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'Our Family Quilt' 2006 Utley Reunion

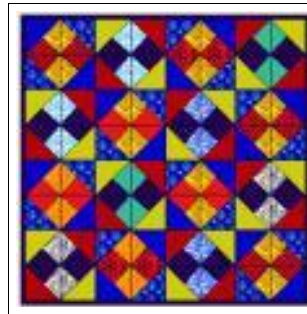
The **2006 Utley Family Reunion**, to be held on **Saturday, July 29**, is shaping up to be another fun reunion. The theme for this year's reunion is **"Our Family Quilt."**

Location will be in the **Old English Inn**, 2267 N. Highland Ave., Jackson. Phone number is (731) 661-0901. They are holding a block of rooms for us at rate of \$61.00 per night. If you call to make reservations, please mention the **Utley Reunion** to receive this special rate. Cutoff date for rooms at this rate will be **July 17th**.

We will have time before the noon lunch buffet

to visit, admire family memorabilia and have family photos taken. The World-Famous Cajun Cookers will provide our lunch buffet. After the meal, we'll have updates on all the family news and present family awards.

For the tenth year, our generous anonymous relative will pay the cost of the banquet room and the meal. We are asking each family to pay a \$10.00 registration fee to help defray the costs of the programs, decorations, nametags and other incidental expenses. Any money left over will be applied to the family newsletter expenses.



Please send your registration form back before **July 24**, so we'll have an accurate head-count for the meal.

We're really looking forward to getting to visit and catch up with our far-flung family members.

Please make your plans now to attend.

See YOU in July!

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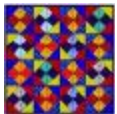
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A publication dedicated to continued communication between the descendants of **John Allen and Lilla Maude Jacobs Utley**.

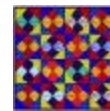
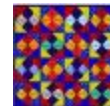
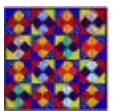
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*Families are patchworks of lives
Large and small, bold and bashful,
Sturdy and fragile,
Full of hope and full of tears,
All bound together with the silken threads
of love.*

—Jackie Utley (2006)





Cousin Spotlight on the Family of John Utley

Archie Vivion Utley, also known as **John Utley**, was born on October 20, 1906. He was the eighth child and the fourth son born to **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Utley**.

This Cousin Spotlight will feature the surviving spouses of two of **John's** sons. **Sue McLemore Utley** was married to the late **Everett Utley**. **Mary Pipkin Utley** is married to **John Thomas Utley**. **James Allen Utley's** wife, **Evelyn Cardin Utley**, died on May 9, 1998.

Lyda Sue McLemore Utley

The following are the answers to a questionnaire about her life:

My full name is **Lyda Sue McLemore Utley**. (Yes my first name is spelled correctly on my birth certificate.)

I was born on October 13, 1928 near Lavinia in Carroll County [TN].

Daddy was a singer and I remember that as a hard working farmer he was never too tired to sing.

A memory of celebrating Christmas: Sometime during Christmas week we visiting grandparents and aunts and uncles.

School memories: My first teacher was Mrs. Compton whose husband was principal. They were two very special people. When I was in second or third grade I sang between acts of a High school play. I still think that was a great honor.

Vacations: Our family didn't know about vacations when I was growing up.

My first paying job was teaching second grade in Lavinia. I think my salary was \$60 per month. My longest employment was teaching grades K-4 in Jackson. I retired from teaching at Alexander school in Jackson [TN] in 1994.

My formal education: Lavinia School graduated 1944; Milan High school, graduated 1946; Union University, B.A. 1953; Memphis State

[now University of Memphis] M.Ed. 1969.

My favorite subjects were English and math. My least favorite was science.

How I met my spouse: I don't remember meeting [**Everett Utley**]. We grew up in the same community. We were married on May 6, 1951 at Spring Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Melvin Williams. Our wedding was the first performed by Rev. Williams. We forgot Mother's flowers and an aunt took her home to get them. The ceremony was a little late and the pianist declares that she played everything she knew including "Amazing Grace."

Memories of her in-laws: Because **Mr. John [Utley]** and I had worked at Milan Arsenal we could talk about lots of things. Somehow I managed to stay in his good graces. He said I could do business things well because I asked lots of questions. **Mrs. Edrie** was an excellent cook and loved doing things for her family.

My children are **Alan Thomas Utley**, born August 15, 1957, died January 9, 1988. **Mark Anthony Utley**, born November 23, 1958. Both were born in Jackson General Hospital, Jackson, TN.

I have been an active member of West Jackson Baptist Church a little over 50 years. Also a member of Eastern Star for 50 years. As a retiree I am a member of local, state, and na-

tional education organizations. I am a charter member of a local chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa teacher sorority. When I worked at the Milan Arsenal due to winning some contests I became an honorary member of the Guard and Fire Departments. In 1999 I won a J. C. Penny Golden Rule Award for volunteering.

If my house caught on fire and I could retrieve only one thing, assuming all people and pets were safely out, I would choose my purse because it would have important cards, pictures and notes in it.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Maintain an active mind and body."

I have always felt a part of **Utley** family. So many were so special even before I married. **Aunt Annie** was married to my **Uncle Lillian**. [**Annie Utley** married **Lillian McLemore** in June 1918. **Annie** was a sister of **Archie Vivion "John" Utley**.]



Everett and Sue Utley at Utley Reunion 1999

Mary Magdaline Pipkin Utley

The following are answers to a questionnaire about her life:

My full name is **Mary Magdaline Pipkin Utley**. I was born in Henderson County. My grandmother was present at my birth and immediately informed my parents that she was naming me, and that she wanted one good bible reader in the family.

A memory of my youth: The closeness of our family and all the guidance given by my parents and my brothers. When I dated the boy must pass approval of 5 brothers and my parents.

Christmas memories: How appreciative I and my brothers were for all our gifts because it was usually one gift for each one. I had 6 brothers and one sister.

School memories: I loved school and my early school years were so much fun, as our neighbor was my teacher and I wanted to please him by making good grades.

Vacation memories: I don't remember taking vacations. Imagine a vacation with 8 children on a farmer's income.

My first paying job was as Pickwick Resort secretary and bookkeeper. My longest employment was at Russ Crocker Buick Co. before **John** and I were married. I was Secretary and bookkeeper. I worked for Sears Roebuck and Co. for 22 years and retired in 1985.

Formal education: Selmer High School, graduated 1950; West Tenn. Business College, business degree. I liked all subjects but my least favorite was algebra. My favorite was English and History.

I first met **John** while working at Buick Co. **Jean Parrish** introduced me to John and we double dated with

Floyd and Jean. We were married on December 21, 1953 in Corinth, MS, by Justice of Peace. I had been in a car accident and was just out of the hospital. Could not wear heels, so I carried my shoes up the steps of the courthouse and entered barefoot. My sister went with us to Corinth, MS.

John's parents were always so helpful to us and I remember each Wednesday night we went to their house for supper along with James **Allen, Evelyn, Sue** and **Everett**. The kids all looked forward to Wednesday nights.

My children are **Debbie**, born March 24, 1955; and **Cindy**, born July 7, 1958, deceased.

My grandchildren are **Misty Cupples**, born in Madison County [TN]; and **Logan Mayo**, born in Madison County [TN]. Both are children of **Debbie Mayo**.

We attend Malesus Baptist Church and have a wonderful church family and we enjoy all the activities of our church.

If my house caught on fire, I would go back to retrieve my pictures and personal important document, extra clothing and shoes.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say, "Follow the 'Golden Rule.' Live each day pleasing to God and everyone and rely on God for problems we can't solve. Do a good deed for someone else each day. Always communicate on large and small problem. Two heads are always better than one."

Anything else I'd like my family to know about me: Just that I'm proud of my family and I'll always be there for them. I love my family very much.



John & Mary Utley at the 1999 Utley Reunion



Logan and Debbie Mayo, Chris and Misty Cupples at the 1999 Utley Reunion

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Jack and Earldine Utley Carver celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006, with a special gathering at their church in Bolivar, TN. **Jack and Earldine** were married on April 16, 1946 in Corinth, Mississippi.

Earldine>Prentyce



*Jack and Earldine Carver
1999*

Jackie Utley's husband, **Lynn Williams**, continues to receive clear scans and tests. He was discharged from the Head and Neck Cancer Surgery Center at Vanderbilt in late March, with no follow-up needed. His physicians in Jackson, TN, will continue to monitor him, but he's returned to working full-time.

Jackie Utley was installed as Tennessee State Chapter Regents' Club President at the state conference for Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held in Kingsport, TN, in April. She is beginning her final year of a three year term as Regent of the Jackson Madison Chapter of DAR.

Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce

~Annie~

Melanie Buck said that her dad, **James Buck**, had a heart attack on Sunday, April 9, after church. At the time of her email, April 11, he was doing well and scheduled to be released from the hospital that day.

We all send our best wishes for a complete recovery for **James!**

Melanie>James>Louise>Annie

~Maudie~

Proud grandmother, **Martha Bates**, writes, "**Anna Marie Deschenes** was named to the Basketball Court for Homecoming for her grade (ninth) at Trinity Christian Academy [Jackson, TN]. During this school year she has been on a mission trip to Ft. Worth, Texas. She is planning to go on a mission trip to Romania sometime this summer.

She wrote a Christian song—words and music—and performed it for her school at Talent Day in March and won "Best in Show."

Her brother, **Daniel**, performed an act with some other boys and won first place.

*Anna Maries>Diane>Martha Frances>Maudie
Daniel>Diane>Martha Frances>Maudie*



*Anna Marie Deschenes
TCA Homecoming Court 2006*

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Paul Deschenes**, husband of **Diane Bates Deschenes**. **Paul's** father, **Ludger Paul Deschenes**, died on February 28, in Jackson, TN. He was buried in Highland Memorial Gardens, Jackson, TN. **Paul, Sr.** was preceded in death by his wife, **Beatrice**, and his daughter, **Louise Marie**.

Diane>Martha Frances>Maudie

Julie Rainey Spratt emailed, "**Cameron Rainey Spratt** was selected to participate in the Indiana University Honor's Program in Foreign Languages for High School Students and will be attending classes in Leon, Spain. He will be living with a host family for 7 weeks this summer. **Preston J. Spratt**, completing his sophomore year at Purdue University, will be recognized as an outstanding honors student at the 2006 College of Science and Honors Program."

*Cameron>Julie>Glenn>Maudie
Preston>Julie>Glenn>Maudie*

For the fifth year in a row, **Dr. Don Wilson** has been voted Best OB/GYN by the readers of the Jackson [TN] Sun in the annual Readers Poll. Congratulations AGAIN **Dr. Don!**

Don>Dot>Maudie

Sue Bates emailed, "I was drafted by Henderson County to serve on the election committee for the primary election held on 5/2. My specific job was JBC (Judge Ballot Counter--I THINK is the official title) Machine Operator and it was my duty to assign log in numbers to each voter after receiving an "application to vote" from the Registrar (who first checked all ID's and

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addresses). Then I had to watch the machine to make sure there were no flashing lights that would indicate that someone had pressed the "Help" button or left the machine before pushing the "Cast Ballot" button which would then show the voter an animated American Flag waving at their end and register a green light on my end showing the booth was open again.

It was pretty interesting and provided me the opportunity to meet neighbors that I hadn't met previously. It makes for a long day but I'm looking forward to working the polls again in Aug. & Nov."



In other news, the high winds and fierce storms which swept across west

Tennessee on April 7 left huge hail in **Sue** and **Bobby's** yard. **Sue** reports, "the storm of 4-7-06 damaged so much of the little town of Yuma (approx. 10 miles distant). I think the stats were that there were 30 homes in the town, all had sustained some damage to one degree or another but 15 were completely destroyed. **Mot's** [**Martha Frances Rainey Bates**] ancestor **Andrew Jackson Donelson "Dack" Rainey** had been a prominent ancestor in that area. I don't know if his old store was one of the damaged/destroyed buildings yet." As you can see from the photo at left, the hail was amazing!

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

~John~

Denae Taylor Henderson emailed, "Just thought I would say hi, and let everyone know that we are all doing fine. It has been hard since the loss of daddy [**Paul Taylor**], but we are making it one day at a time. I sent a pic of my little reason to keep going. [**Daniel**] He is a mess! And he

LOVES tractors!!! Anyway, I don't know if I ever told everyone that we appreciated the thoughts and prayers and all that everyone did when daddy died....but we THANK-YOU all, even now. GOD bless you all, and take care."

Daniel>Denae>Pam>James Allen>John



*Daniel Henderson
April 2006*

Congratulations Graduates!



Jennifer Buck

Jennifer Buck, daughter of **James** and **Patti Buck**, graduated from University of Colorado Boulder on May 11, 2006, with her Masters in Bilingual Education and Certified Literacy Specialist. This is her 6th year as a Bilingual teacher. Her new title will be "Bilingual Reading Intervention Teacher". She will continue working at Castro Elementary in Denver, Colorado.

Rebecca Williams, daughter of **Jackie Utley** and **Lynn Williams**, graduated from University of Memphis on May 6, 2006, with her Master of Science in Business Administration Management of Information Systems.



Rebecca Williams

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!

**Dan and Martha Frances Bates
Eloise and Allen Stanley
Sue Utley
Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams**



July/August 2006 ‘Utley Family Update’

The July/August 2006 issue of the “*Utley Family News*” will have final plans for the **2006 Utley Reunion**. We’ll also feature any other 2006 graduates.

We need your family news: births, illnesses, deaths, engagements, weddings, school honors, church and civic honors, sports achievements, fun trips, new jobs, new addresses, anything you’d like to share with your far-flung family. Photos are always welcome! We’ll still feature any 2006 graduates that were missed for this current issue.

Our newsletter is registered and on file at the Library of Congress. Our family news will become our family

history. Future generations will be able to access it there.

If you are not receiving the newsletter via email and would like to begin, please contact me. Not only do you receive it faster, but it saves printing and postage costs, as well as the extra time it takes to print, collate, fold, stamp and mail.

You can also view the newsletter online at www.utleyfamily-tn.org. The current issue is featured and older issues are in the Archives online.

Information for the July/August issue is due by **June 20th**. My mailing address is on the back of this newsletter, or you can email me at JUtleyMail@aol.com.

Reunion Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for several Reunion tasks. If you are willing to put in some time before the Reunion stuffing goodie bags or helping to create/assemble centerpieces OR if you can come a little early the day of the Reunion to decorate tables and put up displays, let me hear from you.

If there are any scrap-bookers out there who’d be willing to organize our Reunion photos into a scrapbook, that

would be wonderful! We will purchase the materials if you could supply the time and talent.

If you can help in any way, or can think of any other Reunion task you’d like to do, please get in touch with me. As always, my mailing address is on the back page and my email address is in the article above.

Thanks in advance!

2006 Reunion To Do List

Circle July 29 on my calendar!

Send in reservation form before July 24.

Find Utley photo albums and family memorabilia.

Practice smile for family photos.

Get prepared for family fun!

Reunion Power-Point

We are in the process of updating the **Utley Family Power-Point** presentation. This has been a hit at previous reunions and we’d like to expand it for the **2006 Utley Reunion**. Our goal is to have a photo of every family member, living or deceased, from **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Utley** down through the very youngest babies in the family.

Many of you have been generous to share your family photos for this project in the past. Thank you! However, if your family photos are out-of-date, or if the only family photos I have are from the 1970s (with the hair and clothing styles that implies) and you’d like to update, send in new photos.

If you’ve not sent in photos yet, please do it now!

The deadline for sending photos for inclusion in the 2006 version is **July 1, 2006**. Everyone who contributes photos will receive a VHS copy of the presentation. If time allows, we’ll also do a DVD version for all contributors.

Our goal is to have all six generations represented. We need **YOUR** help!

Reunion Memories



1997 Old Country Store



1998 Old English Inn



1999 'An Island Cruise'



“Our Family Quilt
2006”

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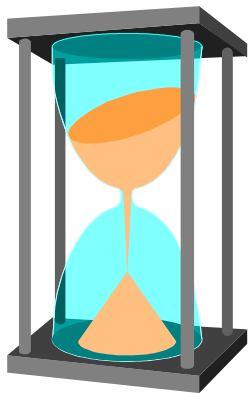
Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in May and June 2006

MAY

- 1 Robert A. Utley
- 8 Tom Buck, Jr.
- 9 Lynn and Jim Grenfell—25
- 10 Christian Utley
- 13 Jack Carver
- 14 Shane Utley—35
- 15 Jake Mayo
Wesley House—25
- 17 Jack Utley
Walter Torres—45
- 18 Jim Grenfell
- 19 Melony Buck
Becky Utley
- 20 Karen Fourreau—65
Julia Utley
- 21 Julie and Chris Spratt
- 23 Andrew Wilson
Teresa Hatcher
- 24 Maxx Thomas
Joey Montes
Sue Bates
- 26 Lachlan Welsh
- 27 Lucy House—80
- 20 Denis Rainey
- 31 Sue and Bobby Bates

JUNE

- 2 James Allen Utley
- 3 Martha Frances and Dan Bates
Brionna Estes
- 6 Misty Cupples
Linda and Mike Buck
- 7 Jill and Craig Thomas
Geraldine and Glenn Rainey
- 8 Patti and James Buck
- 9 Paul Taylor
- 11 Jackie Utley and Lynn Williams—30
- 14 Carla and Eric Buck—20
- 15 Stephannie and Eric Welsh
- 16 Mary and Denis Rainey
- 17 Jonathan Torres
James Torres
Misty and Chris Cupples
Daniel Henderson
- 18 Lela Kay Utley
Carol Barrett
- 19 Denaë and Jerome Henderson
Diane Deschenes—50
- 20 Karen and Charles Fourreau
- 22 Becky and Richard Utley
Stephanie and James Bolin
- 24 James Bolin
Leslie and Steven Truax
- 25 Elizabeth and Don Wilson
Jean and Larry House
- 27 Brian Love
- 28 Kathy and Rickey Carver
James Buck
Lara Mangrum
- 29 Kathy and Dennis Fourreau



2006 Utley Family Reunion
Old English Inn
Saturday July 29, 2006
“Our Family Quilt”

Please make your reservations, before **July 24, 2006**, 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**.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____
PHONE NUMBER/S: _____ (Home)
_____ (Work)
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
SPOUSE’S NAME: _____

MILES YOU’LL TRAVEL TO ATTEND THIS REUNION _____

NAME OF SOMEONE WHO’LL ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU, IN CASE YOU MOVE:

NUMBER IN FAMILY WHO WILL ATTEND: _____

NAMES FOR NAME TAGS (ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK)

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| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

____ 8 x 10 Reunion group photos @ \$7 each
____ 5 x 7 Reunion group photos @ \$6 each

____ 8 x 10 Family group photos @ \$7 each
____ 5 x 7 Family group photos @ \$6 each

