



# Utley Family Update

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## 'Christmas in July 2005'

The **2005 Utley Family Reunion, "Christmas in July,"** was a great success. We had a great time visiting and eating and catching up on distant (and nearby) relatives.

**Leslie Truax** had filled the Santa-shaped goodie bags for every place setting. The bags included holiday-themed pencils, notepads, erasers, and candy. There were extras so everyone was urged to take them to absent family members.

**Leslie** also designed and printed inserts for the wooden Christmas tree ornaments. The ornaments, with "**Utley Family Reunion, Christmas in July 2005**" in each one, were hung on a live Christmas tree cut fresh

for us that morning by **John Crenshaw**.

There were tables for family albums and memorabilia. Several folks brought old family photos to show and share.

**Teresa Denson** brought several boxes of glass flower vases to share with relatives. She urged everyone to take at least one vase home with them, so she wouldn't have to pack them up and return home with them.

**Rebecca Williams** designed and printed calendars with photos from the reunions held in the late 1970s and early 1980s at **Uncle Abe Utley's** farm near Medina.

The buffet was delicious, with catfish and all



the trimmings, plus hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone enjoyed the bountiful buffet.

Thanks to our generous anonymous relative for picking up the tab for this wonderful family gathering. Thanks also to everyone who helped to make this one of our best reunions yet!

Mark your calendars now for **Utley Family Reunion on Saturday, July 29, 2006!**

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### *Utley Family Update*

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## Utley Family Reunion 2005 Fun Facts

Youngest human present: **Amelia Truax**, age 18 months.

Youngest animal present: **Scooter Bates**, age 2 weeks.

Most senior person present: **Allen Stanley**, age 85.

Traveled the farthest: **Teresa Denson**, from Godfrey, IL, 303 miles.

"Honorary Cousins": **Tina Torres** and **Francis Hurt**, sister and mother of

**Walter Torres**, who couldn't attend,

Most newly wed: **Eloise and Allen Stanley**, 2 years.

Married longest: **Martha Frances and Dan Bates**, 60 years.

Reunion "First Timers": **Steve, Leslie and Amelia Truax, Denise Stone, Josh Boyles and Brian Love.**

Most color-coordinated shirt: **Glenn Rainey** (check out photo on page 5)

# Reunion Thank You Notes

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help make this one of our best reunions ever!

A huge "Thank You!" goes to **Lynn Williams**. **Lynn** had begun both his chemo and radiation treatments, and felt pretty rotten, but still worked for hours in the heat to set up computer and video and still cameras.

**Leslie Truax** went above and beyond the call by designing and printing the inserts in the wooden Christmas tree ornaments and by filling all those Santa goodie bags! And she was only given about a week's time to do both jobs. **Leslie** also came to Crenshaw's early and decorated the Christmas tree and helped to decorate the tables as well.

**Rebecca Williams** designed and printed the reunion calendars. The

calendars feature photos from the reunions held at **Abe Utley's** farm in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

**Rebecca** also spray-painted the bases for our table centerpieces. And **Rebecca** and her boyfriend, **Brian Love**, helped **Lynn** to set up all the cameras and computer equipment.

**Jack and Earldine Carver**, **Heather Carver** and **Josh Boyles** arrived early and immediately went to work with registration and decoration. A hearty "Thank You" to them for all their help!

**Bobby and Sue Bates** also arrived early and went to work helping to decorate and organize before the main crowd arrived. Thanks to you both!

Thank you to **Teresa Denson** who brought several boxes of gorgeous glass flower vases to distribute at the

reunion. They made lovely take-home gifts!

Our biggest "Thanks!" go to our generous anonymous relative who paid for the entire meal and rental of the Party Barn for our reunion. Without this relative's generosity, our reunions would be much smaller and less enjoyable. We really appreciate everything this person does for our **Utley** family!

Thanks to all the relatives who traveled from near and far to come together for our annual gathering.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the reunion. If I've failed to thank you and mention your contribution, please forgive me and accept our thanks!

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## Thomas Edward Buck, 1947—2005

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Ruth Buck**, **Melissa Buck Smith** and **Thomas Buck**. **Tom Buck**, son of **Louise Utley Buck** and the late **J.T. Buck**, died on Friday, July 15.

The following obituary was printed in the Star-Telegram on July 18, 2005:

*Thomas Edward Buck  
1947 - 2005*

*Thomas Edward Buck, 58, a devoted husband and loving father, passed away Friday, July 15, 2005, in Arlington [TX].*

*Funeral: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Moore Funeral Home Chapel, 1219 N. Davis Drive. Burial: Moore Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.*

*Thomas was born Feb. 27, 1947, in Jackson, Tenn. He worked the last 15 years at Wal-Mart. He was an ex-police officer with the Arlington Police Department. Thomas was a Vietnam War veteran in the U.S. Navy.*

*He was preceded in death by father, J.T. Buck.*

*Survivors: Wife, Ruth Buck; son, Thomas Buck; daughter, Melissa Buck Smith and husband, Kevin; stepchildren, Nur and Amar Al-Shabbot; mother, Louise Buck; brothers, James Buck and wife, Patti, Mike Buck and wife, Linda, Eric Buck and wife, Carla.*

Everyone in the extended Utley family sends their love and support to **Tom's** family during this difficult time. **Tom** will be missed!



**Tom Buck**



**Tom & Ruth Buck  
2000**

# Utley Family News

## ~Prentyce~

**Lynn Williams**, husband of **Jackie Utley**, has been diagnosed with throat cancer. As of Sept. 1, 2005, he will have completed seven weeks of twice-daily radiation treatments and once-weekly chemo treatments. The prognosis is good.

**Jackie** has set up a website so family and friends can check on his progress at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lynnwilliams>.

*Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce*

**Jack and Earldine Carver** are proud of being members of the Golden Sounds Choir of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Tennessee, consisting of 53 members under the direction of James Pulliam. Each year the Choir is busy traveling to various places and States bringing joy to many through music that Glorifies Christ.

The choir has been very busy this summer. The musical / drama, "**Bound for Glory**," was presented at Union University; First Baptist, Jackson; Calvary Baptist, Jackson; First Baptist, Bolivar; Church Road Baptist, Horn Lake, MS; First Baptist, Middleton, TN and West Shiloh Baptist Church, Stantonville, TN.

The choir will be the featured choir Wednesday morning the 14th during the Senior Adult Conference in Sevierville September 12-15. Also, on August 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a special musical presentation at Alexander Place, an assisted living facility in Jackson.

Another great joy we have in being members of the choir is the wonderful fellowship we have with all the members.

*Earldine>Prentyce*



*Jack Carver is 4th from right on front row  
Earldine Utley Carver is 2nd woman from right on third row*

## ~Maudie~

Turney Center Industrial Prison hosted a "Family Day" for members of the employees families that were interested in touring the facility. Names of attendees were submitted by the employees in order for the family members to visit. **Bobby Bates** was well represented by wife **Sue**, parents **Dan & Martha**, sister **Diane Deschenes** and her son **Daniel**.

The tour, which included the wood shop and an actual two person cell, was cut a little short due to the hot temperatures but an excellent and refreshing luncheon was served.

All attendees received a hand-tooled leather key ring made by the inmates as well as impressive looking certificates suitable for framing in their names proclaiming their support of their family member and names were drawn for prizes that had been made in the facility's wood shop. All of the **Bates** clan brought something home in addition to memories as a souvenir of the event.

*Martha Frances>Maudie  
Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie  
Diane>Martha Frances>Maudie  
Daniel>Diane>Martha Frances>Maudie*

## ~Martha~

**Justin Torres** finished his third grade on a high note in regards to his Cub Scouts. He completed the year with the most "Arrow Heads" in his Cub Den. He completed 7. No real easy task. **Justin** also had the time of his life at Cub Scout Summer Camp. **He and Dad (Walter Torres)** spent 4 days in the deep wood in central Wisconsin during the heat of early July. When you see **Justin**, be sure to ask him about the big thunderstorm that woke the camp at 2 in the morning. A real adventure in itself!

**James and Jonathan Torres** (who begin eight grade) just spent 8 long and hot days at Fort A. P. Hill, in northeastern Virginia at the 37th Boy Scout Jamboree. With record heat and humidity, it was a test of scout spirit and tenacity. They joined 45,000 other scouts from around the country, and many from overseas, for a week long campout to end campouts. Everything from scuba diving with Navy Seals to sitting in tanks with Army tank commanders to simple archery and wall climbing. This

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year's Jamboree offered far more than the boys could enjoy in only eight days. They were so wrapped up in the activities offered, they didn't get around to finishing the merit badges they need to complete their next rank. **James** is currently Star, and **Jonathan** is First Class. We hope to see them reach the next level by school in September. If **James** can make his goal, then he could complete his Eagle by next summer without much trouble. Stay tuned!

*James>Arleen>Karen>Martha  
Jonathan>Arleen>Karen>Martha  
Justin>Arleen>Karen>Martha*

### ~Betty Dee~

**Ben Usinger** was unable to attend this year's reunion because of ongoing problems with his eye. He's scheduled to have cataract surgery on August 31st. Please keep **Ben** in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from this surgery. **Ben** was married to the late **Shirley Schindler Usinger**.

*Shirley>Betty Dee*



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

## 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.

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!**

**Martha Frances & Dan Bates**

**Rickey & Kathy Carver**

**Ben Usinger**

**Wilma Utley**

**Lynn Williams**

## Utley Family Calendars

**Rebecca Williams** has created really unique calendars with old photos from the reunions at **Abe Utley's** farm. The calendars run from August 2005 through August 2006 and include the birthdays and anniversaries of most of our family members.

The calendars cost \$20.00 each, which includes shipping. Any money not needed to cover the cost of printing and postage will be used for the

newsletter and family reunion expenses.

To order a calendar (or ten), contact **Jackie Utley**.



## Note from the Editor:

With **Lynn's** ongoing battle against cancer, my energies and focus have shifted away from family history. I plan to continue the *Utley Family Update*, but it may not be on as regular a schedule as in the past.

Having said that, I still need your family news for the next issue. This is one of the only ways our far-flung family can stay in touch with each other and share in the joys and sorrows of our lives. Please share your news with your family.

In the next issue, the Cousin Spotlight will feature **Ben Usinger** and **Anita Schindler**. If you have any memories or stories about these two, please send them in.

Please share your family Christmas heirlooms—what decorations, ornaments, crèches, etc. do you treasure and use year after year. What is the history of these items?

My mailing address is on the back of this newsletter and my email address is [JUtleMail@aol.com](mailto:JUtleMail@aol.com).

I hope to be able to report **Lynn's** full recovery in the next issue! Until then, please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
*Jackie*



**"Christmas in July"**  
**Utley Family Reunion**  
**2005**



**"Ladies in Red"**  
**Martha Frances Bates, Wilma Utley and Teresa Denson**



**Steve, Amelia and Leslie Truax after a wagon ride around Crenshaw's Farm**



**Dan Bates and Diane Deschenes enjoying ice cold lemonade**



**Lots of good food!**



**Allen & Eloise Stanley and Earldine Carver (standing)**



**"Tech Crew"**  
**Lynn & Rebecca Williams and Brian Love**



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## ***Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in September and October 2005***

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 2 Bob J. Utley  
Kathy Carver  
Chris Cupples
- 3 Andrew Wise  
Emily Oliver—60  
Heather Carver
- 4 Cindy and Larry Utley  
John Thomas Utley  
Kailia Grace Utley
- 5 George Utley—45
- 7 Debbie Pumphrey
- 8 Terri Massey
- 9 Barbara and Bob Mayo  
June Massey
- 10 Emily Ann Bolin
- 11 Brandi Draper
- 13 Jessica Mangrum  
John Luke Barrett
- 14 Rickey Carver—55
- 15 Jacob Allen Buck
- 16 Dot and Ted Wilson  
Dianne Utley  
Melanie and Chet Buck
- 18 Bob L. Utley
- 21 Leslie Truax  
Laura and Joe Montes
- 25 DeLaine and Roger Dabbs
- 26 Pat Bolin  
Holly Lauren House
- 27 Ted Wilson  
DeLaine Dabbs
- 30 Eric Buck

### **OCTOBER**

- 1 Bob and Jenna Utley
- 4 Kae Utley  
Jerry Hatcher, Jr.  
Daniel Deschenes
- 6 Melissa Rainey
- 7 Jason Rainey
- 8 Scott Fourreau
- 10 Madeline Lee Massey
- 11 Coleman Yates
- 12 Jessie Carver
- 13 Paula Simpson  
Sue Utley  
Elizabeth Wilson
- 15 Becket Welsh  
Patricia Arthur
- 16 Martha Frances Bates
- 17 Jill and Jeff Utley  
Mary Ann Rainey
- 20 Kim and Scott Buck
- 21 Mary Utley  
Louise Buck
- 23 Bob Mayo  
Geraldine Rainey—75
- 24 Preston Spratt  
Jennifer Carver
- 25 Cy Schindler, Jr.  
Heather Utley
- 27 Bonnie Yates
- 31 Tracy and Mark Svetz

