



Utley Family Update

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'Christmas in July 2005'

Our **2005 Utley Family Reunion** will be held on **Saturday, July 23** at **Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm and Barn** near Trenton, TN. The meal will be at noon and we'll have time before and after the meal to visit with relatives.

Our theme for this reunion will be **"Christmas in July."** We're asking everyone to wear red, green and/or white. But no heavy Christmas sweaters; remember this will be July in Tennessee! We'll have garland and a Christmas tree. Won't have reindeer, but Crenshaw's faithful horses, Bud and Tom, will be there to pull the wagon for rides around the Farm

and to and from the fishing hole.

We'll have our hand-cranked ice cream freezers needing willing hands and tireless arms. We'll have shuffleboard, four-holes of golf, volleyball, softball, fishing and wagon rides. Crenshaw's will provide lemonade and popcorn for early arrivals.

There will be space to display your family photos and mementos. We'll have lots of chairs so the adult can sit and visit while the younger relatives play games.

Our generous anonymous relative will again pay for the rental of the Barn and for the buffet



lunch. We ask that each family pay a \$10.00 registration fee to help cover the cost of decorations, programs, goodie bags, etc. There is a registration form included in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars now for **July 23, 2005!**

We look forward to seeing YOU at the **2005 Utley Family Reunion!**

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Correction

The correct identification for the folks in this photo from the January/February 2005 newsletter is:

Pam Taylor, grandson **Daniel Henderson** [in blue], **Paul Taylor**, and grandson **Jordan Dabbs** [in red].

Thanks to **Pam Taylor** for the use of the photo and for the corrected identifications.



Cousin Spotlight: Prentyce's family

Prentyce and Bernard Utley had four children: **Jacob Prentyce [J.P.]**, **Eloise**, **Earldine** and **Bob**. The Cousin Spotlight for this issue will be on the surviving spouses of these four.

Wilma Craig Utley, widow of J.P. Utley

In response to a questionnaire, Wilma Utley responded:

My full name is **Wilma Rosamond Craig Utley**.

I was born on Wednesday, March 11, 1921, 3:00 a.m., in Alamo, Tenn. I'm told I came into the world crying.

Childhood memories: I had an older sister [**Juanita**] and brother [**Wayne**], later a younger sister [**Ilda**].

Christmas memories: We always had strawberry Jello for Christmas, which was really a treat. One year I got a pair of skates from Santa Claus.

School memories: In 1st grade, we stayed in school all day, had recess in the morning, lunch for an hour, and recess in afternoon. We took our lunch to school, there was no cafeteria.

Vacations: When I was growing up, my family didn't take a vacation. After I married and had children we went to Cherokee, N.C. and visited an Indian village. Our children were amazed at the difference in their skin color and ours.

My first paying job: In high school, I tutored the Kisber children after school for \$5 a week. They are Patsy, Jonas, Jr. and Stuart.

My longest employment: I was a Bookkeeper for Davis Store for 15 years. I worked for Malone & Hyde for 10 years as secretary to Manager, Jackson Division. I retired from Malone & Hyde in August 1987.

My formal education: Graduated from Jackson [TN] High School, 1939. Attended West Tennessee Business College 1940-41.



Wilma Craig engagement photo 1943

Math and English were my favorite subjects. History was my least favorite.

I met **J.P. Utley**, January 4th, 1939. He was a blind date. Lucky me.

We were married on August 7th, 1943, 1:00 p.m., Bryan, Texas by Justice of the Peace. **J.P.** was attending Texas A & M College and came to town for our marriage; then after the ceremony went back to school for class.

I have fond memories of my "in-laws." **Mr. [Prentyce] Utley** whistled while he worked. **Mrs. [Bernard] Utley** was a homemaker. She was a good cook, especially fried chicken and cornbread.

My children are: **Martha Jacqueline (Jackie) Utley**, born March 20, 1949, Memorial Hospital, Jackson, TN; and **Richard Wayne Utley**, born March 5, 1952, Jackson Madison Co. Hospital, Jackson, TN.

My grand children are **Jackie's** daughter, **Rebecca Lynn Williams**, born July 20, 1970; and **Richard's** children: **Jessica Leigh Utley**, born January 26, 1982; **Mary Rachel Utley Andrews**, born July 11, 1983; **Amanda Rosamond Utley**, born March 15, 1985; and **John Prentyce Utley**, born July 27, 1989. All of my grandchildren were born in Memphis, TN.

Civic, church, social activities and awards: Member of Jackson-Madison chapter of DAR; charter member of Northside United Methodist Church; member of Jackson Evergreen Garden Club; was National Secretaries Association [NSA] 1985 Secretary of the Year (nominated by Malone & Hyde).

If my house caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out) I would choose **J.P.'s** diary. It tells so much about his life and his family.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say honor your mate. Make a good home for your spouse. Never go to bed angry.

I am blessed with two wonderful children and the world's best son-in-law and the world's best daughter-in-law. My grandchildren are very dear to me.

‘Wilma Utley, my Mom’ by Jackie Utley

My mother, **Wilma Craig Utley**, has been such an inspiration to me all my life. As I’ve gotten older, I’ve come to realize the sacrifices she made for our family.

Mom was a working woman when many mothers stayed at home, baking cookies. She is smart as a whip, and worked most of her career as a book-keeper because of her excellent math skills. Even with her busy working schedule, she always found time for PTA and school activities, car-pooling for Girl and Boy Scout meetings, driving me to dance classes and talent contests, as well as keeping the house as neat as a pin. I’m still amazed at all she managed to pack into a 24-hour period.

Mom’s greatest talent was sewing. She began making her own clothes

while she was still in high school. She made gorgeous baby dresses for me and sewed almost of my clothes for school. She made dance costumes in the days before ready-made costumes, hand-sewing sequins and fringe and rhinestones. When I entered beauty contests, she made many of my gowns and interview outfits. After **Lynn** and I married, Mom hand-tailored wonderful suits and jackets for **Lynn**. She always said that sewing was her relaxation. We all benefited from her creativity and talent. She was truly disappointed when arthritis in her right shoulder ended her ability to comfortably sew.

I’ve fallen short in copying her ability to be a great mother. I just hope that if I become a grandmother, I can follow her example and copy her love and devotion to her family.

Thank you, Mom, for always being there for me. I love you bunches!



*J.P., Jackie and Wilma Utley
c. 1950*

‘My Nonnie’ by Rebecca Williams

My Nonnie is the best! I remember after school snacks she made for me and the little boy next door. Bologna sandwiches with mustard and some potato chips. She always took care of her family. She used to send Mom [**Jackie**] home with “care packages”

of food when Mom picked me up after she finished teaching at her dance studio. What a wonderful cook!

When I was little, she made me the most beautiful dresses for Easter and other special occasions. I will never forget those things.

Even now, she is still doing unforgettable things. Her acts of love and kindness never cease.

But, if I had to choose just one favorite thing about my Nonnie, I would have to say it is her warm hugs. I love you Nonnie!

‘Wilma’ by Lynn Williams

When **Jackie** and I agreed we were each other’s lifetime soul mates, little did I realize that I was getting a great “3-for” deal. Not only did I have a wonderful wife but also the world’s best Mother-in-law for me and a caring grandmother for our daughter **Rebecca**.

From the time I first met her while she was taking the pliers out of the dishwasher (you’ll have to ask her why they were in there, I’m not) to let me use them, **Wilma** has been nothing short of the best and kindest per-

son toward me that I could have ever hoped for.

Her unselfishness should be a role model to inspire us all to be better. **Wilma** excels at many things but her great cooking and sewing expertise come immediately to mind. She has even recently entered the computer age using her “laptop” daily to communicate with several friends and relatives via Email.

Wilma, thank you for being so good to **Jackie**, **Rebecca** and me.

More Memories

“I remember how beautiful **Wilma** was and still is. When you are young, you are always in awe of pretty young girls. I have enjoyed getting to know **Eloise**, **Earldine**, and **Bob**’s spouses at the family reunions. **Aunt Bernard** and **Uncle Prentyce** had a great family.”

—**Sarah Utley Massey**

Allen Stanley, husband of Eloise Utley Stanley

In response to a questionnaire, Allen Stanley wrote:

My full name is **Luther Allen Stanley**.

I was born on August 22, 1919 at Nutbush, Haywood County, TN. I was delivered by Dr. Walker "at home" on the family farm. I was the first born son, with three older sisters. Later my parents had three other boys.

The first memory I have of my youth is of my maternal grandfather **Medlin**. He was a handsome man who, as a gentleman farmer, dressed up everyday in a suit and tie. He gave me my first pocket knife.... "Buckhorn handle, razor blade, best old metal ever made."

What I remember most about our family celebrating Christmas was getting fruit, nuts and candy from Santa. Then we would have a big family dinner. My fondest memory is of the Fourth of July when we all gathered on the farm to have a sing-along. Mom would play the pump organ and Dad would play the fiddle while we all sang.

One Thanksgiving, my teacher in Holly Grove Elementary School, Mrs. Grace Powell, asked us to tell her what we were most thankful for. I said that I was thankful to live in America where I was free to go to school and church. Mrs. Powell started talking about how blessed we were to live in America, and taught a whole lesson on our freedoms. When she finished, I asked, "Wow, did I say all that?"

As a child we did not take vacations; however, after I married I took my family on a vacation out west. We saw the Black Hills, the Badlands, Yellowstone, and Mt. Rushmore. I was awestruck standing in front of the Presidents on Mt. Rushmore. I never thought a country boy from Nutbush would ever have such an opportunity to see this great country.

My first paying job was at age 17 in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at Jackson, TN. I made \$50 a month as a field leader and project assistant. We

built spillways, bridges, roads and parks. We even built the picnic areas at Chickasaw [State Park].

I was in the military from 1942 through 1946. I served in the Army and in the Coast Artillery. I was assigned to Harbor Defense in Sandy Hook, NJ and Staten Island, NY.

My longest employment as an adult was with the White Motor Company in Memphis, TN, where I was Service Manager for 35 years. After I retired from White, I worked another 20 years for Putt Putt Golf and Games as manager of recreation. I helped design and build the golf course. I also maintained the go-carts and other equipment.

I retired the last time in 2002, to spend more time with my future bride, **Eloise (Utley) Fortner**. We were married on January 5, 2003 and she has kept me busy ever since!

I first met **Eloise** 25 years ago when she and her husband, **Robert Fortner**, were in the same camping club as me and my wife, **Helen**. The four of us were good friends and went to the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville together with our other Good Sam Camping friends. We continued our friendship for many years eating out together, square dancing, ballroom dancing, and traveling. We both lost our lifelong mates in 2001. Our friendship helped us through our grief and lead us to a deeper relationship. We are now sharing our golden years in wedded bliss.

Eloise and I were married at Peterson Lake Baptist Church in Collierville, TN on January 5, 2003. Dr. Larry Kindrick officiated. My son **Lanny** was my best man and **Eloise's** daughter **Bonnie** was matron of honor. We celebrated our union with a luncheon for our church family and friends after the ceremony.

My favorite memory of that day is when my new son-in-law **Rick Yates** sang the Lord's Prayer. Also when our friend, Jim Batson, sang love songs for us. After the luncheon, Jim also sang

"May I Have This Dance for the Rest of My Life" and everyone spontaneously sang along.

I had two children with **Helen**, my first wife. Our daughter, **Linda**, was born in 1942 and our son **Lanny** was born in 1951. **Linda** gave us 2 grandchildren, **Elise** and **Rick**. **Lanny** gave us two grandsons, **Joseph** and **Andrew**. Our granddaughter **Elise** gave us two great-grandchildren, **Michael** and **Ricky**. Our daughter's family lives in Missouri and our son's family lives in Germantown, TN.

I was a founding member of Leewood Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. **Eloise** and I are now members of Covenant Baptist Church in Collierville, TN. The owner of Putt Putt gives an annual award to the employee who exemplifies excellence in service. He named this award the **Luther Allen Stanley Award** in my honor.

If my home caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out), I would choose my family Bible and pictures. If I had enough time, I would also grab my pocket knives and my antique guns.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say to work hard, make an honest living and love your family and others as yourself.



*Allen and Eloise Stanley
2004*

Jack Carver, husband of Earldine Utley Carver

In response to a questionnaire, Jack Carver wrote:

My full name is **Jack Leroy Carver**.

I was born on Friday, May 13, 1927, 7:00 a.m., approximately five miles out on Christmasville Road, (N. Royal Extended).

My first memory was after we moved to town [Jackson, TN]. My dad bought a small seed business in town located on the steps at the rear of Smith's Furniture Store. He had to bring his seeds home each night in his 1927 Chevrolet truck. I must have been about three years old. I would watch for his coming home at the kitchen window.

At a very early age I remember going to my Uncle's farm for a Fourth of July celebration.

My elementary school was College Street School. After the eighth grade a group of us boys would play in the fire escape tube, located on one side of the school building that extended up to the third floor. We would crawl inside the tube to the top floor and then slide down. We were having so much fun that they finally closed up the tube. (Maybe they thought it was too dangerous.)

At the age of fourteen my mother and dad took me with them on vacation to visit with her kin-folk in Abilene, Texas. While visiting one of my Uncles at Forth Phantom Lake he took me on my first fishing trip at the Lake. We were in Abilene for a month.

After buying my first bike my first job was for Sam Alexander at the J-Hawk café located on Chester Street. I delivered sandwiches and drinks until I was later given the job of short-order cook.



*Jack and Earldine Carver
1999*

My longest employment as an adult was as pastor in Southern Baptist Churches for forty-eight years. I retired from the pastorate in 1994.

I was educated in the Jackson City Schools, at West Tennessee Business College and at Union University, Jackson, TN.

My favorite subject was History. My least favorite subject was Latin.

I first met my wife [**Earldine Utley**] at a wrestling match in early 1945. We were married at Corinth, Miss., April 16, 1945 by Johnny Jobe. My outstanding memory of that day is of meeting the Utley family during dinner at their house. After dinner **Robert** and **Eloise** drove us to Corinth.

The first thing I remember is that both in-laws accepted me into the Utley family. Also, **Mr. [Prentyce] Utley** told me to always wear work clothes when we came to see them. Sure enough he had a job for me to do...on top of the house most of the time.

My children are; **Richard Lynn**, born September 14, 1950 in Webb Williamson Hospital, Jackson, TN; **Deborah Kay**, born September 7, 1952 at Jackson General, Jackson,

TN; and **Michael Wayne**, born March 13, 1958 at Jackson General, Jackson, TN.

My grandchildren are; **Rickey** and **Kathy Carver's** daughter, **Jennifer Leigh Carver**, born October 24, 1977 at Jackson General, Jackson, TN; **Debbie** and **Brad Sipes' daughters: Stephanie Sipes Welsh**, born August 19, 1975 at Jackson General; **Lindsey Margaret Sipes**, born August 10, 1977, at Jackson General; and **Kayce O'Neal Sipes Smith**, born January 24, 1983; and **Mike** and **Linda's daughters: Heather Michelle Carver**, born September 3, 1983, at Jackson General, and **Jessica Marie Carver**, born October 12, 1988 at Baptist East, Memphis, TN.

My grandchildren are **Stephannie** and **Eric Welsh's sons Becket Rainer Welsh**, born October 15, 1988 in Jackson, MS, and **Lachlan Thomas Welsh**, born May 23, 2004 in New York.

From 1945 through 1946 I served as Army Quartermaster (Engineer) at Ft. Belvoir, VA.

I am the past president of Harde-man County Association of Baptist, Bolivar Civitan Club, Hardeman County Literacy Council and Harde-man County Chaplaincy.

If my home caught fire and I could go back in to retrieve only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out) I would seek to save all of my pictures and slides that have become a history of my family and friends.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say to spend as much time with family as possible and to have a close relationship with our Heavenly Father.

I'd like my family to know that I love each one with all my heart.

'Jack Carver Memories'

"I have so many great memories of Daddy from going fishing, going to revivals with him. Trips with the High School teams and Band when he drove a bus. Him falling asleep while laying out in the sun and getting cooked and having chills that night. But I guess the best is Daddy, Rickey and myself playing golf together. Just a father and his two sons being together."

—Mike Carver

"I just wanted to say a few words about my father-in-law. He has been the greatest father-in-law because when I needed him he was there. Especially when I had my heart attacks and he drove me to the hospital. If it was not for him I would not have been here. Thanks **Jack** from your daughter-in-law."

—Linda Carver

"Our grandfather is the best because he has always been there for his grandchildren. Papaw, **Heather** and **Jessica** just want to say "Thank You." We remember when we would go to his house and have the greatest times or just when he would let us just talk to him. We love you and want to say "Thanks" just for being our grandfather."

—Heather and Jessica Carver

"I have so many wonderful memories about my time as a child with my grandfather, **Jack Carver** but, I was trying to think of one thing to capture his spirit as I remembered him then and as he is now. I thought of this: he whistles! He whistles and he sings and he dances all of the time! I believe that this shows how much he loves life. He is such an awesome inspiration for everyone....I believe we should all take more time to whistle and sing and dance. And I know that he would tell you that he loves life because he loves the Lord. The songs he sang to me as a child, "I'm in love with you, honey" and "I love you, a bushel and a peck" and the always humorous, turn over your giggle box, "Chicken in the car and the car won't go...that's how you spell Chicago!", I now sing to my two boys....hoping to pass on the legacy of loving life. So..so... much more I could write about him but, I think that his "whistling" sums it up the best. (Well, that and the time he paged my mom and Mammaw while they were out shopping b/c he didn't know how to tape my diaper together...when they arrived home I had duck tape wrapped around me a million times....happy as I could be!)

We love you, Pappaw!"

—Eric, Steph, Beckett and Lachlan Welsh

"It all started on October 12 when I was born...and Pap-paw's truck burned. You would think he would be afraid to be around me but I have to say there have been a lot of great times. I remember going to Grace-land, I think it was, with him and it was loads of fun but the most fun times are when we all get together for the holidays....there's never a dull moment with all of Pap-paw's jokes. I have to say that his personality will always be the thing I remember the most about Pap-paw!"

—Jessica Carver

I have a ton of moments that I have shared with my DAD **Jack Carver**—husband of **Earldine Utley Carver**. Times spent hunting, fishing, playing ping pong on the carport before school are the fun times. The moments that mean the most to me are the ones that last a life time and are life changing.

The first thing that comes to mind is when he explained the plan of salvation to me. After explaining this to me I asked the Lord into my life and to lead and guide me for the rest of my life here on earth and forever.

The next moment is when he performed my wedding to **Kathy**. He tied that knot so tight that this too will last a life time.

Dad also taught me a work ethic that I have carried throughout my life so that I can provide for my family and others.

I feel that these three moments are the most important things that my DAD—**Jack Carver** has given me!

—Rickey Carver



Front: Mike & Linda, Earldine & Jack, Kathy & Rickey
Back: Heather & Jessica
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Gloria Day Utley, wife of Bob Utley

In response to a questionnaire, Gloria Utley replied:

My full name is **Gloria Jean Day Utley**.

I was born on November 12, 1942 at 5:45 a.m. in the Tri-State Hospital in Shreveport, LA.

The first memory I have of my youth is riding horses.

I remember my Grandfather showing me reindeer tracks on Christmas Day.

In elementary school, I remember getting in trouble along with others for throwing erasers. Our hands were hit with a ruler.

A memorable vacation: my mother, brothers and I went to Florida. The beach was wonderful for a country girl.

My first paying job was working at the local hamburger hangout. I was a waitress and cook.

My longest employment was in Radiology at Schumpert Medical Center as a Technologist and Man-

ager. I retired from Radiology in 2000.

I attended Warner Brown Nursing School from 1960 to 1961 and received a Radiologic Technologist degree from Schumpert Medical Center, 1961-1963.

My favorite subject in school was English and literature. My least favorite was math.

I first met **Bob Utley** when he was a patient at the hospital. I did his radiology procedures and the rest is history.

We were married on February 25, 1978 at the United Methodist Church in Shreveport, LA. I remember being nervous.

I remember **Bob's** parents as nice, and just sweet people.

My children are **Kim**, born August 19, 1964 and **Terry**, born May 9, 1968. Both were born at Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport, LA.

My grandchildren are **Kim's** son, **Gabe Smith**, born February 22, 2000

and **Terry's** son, **Hunter Blake**, born October 13, 2001.

My hobbies are gardening and golf.

If my home caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out), I would choose photos because of the memories.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say to marry a great guy.



*Bob and Gloria Utley
2004 Utley Reunion*



*Gloria Utley
October 1999*

'Gloria' by Bob Utley

"**Gloria** is a very active person. She loves the outdoors and has been involved in hunting, fishing, snow skiing, scuba diving, flower gardening and golf to mention a few activities.

She is a great cook and loves to prepare gourmet dishes.

She is a talented golfer, having won our Ladies Club Championship several times. She and her golfing partner have won numerous Ladies Invitational Tournaments in this area.

She retired as Manager of the Radiology Diagnostic Department

from a local hospital with 23 years of service.

She loves flower gardening and has one of the nicest gardens in this area. She loves to experiment with all types of flowers and it pains her when one does not do well.

She is a very compassionate person and a caregiver by nature.

She is the stabilizing force in my life. I was lucky to have met **Gloria** and even luckier to have married her.

She is my best friend, my partner in life and I love her very deeply."

'Memories' by Bob Utley

"I remember spending the night quite often with **Jack** and **Earldine**. I really enjoyed this and always looked forward to this time. **Jack** used to take me to work with him and on his delivery route. This was great fun and quite an adventure for a child. He knew where to get good bologna sandwiches. One day he proved that I had a hard head when he slammed on the brakes and I crashed into the windshield. **Jack** is a joy to be around and his great attitude is very infectious. He is to be

admired for his dedication to his ministry. He has been an asset to the Utley family and a great brother-in-law."

"**Wilma** and **J.P.** included me in a lot of their family activities as did my sisters and their spouses. I remember lots of enjoyable water skiing trips with **Wilma** and **J.P.** **Wilma** always made sure that there were plenty of cold drinks and snacks. **Wilma** was and still is an excellent cook. She wasn't afraid to try new recipes. I particularly

remember her asparagus casserole and German chocolate cake as being wonderful treats. **Wilma** has always been industrious, creative and well-organized and I admire her for those attributes.

I thank her for her contributions to the Utley family and my life in particular.

I haven't been around **Allen Stanley** enough to know much about him. I am glad he became apart of **Eloise's** life and a member of our family.

Gloria Utley in the News

Reprinted from the Shreveport Times, 19 February 2005

By **Candice Leone**

When **Gloria Utley** decided to redo the kitchen of her Bossier City home a few months ago, she wasn't quite sure of the look she was going for. She did know, however, she wanted a change.

"Our cabinets were stained, caramel wood when we moved in," she said. "I was just getting really tired of that look."

So **Utley** and her husband, **Bob**, turned to professionals for guidance. "The designer and the painter helped me decide on getting a glaze on the cabinets," Gloria said. "And I'm so pleased with it."

Cabinet glazes, a type of wood finish applied by hand, have reigned nationally as a popular style of kitchen cabinetry for the past five or 10 years or so and have found a niche in the local market recently as well, said Charlotte Crawley, owner of Kitchens and Baths by Crawley. "Plain, painted white cabinets or an oak finish with a stain -- that used to be the thing. But glazes have been popular locally the last two or three years. Just about all our cabinets in the showroom have those on them now," she said.

Crawley said that while glazes are available in a wide variety, they typically make cabinets look more aged. "It looks like you poured your coffee on your cabinet and didn't wipe it off, and let it go in the cracks," she said. "It makes the detail on the cabinet work show up and stand out on the cabinets. It kind of helps you relax about your cabinets, too, because they don't have to look so pristine."

Utley admits the thought of putting a glaze on her newly painted cabinets didn't thrill her. "I was a little afraid at first, but I'm so pleased with it now," she said. While glazes

can be used with painted or stained wood, Crawley said they are most often used on painted surfaces, with pewter, coffee and caramel being the most popular shades. "You usually put glazes over painted surfaces, usually it will be a soft white paint, and they will use a coffee color or mocha, or another darker color as a glaze," she said.

Utley stayed true to the trend with her selection, choosing an umber glaze to coat her golden-tone painted cabinets.

Crawley said that while glazing enhances the appearance of most cabinets, it won't work on all of them. "You have to have a cabinet that has edges with panels or raised edges so the glaze can accumulate," she said.

Some cabinet manufacturers only sell their painted cabinets with glazes on them to cover imperfections. "It looks better on all cabinets, but it has a bigger effect on painted ones because it covers any areas that may not be perfect," Crawley said.

Over the last couple of years, the majority of Crawley's customers have purchased glazed cabinets, she said. The trend hasn't spread as quickly to customers at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse on Alkay Drive, though. Josh Bowers, cabinet sales specialist, said probably only about 25 percent of his customers purchase a glaze when they buy cabinets. "The most popular shade is probably the oatmeal glaze, and then the frost glaze is second," said Bowers.

But homeowners craving a specialized look such as a glaze should expect to pay more. Bowers and Crawley both estimated glazing will tack on any-where

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Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Richard** and **Becky Utley** and their family. **Becky's** father, **Ted Brown**, passed away on Saturday, February 12. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Bonnie Yates reports that her stepson, **Coleman Yates**, has one of the male leads in his high school musical. Congratulations, **Coleman!**

Bonnie>Eloise>Prentyce

Bob Utley let us know that he and his wife, **Jenna**, had a delightful Valentine's gift this year. Their daughter **Ansley Claire Utley** was born at St. Joseph's Women's Hospital in Tampa, Florida. Little **Ansley** weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. They are all home now and doing well. Congratulations to **Bob** and **Jenna**. Welcome to the Utley family, **Ansley!**

Ansley>Bob>Bob>Prentyce



Bob, Jenna, Jack & Ansley Utley
February 2005

~Annie~

Jim Buck let us know on January 8th that his son-in-law, **Chet Buck**, was recovering from emergency surgery to remove his appendix. **Chet** spent 3 weeks in December (including Christmas) in the hospital. The family was looking forward to celebrating Christmas on January 9. We're so glad that he has recovered enough to return home! **Chet** is married to **Melanie Buck**.

Jim>Louise>Annie
Melanie>Jim>Louise>Annie

~Maudie~

Roger Gillmer, son of **Sue Bates**, was joined in holy matrimony to **Heather Cross** on January 8, 2005 at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Swartz Creek, MI. Congratulations to **Roger and Heather!** **Sue** is the wife of **Bobby Bates**.

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

~John~

Pam Taylor reports that her husband, **Paul**, had surgery on February 8 to replace his pacemaker/defibrillator. He's at home and doing well.

Roger and DeLaine Taylor Dabbs welcomed their second son, **Alexander David Dabbs**, on January 25, proud grandmother **Pam Taylor's** birthday. **Alex** weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. Welcome to the Utley family, little **Alex!**

Alex>DeLaine>Pam>James Allen>John

~Raleigh~

In an email **Sarah Massey** reports, "We had a rather quiet Christmas. **Elmer** fell on the ice Christmas afternoon and had to stay still for awhile so **Lynn** and her family went to **Mike** and **Terri's** for Christmas dinner without us. I have had hand surgery on my right hand and I am so right-handed that I was really handi-capped."

Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh
Mike>Sarah>Raleigh



Darin & Kim Witt, Heather & Roger Gillmer II, Nicole & Stan Droomer
January 2005

Gloria Utley in the News, cont.

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from 10 percent to 20 percent when determining cabinet prices. "The price depends on a variety of factors -- the company, style, wood grain and color," Bowers said. "The dark glazes on the light background are most expensive; the pewter glazes aren't as bad, but they're all done by hand. That's why it costs more."

Glazes aren't restricted to just newly constructed cabinets. Older or pre-existing cabinets can be updated anytime by topping off the paint job or finish with glaze, but could cost even more, depending on the prep work involved.

"If you want to get your cabinets



*Gloria Utley with her newly glazed kitchen cabinets
(Photo courtesy of Shreveport Times)*

glazed, you should call a house painter -- a fairly specialized one, though, not just someone who glops it on," recommends Bowers.

Utley said she never has doubted for a second her decision to spend the extra cash on the glazing. "It was definitely worth the extra money," she said. "We also redid the cabinets in the dining area the same way. Everyone notices the cabinets immediately when they walk in."

Utley said her husband is even happy with their decor choices. "He is really proud of (the cabinets). We both are. The kitchen is our favorite area of the house now," she said. "It's so pretty, I could just stand in the kitchen all day and look."

May/June 2005 'Utley Family Update'

The next issue of the "*Utley Family Update*" will be published at the end of April. Deadline for submission of your family news will be April 20, 2005.

Our Cousin Spotlight for the next issue will feature the surviving spouses of **Lloyd Allen Utley** and **Robert Vernon Utley**. If you have stories or memories about **Joyce Utley** or **Mildred Utley Hestand**, please share them. Photos will be most welcome as well.

We need your family news—births, engagements, weddings, deaths, job relocations, new homes, school awards, sports honors, civic achievements, fun vacations, whatever you'd like to share with your family.

Please send in information about your **Graduates**—kindergarten to grad school. Need to know who, what, where, when and plans for the future. Photos will be great too!

My mailing address is on the back of this newsletter and my email is: JUtleymail@aol.com

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!**

**Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams**



Utley Family Website

For those of you who have internet access, you can read the Utley newsletter online, look at photographs from the 2004 Utley Reunion, and look through old family photos.

Rebecca Williams is constantly updating and changing the website. Be sure to check it out regularly!

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

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

Don't forget that we need your family photos for the Utley Reunion video. We'd like to have a photo of every member of the family. Everyone who submits a photo receives a copy of the video. Deadline for submission is July 1, 2005.

Christmas 2004



Lynn, Catherine, Jim and Sarah Grenfell



*Standing: Ricky Flick, Cobb Andrews, Amanda Utley, Becky Utley, John Utley, Lynn Williams
Seated: Jessie Utley, Amanda Andrews, Wilma Utley, Richard Utley, Jackie Utley*



Allen Stanley, Parker Williams, Eloise Stanley, Carson Williams and Liam Svetz



Gaines & Maddie Massey



*Catherine & Sarah Grenfell
Christmas in New York*



Rebecca Williams and Brian Love



*Dylan, Aleah and Erika Droomer
with Santa*



'Christmas in July 2005'

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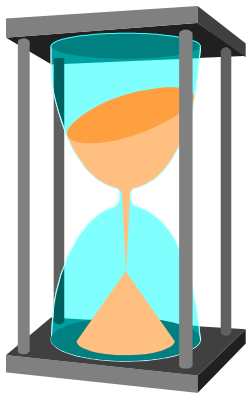
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- 2 Don Wilson—45
- 4 Sarah Massey—75
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- 8 Anna Marie Deschenes
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- 13 Mike Carver
Elizabeth and Eric Parker
Craig Barrow
- 15 Amanda Utley
Charlie Utley
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- 20 Jackie Utley
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- 24 Debbie Mayo—50
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Catherine Grenfell

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- 6 Lauren Buck
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Harry Utley
- 9 Justin Torres
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Liam Svetz
- 16 Neyl Williams
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- 18 Brayden Utley
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- 19 Austin Arthur
- 20 Nicholas Utley
Elmer Massey
- 21 Linda Buck
- 22 Carol and Robert Barrett
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2005 Utley Family Reunion
Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm & Barn
Saturday July 23, 2005
"Christmas in July"

Please make your reservations, before **July 16, 2005**, 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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____ 8 x 10 Reunion group photos @ \$7 each

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