

Family Newsletter

Peterson - Jackson - Wakefield - Mack – Connor - Knighton
October 2009

Hello Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful “rest of the summer” since your visit to Virginia Beach. My family and I just wanted to take the time to thank everyone that attended the “2009 Peterson Family Reunion”. We would also like to say “Thank you” to all that sent cards and phone calls expressing thanks for the fun time and hospitality that you received during your brief stay.

I would like to personally thank my family (Shirley, Chris, and Vicki) for the wonderful support and team effort they provided during our preparation for the event. Shirley you were “on point” with the dinner selection!

I would also like to thank my brothers and sisters for their personal contributions to the raffle entertainment during Saturday’s evening dinner and providing those last minute details and inputs.

As my family passes the baton over to Pam Knighton-Saunders and her family, we ask that all (including ourselves) help them in planning for a wonderful time that we all can look forward to in New Jersey!

May God bless you all!!

Much Love,
Glenn, Shirley, Christopher, Victoria,
Brianna and Ne’vaeh

Words from the 2011 hosts:

The **2011 Family Reunion** will be held in Philadelphia or South Jersey and hosted by The Knighton Family.

We want to thank Glenn and Team for all the hard work that was put in to making our family reunion a success. It is hard work that is involved and I really do not believe that the family expresses how grateful they really are to have someone take the ball and run with it.

My name is Pamela Knighton-Saunders and I am the oldest living daughter of my deceased parents Roosevelt and Juanita Knighton and our deceased oldest sister Phyllis Knighton-Williams. I am accompanied with a younger sister Sheila Knighton

of Philadelphia and an older brother Bobby Garland of Illinois. My father Roosevelt was a son of Jimmy and Armetta Knighton of Morgan, GA. who were my Grandparents. Jimmy Knighton was the son of Ellie Connor. So we are Great-Grandchildren of Ellie Connor.

Currently we are in the planning stage of the 2011 Reunion. It is very early, and to date, we are unable to get rates of the local hotels, however we are gathering information to ensure that we select the very best hotel with the accommodations to TRY to please everyone. We want to make your visit to Philadelphia or South Jersey area most enjoyable and memorable.

This Family Reunion is not only MY Family Reunion more importantly it’s YOUR Family Reunion as well. If anyone has any suggestions of any activities that they would like to do, please forward your suggestions to me at: labrada261@yahoo.com. As I receive additional information I will forward it to you.

Have a safe and healthy year and I will bring everyone up to date as the year progresses.

Family Milestones and Notices

- **Margaret Denson:** We have had many deaths in my family this year and have traveled to most of them. We recently had Roy's (Roy Denson) youngest sister funeral. Her name was Brenda Lee Denson, the daughter of Josh and Anne Lou Denson.
- **Derrick Knighton:** I have a professional degree in welding technology.
- **Mae Demps:** My great-great niece, Deborah Breedlove, who is in the 11th grade, has received her progress report. She is taking honor and college courses with a report of all A’s and 1 B.
- **Mae Demps:** My oldest sister-in-law, Janie Mae Breedlove passed on September 23, 2009. We traveled to Plant City, Fl. for the Funeral on Oct. 3, 2009. She was 94 and would have turned 95 on Dec. 24, 2009.

- **Ava James -Young:** Since birth Avery Young has had a breathing apparatus inserted into his trachea. Over the years Avery had been told that the breathing device would be removed when he was bigger. Apparently, he was also told that his parents would buy him a car when he was bigger. The breathing apparatus was recently removed. As soon as twelve year old Avery left the doctor's office he turned to his mother and signed "I'm big now so you have to buy me a car".
- **Debra McCray** proudly announces that on August 08, 2009, she became grandmother to twins: Brendon Kentrell Butler and Brenton Kendell Butler. The twins and their mother LaKesa Butler are doing well.
- **Arthur Brown** tells us that his son, Arthur Brown Jr. graduated High School this summer and has enlisted in the US Navy.

To contribute information to the *Milestone and Notices* section of the Newsletter, send your email address to Butch so that you may be notified in advance of upcoming newsletters.

A **DVD** of **photos** from the 2009 Reunion is available for \$3. The \$3 covers the cost of the DVD, packaging, and postage. No profits are obtained. You may also view or download these photos from the family website. If you need a DVD of these photos send Butch \$3 per DVD.

Family Web page: If you have access to a computer and the internet, visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from the 2009 and other past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. If you have information that you would like presented on the webpage then contact Noriega ("Butch").

Send Butch copies of family obituaries (recent or past), graduations, marriages, births and other announcements that may be posted on the webpage for all the family to see.

Names and Addresses or Email Addresses: The continuing success of our family reunions is dependent upon our being able to contact as many family members as possible. If you know of family members **not** receiving the family newsletters then

send their addresses and or email addresses to Butch.

Family History: I encourage you to help document our families by providing me with as much family history as you know. **You** must provide the information! Please contact me.

Urgent Notification System: Contact Butch by email or phone when you have urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification. Butch will send out the information via email to those family members for whom he has email addresses. Those who receive the information by email should then pass the urgent news on to other family members by phone and word of mouth. **This system does not substitute for how you currently pass on such urgent information but instead it adds to it.**

Our Family Tree Charts: Let us all work to correct, update, and expand the "official" family trees. You may check the family webpage to see if your family-specific tree information is included and is correct. If necessary, ask a young family member to review or print the relevant family tree(s) for you. Use it as an opportunity to get our young folks involved with our history. If you have not forwarded your family information to me then please do so. If your name does not appear on one of the many trees on the family webpage then please let me know.

Our webpage has been updated to include more personalized family trees. Take a look!

Since this is probably the last newsletter of the year, I'll take this time to wish you all the best of holidays and to thank you for letting me get to know you.

Yours truly,
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