



# Utley Family Update

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## 'And the Beat Goes On' Utley Reunion 2008

Final plans are being made for the **2008 Utley Family Reunion, "And the Beat Goes On."**

The reunion will be held on **Saturday, July 26**, at the **Old English Inn**, 2267 N. Highland Ave., in Jackson, TN. The noon meal will be catered by World Famous Cajun Cookers, and will feature garden salad, bacon-wrapped chicken breast, pork loin, green bean, cream corn, baked potato casserole, rolls, iced tea and water. Dessert will be cobbler. The Cajun Cookers have catered our reunion meal for the past several years, and everyone raves about their food! We'll have a wonderful meal!

Before the meal at noon, we'll have time for visiting with relatives, and will take reunion



group photos.

The schedule for the day will be:

- 10:00 Arrive for visiting
- 11:15 Group photos
- 12:00 Catered lunch
- 12:30 Program
- 2:00 Goodbye for now

If you have photo albums you'd like to share, please bring them. We'll have a photo table set up for their display. We will also display your framed photos of deceased

family members, including our **Founding Couple, John Allen and Lilla Maude Utley.**

Don't forget to appoint, assign, elect, or con a family member as the representative of your branch of the family. After our lunch, we'll hear reports from each branch of the family about all the births, deaths, marriages, engagements, new jobs, graduations, etc. from that branch.

Get out your blue jeans and poodle skirts; slick back your hair into a DA or ponytail; and plan to help us celebrate the **Utley Family** in 2008!

**"Be There  
or  
Be Square!"**

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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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Deadline for submission of material is the 20th of the month preceding publication.

## Reunion Reservations

You will find an **Utley Reunion** registration form in this newsletter. Our generous, anonymous relative will pay for the banquet room and for the catered meal, but we ask each family to pay a \$10 registration fee to help cover name tags, decorations, favors, programs, etc. Any

money left over will go toward newsletter expenses.

We must turn in a definite head count to the hotel by **July 15**. Please don't assume that we'll "know" that you are planning to attend. We need it in writing!

Since we must pay

for all meals that we guarantee, if you find you can't attend after sending in your reservations, please let us know. We hate to pay for food that will not be eaten.

This will be a great opportunity to visit with far-flung relatives.

**See YOU there!**



## Cousin Spotlight on Robert Vernon's Family

**Robert Vernon Utley** was the first child born to **Abe** and **Beulah Utley**. **Robert** was born on October 25, 1927 in Lavinia, Carroll County, TN. He married **Mildred White Chandler** on July 13, 1950, in McKenzie, Carroll County, TN. They had four children: **Grady Chandler Utley**, **Larry Glenn Utley**, **Lela Kay Utley** and **George Merrill Utley**. **Robert Vernon** died on June 14, 1973 and is buried in Hopehill Cemetery, Carroll County, TN.

Our Cousin Spotlight this issue features the four children of **Robert Vernon** and **Mildred Utley**.

### A Mom's Viewpoint by Mildred Utley Hestand

We lived in Medina [TN] until **Grady** was school age. In those days Medina life centered around family, church, school, and civic activity. People walked to town; telephone service was by a live operator who could "ring home" for most callers. Rook, Canasta and Double Six Dominoes were popular entertainments. Not every one had indoor plumbing, central heat and air. Radios were usually tuned in to the St Louis Cardinals or Grand Ole Opry country music. School lunch was the only food service in town. But we enjoyed meals at add-a-dish events as well as dessert and coffee with card games. People bought ice cream cones and fountain cokes at Williams' Drug Store. We called in our grocery orders for home delivery.

Our family was part of a large family connection. Over the years it included **Abe Utley's** 8 grandchildren and 7 **Chandler** cousins plus some close friends. These grandkids are adults now, most with their own children, but the emotional bonds formed in happy days and holidays are still ties that bind and sustain them. Sunday and holiday dinners were at **Abe's**. **Beulah** kept the boys in Sunday best with matching socks. They went to Sunday Services with adults and behaved.

In Milan [TN] our children's world expanded to include many other children within walking distance. Park Avenue swimming pool cost ten cents per day. They wore out their bikes, played board games, sandlot ball games, walked to school, walked to movies and

continued to eat vegetables and fruits grown, as **Abe** thought, in the garden spot of the world. Kids liked Cousin Tuney and Howdy Doody on TV. Later it was Monday Night Football and high school sports. There were fender benders and one terrible wreck in which **Larry** was a passenger and all six athletes were injured. As **Larry** often said, they had a happy childhood.

**Grady, Larry, Lela** and **George** all joined First Methodist Church in Milan, where they were involved in youth activities including Hand Bell Choirs. **Grady, Larry** and **George** played on all the teams available-- school and summer. **Lela** and I were fans. **Grady** earned his Eagle Scout and God and Country Awards. **Larry** and **George** starred on Milan's first football state championship teams. **Lela** loved her dance lessons with **Jackie Utley** and enjoyed Girl Scouts, especially camps. **Lela** finished high school in three years, attended UT Martin and Memphis State before settling down at Union [University] to earn a degree in Social Work. She worked at the Dairy Queen. Her work life was always at whatever decent work was offered her. The only morning she ever failed to show up early for work her boss went looking for her. Discovering that an attacker had broken in to **Lela's** apartment, **Lela's** boss got her medical care and a safe place to live. **Lela** truly cherished her award as Employee of the Month. She endeared herself to the high rise community where she lived with varied volunteer activity. As a teenager **Lela** once

said, "we're such good kids". And they were.

**Grady** had two special employers, Otis Hastings and Bob Mathis. **Grady** sacked groceries, then got teen dream jobs- retail menswear sales. After two years at UTK, he left TN. He settled in New Mexico. He graduated with honors from University of New Mexico, supporting himself by working as a dishwasher, a jewelry salesman and student loans which he paid off. Why did he go so far away? I think his father's alcoholism became simply unbearable. In New Mexico **Grady** has worked himself into ownership of a large Farmers Insurance Agency in Santa Fe. He has many top sales awards. Currently, he is becoming a Mason and is a Rotarian. His wife is **Sunny**; their son is **Joe Montes**.

**Larry** worked lifting sweet potato crates and in other produce industry jobs. A top student/athlete in high school, **Larry** graduated from Vanderbilt in four years while on a football grant in aid. Sprint financed his MBA from the University of Missouri. He is a contractor in telecommunications. He has worked in South Africa, Dubai, and Mexico. His children are the center of his life; he is the family communicator. His wife is **Cindy**; their children are **Kate Toon, Suzanne Bieri**, and **Jake Utley**.

**George** won an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. After graduation, he

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was first in his Ranger class. In fulfilling his service commitment he served in Germany during the cold war. Graduates of the USMA are subject to recall for active duty. **George** has worked in sales, mortgage and leasing businesses. He is single.

All my boys, in turn, mowed the grass, washed their sports uniforms, ran errands, did chauffeur duties, and other tasks; in addition to being good students and well behaved. Their friends were always welcome and were often in our home. Many of their friends are still part of the family. People still compliment their manners. **George** often said,

“Mom, you don't have to tell me but once.” They are handsome men; we always had to chase the girls away before they married. Pride in personal appearance, jobs well done, appreciation of good food, having fun, laughing and playing games, and love and care of family and friends are among the qualities they share with **Abe** and **Beulah**.

## Robert and Mildred's Family Photos



*Abe and Beulah Utley with family members  
Undated photo*



*Lela Kay Utley 1959—2008*



*George and Millie at West Point  
Graduation*



*Lela Utley at the  
Eiffel Tower 1999*



*Millie and Grady 2002*

# Larry Glenn Utley

In response to a questionnaire, Larry Utley wrote:

My full name is: **Larry Utley**. I'm called: **Larry**.

I was delivered by **Dr. Robert Morris** at the St. Mary's Hospital in Humboldt, Tennessee on January 18, 1955 to my parents, **Robert Vernon** and **Mildred Chandler Utley** of Medina, TN.

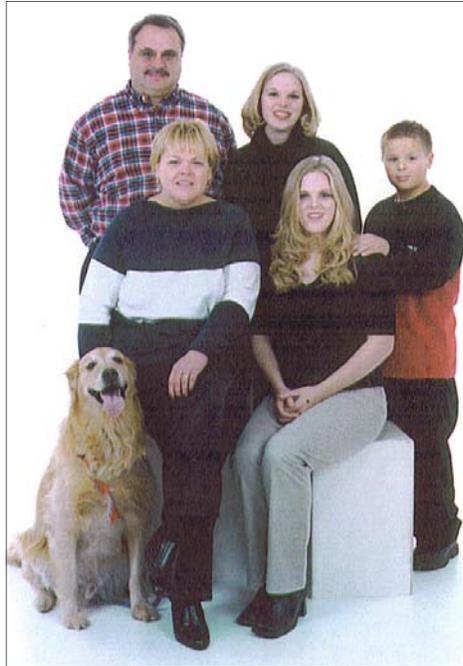
My first childhood recollection is arriving at our "new" house at 321 Taylor Street in Milan. That was fifty years ago, in 1958...before my sister, **Lela**, was born.

My father (**Robert**) liked to tease us all. **Grady** and I were really anxious to see the new house where we would be living after moving from Medina. **Robert** drove around Milan for what seemed hours before announcing that we were almost there...The antebellum white frame house with a dozen giant trees sat on the corner lot at Baird Street and seemed huge compared to the smaller starter house we had left in Medina.

I enjoyed a wonderful life as a child there, complete with an older brother, **Grady**, to "show me the ropes", and get me involved in all sorts of neighborhood activities that seemed to produce new fun every day.

**Robert's** new law practice was productive, and **Mildred** enjoyed success as a high school teacher. My brother, **Grady**, and I always hung out with a gang of neighborhood friends who played nonstop. It was baseball in the spring and summer when we weren't swimming at the public swimming pool or going to movies at the Saturday afternoon matinee at the Ritz theater.

**Grady** enjoyed watching horror movies about swamp creatures attacking small towns, and I remember that he used to drive me crazy with frightful tales about how those monsters were going to get me in my sleep! I followed **Grady**



**Larry, Kate, Jake (standing)  
Cindy, Suzanne (seated)  
Robin the dog  
2002**

everywhere. At one point he even called me tag-along-Tad. When life was that simple, and when I had no cares except which movie monster would attack now seems like a wonderful time in my life.

**Robert** was focused on growing his law practice and liked to attract community attention by buying me and **Grady** things the neighbors would talk about. For example, one time he bought us a Shetland pony that we housed in a large utility shed in our back yard. We named the pony Tony. A story about Tony.

**Robert** and **Mildred** thought it was a good idea to move Tony around the yard occasionally to eat the grass and fertilize the lawn. That seemed fine, except that Tony was one mean pony! One evening it was my turn to move the pony. Tony bucked and kicked whenever I approached his bridle, so I came in explaining that I couldn't move the pony. So, my big brother got a turn, and he returned with a similar story. Intent on showing us how it is done, **Mildred** went out to move

Tony...which she did. When **Mildred** came inside there were already two purple hoof prints that looked like the old Gulf Oil symbol swelling up the inside of her thigh, but clearly visible below her Bermuda shorts. Did we ever learn a lesson from that experience!

Another time, **Robert** bought us boys a four-wheeled surrey with a fringe on top. We rode that two-bench surrey up and down the sidewalks around our house until the rubber wore down to the rim.

My best friend those days was a neighbor named **Bill Flippin** (his parents are **Jerry** and **Sara Flippin**). **Bill** and I rode tricycles to and from each other's houses. There were two houses and an open lot between our houses along Baird street. Our fathers were both young lawyers starting practices in Milan. One summer day I convinced **Bill** to watch me experiment with striking matches. So, we went to a hiding place in an open lot where we played neighborhood baseball, behind some big bushes and next to a neighbor's fence. After I went through the first book of matches, **Bill** reluctantly struck a few himself. Before we knew it, there was a fire behind us. It was where we had been throwing the "burned" matches.

We ran to my house where our maid, **Cat (Beulah Cleaves)**, was at work to get help. By the time we returned the honey-suckle vine fence was ablaze and the owner (**Mr. Hill**) was doing everything he could to put out the fire on his prized, cultivated fence.

**Cat** more than swatted both me and **Bill** with her broom, but the worst punishment didn't come until **Robert** came home and I got a deserved whipping with his punishment of choice, a black belt.

My first organized sports experience was with baseball. I rode my bicycle across town to Milan's Little League park for

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practice. My first position was as an outfielder. I was so happy to get a turn at bat one time, that I was hit in the head with a batted ball as I hustled from the outfield across the infield to get a bat. That didn't slow me down, because it was "my turn" to bat!

In the early '60's Milan was a sleepy little town where no one locked their doors, most mothers stayed home with their families, and the fathers went to work. The Milan arsenal was growing with the ramping up of the Vietnam war. Local businesses, like IT&T Telecom, Trostel, and Trostel Mechanical were growing with a surging economy. Milan's Main Street was vibrant and the center of social, business, religious, and community activities. My father's law offices were located above the Ritz Theater downtown.

We went to church every Sunday and frequently during the week at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street which was about half-way between Milan High School and Robert's law office. I was active in church where I participated in choir, English handbell choir, Sunday School, UMYF youth fellowship, and served as an acolyte and usher. I wanted to grow up to be like my grandfather, **Abe Utley**. At that time, **Abe** must have been in his fifties and worked as a Revenue Agent for the state. **Beulah** worked off and on throughout her adulthood. Two of her jobs were working at the Milan Arsenal and as a clerk for a local grocery store on Main Street in Medina.

Years later, I asked him whether he had ever worked with the famous **Sheriff Buford Pusser** (who had a move, *Walking Tall*, made about him). **Abe** replied that he had, so I asked more questions. When I asked what **Abe** thought of **Sheriff Pusser**, he said he thought that **Pusser** was crazy! Crazy to raid

taverns and stills in the backwoods alone. **Abe** said he wouldn't go along unless they were accompanied by a dozen or more of Tennessee's State troopers.

I spent much time with my grandparents in their home at 314 North Main Street in Medina (**Abe** and **Beulah Parrish Utley**). **Robert** and his brother, **Lloyd Allen Utley**, had grown up in that house.

**Robert** spent time stateside with the Army during World War II. I suppose that shaped the behavior and attitudes of a generation of men in this country. Most of the men I knew as a child were very discipline-oriented, regimented in "the right way" to do this and that, and the men all seemed to agree with each other.

We had wonderful picnics where the men barbecued chickens on a wire mesh hung over a fire pit. The walls of this fire pit were brick and there was an aluminum sheet folded over the top as a roof on **Dr. Hughes'** farm just off (west) of Highway 45 on the Medina side of Goat City. There was a long wooden picnic table built between two trees that could seat about twenty. **Dr. Hughes** and his wife, **Princess**, hosted these outings with their son, **Farris**.

There were wooden folding chairs for people to sit and visit while the chicken cooked. There were folding tables available in the outshed on the premises for card games. Strings of yellow electric lights (full-size) strung among the treed grounds to provide sufficient light well after dark. A local practice was to throw your chicken bones back over your head when you finished a piece of chicken!

We had wonderful family holidays those days. Most of our holidays were at **Abe** and **Beulah's** house in Medina, at our house, or at **Lloyd** and his wife, **Cissy's** house. Where-ever the holiday meal was served, every member of the family within driving distance

attended. **Mildred's** younger, bachelor brothers, **Eddie** and **Willie Chandler**, were often there, too. Their wives and families came along as they married and raised children of their own.

I remember that **Robert** expected **Eddie** and **Willie** to work whenever they came to visit. For example, one year **Eddie** painted the Taylor Street house and used over 100 gallons of paint with a hand brush! Another year, **Willie** convinced me, in **Mark Twain** style, to help him paint **Papa Chandler's** fence behind Pappy's Drive In.

Every Christmas **Beulah** insisted on serving Christmas dinner at noon at her house. We always were served on a white table linen cloth. There were always a dozen or more different dishes of vegetables from the garden, and fruits, homemade breads, and several choices of homemade pies and cakes for dessert. **Beulah** would make me feel guilty if I did not continue to eat until it hurt to eat any more.

I wore my first suit coat to church on Easter when we lived on Taylor street. I still remember how happy I was that day and how bright the sun shown through the Maple tree in our back yard where **Robert** parked his new green Pontiac.

There was always plenty of great food. Most of food we ate was fresh garden food grown in **Abe's** garden. In the summers we would shell butter beans, peas, and corn for packaging in the freezers for the off-seasons. The women would can berries, make jams and preserves to seal into glass jars sealed under a wax cover.

There were only a couple places in all of Milan where anyone could go out to eat. We wondered why anyone would go out to eat anywhere since we all knew the best meals available anywhere was cooked right there at home.

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We bought groceries at locally owned and operated, grocery stores. We bought our dry goods, clothes and machines, at locally owned and operated stores. My favorite store was Western Auto store where “Barney” sold bicycles, innertubes, basketballs, footballs, and various hardware lines like nails, bolts, and nuts.

Both banks were on Main Street, along with the barber shop, the Five and Dime “Ben Franklin” store, and the US Post Office. The Louisville & Nashville (L&N) and Illinois Central (IC) railroads intersected in Milan, and the train depot was only a block off Main!

**Grady** and I shared a poster bed inherited from **Mildred’s** family. After **Lela** was born her crib was at the end of our bed in the same room. By the time **George** was born, **Willie** had gone off to college at Lambuth, and **George** and **Lela** had cribs in the third bedroom.

My wife, **Cindy Parker Utley**, and I were married at the First United Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky on September 4, 1982.

Our first children are identical twins, **Katherine Parker Utley** and **Suzanne Ashley Utley**, born at Humana Hospital on August 9, 1984 in Louisville, Kentucky. Our last child is **Jacob William Utley**, born on December 6, 1991 at

Shawnee Mission Hospital in Shawnee, Kansas. **Jake** is named for my grandfather, **Jacob Abraham Utley**. And, **Jake’s** middle name is in honor of both his maternal grandfather and my uncle **Willie.**”

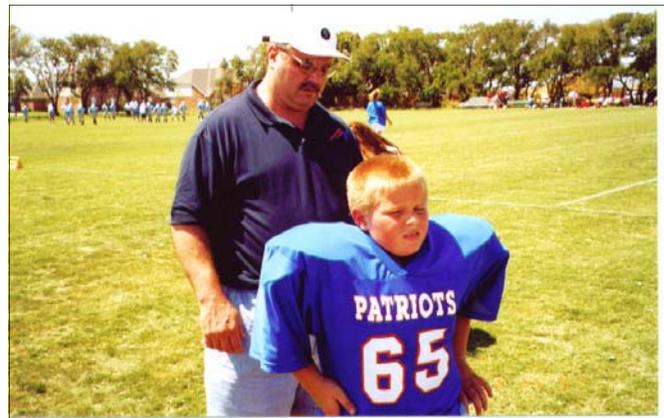


*Larry Utley 2008*

## Larry Utley’s Family Photos



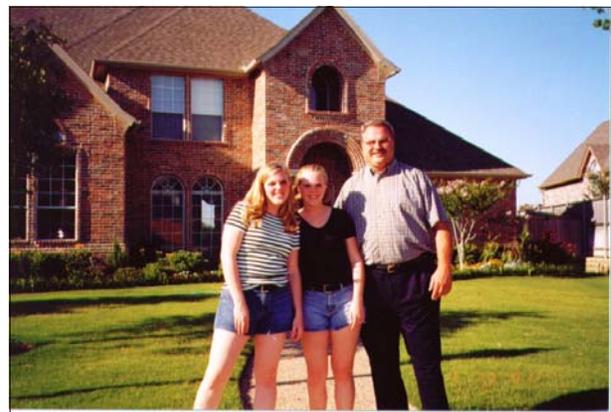
*Larry, Jake and Cindy Utley 2002*



*Larry checks Jake’s shoulder pads 2004*



*Suzanne, Jake and Kate 2001*



*Kate, Suzanne, Larry*

# 'My Memories of the Millie Chandler Utley Family'

Most of my childhood memories of **Millie** and her family are at our Grandparents' house in Medina, TN. **Abe** and **Beulah Utley** are our Grandparents and we spent many, many Sunday afternoons at their house. Our family (**Lloyd Allen's**) would drive up from Jackson, TN and **Robert Vernon's** family would drive over from Milan and we met in the middle in Medina to spend the day together. We also spend a lot of time out at "the Farm" where the cabin and the pond are.

One of the things we seemed to do almost every Sunday we were together was to set the old card table up in the front living room to play card games. Rook and Spades were always the favorite to play. My cousin **Lela** just loved to play cards and she was really good at it. She could really understand the strategy of card games.

I am younger than all of **Millie's** kids, **Grady**, **Larry**, **Lela** and **George**. I remember hearing about all their success stories with football and they always seemed to excel in school. Of course, having a

mom who is a teacher probably helps.

My sister, **Cynthia** and I are closer in age to **Millie's** nieces on the Chandler side of her family. We grew up spending time with **Millie's** brothers (**Eddie** and **Willie**) and their families. I am so thankful to have that extended family. One year the **Utley's** and the **Chandler's** all loaded up and headed to Disney World in Orlando for vacation. (I think it was the 1<sup>st</sup> year the park had opened in the mid-70's) What a blast we all had!! A time I will never forget.

For many years our **Aunt Carol** and **Willie Chandler** hosted Christmas parties for the **Utleys** and **Chandlers** to all get together. I remember **Grady**, who was living in New Mexico, always brought a piñata. I guess that is how many of us first learned about piñatas. We still talk about it when we get together. One year **Uncle Willie** got some great video of us hitting it with the broom stick. We almost killed each other trying to get the candy.

Several years later after most of us were grown up and in college we had not seen each other for a few years. We had another **Utley-Chandler** Christmas party at **Willie** and **Fran's** house. I remember **Aunt Millie** had gone through her attic and found about 20 - 30 Christmas gifts and wrapped them all up. She introduced us to the "White Elephant" game where you go around the room and pick a wrapped gift and open it. Then if someone wants your gift they can take it...you know how it goes. The thing was that **Aunt Millie** (I believe) was the one that contributed ALL the gifts. What a fun time it was to play the game. I ended up with a nice marble chess set. I think my brother **Michael** still has it.

I love our family and I hope we can always stay in touch.

—**Leslie Claire Utley Truax**



**Joe Montes, Sunny and Grady Utley**



**George Utley 2008**



**Kate, Larry and Suzanne 2001**



**Lela Utley 2001**

# Congratulations Graduates!



**Preston Spratt** [at left], son of **Chris and Julie Rainey Spratt**, graduated with an Honors Degree in Genetic Biology from Purdue University. Currently he is training at Georgia Tech University for "Teach For America". This Fall he will teach high school Biology in Charlotte, NC. while attending the University of North Carolina to complete his Master's in Education. **Preston** is the grandson of **Geraldine and Glenn Rainey**.

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**Erika Sue Droomer**, daughter of **Nicole and Stan Droomer**, graduated from Carman-Ainsworth High School, in Flint Michigan. **Erika** is the granddaughter of **Sue and Bobby Bates**.

**Ben Wilson**, son of **Elizabeth and Don Wilson**, graduated from University School of Jackson [TN] on Saturday, May 17, 2008. **Ben** is a National Merit Commended Student, made All-Northwest Honor Choir six times, and played on the state championship golf team. **Ben**, who is the grandson of **Ted and Dot Rainey Wilson**, will attend Union University in the fall on an academic scholarship.



## Utley Family News

### ~Prentyce~

**Wilma Utley**, widow of **J.P. Utley**, was recently hospitalized. She had surgery to remove her gall bladder, then developed shingles and pneumonia. **Wilma** is back home now, recuperating slowly. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to improve.

**J.P.>Prentyce**

**Lynn Williams**, husband of **Jackie Utley**, is still recuperating from his facial reconstruction at Vanderbilt Hospital in April. He hopes to be able to return to work with AT&T soon.

**Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce**

**Jonathan Singleton**, husband of **Kasey Sipes Singleton**, was honored with a nomination for Academy of Country Music Single of the Year, for his song, "Watching Airplanes." The song, co-written with Jim Beavers, has been a hit for singer, Gary Allan. The song spent

30 weeks on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, peaking at #2. It was also #1 on the Country Aircheck/Mediabase airplay chart for the week of February 18.

**Jonathan** is in the process of working on his first album for Universal South Records. The album will be released either late this fall or early in 2009. Congratulations!

**Kasey>Debbie>Earldine>Prentyce**

### ~Annie~

**James Buck** emailed, "[Wife] **Patti's** mom, **Betty Alexander**, fell and broke her hip. She had hip replacement surgery the first of June. **Patti** just returned from spending 10 days with her. **Betty** is recovering at home. Since **Patti** was gone on June 8th she was not here for a surprise party celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. We will have the party this coming Sunday, 6/22. That's about it from the "Mile High City".

**James>Louise>Annie**

**James and Patti's** daughter,

**Melanie Buck**, emailed, "The (surprise) 40th anniversary party went great today [June 22] but mom did find out about it before hand. She was nice enough to play along with us. It was held at First Southern Baptist, Northglenn, CO. We also had about 25 family friends, including two daughters, husbands and a baby—**Melanie, Chet and Coltyn [Buck], Jennifer and Fernando [Fuerman]**."

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



**James and Patti Buck 2008**

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## ~Maudie~

**Dot Wilson** has been hospitalized with a broken arm and leg. **Dot** fell at her home in Jackson, TN. In addition to her broken bones, she has also been diagnosed with shingles. Please keep **Dot** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers.

Dot>Maudie

## ~Martha~

**Karen Fourreau** wrote, "The news from Illinois is [husband] **Chuck** had a pacemaker/defibrillator put in mid-April, but so far has not helped his shortness of breath. **Jonathan Torres**, (one of **Walter** and **Arlene's** twins) had a snowboarding accident in Wisconsin in Feb. He broke his leg in several places and had surgery after that. He will be having surgery again to remove all the metal parts put in his leg. He will

be working at a Boy Scout camp in Oregon part of the summer as he did last year. **James** (the other twin) will be starting the National Guard Academy in July."

Karen>Martha  
Arleen>Karen>Martha  
Jonathan>Arleen>Karen>Martha  
James>Arleen>Karen>Martha

**Arleen's** husband, **Walter Torres**, emailed more details, "**Jonathan** will be spending another summer on the Oregon coast; his second. He will be a camp staffer at the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scout Camp Merriweather, a few hours south of Portland. He will be spending 9 full weeks on the wonderful Pacific coast.

**James, Jonathan's** twin brother, is preparing to attend Lincoln Military Academy. He will be attending their accelerated program, graduating high school a year and half early and attending college in the Spring. We expect him to come

home bigger, stronger, faster (but not cost 6 million dollars!)

**Justin**, their younger brother, has a typical summer of Church and Scout camp and is looking forward to a 3 day canoe trip with **Dad** in late July.

**Arleen (Mom)** is working as a teachers aide again this summer, and enjoying every minute of it.

**Walter (Dad)** is just doing what Dads do!"

Arleen>Karen>Martha  
Jonathan>Arleen>Karen>Martha  
James>Arleen>Karen>Martha

## ~Raleigh~

**Carol Barrett** reports, "Our oldest son, **Rob Barrett**, has joined the Navy and he is now in Japan. I guess as far as the rest of the family, we're doing good."

Carol>Emily>Raleigh  
Rob>Carol>Emily>Raleigh

## Sept/Oct 2008 'Utley Family Update'

The September/October 2008 issue of the "**Utley Family Update**" will feature a wrap-up of the **2008 Utley Family Reunion** including the group photo and candid.

Our Cousin Spotlight will feature the children of **Lloyd Allen** and **Rosemond Epps Utley: David, Cynthia, Leslie** and **Michael**. If you have memories or stories about these four, please share them. Photos will be most appreciated!

As always, we need your family news—births, deaths, engagements, marriages, job changes, address changes, school honors, sports awards, civic achievements, church honors, fun vacations, and anything else you would like to share with our extended family.

The deadline for sending photos and information for the next news-

letter will be August 20th.

Also a reminder: if you're receiving a paper copy and have email access, please consider receiving an email copy only. With the cost of postage, paper, printer ink, and envelopes spiraling out of sight, sending the newsletter by email is an great money saver. You can reach me by email at the address on the front page of this newsletter.

*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. With frequent postage increases, help is needed.

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!**

**Chuck and Karen Fourreau**

**Ben Usinger**

**Wilma Utley**

**Lynn Williams**

## *Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries*



- 1 Jackie and Robert Fortner, Jr.
- 2 Kathy and Heath Utley  
Carson Williams  
Dianalee Marie Bobadilla
- 3 Helen Utley
- 8 Suzanne and Kevin Bieri
- 9 Cynthia Wise
- 11 Rachel Andrews  
Jeff Utley  
Travis Usinger
- 13 Jerome Henderson  
Teresa and Jerry Hatcher, Jr.
- 15 Matthew Collin Buck
- 19 Andrew Buck
- 20 Rebecca Love
- 22 Kathy Fourreau—55
- 24 Bennett Usinger  
Alexa Svetz
- 26 Kathy Utley
- 27 John Utley
- 28 John Parker
- 30 Teresa Denson—55
- 31 Michael Utley  
George Utley



- 1 Jack Utley
- 2 Paula and Robert Simpson
- 5 Stephanie Bolin  
Melissa and Quint Ervin  
Brandi and Drew Draper
- 7 Barbara Mayo  
Kayce and Jonathan Singleton
- 9 Rhonda and Neyl Williams  
Suzanne Utley Bieri  
Kate Utley Toon
- 10 Lindsey Sipes  
Wil Simpson  
Dane Utley
- 11 Carla Buck
- 12 Tracy and Michael Utley
- 14 Donald Glenn Rainey  
Fernando Fuerman  
Rachel and Cobb Andrews
- 15 Kae and Randy Utley
- 16 Julie Spratt  
Jill Utley  
Melissa Buck Smith  
Diane and Paul Deschenes
- 18 John Simpson
- 19 Stephannie Welsh  
Lynn Grenfell  
Avery Barrow
- 20 Sunny Utley
- 21 Elizabeth Massey  
Jenna Utley
- 22 Sarah Grenfell
- 24 Jill Thomas
- 25 Gaines Massey
- 26 Lexie Bolin  
Alesha Utley
- 27 David Utley  
Rhonda Williams
- 29 Jackie Fortner
- 30 Tracy Svetz
- 31 Scott Buck

**2008 Utley Family Reunion**  
**Old English Inn, Jackson, TN**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2008**  
**“And The Beat Goes On”**

Please make your reservations, before **July 15, 2008**, 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.**

Our generous 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)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

\_\_\_\_\_ (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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\_\_\_\_ 8 x 10 Reunion group photos @\$7 each

\_\_\_\_ 5 x 7 Reunion group photos @\$6 each

\_\_\_\_ 8 x 10 Family group photos @\$7 each

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