

Bowyer-Lyness Newsletter

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Reunion

Our next reunion will be July 24 to 26, 2009. It is currently planned for Golden Bell Ranch in Divide, Colorado. We have a reservation there, but are open to make changes if there is a better place.

At the 2007 Reunion, several family members indicated they would like to consider a change of location. We welcome any suggestions. Rick Melone agreed to be the focal point for considering other places. You may contact him at 3207 Alta Vista Drive, Laramie, Wyoming, 82072, or at richardmelone@yahoo.com.

Since no suggestions have come in yet, we will continue to plan on returning to Golden Bell.



A Note from Marilyn

It doesn't seem possible that it has been almost a year since our family reunion. I am still sorting through pictures and enjoying the memories.

As I thought about the reunion, I think that the best part of reunions is the stories. This year we told "Christmas stories" and it was interesting to hear the different (and the not-so-different) ways we celebrate the holidays. It was also fun to hear the funny stories, like the stories about Christmas trees being too big to fit in the house, and the tree falling off of the car.

These stories have made me realize the importance of recording the everyday events of our lives. Both of my parents kept daily diaries for years, and they are fascinating to read, as they tell details about a way of life that is so different from what we have today. I hope our generation can leave a legacy of stories for the next generation. Our stories will not be of the hardships of walking three miles to school in the snow,

but they will be stories that reflect the fabric of today's world.

This past year we Bowyers have lost one of the greatest story-tellers of our family. One of my favorite memories is the day Twyla and I spent with Betty Jacobs, as she told stories about the early days of the Bowyer family in Eads. Some of these were personal memories of hers and others were stories told to her by her mother. Betty was an inspiration to me, and I hope her stories, many of which were written down by Ray in his "Reminiscences of Pioneer Life" will live on. Her stories, along with documentation done by Willard Lyness, Anita Abercrombie, and Ray, give us memories that will live forever. Truly, I am part of a GREAT family.

Marilyn



New Additions

Davin Doonan, son of Roy Doonan and grandson of Willard Doonan, and his wife, Brenda, had Kinley Terese Doonan March 28, 2006

Kandace Skolant, daughter of Roy Doonan and granddaughter of Willard Doonan, and her husband, Paul, had Jay Skolant March 15, 2007.

Erika Storms, daughter of Linda Storms and granddaughter of Maurice Lyness, and her husband, Alex, had Aidan Mitchell Storms on May 30, 2007.

Dallas Doonan, son of Roy Doonan and grandson of Willard Doonan, and his wife, Jami, had Chase Thomas Doonan on June 11, 2007.

Davin Doonan and his wife, Brenda, had Kendall Rose Doonan June 18, 2007.

Brent Landau, son of Donna Landau and grandson of Bertha Vosburgh, and his wife, Chelsea, had Garrett Louis Landau on November 16, 2007. Garrett has been diagnosed with a condition that affects his ability to digest carbohydrates. Please pray for his family in dealing with this issue.

Alana Wehinger, daughter of Anita Abercrombie and granddaughter of Ralph Bowyer, and her husband, Mike, had Dean Andrew Wehinger December 17, 2007, in St. Leonards (near Sydney), Australia.



Deaths



Nancy Gray, the only child of Mary and Harold Lyness Bowyer (son of Pem and Josie) went to be with the Lord November 17, 2007, at the age of 65. She lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for the past 45 years. She worked as a cocktail waitress for Caesars, the Dunes, and the Sahara in the 60's and early 70's and spent the last 20+ years at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in the PBX office. She is survived by three grown children and six grandchildren, all of Las Vegas. She was active in various Christian

ministries--always ready and willing to give of herself to help those in need. Memorial services were held in Las Vegas December 1st.

Nancy had written the following poem:

The Highway to Heaven

*The highway to heaven is narrow and
straight;*

*It starts at the cross and ends at the
gate.*

*Only those twice born, with hearts
repented,*

*Can enter the road, the rest
prevented.*

*The road doesn't bend nor curve
through alleys,*

*But climbs up mountains from deep
dark valleys.*

*The way is not easy, it's a long hard
walk;*

*But as you move along, you'll hear
the lord talk.*

*His words are alive, sharper than a
sword;*

*With the Master Guide, you'll never
be bored.*

*It doesn't get easier, closer up the
line,*

*Though the light is brighter, and the
view divine.*

*Remember that Jesus gives light to
our feet,*

*So we won't get lost on the one way
street.*

*Soon we will be there in that heavenly
place;*

*Oh, what a blessing to see His sweet
face!*

Mary Louise Bowyer, widow of Gene Bowyer (son of Chester Bowyer and grandson of James Bowyer) died in November, 2007.

Betty Lee Jacobs, daughter of Rose Osolin and granddaughter of Pem and Josie, died January 13, 2008. The family designated two charities for gifts in her memory—the United Methodist Church in Eads, or the Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission. Gifts for either one could be sent to Brown Funeral Home, Box 432, Eads, Colorado, 81036.

Other Family News

Kevin Nielsen, son of Marilyn Nielsen and grandson of Willard Lyness, and his wife, Linda, after 20 years of marriage, held a renewal of vows wedding ceremony on September 22, 2007.

Kimberly Camp, daughter of Joseph Camp and granddaughter of Howard Camp, graduated from St. Louis University with three bachelor's degrees—in Biology, Psychology, and French. Part of her requirements included six weeks in France last summer. She plans to go to graduate school and study marine biology.

Most of us have heard of Clint Bowyer, the NASCAR racer, and wondered if he is a family member. We still don't know, but your editor was able to get Clint's father's address, and send him a list of all the family members. We'll see if he responds. The father lives in Emporia, Kansas.

Alana Wehinger, daughter of Anita Bowyer and granddaughter of Ralph Bowyer, and

her husband, Mike, have been granted permanent residency in Australia. They are undecided about applying for Australian citizenship. They live in a suburb of Sydney.

Scotty Bowyer, son of Chub Bowyer and grandson of Chester Bowyer, has moved to Lubbock, Texas. He enjoys living near his parents.

Chub Bowyer, son of Chester Bowyer and grandson of James Bowyer, had knee replacement surgery in August, 2007. He is pleased to not need a cane now.

Kendra Miller, daughter of Ken Rose and granddaughter of Viola Rose, completed her first year in physical therapy school. Her husband, Johnny, works in special education at the high school level.

Lauren Cook, daughter of Steven Cook and granddaughter of Phyllis Cook, sang with the St. Olaf College Choirs and Orchestra on December 2, 2007. Her grandmother says the music was beautiful.

David Thompson, son of Jeannette Thompson and grandson of Phyllis Cook, is graduating from high school in June, 2008.

Andrea Cook, daughter of Philip Cook and granddaughter of Phyllis Cook, is graduating from high school in June, 2008.

Erika Storms, daughter of Linda Storms and granddaughter of Maurice Lyness, and her husband, Alex, have moved to Huntsville, Alabama, for Alex to accept a new position there. They issued an open invitation to any relatives to stop by for a visit.

Karen Tidwell, daughter of Mary Stephens and granddaughter of Howard Camp,

recently bought a home in South St. Louis County.

Patrick Bowyer, son of Dick Bowyer and grandson of John Bowyer, came across a web site with lots of information about Adamsons—

www.adamsonancestry.com/list/b3.htm#p1229. It includes Elizabeth Adamson, who married John Bowyer. Some of the information is now also at www.bowyerfamily.org/adamson.

Kevin Harward, son of Ellen Harward and grandson of Ray Bowyer, is graduating this year from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. His major is city and regional planning.

Taking Advantage of E-mail

We are again sending this issue of the newsletter only by E-mail to those for whom we have E-mail addresses. If you are receiving this issue one way, and would like it another way, send a message to your editor and we'll send it by your preferred way.



Future Issues

We welcome contributions of family news, events, etc. for future issues of this newsletter. If you know of something that has happened to a family member, send it to the newsletter editor:

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Web Sites

We have two web sites that are of interest to readers of this newsletter. One is at <http://www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness>. The other is at <http://www.lyness.com>.

Bowyer-Lyness newsletters are on the web. To view them, connect to www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness, click on "Family Events and Bowyer-Lyness Newsletter", then click on the issue of interest.

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