



Utley Family Update

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'An Old Fashioned Family Reunion'

The 2004 Utley Family Reunion, "An Old Fashioned Family Reunion," was held at Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm and Barn on Saturday, July 24.

Crenshaw's Farm provided lots of outdoor activities for everyone, including horse-drawn wagon rides, fishing, shuffleboard, and a treasure hunt. Inside the Party Barn, the tables were decorated with cowboy boots and sunflowers arranged by Sue Bates and Mary Utley. The Utley family PowerPoint presentation was showing while everyone arrived. Bobby Bates and Erika Droomer staffed the registration table. Ted Wilson, Jack Carver and Diane Deschenes supervised the young adults who cranked the old-fashioned ice cream freezer while the adults visited and admired family albums and photos.

When everyone had arrived and gathered in the Party Barn, Glenn Rainey welcomed everyone and blessed our meal. We helped ourselves to a great lunch buffet with catfish and the trimmings, plus hotdogs and hamburgers.

Ben Usinger was celebrating his 80th birthday on July 24, and we surprised him with a birthday cake while serenading him with "Happy Birthday." Family members had brought or mailed birthday cards and these were presented to him.

SPC Robert Hatcher was able to get away from Ft. Campbell to attend the reunion. He was presented a Certificate of Welcome and of Thanks for his service and sacrifice.

After enjoying birthday cake and homemade vanilla and peach ice cream, we



gathered for reunion photos taken by Lynn Williams.

The day wound down with hugs and goodbyes, at least until the reunion next year.

Thank You to everyone who helped to make this another great reunion! And a huge Thank You to our anonymous relative for your generous financial support.

The 2005 Utley Family Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 30. Mark your calendar now, so you can join in all the Utley family fun!

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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 Trivia

There were several "First Timers" at this Utley Reunion: Allen Stanley, Robert Hatcher, Jackie Denny, Teresa Hatcher, Cobb Andrews, Ed and Mildred Hestand, and Lela Kay Utley.

The youngest person at the Reunion was 1-year old Brianna Estes.

The "most senior" person at the Reunion was Allen Stanley, 85 years young.

Most Newly Wed were Eloise and Allen Stanley, who have been married for one year.

The Couple Married the Longest was Martha Frances and Dan Bates, married 59 years.

The family who traveled the most miles was Gary, Julie and Travis Usinger, who came from California for the reunion.

Prentyce's branch of the Utley family had the most folks in attendance, with 23 people.

Maxx Thomas caught the most fish.



Spotlight on the Family of Robert Bruce Utley

Robert Bruce Utley was born on Sunday, November 23, 1913. He was the youngest child and sixth son of **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Jacobs Utley**.

When **Bruce** was only 12 years old, his father died. **Bruce** and his mother, **Lilla Maude Utley**, lived with his oldest sister, **Annie Utley McLemore** for several years. The 1930 Madison County, TN, census shows **Maude** and **Bruce** living in **Annie's** household.

Bruce worked on the **Utley** farm until 1936, when he moved to Berwyn, Illinois. He married **Helen Marousek** on December 17, 1938.

They had two children, **Randall Bruce ("Randy")** and **Robert Bruce, Jr. ("Bob")**.

Randy and his wife, **Kae**, reside in the Phoenix area. **Bob** passed away on November 11, 1992.

Brucie, as he was fondly called by his family, worked as a printing pressman until his retirement in 1975. In 1976 he and **Helen** moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to be closer to their sons and grandchildren.

Bruce passed away on December 21, 1996, after 58 years of marriage. His widow, **Helen Utley**, still resides in the Phoenix area.



Bruce, Martha and Raleigh undated photo

Update on Helen, Randy and Kae Utley

"**Helen Utley** is 87 years young and in perfect health and lives close to **Randy** and **Kae**. She is the official dog sitter and a big help to all the family.

Randy and **Kae** are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this summer with a cruise to Alaska.

They are blessed with two beautiful families and five grandchildren living in sunny California."



Helen and Bruce undated photo



Helen and Bruce loved to fish undated photo



Bob, Helen, Randy and Bruce undated photo

Randall Bruce Utley

In response to a questionnaire, Randy wrote:

My full name is **Randall Bruce Utley (Randy)**.

I was born on Feb. 10, 1941 at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, IL. I was told my mother was in labor for 14 hours.

A childhood memory: I used to go to the Chicago Cubs games and was so bored that my friends used to have to wake me up for the seventh inning stretch.

Our first trip [family vacation] west of the Mississippi River was to Pikes Peak and Estes Park in Colorado.

My first paying job was working as a lifeguard during the summers in Cicero, Illinois.

My longest employment as an adult was as owner of American Teller Schools for 20 years with schools in Phoenix, Onesa and Tucson, Arizona.

I retired twice but for the last 3 years I have been the campus director at Apollo College. I manage a staff and faculty of 32 with a campus population of over 700 students. Apollo College offers courses of study in the fields of medical, dental, massage therapy, computer and veterinary assistant.

I am a graduate of Bradley Univer-

sity in Peoria, IL with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration in 1964.

Math was my favorite subject and chemistry was my least favorite.

I met my wife at Bradley University in 1962. We were college sweethearts. **Kae** was in a sorority (Pi Beta Phi) and I was in a fraternity (Lambda Chi Alpha).

We married on August 15, 1964. We honeymooned in Jamaica.

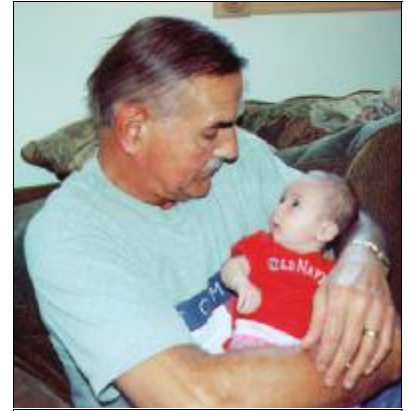
My children are: **Jeff Randall Utley**, born July 7, 1967 in Elmhurst, IL; and **Heath Barrett Utley**, born February 8, 1970 in Elmhurst, IL.

My grandchildren's names are: **Noah**, age 6; **Brayden**, age 4; **Julia**, age 2 1/2; and **Kailia**, age 2. **Heath** and **Katherine** are expecting their fourth child any day now. [**Dane Matthew** was born on August 10, 2004.]

I served in the Air National Guard for 6 years.

If my home caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out) I would choose pictures of **Jeff, Heath, Kae** and **me** at **Jeff's** wedding.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say always be patient and understanding. Be a good lis-



*Randy with baby Julia
2002*

tener. Always have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ that He will lead us down the right path in life.

Anything else I'd like my family to know about me: My Mom and Dad, **Brucie** and **Helen** were always my best friends. They accepted my wife **Kae** into their lives and treated her like their own daughter. **Kae's** parents (**George** and **Mary Ottmann**) and my parents were the best of friends. My father once told me if I ever divorced **Kae**, he would disown me.

I am in excellent health and play racquetball 4 days a week.

Kae and I are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary and are going on a cruise to Alaska from August 7th to August 15th, 2004.



*Randy's family at Helen Utley's 85th
birthday party, 2002*



*Kae and Randy
1999*



*Randy and Kae's grandchildren:
Noah (at back), Brayden, Julia, and
Kailia
2004*

'My Dad, Bob Utley' by Shannon Utley

"I was your typical Daddy's Little Girl. My Dad was a very fun, practical joker type. He worked for Warner Bros. as a set builder. He built sets for movies and t.v. shows. I know he worked on "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and I can remember visiting the set of the "Dukes of Hazard". He built all those cool jumps in the show! He worked there for many years before he started getting sick. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1985 (I think). It

slowly started taking over his body literally from the feet up. He was permanently paralyzed and had to be in a wheelchair. Then, he had to have a tracheotomy in his throat to help him breathe. And without all the devastatingly sad details, he suffered for 19 years before his body gave up fighting. He was a very funny man. He was tall, over 6 foot. He had dark hair and brown eyes. He was born on December 30, 1945 in Illinois. He had several tattoos. I remember when I was 6,

he gave me my first tiny sip of beer. I miss him very much. I wish I could say more, but its too hard to do."



Bob Utley in 1992

Bob Utley's family

Bob Utley's children are: **Robert Allen Utley**, born on May 1, 1969; **Shane Michael Utley**, born on May 14, 1971; and **Shannon Marie Utley**, born on January 28, 1977.

His grandchildren are: (**Robbie's** children) **Alesha Leigh**, born August 26, 1986; **Heather Marie**, born

October 25, 1987; and **Erin Daniel**, born November 14, 1988; and (**Shane's** children) **Christian Michael**, born May 10, 1991; **Ryan Michael**, born February 17, 1995 and **Shane Michael, Jr.**, born February 7, 1997.

Bob's great grandchild, **Dianalee Marie Bobadilla**, daughter of **Alesha**, was born on July 2, 2003.

Photos of Bob Utley's family



*Back row, standing: Alesha Utley, Tammy Utley, Shannon Utley, Dianne Utley, Shane Utley
Front row: Ryan Utley (white shirt), Heather Utley, Shane, Jr., Robbie Utley, Erin Utley
Mother's Day 2003*



*Back row: Alesha Utley, Tammy Utley, Allen Gardner, and Shannon Utley
Front row: Christian Utley (light blue shirt), Shane Utley, Jr., Helen Utley, Shane Utley, and Ryan Utley
Helen Utley's 85th Birthday Party, 2002*

'Utley Wedding in Memphis, Tennessee' by Wilma Utley

Richard and Becky Utley of Germantown, TN, proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, **Rachel**, to **Cobb Andrews**, son of **Dr. Rad and Maureen Andrews** of Germantown, TN, on August 14, 2004 at First Evangelical Church, Memphis, TN.

The weather was perfect for a wedding—cool and sunny. Not what you'd expect for a Saturday in August in Memphis. The church was decorated with greenery, roses, white ribbon and candles. Two large rose wreaths greeted guests as they entered the church.

Rachel's sisters, **Jessica** and **Amanda** were her maids of honor. **Cobb's** sisters, **Mary Elizabeth Andrews** and **Sarah Andrews Smith** were bridesmaids, along with **Cobb's** sister-in-law, **Lydia Andrews**, and **Rachel's** friends **Mary Katherine Buchanan** and **Kristina Johnson**.

Cobb's best man was his father, **Dr. Rad Andrews**. His other groomsmen included his brothers, **Chuck** and **Stephen**; his cousins **Bill Andrews**, **Robert Bailey**, **John Haun**, **Larry Haun**, **Bob McDaniel**, and **Hunter Ziegler**; and **Rachel's** brother, **John Utley**. The Junior Groomsmen were **David Andrews** and **Drews Andrews**.

Cobb's uncle, **The Reverend Steve Andrews**, and his father, **Rad Andrews**, conducted the wedding ceremony. Except for **Rad Andrews** forgetting to

instruct the groom to kiss the bride, the ceremony went off without a hitch.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The hall was decorated with greenery, roses and ribbon. A large gazebo, covered in greenery and roses and containing a large angel statue, anchored the center of the room. Guests greeted **Rachel** and **Cobb**, while bagpipers played, in honor of his **Andrews' Scottish heritage**.

After the reception, the couple left the church, amid a shower of rose petals, on a four-wheeler decorated with roses, greenery, white balloons, white tin cans and duck decoys. They rode a short distance from the church to a friend's house where the limo awaited to take them to the airport.

Rachel and **Cobb** honeymooned in Jamaica. They are now at home at 1892 Hunters Hill Drive, Germantown, TN 38138.

Rachel is a graduate of Germantown High School and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Memphis, where she is an alumna of Phi Mu sorority.

Cobb is a graduate of Germantown High School and the University of Memphis, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in management.

Rachel is the granddaughter of **Wilma Utley** and the late **J.P. Utley**.



Cobb and Rachel



Rachel and Wilma Utley



Rachel and Cobb following the bagpiper into the reception



Jackie Utley, Wilma Utley, Lynn Williams, Jessica Utley, Richard & Becky Utley, Rachel & Cobb Andrews, Amanda Utley, Rebecca Williams, John Utley, Mary & Ted



Rachel and Cobb leaving the church on a four-wheeler

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Our deepest condolences to **Cobb Andrews**, husband of **Rachel Utley Andrews**. His maternal grandmother, **Louise Ellett Cobb**, passed away on August 7, 2004 in Memphis, TN. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Rachel>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Congratulations to **Kayce Sipes** and **Jonathan Singleton**! They were wed on Saturday, August 7th on Crescent Beach in St. Augustine, FL. They "honeymooned" on Crescent Beach until Hurricane Charley moved in; then they headed north to their home in Jackson, TN at 396 N. Highland, Apt. 4, 38301. Welcome to the **Utley** family, **Jonathan**!

Kayce>Debbie>Earldine>Prentyce



Kayce and Jonathan

In an email, **Heather Carver** reports that she is substitute teaching in schools in Bolivar, TN, and loving it. She also reports that her mother, **Linda Carver**, got a great report from the doctor during her last visit.

Heather>Mike>Earldine>Prentyce

Bob and **Jenna Utley** report that they are expecting their second child in February. **Bob** says that "**Jack** just

turned two so he has kicked it into high gear. He certainly is an active child."

Jack>Bob>Bob>Prentyce

~Annie~

Teresa Denson writes, "I thought I would let the family know what I've been up to.

Basically my life revolves around church, home, and helping with gardening.

I still do volunteer work for the University of IL. Master Gardener Program. As a matter of fact I'm working at the Madison Co. office today, on the horticulture hot line. I really enjoy working on the hot line because I'm always learning something new.

I joined a group called The Community Cultivators. We have a large garden inside one of our local parks. We teach children how to plant and take care of a garden organically. I picked up some information about till-less gardening we are trying in our pumpkin patch this year. It seems to be working.

We're growing potatoes for the first time. Jackie, these are city kids. It is fascinating to see how they react to finding potatoes in the ground.

I always thought I should have been a teacher. Of course, classes usually only come out one day a week. I'm not sure I would be as effective on an everyday basis. We had a group of 90 out recently and I was a little concerned. But by the time they left they were all pretty worn out. Of course so as I. Then I went home and mowed my yard. The work never stops.

On the other hand, my wood carvings are starting to pay for themselves. I recently sold on for \$50.00.

I take care of a large flower garden at church, plus holding several positions on the church board. I play several different instruments so I perform special music about once a month. I also have the dubious job of changing the church

marquee. Most of these jobs nobody else wanted.

I'm presenting a seminar on healthy food this fall. The Illinois Conference is giving the church \$2,000 to hold the meetings. It will either be a big success or a big flop. I just get up and go to bed. Whatever happens in between thankfully is in the Lord's hands.

Tell everyone I'll be thinking of them. Hopefully I can come to the **Utley** reunion next year."

Teresa>Doris>Annie

~Abe~

Andrew Curtis Wise graduated from Liberty Technology Magnet High School in Jackson, TN, on June 1. He was in the very first graduating class for the new school. He will attend Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN, this fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Andrew>Cynthia>Lloyd>Abe

~Bruce~

On July 22, **Shannon Utley** wrote, "My niece, **Alesha**, graduated from High School in June. Her little girl, **Dianalee**, had her very first birthday on July 2nd. We live about 20 miles away from the huge wildfire that torched Acton, CA., known as the "Crown fire." The sky was a grayish color for 2 days from all the smoke. It burned approximately 22,000 acres of extremely dry brush. I think only 2 mobile homes were lost and a couple of back houses. Luckily, no lives were lost."

Shannon>Bob>Bruce
Alesha>Robbie>Bob>Bruce
Dianalee>Alesha>Robbie>Bob>Bruce

Congratulations to **Heath** and **Kathy Utley**. Their son, **Dane Matthew**, was born on August 10, 2004. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces. A big "Welcome!" to our newest **Utley** family member!

Dane Matthew>Heath>Randy>Bruce



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!**

**Mike and Linda Carver
Rickey and Kathy Carver
Sarah and Elmer Massey
Eloise and Allen Stanley
Sue Utley
Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams
Dot and Ted Wilson**

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

Just a reminder that we need your family news for the November/December 2004 issue of the *"Utley Family Update."* Births, engagements, marriages, job changes, new homes, school and sports honors, whatever you'd like to share with your relatives.

Please send your family news before October 20. My mailing address is on the back page of this newsletter and my email address is <JUtleymail@aol.com>

Utley Family Website

The **Utley Family Website** has been evolving for the past several months. **Rebecca Williams**, daughter of **Jackie Utley** and **Lynn Williams**, has been updating the website on a regular basis.

The **Utley Reunion** photos are featured on the website now. Go to the "Family" section and look for the photo of a chalkboard welcoming the **Utley Reunion**. The photos are

divided into candid, a tour of the Farm, and the group photos.

The **Utley** family tree, **Utley** family coat of arms, the current and archived copies of the newsletter are available on the website.

Bookmark the site so you can check back on a regular basis, because there's always something new!

<http://www.utleyfamily-tn.org>



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