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Utley Family Veterans and Active Duty

Veterans Day gives all Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of our U.S. veterans.

Memorial Day is dedicated to the memory of deceased veterans. Deceased veterans are also remembered on **Veterans Day**, but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. **Veterans Day** is observed on November 11.

Our family has a long history of military service, beginning with the Revolutionary War patriots, **William Utley** and **Benjamin Jacobs**, both of North Carolina.

Other family members who have served, or who continue to serve include:



~U. S. Army~

Lillian McLemore, WW I
Zelma Hemphill, WW I
Jacob Prentyce [J.P.] Utley, WW II
Robert Wyly 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
George Utley
Kevin Gillmer

~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, Iraq
Joe Montes, Gulf War I

~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: Family of John Thomas Utley

John Thomas Utley was the fifth child and third son born to **John** and **Edrie Utley**. **John** was born on September 4, 1933 in Lavinia, Carroll County, TN. He married **Mary Magdalene Pipkin** on December 21, 1953 in Corinth, Alcorn County, MS. **John** and **Mary** had two daughters, **Deborah Ann** and **Cynthia Claire**. **Cynthia** died on May 25, 1985 in a car accident.

Our Cousin Spotlight for this issue will focus on **Deborah Ann Utley**.

Deborah Ann Utley Mayo

In response to a questionnaire, Debbie wrote:

“My full name is **Debora Ann Utley Mayo**. I am called **Debbie**. I was born on March 24, 1955 at 11:15 a.m. in Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. I was born when Dad was in the Army, in Washington state. Almost all of my dad’s buddies came to the hospital when I was born.

An early memory is going to eat at **Nanny & Pa’s [Edrie & John Utley]** on Wed. night. We got to see our cousins—**Pat & Pam** then. **Pat** & I used to run away from everyone else so we could play.

Memories of celebrating Christmas: Getting up early with my sister & playing with our toys from Santa. Then we would go back to bed until we heard our parents get up. We always had to act surprised for them.

Early school memory: Going to Highland Park Elementary [Jackson, TN] & fighting for the center spot on the merry go round.

Family vacations I remember: Going to the river & leaning to swim. I was pushed off a rock & started to swim cos I thought I was going to die! Going camping at Land Between the Lakes. **Cindy** & I both got to bring a friend along. We had so much fun & drove my parents crazy.



Debbie Utley, 3rd grade, Highland Park Elementary School, 1963

My first paying job was summer sales at the Bandbox in the [Old Hickory] Mall. I always got first pick of the formals for school dances.

My longest employment as an adult was working with my friend Amanda, doing embroidery work on her 4 head machine. We had lots of laughs & lots of hard work.

My education consisted of Highland Park Elementary, 1st –6th, Tigrett Jr. High, 7th-9th, Jackson Central Merry, 10th-12th. My favorite subject in school was spelling & writing, and my least favorite was any kind of math.

Special memories of my **Utley** grandparents: **Nanny** used to cook chittlings. It was the most awful smell. We all ate outside but the guys. Also I have a special memory of me & **Cindy, Pam, Pat, & Mark & Alan**. We crossed a ditch to have a picnic after walking where we weren’t supposed to go on **Pa’s** land. We had a picnic in the middle of a soybean field. We wondered what that foul smell was? We didn’t find out until later that they were rotted in the field. We had our picnic tho.

My children are **Misty Shay Roe**, born June 6, 1975 in Jackson Madison County General Hospital; and **John Logan Mayo**, born April 12, 1989 in Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

My grandchild is **Brilee Jade Mayo**, born on June 7, 2007 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Another grandchild is on the way, to be born in April of 2010. Both are children of my son, **Logan** & his wife, **Jessica**.

I am a member of Malesus Baptist Church; worked with Cub Scouts and was Den Leader for lots of years; and moved on with my Den to Boy Scouts.

If my home caught on fire, and I could go back to retrieve only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out), I would choose pictures—especially the

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ones of my sister **Cindy**. These can't be replaced. I miss her every day. I would also get a few sentimental knickknacks & furniture, over the years that have special meaning. I would also try to get my shoes, however my son says the house would be gone before I could get them all!

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say: Stay close to friends and family; close to God & Bible & always find time to laugh during each day.

Anything else I'd like my family to know about me: I am so sentimental I cry at least twice a day & I am totally in love with my granddaughter."



Brilee Jade Mayo



Debbie and Cindy Utley c 1961



Chris and Misty Roe Cupples



Mary and John Thomas Utley



Misty Roe Cupples



Cindy and Debbie Utley c 1960



Logan and Jessica Mayo

Brilee Jade Mayo



Harry Bennett Usinger 1924 — 2009

“**Ben Usinger** passed away Thursday September 17, 2009 at the age of 85.

He was a beloved father and grandfather, as well as a highly respected member of the community.

He worked for NCR in New Orleans for 35 years. After his retirement, he moved to Henleyfield, Miss., where he became the Treasurer for the Volunteer Fire Department and helped to expand their operation into the fine institution that it is today.

He is survived by his son, **Gary Usinger**; and his grandson, **Travis Usinger**.

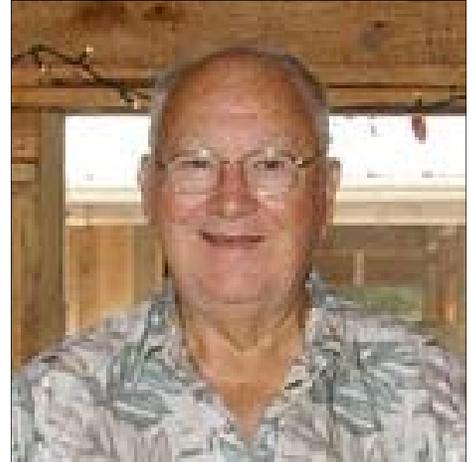
Usinger.

Memorial Services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at the Henleyfield Community Pavilion which is located 15 miles northwest of Picayune on Hwy 43.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Henleyfield Volunteer Fire Department, 5585 Hwy 43, Carriere, MS 39426.”

This obituary was published in the Picayune Item from 9/29/2009 - 10/1/2009.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Gary, Julie and Travis Usinger**.



Ben Usinger in 2004

Utley Family News

~Abe~

Larry Utley reported that “**Jake Utley** will be wearing #57 for BCHS on national TV on Thursday, October 15!!!” The Bear Cats of Bear Creek High School [Lakewood, CO] stunned perennial national powerhouse Columbine High School, winning 34-7. **Jake** is a 6’ 2”, 260-pound starting lineman for the Bear Creek team.



Jake>Larry>Robert V>Abe

~Maudie~



Sue and Bobby Bates attended a Halloween party in Jackson, TN, on October 31. In keeping with their Scottish roots, they attended costumed as Mary, Queen of Scots and Mary’s executioner.

Sue Bates emailed on October 16, “**Kevin Gillmore**, husband of

Erika (Droomer), is home on 2 week leave from his duties in Afghanistan. They will be visiting his parents in Las Vegas and hers in MI. Shortly before he left there his HumVee hit an IED and blew up. Mercifully, he was not injured!”

Bobby Bates recently participated in a conference dealing with pre-release of inmates. He emailed, “A TN Department of Corrections Conference was held from Oct. 25-30 at the beautiful Paris Landing State Park for over 100 employees of the TDOC's Board of Probation and Parole from across the State.

Held in the interest of reducing inmate returns to incarceration, the State of TN invested the time and energy to bring emphasis within the corrections system by providing training in the "ripple effect" of crime on families of both the victim and perpetrator. This was done during the course of a group of classes which involved studies and exercises which were

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accented by the testimonies of several victims of major case crimes from various locations across the country.

The Victim-Speakers included those who had experienced personal assault, murder of family members, rape and robbery as singular or combination events.

The speakers provided more than a simple description of their experiences. The events were presented in the context of a stop-motion play with descriptions of what was experienced at that moment and how each event has impacted their lives since the occurrence.

Speaking as a spectator, the deliveries were given in such a manner that the listeners, as closely as possible, literally experienced the events which were being described.

After the presentations we participants were required to teach various aspects of training concerning inmate interactions involving employees of the Board Of Parole and Pre-Release Counselors such as myself.

At the conclusion of the week it became clear that those who have been involved with such crimes, whether victim or perpetrator, impacts all of society; i.e., the ripple effect. Or, as one

speaker more succinctly put it, "The poor choices of a few impact the many."

For me personally, it was a mind and life altering experience which I will take with me always in both professional and personal interactions."

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

~Martha~

Proud dad **Walter Torres** reported on October 13th that son **James** would do his Eagle Scout project the weekend of October 17th. Congratulations, **James!**

James>Arlene>Karen>Martha

'Utley Family Update'

Beginning with the January 2010 issue of the "**Utley Family Update,**" we will be publishing quarterly instead of bi-monthly. The newsletter will be published in January, April, July, and October to help save on expenses. Deadline for submitting family news will still be the 20th of the month preceding publication.

For the January 2010 issue, our Cousin Spotlight will feature the children of **Karen and Chuck Fourreau—Arlene, Dennis, and Scott**. If you have memories or

stories about these three, please share them. Photos will be most welcome.

As always, we need your family news—engagements, weddings, new jobs, new addresses, births, deaths, school honors, sports awards, church and community activities, fun vacations, and anything else you'd like your relatives to know. We love photos, so send them!

While your family is gathered for the holidays, please take a group photo and send it. We'll feature Utley family holiday photos in the

next issue of the newsletter.

If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, and could receive the newsletter via email, **please** let me know. The cost of publishing the newsletter is growing each year. Email is quicker and almost cost-free to send.

Thanks to the Newsletter Heroes for this issue:

Wilma Utley

Lynn Williams

*Today's
Family News
Will Become
Tomorrow's
Family History*

Utley Family Reunion 2010

We are exploring options for the **2010 Utley Family Reunion**. One suggestion has been to have a lunch at Brooksie's Barn in Jackson instead of paying for a caterer and a meeting room. We think this is a great idea, and will keep everyone updated on plans. The date for the next reunion will be **Saturday, July 24, 2010**. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

*As we approach
Thanksgiving,
we are reminded
once again
of the
many blessings
of Family.*

*Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and
Anniversaries in November and December 2009*



- 2 Lloyd Allen Utley
Mildred Hestand—80
Lori Barrow
- 3 Bobby Bates
- 9 Rick Yates—60
Mildred & Ed Hestand—30
- 12 Gloria Utley
- 14 Erin Utley
- 16 Matthew Barrett
- 17 Beau Utley
- 18 Dennis Foureau
Arleen Torres
- 19 Mason Buck
- 23 Mark Utley
- 25 Katie Wilson
Monica House
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 29 Chet Buck
- 30 Lynn Williams
Ruth Buck

- 1 Danny Wise
- 2 Cayden Rainey
- 6 Jake Utley
- 8 Roger Dabbs
- 9 Mike Massey—60
- 16 Travis House
- 17 Grady Utley
- 18 Matthew Wise
- 21 Mary & John Thomas Utley
- 23 Robert Simpson
- 24 Christopher Jones
- 25 Merry Christmas!**
- 26 Gary Usinger
- 29 Cindy Utley
- 31 Mike Massey, Jr.
Donna & Gary House

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