



# Utley Family Update

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## Giving Thanks

We are rapidly approaching the end-of-the-year holiday season. The first big family celebration of the holiday season will be Thanksgiving. This year, Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24.

For most families, this will be a day of great food, good company and joyous reunions with loved ones.

In addition to the food, fun and fellowship, I hope we will all take time this Thanksgiving to truly give thanks for our many blessings.

Many of our relatives are battling ill health. We should all give thanks for our own health, for the doctors who are giving such good care to our loved ones and for the medical advances that allow even life-threatening diseases to be overcome.

Some of our relatives' lives have been turned topsy-turvy by hurricanes, floods and tornados. We need to say a prayer of thanks for their survival and for the swift restoration of their lives and property.



Several of our relatives have lost loved ones this year. We should all send a prayer in their direction for strength and solace during their difficult times, as well as a thank-you for the opportunity to have known and loved our departed relatives.

As a family we have much for which to give thanks this year. We are truly blessed and for this we are very thankful.

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### Utley Family Update

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

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## Utley Reunion 2006

Our **Utley Family Reunion** will be held on **Saturday, July 29, 2006**. Our theme for this reunion will be "**Our Family Quilt.**" The location will be announced soon. We will have a noon meal followed by time for visiting and fellowship.

This year's Reunion theme is inspired by the poem which reads:

*Families are patchworks of lives  
Large and small, bold and bashful,  
Sturdy and fragile,  
Full of hope and full of tears,  
All bound together with the silken  
threads of love.  
—Jackie Utley (2006)*

Mark your calendars now.  
We look forward to seeing **YOU**  
there!

## 'Ben Usinger's Many Cars' by Gary Usinger



*Ben, Gary and Shirley  
circa 1951*

When I saw that this month's newsletter was to feature the spouses of **Shirley Usinger** and **Sonny Schindler**. I thought, what can I write about my Dad. He is a very generous and honest man who has lived his life helping others. He has made our life much easier and these days he donates much of his time to help his local volunteer fire department. An interesting thing about **Ben Usinger** is that he has had in excess of 60 vehicles during his 80 years. He always sold every one for more than what they cost him.



*1935 Ford coupe*

My Dad was born in St. Louis in 1924. He left there when he was 21, and at that time he had purchased more cars than his father had owned his whole life. His first was a 1935 Ford coupe, then a '39 Chevy coupe, a '38 Chevy convertible and a 1940 Studebaker sedan. He left for New Orleans where he worked for NCR for 35 years, married my Mom, and raised me. When he first moved, he had a '40 Ford convertible, then purchased a new 1948 Ford 2-door se-

dan, and after that, a new 1949 2-door Hudson. Then I showed up, along with a '31 Model A, a 1941 Ford 2-door sedan, and a 1950 Olds. Then there was a huge 1952 Studebaker 4-door Land Cruiser that my Mom couldn't drive, so it was soon replaced with a '49 Pontiac convertible, that was followed by a 1947 Mercury convertible and two Oldsmobiles (a 1951 "98", and a 1949 coupe).



*1938 Cadillac Limousine*

I remember one day my Dad came home with a 1938 Cadillac 7-passenger limousine. He paid \$ 75 for it and soon afterwards, sold it for \$ 150. He should have keep that one. Today I saw one for sale on the internet for \$70,000. After the limo, came a '55 Dodge sedan, a 1952 Kaiser sedan (anyone remember Kaisers), and a 1955 Olds "98" coupe. Then came the lavender 1957 Caddy (actually they called it Amethyst), a '57 Ford Fairlane 500, a '64 Chevy Malibu, two 1961 Chevys (a 2-door and a 4-door) and two Ford panel trucks (a '55 and a '57). After the trucks, came two Chevy wagons (a '59 and a '61), then a 1952 Chevy 2 door sedan and a 1960 Ford T-bird with red leather seats.

Around this time, we built a new home with a double car garage and a double wide driveway which was soon filled with a '59 Chevy 2-door, a '65 Cadillac Coupe Deville, my grandmother's '62 Oldsmobile (which my Dad still has) along with another 1963 Olds sedan. One day I spotted a pink 1960 Willys Jeep and sure enough, it found a spot in our drive-

way. I had a great time with that Jeep (it's still in my Dad's garage). Then there was a 1962 Ford T-bird, a '66 Chevy wagon, and another Caddy (a 1966 Sedan Deville). Along came two more Fords ( a 1963 2-door Falcon and a 1968 4-door Fairlane 500) followed by a 1960 Chevy Impala and a 1966 GMC pick-up. Then my Dad got two '68 Ford wagons (a Falcon and a Fairlane), and after that, a 1967 Buick sedan, one more GMC (a '79 ½ ton), another Buick (a 1977 Skylark hatchback) and one more Caddy. This time it was a 1972 Sedan Deville.

I went off to college and my Dad got three station wagons ( a '73 Chevy Chevelle and two '72 Ford Torinos). Then came a 1967 Mercury sedan and a 1972 Olds "98". I moved out west and my Dad continued to accumulate cars. There was the '81 Isuzu pick-up and a 1982 Ford ½ ton. In 1988, he purchased a new GMC ½ ton pick-up and a new 1988 Ford Crown Victoria. In 1990, he bought a new GMC ½ ton and in 1992, a new Toyota Camry. Since then he has gotten a 1997 Ford F-150 4x4 and a 2000 Ford F-250 4x4.

During his life, he also bought and sold an additional 40+ cars and trucks to make extra money, but never actually used them as his own. This brings the total number of cars that he has owned in his lifetime to more than 100.



*Shirley (front left) and Ben (back left)  
with toy truck made by son Gary*

## Cyril B. (Sonny) Schindler 1927—2005

**Cyril B. Schindler**, Aug. 7, beloved husband of **Anita**, nee **Smith**; loving father of **Debbie (Ira) Nicholson**, **Lorie (Paul) Krebaum** and **Michael Schindler**; dear grandfather of **Charles**, **Steven**, **Kelly**, **Emily** and **Joseph**. Visitation Saturday, Aug. 13, 3 p.m. until 6 p.m., time of Service, at **Donnellan Funeral Home**, 10525 S. Western Ave. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

Sign guest book: [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com).

*Published in the Chicago Tribune on 8/12/2005.*

**Sonny**, the son of the late **Cyril B. Schindler** and **Betty Dee Utley Schindler**, was born October 25, 1927. His late sister, **Shirley Schindler Usinger** shared the photo of him at right.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Sonny's** family during this difficult time.



## Utley Family News

### ~Prentyce~

**Lynn Williams**, husband of **Jackie Utley**, was hospitalized for a week in September for blood clots in his lungs and for three weeks in October for staph infection. He's home now and improving daily. His prognosis is good; and he's been told the primary cancer site in his throat is now clear.

**Lynn** and **Jackie** were able to fly to Washington, DC, in October to attend the Paul McCartney concert. They thoroughly enjoyed the concert, even though the trip ended at the ER.

*Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce*

**Bonnie** and **Rick Yates** were volunteers assisting evacuees during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Their church, Covenant Baptist Church, Collierville, TN, was among those west TN churches offering housing, clothing, food, medications and anything else the evacuees needed. **Rick** was shelter coordinator and **Bonnie** managed the shelter office. Photos of **Rick** and **Bonnie** working at the Cordova Camp and Conference Center, where evacuees were housed, were

featured in the September 14, 2005 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*, the official news journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

*Bonnie>Eloise>Prentyce*

### ~Annie~

**James Buck** emailed, "**Melanie** and **Chet** are having a new house built so they are staying with us for a few months. So far our dog, Pepe, and their cats, Koko and Missy, have survived the experience.

[Wife] **Patti** broke her right ankle in 3 places on June 27th. She has a steel plate and 5 screws in her ankle. She is now walking without crutches and regaining the strength in her ankle.

**Jennifer** is engaged to a young man named **Fernando** who lives in Peru. We are hoping that he will be approved to come to the U.S. by mid-November. Their wedding is tentatively scheduled for December 17th. **Jennifer** will complete her work for her Masters degree in elementary education by the end of December."

*James>Louise>Annie  
Melanie>James>Louise>Annie  
Jennifer>James>Louise>Annie*

### ~Maudie~

**Dot Wilson** will be having hip surgery on November 16. She's been under the weather because of a bad fall during the holidays last year. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers during her surgery and recovery.

*Dot>Maudie*

Evansville, IN, hometown of **Julie Rainey Spratt**, was devastated by tornadoes on November 6. **Julie** emailed, "We were fortunate enough to have missed the destruction by about 1-1/2 miles but were up for quite a while that night ready to jump into the closet under the stairs..... Contrary to what may be reported on CNN, we did have warning sirens going off in time to turn on the news to see that the severe thunderstorm had spawned a tornado. The unfortunate part is it happened about 1:40 am and no one expected a tornado to develop in November."

We are so thankful that Julie and her family are safe and sound.

*Julie>Glenn>Maudie*



## 'Betty Dee and Shirley' by Glenn Rainey

"I remember what a good time all the **Utley's** had when **Aunt Betty Dee** and **Shirley** came to make their annual summer visit. Oh! what stories **Aunt Bet** could tell about the good "old" times the **Utley's** had when she was a young girl. I am sure they were all true because **Aunt Bet** said they were. We always enjoyed showing off our pretty Louisiana cousin. All our friends, especially the boys, wanted to meet **Shirley**. She not only was a beautiful girl but also

had a very interesting accent and wore such pretty clothes. I remember one summer when **Shirley** became very interested in a young red headed preacher student from Union University, but **Bennett Usinger** won **Shirley's** heart. Yes, **Aunt Bet** now that we are in our senior years we remember only those good "old" times we **Utley's** have had together. Our love to all three of you."



*Shirley, Betty Dee, Sonny and Cy Schindler*

## Fourreau-Butcher wedding



*Jill and Scott Fourreau  
September 2005*

**Scott Fourreau** wed **Jill Butcher** on Saturday, September 10, 2005. They went to Atlantic City and New York City for their honeymoon. After being back for four days **Scott** had an emergency appendectomy but is doing fine now.

**Scott** is the son of **Karen** and **Chuck Fourreau** and the grandson of the late **Frank** and **Martha Utley Sladek**.

Congratulations and best wishes to you both! **Jill**, welcome to the **Utley** family!



*Karen and Chuck Fourreau  
September 2005*

## 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!**

**Lynn Williams  
Wilma Utley**

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

## Utley Family website and Newsletters online

The “*Utley Family Update*” is emailed to all family members who have requested email versions. This not only cuts down on the expense of printing and postage, but allows family members to receive each issue of the newsletter quicker. If you are not receiving it via email and would like to, please let me know.

The current issue of the newsletter is available online at our **Utley** family website. **Rebecca**

**Williams** is doing a great job of keeping the website updated. You can look at old family photos, read archived issues of the newsletter, see photos from the 2005 **Utley** Family Reunion and browse through our family genealogy.

The **Utley** family website can be accessed at [www.utleyfamily-tn.org](http://www.utleyfamily-tn.org). If you have items you'd like displayed on the website, contact **Jackie** or contact **Rebecca** through the website.



## Jan/Feb 2005 ‘Utley Family Update’

The January/February 2006 issue of the “*Utley Family Update*” will be published at the end of December. As always, we need your family news, including births, engagements, weddings, deaths, illness, job changes, relocations, new addresses, school honors, athletic awards, fun vacations, whatever you'd care to share with your relatives.

The Cousin Spotlight will feature **Ted Wilson**, husband of **Dot Wilson**; **Dan Bates**, husband of **Martha Frances Bates**; and **Geraldine Rainey**, wife of **Glenn Rainey**. These are the spouses of the children of **Frank** and **Maudie Utley Rainey**. If you have memories or stories of

these three, please send them in. Photos will be most welcome.

Deadline for submission will be December 20. Since we have the holidays looming, please submit your family news to me on time.

Please send your family news to the mailing address on the back of this newsletter or to my email address: [JUtleyMail@aol.com](mailto:JUtleyMail@aol.com).

Our newsletter is archived in the Library of Congress. Remember that today's family news will become tomorrow's family history. We're trying to preserve our proud family heritage, stories, and photos for future generations of **Utley** descendants.



## ‘Utley Family Reunion’ calendars still available

**Rebecca Williams** has created really unique calendars with old photos from the reunions at **Abe Utley's** farm in the '70s and '80s. The calendars run from August 2005 through August 2006 and include the birthdays and anniversaries of most of our family members. They will make outstanding Christmas gifts!

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**.

## In Memoriam 2005

**Thomas Edward (Tom) Buck**  
February 27, 1947— July 15, 2005

**Cyril B. (Sonny) Schindler, Jr.**  
October 25, 1927 — August 7, 2005

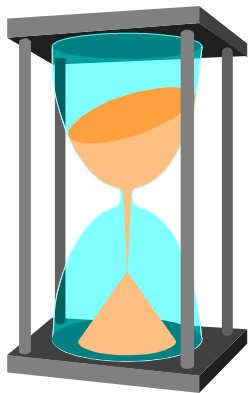


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## *Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in November and December 2005*



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

### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 Lloyd Allen Utley  
Mildred Hestand  
Lori Barrow
- 3 Bobby Bates
- 9 Rick Yates  
Mildred & Ed Hestand
- 12 Gloria Utley
- 14 Erin Utley
- 15 Debbie & Dannie Pumphrey
- 16 Matthew Barrett
- 17 Beau Utley
- 18 Dennis Foureau  
Arleen Torres—45
- 19 Mason Buck
- 23 Mark Utley
- 25 Katie Wilson  
Monica House
- 29 Chet Buck
- 30 Lynn Williams  
Ruth Buck—50

### **DECEMBER**

- 1 Danny Wise
- 6 Jake Utley
- 8 Roger Dabbs
- 9 Mike Massey
- 16 Travis House—30
- 17 Grady Utley
- 18 Matthew Wise
- 21 Mary & John Thomas Utley
- 23 Robert Simpson  
Mark Svetz—35
- 24 Christopher Jones
- 26 Gary Usinger—55
- 29 Cindy Utley
- 31 Mike Massey, Jr.  
Donna & Gary House—25