



Gladney

Descendants of Richard II and Jane Wilson

# Gladney Gram

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judy Whitesell

Plans are well underway for the upcoming 2017 family reunion in the Winnsboro, SC area. Please circle your calendars to attend July 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Our hotel base will be the Holiday Inn Express in Blythewood, SC, which is right off Interstate 77 at exit 21. We used this hotel for a previous reunion and as returning customers, we were given a better rate. Standard King or Queen rooms are \$80 per night (plus taxes); Suites are \$89 per night (plus taxes). You need to dial the hotel directly at 803-333-0315 and the block code is GLD.

**Friday, July 28** - we are excited to offer two events for families. (The fees to par-

ticipate are not included in your registration)

**Option 1) Riverbanks Zoo** in nearby Columbia is consistently rated one of the **top 10 zoos** in the country. ([www.riverbanks.org](http://www.riverbanks.org)) Not only does the zoo give us the opportunity to see some amazing animals, but it also has “waterfall junction” (kids water spray park) to keep everyone in the family happy. As you might imagine, it’s usually very hot in July and the zoo offers indoor and outdoor exhibits to help keep you cool too!

**Option 2)** Our other “COOL” adventure is to travel down one of the local rivers by kayak or canoe. As stated earlier, the air temperature will most likely be HOT... but the river temperature hovers around 55-60 degrees, which is quite refreshing on a summer day. This excursion would last about 2-3 hours including travel time.

**NOTE:** The board of directors has also realized that many of the monuments at the family cemetery are in need of some cleaning. We’ll provide the supplies and are looking for willing participants to help.

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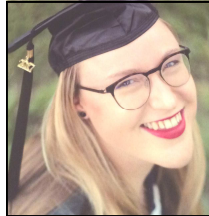
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**FAMILY UPDATES**

**GRADUATIONS**

**SPENCER MYERS**, daughter of Darren and Geneva Gladney Myers and granddaughter of James Wallace and Dean Gladney, graduated from Johnson University on April 29, 2017 with a degree in Management of Non-profit Organizations with a "CL" (Cum Laude 3.50-3.69 average). Ms. Myers will reside in Knoxville, TN.

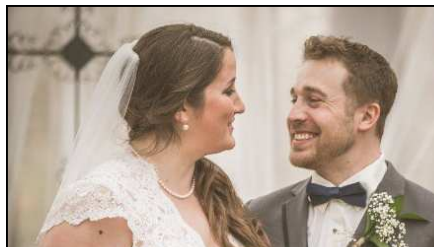


*Submitted by her grandfather, James (Wally) Gladney on 5/4/2017.*

**WEDDINGS**

Jenna Whitesell and Dan Carson were united in marriage on March 19, 2017 at Watershed Pavilion near Edgemoore, South Carolina. The beautiful outdoor wedding took place in a woodland chapel with the reception following. Jenna is the daughter of Jim and Judy (Gladney) Whitesell of Cayce, SC and the granddaughter of the late Lucille Gladney of Florida. Jenna is a descendent of Thomas Gladney.

*Submitted by Judy Whitesell 5/8/2017*



**DEATHS**

**REID IVENS**, age 91, of Maryville, Alabama, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at Blount Memorial Hospital.

Preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela Ivens Renner; parents, M.J. and Lillie Ivens, four sisters, and four brothers. Survivors include his loving wife of 67 years, Virginia Reed Ivens; sons and daughter-in-law, Larry Reid Ivens, Garry Lynn and Pam Ivens; grandchildren, David (Ashlee) Ivens, Joshua Ivens, Bart (Nicole) Renner; great-grandson, Sawyer Ivens; sister, Dr. M. Sue Ivens formerly of New Orleans); several nieces and nephews.



A special thank you to the caregivers that loved and cared for him.

The funeral was held at 11:00am on Saturday at the Broadway United Methodist Church with Rev. Daniel Moore officiating. The family received friends from 10:00 to 11:00am prior to the service. Interment was at 2:30pm, Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Haven Hill memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Brown Food Pantry at Broadway United Methodist Church. Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville was in charge of arrangements.

*Submitted by his son, Larry Ivens, on 12/31/2016*

**EDNA RICE HILL GRIFFIN**, 86, of Franklin, GA, passed away Wednesday,

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Complete and return along with amount due to:  
**Terry Burkemper, 24259 Lawson Hill Ln., Brashear, MO 63533**  
Phone: 660-323-5310 email: etburk@marktwain.net

**RESERVATIONS FOR BLYTHEWOOD, SC REUNION  
JULY 28-30, 2017**

You are responsible for making your own room reservations. Call hotel directly at (803) 333-0315.  
Rooms are \$80. Per night. Reservations should be made before June 26th, 2017.

Descendant of : Richard \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL(S) NAMES (list all attending reunion -\$40.00 per adult / \$12 per child 12 and under)

TOTAL REUNION AMOUNT (number of adults x \$40.00): \_\_\_\_\_

PLUS (number of children x \$12.00): \_\_\_\_\_

DUES FOR 2017-2018 ENCLOSED (\$15.00): YES \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUSLY PAID \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GLADNEY DESCENDANT PAYING DUES: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION \$ \_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your donation used? \_\_\_\_\_

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On Friday, July 28, 2017, please indicate if you are interested in either.....

A visit the Riverbanks Zoo (ranked one of the top 10 zoos in America) \_\_\_\_\_

or go on a canoe trip down one of our beautiful rivers \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner on Saturday evening 7/29/17: Low Country Boil (Shrimp, Smoked Sausage, Corn) \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Pork Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_

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Terry Burkemper. Her address is at the top of the form.

**FAMILY UPDATES (Continued from page 2)**

March 29, 2017, at Pruitt Health of Franklin Funeral services were Sunday, April 2, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Stutts Funeral Home with Joe Jones officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in Franklin, GA. The family will accept visitors at Stutts Funeral Home Saturday from 6-8 p.m.



Mrs. Griffin was born Nov. 8, 1930, in Randolph County, Ala., to the late John Thomas Hall and Nancy Elizabeth Smith Hall. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and also attended Centralhatchee First Baptist Church.

She was known as one of the hardest working women in Franklin, and operated a deer processing facility that attracted hunters from all over West Georgia. They marveled at how a 70-year-old woman could do more work than they could!

During her life she also worked at numerous textile mills, Franklin Aluminum and Southwire. She even ran her own café in the Arnco Mills Community with her second husband, Glen Griffin, for several years.

Survivors include her daughter, Ann Adams; grandson, Tonnie Adams, both of Centralhatchee; a special man who she raised, Chris Jones, and his son Justin Jones; nieces and nephews, Maxcine Stewart Wheeler, Dean Cates, Dwain Geter,

Tommy Geter, Frankie Geter, Shelbe Gosdin and Jerry Gosdin; and a number of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her ex-husbands, Doil Rice and Glen Griffin; companion, Jerry Jackson; sisters, Ina Geter, Ruth Uselton and Johnnie Mae Johnson; brother, Andrew J. "Big Boy" Hall; five infant siblings; and one niece, Josie Knox.

Those who wish may write memorial tributes at [www.stuttsfuneralhome.com](http://www.stuttsfuneralhome.com). Stutts Funeral Home, Franklin.

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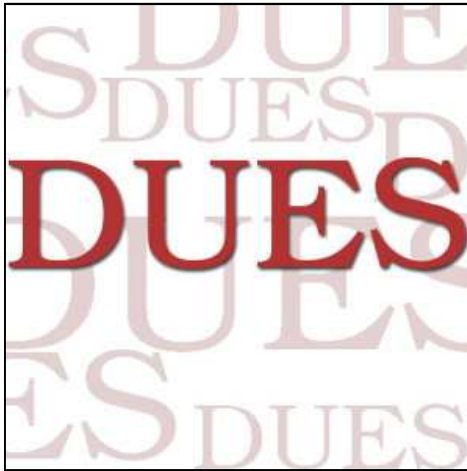
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When reserving time for the 2017 Gladney reunion in Winnsboro please add a day and volunteer. We need people who would like to clean the old Gladney headstones in the original cemetery. We will supply all materials and give instructions on how the stones should be cleaned. You just need to show up. Please be aware that no detergents or bleaches will be used. We will be cleaning on Friday morning, July 28. Weather permitting.



## DUES PAYABLE IN JULY

Gladney Family Association dues are \$15.00 per Gladney descendent and are payable in July each year. Dues cover all descendents living in the same household. Any child living on their own should also pay dues.



Dues are used not only to pay costs associated with getting this newsletter to the members. They are mainly used for the normal maintenance of our original Gladney Cemetery in Winnsboro, SC as well as any special projects such as headstone repair that may be deemed necessary. Other projects, like the preservation of our two Gladney Bibles in the Winnsboro Museum, have also been paid by dues.

The enrollment form included in this Gladney Gram may be used to pay your dues. Send all payments, along with the form, should be sent to our Treasurer, Mrs. Terry Burkemper. Her contact information is at the top of the form.

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**If you are interested in either of these above activities, please let us know to help make those plans.**

The official beginning of the reunion will take place at the hotel with check-in in the "breakfast area". We'll gather there for a light supper and time of reconnecting and visiting with one another from 4-10pm.

**Saturday, July 29** - breakfast is included at the hotel and then we'll ride to the Gladney cemetery in Winnsboro.

The SC Railroad Museum is also located in Winnsboro and they offer train rides. We are considering riding as a group on the 1:30pm train. We can offer a boxed lunch to enjoy as we ride if enough participants choose this option. Please indicate your choice on the registration form if interested in this adventure.

**Saturday** evening, we will enjoy our banquet meal together. We're offering your choice of a 1) Low Country Boil (Shrimp, sausage and corn on the cob) or 2) Roasted Pork Tenderloin. Our speaker for the banquet will be Len Strozier of Omega Mapping. He will be sharing his findings of our family cemetery. There is a registration fee of \$50 per adult and \$15 per child (ages 3-12).

**Sunday morning, July 30** - we'll gather to have a few moments of reflection, say our good-byes, and adjourn until the following year.

*Memories (Continued from page 8)*

on a motorcycle but, I got the lecture “just in case”. Oh, and the only time my brother ever got a spanking was when he rode a motorcycle after my father told him not to.

I was compared to my brother a lot growing up. He was killed in a car accident when I was only three years old. The only memory I have of him was when he threw me up in the air and I came down behind his head. He caught me by my feet. I was too young to ask him to do it again and years later, my mother said that it scared her to death and my brother never tossed me up again.

I remember my Granny Stone when I see fried chicken and biscuits. We didn't have very much growing up so my mother prepared my daddy's lunch to take to work every day. He had one of those black lunchboxes with a red thermos that fit in the curved lid. This one particular day, my mother made fried chicken and biscuits and gravy. The leftovers were for daddy's lunch. I didn't know that. Nobody told me. So, I thought of Granny Stone and took the leftovers to her. She lived two houses up from us on the same street. Granny started eating right away. In a few minutes, mama called. They didn't know I had left the house. I thought I was in big trouble but, because I didn't realize I had done anything wrong, I just got a “talking to”. Sometimes, those talks were worse than a whipping.

Pictures I see online of fine ladies walking down the streets of Atlanta back in the 1930's or 40's remind me of my Aunt Chris. I have one of those photos of her with her pretty dress and beads on. There used to be photographers that were on the streets and sold the photos to their passing subjects. I'm glad she bought this one.

I don't know why today was a nostalgic day. It may be because they are tearing down our local Chick-fil-A restaurant. They will rebuild it in the same location but, it will be closer to the property line and will assist with the double drive-thru line and will supply additional parking. The memory associated with this restaurant is the time that my son, Adam, spent working there. He worked whenever they asked and did anything they asked. He was working toward a scholarship which never came. He didn't have enough hours worked to qualify.

Adam loved the Air Force JROTC and desperately wanted to join the Air Force after high school. He was in the service two years before I got that awful Tuesday morning call telling me that he had been killed in an accident.





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Memories—the faculty by which the mind stores and re-members information; something remembered from the past.

### *Cathy's Corner*

It's amazing the things which cause memories to pop up unexpectedly. Smells, food buildings, music, or places like the beach or the mountains. When I think of my Aunt Wilma, I think of the delicious coconut cakes she made from her fresh chicken eggs and milk from their farm. When I see a U.S. flag, I think of my son who volunteered for the Air Force while still in high school JROTC. A man's hat causes me to immediately go to my daddy who was never seen outside without his hat with a tiny feather in the band. A look at my own hands reminds me of holding my mother's protective hand as a child and again when I saw her for the last time as she lay dying of cancer or changing my children's diapers and picking up toys. Songs from the 1970's bring me back to high school and riding around town with my friend, Susan. Susan was a little older than me but, my parents knew her and her family so she was trustworthy for their daughter to hang around with. Motorcycles remind me of the lecture I got from my father when I went on a date with a boy that had a motorcycle. He didn't pick me up

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