

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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BOLERJACK BOLEJACK FAMILY REUNION Branson, Missouri June 22 - 25, 2017

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Branson Towers Hotel, for the 2017 Bolerjack Family Reunion. (These prices are guaranteed if reservations are made on or before June 9, 2017)

Individual Reservations at the Hotel can be made by calling the hotel, as follows:

Branson Towers Hotel
236 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway
Branson MO, 65616
Reservation No. (417) 336-4500
Fax No. (417) 334-6838

Rooms are as follows:

Standard Rooms	1 Adult	\$71.00
	2 Adults	\$71.00
	3 Adults	\$78.00
	4 Adults	\$85.00
	Tax is added: Tax rate 11.6%	

Adults are people 17 and older

The hotel has a no smoking and a no pet policy.

Breakfast is included starting at 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM

The FAMILY will have a Hospitality Room in The Valley View meeting room located on the third floor of the Branson Towers Hotel. As we register, they will put the Bolerjack Reunion registrants on the third floor near the Hospitality Room, unless an individual requests to be put elsewhere in the hotel.

The Valley View Room is at the back of the hotel, at the opposite end to where we register. There is an elevator right there, and we can come and go out a back door if we prefer to park back there.

Coordinators are Elvina Haney and Andy Trayler again this year.

Proposed Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2016, 4 - 6 PM, REGISTRATION:

Family members will be present in the Valley View Room for the Reunion, from 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 22, and continuously, except when there are activities that take us all way from the Hotel.

Please look it over and call me about what you think.

One new thing I'd like for us to consider, is to have a 15 - 20 minute presentation on Thursday about the Moravian History in Europe and another presentation on Friday Night about the Moravian History in the United States. We can follow these discussions by a question and answer period and whatever discussions people are interested in having.

Then on Saturday night I propose to have family members relate their personal Bolerjack History. Just for instance, Joel S. had two eldest sons whom I believe to be founding members of the Nazarene Church. I think they are related to the Bolerjacks over around Tulsa. In fact we had some Beloved old cousins over there, now dead, but there are lots of stories about that wonderful woman.

I don't know these names because my mind is beyond that point, but I'm sure there will be people present who know these interesting stories. Then we could turn to people present to give a brief history of their own experience. They could tell what they know about their own family history.

Then on Saturday night, I would like for us to consider having some musical numbers. Elvina's youngest daughter and her husband performed one year and if we want to do this, i will do my best to convince them to come do it on Saturday night. Also, my nephew Duane is a performers in their local church, Maybe we consider exactly what talent we have available and consider asking them to perform.

I'd like for us to consider anything that will bring energy into the Reunion. This kind of artistic talent goes back to the Old Moravians.

Just let me know what I can do to change the Bulletin, or change the program according to what you want. I know the bulletin turned out to be long, but let's please pay attention to contents first and if we need to cut down the contact, I'd like to do that second.

I'm looking forward to comments. I've sent this already to Elvina.

You're Cousin Andy Trayler

Balance of schedule will ready sometime in May.

Coordinators are Elvina Haney and Andy Trayler again this year.

We need to have the family reunion east of the Mississippi River in 2018. In 2015 the reunion was in Oklahoma City, in 2016 it was in Branson and it is in Branson this year.

Is there anybody in the North Carolina area willing to step up to be a coordinator?

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Accomplishments

Andy Bolerjack, son of Phil and Rosanne is going to be ordained as an elder in the church of the Nazarene in April at Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

Alex Bolerjack, youngest of Phil and Rosanne, was just a principle role (Dr. Malatesta) in the OU production of Don Pasquale, a comic opera by Gaetano Donizetti in February and will be performing the role of the Beast in Beauty and the Beast with Southern Nazarene University as alumni in March!

Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth and I celebrated our 55th Anniversary with a Cruise to Alaska on the Crown Princess. It was the trip of a live time. Highly recommend it to anyone who hasn't gone. Our daughter, Kelli Jones Blackwell and her husband Steve and 3 children are moving to Nashua, New Hampshire in June. If anyone knows of other Bolerjack family members in that area we would love to know who they are and how to contact them. Barbara Wright Jones

Don and Wanda Bolerjack of Salt Lake City, Utah will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary July 1st. Don and Wanda met in Willow Springs, Mo and have two sons Steve and Craig

Deaths

Lula Fay (DeBoard) Walker Born July 31 1930, died Dec 19, 2016. Burial at the beautiful Pine Grove Cemetery, Hood River Oregon. Her Oregon family all in attendance. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and her many friends.

Clifford Wayne Bolerjack, age 87, of Smyrna, Tennessee, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. He was born in Cushing, OK, on August 26, 1929. He was preceded in death by his parents, Beryl Austin Bolerjack and Thelma

Condict Bolerjack; Loving wife Virginia Cobble Bolerjack; son Billy Stout; Grandson Daniel Joseph Cook; Brothers Kenneth Bolerjack, Austin Bolerjack, and Delbert Bolerjack. He was survived by sons Mathew Bolerjack of Smyrna, TN and Clark (CW) Stout of Tulsa, OK. Daughters Denise (Richard) Barnett and Kathy (Robby) Cook all of Smyrna TN, and Geanie Stout of Texas. He had 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

(October 8, 1916 - **LaVone Strawhacker**, 100, died Feb. 10, 2017, in Wichita. She was born Oct. 8, 1916, in Washington County, Kansas the daughter of Malcom and Ethel Pickett, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Kingman Christian Church. On May 25, 1942, she married Gail Strawhacker; he died Dec. 23, 1977. Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by a daughter Bonnie Fine; and sisters Patricia, Valecia and Lucille; and brothers Bill and Virgil.

Patricia Faye Wichman, 94, of Holton, KS passed away Friday, January 6, 2017 at Holton Community Hospital. She was born March 9, 1922 at Swede Creek Township in Riley County, KS. Patricia was the daughter of Malcom and Ethel (Bolejack) Pickett.

Patricia had lived in the Holton community since 1957 and previously in the Clay Center area. She was a homemaker and also owned and operated Ernie's Second Hand Store in Holton with her husband for 15 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Holton.

Patricia married Ernest F. Wichman on July 16, 1942 in Belleville, KS. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1996. She was also preceded in death by a son, Dale Wichman on October 4, 2016; 2 grandchildren, Mary Patricia Wichman on December 14, 1966 and Gregory Allen Wichman on August 12, 1974; 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Survivors include 3 sons, Verlin Wichman (Sue) of Holton, KS, Allen Wichman of Topeka, KS and Kevin Wichman (Sandy) of Circleville, KS; 2 daughters, Carol Searles (Rob Rolin) of Denison, KS and Amy Spiker (Jared) of Circleville, KS; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Wichman of Holton, KS; a sister, Lavon Strawhacker of Kingman, KS; 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in the Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Heart of Jackson Humane Society or American Cancer Society c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

Dale W. Wichman (June 6, 1945 - October 4, 2016) Dale William Wichman, Sr., 71, of Holton, KS, passed away Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at a Topeka hospital. He was born June 6, 1945 in Waterville, KS the son of Ernest Fredrich and Patricia F. (Pickett) Wichman. He had lived in Valley Falls, Clay Center and Oskaloosa before moving to Holton in 1957. Dale attended Holton High School and later served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967.

Dale worked at various auto body shops in Holton and Topeka before opening his own business, Dale's Body Shop that he owned and operated for 11 years. In 1994 he opened, Dale's Used Furniture, on the town square in Holton; for over 20 years. He was a member of the Holton VFW Post # 1367.

He was married to Cheryl A. Wehrkamp on August 30, 1980 in Holton. Cheryl survives of the home. Dale is also survived by his mother, Patricia Wichman of Holton, KS; his daughters, Tammy Skelton of California, Elisa Ashcraft-Armstrong (Travis) of Rossville, KS and Jennifer Wingender (Michael) of Netawaka, KS; his son, Dale W. Wichman II (Shannon) of California; his sisters, Carol Searles (Rob Rawlings) of Denison, KS and Amy Spiker (Jared) of Circleville, KS; his brothers, Verlin Wichman (Sue) of Holton, KS, Allen Wichman of Topeka, KS and Kevin Wichman (Sandy) of Circleville, KS; 11 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. David Garrison passed away on September 10, 1966 in Ponca City Oklahoma. He was the son of Ola Fay Bolerjack Submitted by Noni Parrish.

Phyllis Cook Mail Returned from mailing Bullitschek Bulletin with note Deceased in the spring 2016.

TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL 2016-2017 DUES \$8.00

Do not duplicate your dues. If dues are duplicated they will be put in the cemetery fund where Joseph Bullitschek is buried in North Carolina.

NAME: _____ **Spouse:** _____

Use Bullitschek descendant's name

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Make Check to: BULLITSCHEK FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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