

John D. and Suzannah Jane Leitner Family News

June 10, 1979

I. Late Willie J. and Lady Bird Leitner Family News

A. Births

1. Kristi Leitner (daughter of Hugh James and Doris Wiles Leitner and granddaughter of Katie and late John Leitner) and her husband Ed Godwin have a son, James Luke Godwin, born October 20, 1978. Kristi, Ed, and son are now living in the John Daniel Leitner home. It is so good to have some of our family in this home.
2. A son, Kenneth Gordon (Ken) Hornsby was born to Ronnie and Judy Hornsby on April 5, 1979. Ken is the grandson of Esther and Bennie Hornsby. Ken has a 5 year old brother, Ronnie Jr.
3. Jimmie and Terrie Leitner have a son James Matthew (Katie and late John Leitner's greatgrandson) born April 24, 1979. Katie, Doris Mae and Jamie were visiting John Jr. in Fargo, North Dakota for 2 weeks when this child, James Matthew, was born but because of the flood there they didn't get to see him.

B. Graduations

1. Nancy House, daughter of Florence Leitner and late Paul House, graduated from the University of South Carolina on May 12th with a degree in Accounting and an excellent record of 3.4 average.
2. Charles Micheal (Mike) Hendrix, youngest son of E. B. and Helen Hendrix and grandson of late Lillian Leitner and John Hendrix, graduated from Mauldin High School this year.

C. Other News

1. Elizabeth Irene Leitner, her husband Robert (Buck) Stokes and their 3 children have moved to Alaska for 2 years. He will continue his work with Internal Revenue. This should be most interesting.
2. Paul and Sandra Leitner have built a new home and moved into it this year. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn.

II. Late Sam and Ida Leitner Robinson Family News

1. Blair Martin, husband of Mary Ross Robinson Martin, died February 4, 1979. Blair was in and out of the hospital and seriously ill for a year prior to his death.
2. Blair Martin, Jr. has been selected to represent Clinton High School at Boys' State. Congratulations.
3. Ross Robinson had gall bladder surgery on his birthday August 11, 1978, He had a hard time but he's fit as a fiddle now.

4. Johnnie Robinson has been in the hospital for surgery May 24th on his knee. A cow kicked him to cause the need for surgery. He is in full leg cast and will be out of work at least 6 weeks.
5. Evelyn Robinson's mother, Mrs. B. F. Culbreth, was in Fairfield Memorial Hospital for 6 weeks. She is at home with Ross and Evelyn but can't walk.
6. Sara Robinson Flowers (daughter of Irvin and Iris Robinson) and son, Kenneth Flowers, are now living in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

III. Late Lloyd Douglass and Martha Leitner Family News

1. A son, Joseph Douglass, was born to Ervin and Martha Fridy Renwick on October 25, 1978. Joe has a sister Paige and a brother Matt.
2. "Mul" Rigby, husband of Miriam Fridy Rigby, retired from Sales Tax Division of State Tax Commission in 1978. He and Miriam are enjoying their retirement gardening (flowers and vegetables) and are refinishing furniture, fishing, etc.
3. Ellen Fridy and her sister (who lives with her) Miriam Boulware have gone on a Western U.S.A. and Canadian Tour. Too many good things happening at the same time. Sorry to miss our reunion.
4. Ellen Fridy's father, E. Johnson Atkinson of Marion, S.C., died November 10, 1978. He was 95 years old. We were fortunate and thankful to have had Papa that long.

IV. Late Ella Leitner and William Andrew Ballentine Family News

A. Births

1. Amy Rebecca Roof born October 18, 1978. She is the daughter of Betty and Terry Roof and the granddaughter of Archie Porth and late Mildred Frick Porth and the greatgranddaughter of late Albert and Eunice Ballentine Frick.
2. Amber Donnell Wright born December 17, 1978. She is the daughter of Alvin and Donna Wright and the granddaughter of W. A. and Alma Wright and the greatgranddaughter of late Albert and Blanche Ballentine Wright.
3. Amy Rebecca Fox born April 12, 1979. She is the daughter of Bruce and Idell Fox and granddaughter of Jack and late Ione Frick Fox, the greatgranddaughter of the late Albert and Eunice Ballentine Frick.
4. Jennifer Lewis and Patricia Anne, twin girls born on June 4, 1979. They are the daughters of Debra Mae Mann and Aubrey Lewis Deaver and the granddaughters of Jeanette Williams and David Mann. Greatgrandparents are Bessie B. Mann and the late Herbert Porter Mann.

B. Deaths

1. Nook Albert Frick died August 17, 1978. Albert was the husband of the late Eunice Ballentine Frick.

C. Marriages

1. Marion Pierce "Perry" Hobgood was married to Dorothy Lewis Shealy on Saturday, May 12, 1979, in the Union Lutheran Church near Leesville. Perry is the son of L. G. and Doris Mann Hobgood and works for Hobgood Electric Company. Dorothy works in the State Auditor's office. They will make their home in Rogers Court Apts., Lexington, S. C.

D. Graduations

1. Lynn Oswald graduated from Spring Valley High School June 2, 1979. Lynn is the daughter of George W. and Mollie Oswald and granddaughter of Sampson and late Marie Ballentine Oswald. Lynn is going to work with the State Department of Education.

E. Other News

1. In September, 1978, L. G. and Doris Hobgood - Horace and Josephine Mann took a trip by car from S.C. to Grand Canyons, Las Vegas, California, and into Oregon. They were gone 3 weeks.

V. Late Hattie Leitner and John C. McCain Family News

A. Births

1. Toni and Johnnie Richard Mann (son of J. W. and Mary Mann) have a son, Johnnie Richard Mann Jr. born in July, 1978. Junior has a 6 year old sister, Teresa Ann.
2. William Garrett Skipper was born January 29, 1979, to Russell "Rusty" and Melissa "Missy" McCain Skipper. Missy is the daughter of Marshall and Corine McCain. The Skippers live in Aynor, S.C. They have 2 sons, Jamie and Garrett.

B. Deaths

1. Sue McCain Pendergrass died July 19, 1978, after she had a 2nd stroke. She was sick about 4 years and in a nursing home most of this time.
2. Paul and Hazel Mann Cooke's oldest son Robert B. Cooke was killed in a work accident in September, 1978. He leaves a wife and a 2 month old baby girl. Sorry I don't know the names.

C. Marriages and Graduations

1. Thomas William Mann Jr. was married to Nancy Sharpe in August of 1978. Thomas Jr. is the son of Tommy and Addie Mann.
2. Sharon McCain, daughter of John C. and Lillian McCain, was married to Larry Richborn of St. George, S.C. on May 26, 1979. Sharon graduated May 13, 1979, from College of Charleston with honors. She plans to enter Law School at University of S. C. in August, 1979. Larry will graduate from Medical College of S.C. School of Dentistry at Charleston, S.C. in August, 1979.
3. Suzanne Pendergrass (youngest child of "Tinker" and late Darby Pendergrass) graduated from College of Charleston on May 13, 1979. She will be teaching disabled children in a private school in Orlando, Fla. beginning June 1st.

4. Johnny Carmichael, son of Neil C. and Christine, graduated from Dillon High School in May, 1979. He plans to go to Winthrop College.
5. Herbert C. Schulkins Jr., son of Herbert C. and late Doris Carmichael, is now a Certified Public Accountant.
6. T. Henry Suydam III (Rusty) will graduate from the School of Pharmacy at University of S.C. December, 1979.
7. Tommy Center Leitner III (grandson of T. C. and Marjorie Mann Leitner) graduated from Lexington High School in August, 1978. Tommy completed his high school work in 3 years and has now completed 1 year at Carolina. He was 18 years old in April.
8. Kay Binge, daughter of Maynard and Audrey (Dippie) Pendergrass Binge, finished 4 years at St. Mary's College of Maryland in the summer of '78 majoring in music and voice. She is working in Washington where she and her brother, Gary, both have their own apartment.
9. Maynard Binge, husband of "Dippie" Pendergrass Binge, has received 3 M.A. degrees in business. He does part time teaching in the evenings at Prince George's Community College. He is lay leader for Bell's United Methodist Church in Clinton, Md. He is working at Andrews Air Force Base.

D. Other News

1. Leroy Mann had triple heart bypass October 11, 1978. He is doing well now.
2. Harriet Mann Parker had severe heart attack the first of May. Was in intensive care about 1 week. She plans to sell her home in Jacksonville, Florida, as soon as she can and return to S.C.
3. Neil C. Carmichael has been sick with rheumatoid arthritis for several months. He's improving but is still unable to work.
4. Martha McLeod (daughter of Sara Carmichael and W. J. McLeod) and her husband Tyler Lee and son Tyler Jr. live in Sumter. Ty is a pilot with Piedmont Air Lines.
5. Dr. Darby Pendergrass III is married to Susan Mitchum. He is a general practitioner in Greenwood. He has 1 child, Rebecca, 2 years old.
6. Claudia Pendergrass is a dental assistant in Greenwood. Page is in the nursing program at U.S.C. It is so good to catch up on the Pendergrasses.
7. George Edward and Beverly McCain recently returned from Western Tour. While away they visited the Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Palm Springs, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Mexico, and other places of interest.
8. Eddie McCain, son of George Edward and Beverly McCain, has returned from Washington, D.C. and is now employed by Rich Hendricks Honda Company on Airport Boulevard in West Columbia.

9. Gail (daughter of Doris and Leroy Mann) her husband, David Syslop, and son, Kevin, have moved to Spartanburg.
10. Dippie Pendergrass Binge is a secretary at Andrews Air Force Base for 6 years after having been a homemaker for 21 years. She and her daughter, Kay, are both members of Southern Maryland Clerical Society.

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- 11 births
- 4 deaths
- 3 marriages
- 10 graduations plus illnesses, trip and moves, etc.

Yes, it has been a busy year for the Leitners.