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say Never go to bed without kissing your spouse and telling him/her that you love him/her.

I love Jesus Christ and serve him. I pray that all my family will accept Him before it's everlasting too late."

Thomas Edward Buck

Thomas Edward Buck, called **Tom** or **Tommy** by his family, was born on February 27, 1947 in Jackson, TN. He married **Ruth Ann Tong** on January 27, 1996. After battling heart disease for several years, **Tom** passed away on July 15, 2005.

Ruth Buck shared the following memories of Tom:

"When **Tom** and I went on our first date, I had been single for several years. Well, we went to a movie theater. I was use to opening the doors myself. **Tom** had come around me to open the door. I did not know this and almost hit him in the head. **Tom** informed me that his Mom had raised him to be a gentleman, and that meant he would open the door for me from now on. He did always open the doors from then on, and he made me feel special.

Tom use to work in the Sporting Goods Department at Wal-Mart. One day there was an elderly Vietnamese man shopping in the department. He had already opened up a couple of packages of fish nets and had strung them along the floor to see the length. **Tom** told him that all the nets were the same size. The man started to open up a third package. Frustrated, **Tom** tried to remember the wording for "please stop" in Vietnamese. **Tom** couldn't remember, so he yelled out the only phrase he could remember at that time. He told the man, "Stop or I will shoot!" The man froze on the spot and did not move a muscle. **Tom** did get the man to stop opening the packages, since **Tom** would have to put the nets back into the package. However, it is a wonder that he did not give the man a heart attack!

Tom was working in Sporting Goods and a gentleman had been refused the right to purchase a gun. He got mad at **Tom** and walked down a main aisle for a few feet. The man turned around and shot **Tom** with a laser pen he had in his pocket. Tom got angry and shot the man back with his laser scanner shaped like a gun. **Tom** was still angry about it on break and I just laughed out loud. **Tom** wanted to know why I was laughing. I told him only at Wal-Mart would two grown men get into a laser battle with each other in the middle of the store. I told him it sounded like the show-down cowboys use to have at high noon."



Tom Buck in uniform



James, Mike, Tom and Eric Buck Christmas 2004



**Front: Tom and Ruth Buck
2nd row: Nur and Amar
3rd row: Melissa and Thomas Buck
Top: Kevin Smith
April 24, 2004**

Eric Henry Buck

[In response to a questionnaire, Eric Buck wrote:]

"My name is **Eric Henry Buck**. People call me: **Eric, E, or Buck**.

I was born on Monday, September 30, 1957, at 8:00 A.M. In Jackson, Tennessee. The only thing I was told, that I remember, is that my brothers picked my name and named me after a friend of theirs.

My first memory of my youth was sitting at the kitchen table with my family (a re-occurring theme.)

The thing that stands out most about Christmas, or any holiday, is the great meals Mom would make. She would have a spread that any chef would be proud of. She would make each of us our favorite desserts, and made sure there were extras of other types for company. In fact my friends liked to come over any night to eat supper. They usually said it was better than Sunday lunch at their house.

The thing I remember most about 1st grade is Mrs. Miller's (my teacher) grandfather coming and talking to our class about the Civil War. He was born during the war, and it was fascinating to listen to him. He was 101 years old in 1964. That may have sparked my interest in history. History was always my favorite subject in school and Science was my least favorite.

My favorite vacations were always the trips we would make back to Tennessee. I really enjoyed seeing my relatives, and playing with my cousins there. I often thought I would move back to Tennessee, but I guess it probably won't ever happen.

My first job was working at a grocery store. It was called Buddies but is now known as Winn Dixie. I was a sacker and bottle racker. We had to sort all the soft drink bottles by company. Does that tell my age or what?

I have been a teacher for the last 22 years. I have been at my present

school, Sulphur Springs High School, for nine years. I am currently the assistant volleyball and softball coach, as well.

I graduated from Arlington High School in 1976. I graduated from East Texas Baptist University in 1986, with a BS in Education (Elementary.) I have additional certifications in Reading and Composite History (all levels.)

I met my wife, **Carla Laminack**, at ETBU. We had three classes together and we ended up dating. I had decided to ask her out and I prayed before going to lunch one day that the Lord would provide me the opportunity to ask her out, if it was His will. I walked into the cafeteria and she was surrounded by friends. I went through the line and when I re-entered the cafeteria, she was sitting all alone. I said, "Thank you Lord," and the rest is history.

We were married on Saturday, June 14, 1986, in Marshall, TX. The things I remember most of that day are how beautiful **Carla** looked and my friends and family that came. It was an honor to see my friends, some I had not seen in four or five years.

Carla teaches Severe and Profound Disabled children at Lamar Elementary in Sulphur Springs.

Carla and I have three children: **Lauren Sue**, born April 6, 1990, in Greenville, TX. A senior at Sulphur Springs High School. **Austin James**, born March 17, 1995, in Greenville, TX. A seventh grader at Sulphur Springs Middle School. **Mason Ryan**, born November 19, 1998, in Sulphur Springs, TX. A third grader at Travis Elementary School.

We attend First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. I sing in the choir and **Carla** is the asst. director of the Nursery. Lauren sings in the youth choir that has taken choir tours to: New York, Ireland, and Washington D.C.

In years past I have been a head

coach of baseball and softball teams at different schools. I was selected coach of the year four times in the twelve years I was a head coach. I also was selected to the state softball committee for a two-year term in 1994-1995.

If my home caught fire I would make sure I got as many pictures as I could carry. Those were the things we missed most when Mom's house burned.

My advice to live a happy life is to trust in the Lord and rely on Him in the good times, as well as, the bad times. Additionally, keep the kids active. **Lauren** has played sports until this year, but she is taking AP high school courses along with two college courses (she will graduate from high school with 24-27 college hours). **Austin** and **Mason** play baseball and basketball. **Austin** also plays football and **Mason** plays soccer. It keeps us busy, but we couldn't imagine having it any other way."

Today's
Family
News
will become
Tomorrow's
Family
History

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Rebecca Williams and **Brian Love** were married on September 1, 2007 at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. The wedding ceremony was officiated by Chancellor James F. Butler, from Jackson, TN, and was held in the Holly Courtyard of the Brooks Museum. After the candlelight ceremony, the reception was held inside the Brooks Museum.

Rebecca and **Brian** honeymooned in Gatlinburg, TN, and are now residing in Memphis, TN.

Congratulations to you both!
Welcome to the **Utley** family, **Brian!**

Rebecca>Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce



Brian and Rebecca Love
September 1, 2007

~Maudie~

Members of the University School of Jackson [TN] Class of 2008 are being recognized by the National Merit Foundation as Commended Students. This recognition goes to students who placed among the top five percent of college-bound juniors who took the PSAT exam last fall.



Ben Wilson, far left, with other USJ National Merit Foundation Commended Students

Among those honored are **Ben Wilson**, son of **Donald** and **Elizabeth Wilson**. **Ben** is the grandson of **Ted** and **Dot Rainey Wilson**. **Ben** plays golf for USJ and has been selected for the sixth consecutive year to the All-Northwest Honor Choir. He would like to study either pre-med or pre-engineering and music in college.

Congratulations, **Ben!**

Ben>Don>Dot>Maudie

Bobby and **Sue Bates** captured the "Most Ready for Halloween" prize at Mary Jo Middlebrook's annual Halloween costume party in Jackson, TN. **Bobby** was costumed as a fierce pirate, and **Sue** was a harem girl. Congratulations!

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie



Bobby and Sue Bates

~John~

Congratulations to **Mark Utley** and his new bride, **Suzanne**. They were married on February 17, 2007, in Jackson, TN. **Mark** and **Suzanne** both work in middle Tennessee for the state of TN, and make their home in Jackson, TN.

Welcome to the **Utley** family, **Suzanne!**

Mark>Everett>John

~Raleigh~

Congratulations to **Eric** and **Elizabeth Massey Parker**! Their son, **John Thomas Parker**, was born on July 28, 2007. (**Elizabeth** is **Mike**'s oldest daughter, and of course **Sarah**'s granddaughter). This is **Mike**'s first grandchild and **Sarah**'s first great grandchild. The family resides in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Welcome to the **Utley** family, **John!**

Elizabeth>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh



Elizabeth, John and Eric Parker
July 2007

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Michael and Sydney Massey

Terri Massey emailed, "**Michael Joseph Massey, Jr.** married **Sydney Barker** of Clarksdale, Mississippi, on October 6, 2007. (**Michael** is **Mike**'s oldest son and of course **Sarah**'s grandson). The wedding took place at the First Baptist Church in Senatobia, MS, with the reception at our home. They are "at home" in Senatobia, where **Michael** works in the family farming business, Lyndale Farms.

Congratulations and best wishes to you both! Welcome to the **Utley** family, **Sydney!**

Michael>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh

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!**

**Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams**



World War II Registry of Remembrances



Anyone who helped win the war, either a veteran or an American on the home front, is eligible for the Registry of Remembrances. You may enter your own name, or the name of someone you wish to honor for their service during the war. The Registry of Remembrances will be accessible on site at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. You may register a name via the internet or by mail. Registration is free.

To register a veteran online, you will need to first set up a free account at www.wwiimemorial.com.

Fill out the online form and submit the veteran's information. After the registry information is reviewed, it will be posted online in a searchable database.

If you'd prefer to register by mail, you can send the following information to WWII Memorial Processing Center, P.O. Box 186, Calverton, NY 11933-0186.

Required information is: Title/Rank, Honoree Name, Honoree Status: World War II Veteran or Civilian on the Home Front or Killed in World War II, Hometown, State, Branch of Service, Honoree's War-time Activity, Your relationship to Honoree, Your Name, Your Address, City, State, Zip Code. For each honoree, fill out a separate sheet of information.

Photographs may be added to the Registry for a fee of \$15.00

January/February 2008 'Utley Family Update'

The January/February 2008 issue of the '**Utley Family Update**' will be printed in late December 2007. Please send in your family news—births, deaths, engagements, weddings, new jobs, new addresses, civic/social/church/school/sports honors and awards, fun vacations, and holiday fun. In other words, anything you'd like to share with

our far-flung family. Photographs are always welcome!

Our Cousin Spotlight will focus on the children of **Doris McLemore Jones—Rick Jones** and **Teresa Jones Denson**. If you have any stories or memories of **Rick** or **Teresa**, please share them. As always, we love old photos!

During the holidays, time will be scarce, so please send your information for the next newsletter by **December 20**. My mailing address is Jackie Utley, 590 Wallace Rd, Jackson, TN, 38305, and my email is JUtleyMail@aol.com.

Thanks!



Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in November and December 2007



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*May your Holidays be Joyous
And your New Year Peaceful*



2008 Utley Family Reunion

The **2008 Utley Family Reunion** will be held on **Saturday, July 26**, in Jackson, TN. The theme for this reunion will be **“And the Beat Goes On.”** The reunion will feature great rock and roll oldies, poodle skirts, blue jeans, tennis shoes and ponytails. Slick back your DA if you dare!

Beginning in early 2008, we will have complete reunion details, including hotel reservation information.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this great family reunion!

“Don’t let the Beat Go On without YOU!”