



Tripp Family Recorder

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Summer Time

Hello Tripp family (whether that's your name or not) —

178 issues over the past 54 years! Can you believe that? Thank you Virginia for starting the whole thing. Who would have believed we would still be going. I was just looking at some of the old newsletters and was curious what was in our news ten years ago. The answer: Ten years ago we lost Ruth — the last child of Solomon and Lurinda Tripp — Ruth (Tripp) Lentz at the young age of 97 ... well she would have been 97 if she had lived another three weeks. If you want to read about her very interesting life, you might want to go back and read the July 2012 Newsletter. You can look on the website under old newsletters: tripprecorder.org



This year has been difficult for our family with Bonnie losing her battle with covid in February. If you look at the table of contents to the right ... you can see that we have three obituaries in this newsletter and some of you have mentioned other family members and friends that have passed away this year. Please send obituaries in so that we can all share together. I should have posted both Merv Smith and David McSorley in the last newsletter, but better late than never. That said, even if you did not send in an obit for someone who has passed away, it's not too late. One thing we know they will all be missed.

Bob and I are still dealing with a flooded basement that occurred to our Michigan house while we were in Florida. We thought we would return and call a drywall company to come out and fix the drywall ... get the

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painting done ... get the floors fixed. Well ... we have been back since April and have finally got the drywall completed. It has been a nightmare getting someone out here to do what they consider a small job. Apparently not worth most drywall company's time! I wonder when the rest will get finished?!

We are hoping all of the health issues will make a major turnaround soon so that we can try to see some of you in the next year.

We are enjoying seeing our newest great-granddaughter this summer. She is a delight. We are looking forward to going to James and Jillian's wedding later this summer and in a few days going to another great granddaughter's graduation party!

Saying good-bye for now and love you all.

Nancy and Bob Noffsinger



From Bentonsport, Iowa July 4, 2022

Hi to everyone,

It is warm here in Iowa, have to water every day, been picking raspberries and blackberries to make juice. Still keeping the store open four days a week so that keeps us busy making pottery and iron work. We also help keep the community rose garden and water garden going; helped plant 150 roses in the last couple of weeks, now to keep them all watered. Kids and grandkids are all doing ok, growing up way too fast. But are all close enough we get to see them often. Hope everyone is well and happy, if you come to Iowa, stop by!

Love to everyone,

Bill and Betty Printy



From Nebraska

June 29, 2022

Hi everyone,

It has been an interesting year. The wall in the basement was put in in February, but new carpet wasn't until June. Before then, we got a leak in the roof! We were lucky there because there have been a lot of wind-storms so the insurance paid for part of it but we still had to come up with the rest. We have a new floor we bought for the dining room. We are just waiting for girls to get back from their pageant. Not going to be fun. When they took up the carpet in the living room they had to scrape up the pad since it had been glued down.



We are all doing good, and are enjoying getting the house in shape, Sally and I went last week and bought four new chairs for the living room. We are hoping to get the bathroom remodeled this fall.

I was in hospital again but all they can find is high blood pressure. I really have to take a lot of pills now; exercise and diet don't seem to help.

My oldest son Kenneth was diagnosed with COPD last month, he could use a lot of prayers.

I hope our government can find a way to get prices back down if so, maybe next year we can talk about a reunion.

Love you all ... have a wonderful rest of your year.

Pauline and Sally



Nice chairs Pauline ... they look so comfortable. Maybe we'll have to come check them out some time!

Congratulations Madison .. We see that you have won

Miss North America

In the 2022 Pure International Pageant

From Norwalk, California July 6, 2022

This last year has been pretty rough, and on some of us even rougher. In Nov I lost my very dear friend of 53 years, to Covid. She was more like a sister. In January I lost my husband of over 60 years. Then last month we lost our brother Denny. He had many issues. We have lost three siblings and that has been difficult to deal with. So, our family of eight is now a family of five. I am sure we are not the only ones that have lost some dear ones. My feelings and tears go out to everyone.

Good news, Last Oct 28 a new great grandchild was born to our grandson Jacob Knight and his wife Cerissa. She is Penelope Daniela Knight.

My grandson was graduating from the police academy in Arlington, Texas (near Ft Worth) on February 4. My sister, Susie talked me into going, and she went with me. I haven't flown in years. I have neuropathy in my feet so at times it is difficult if I have to walk very far. Soooo, we requested wheelchair assistance.



Wow is that great. We were the second and third ones on the plane going to Texas and then coming Back we were the first and second. They took us to baggage, got our bags, took us to pick up and stayed until we were on

our way. Fantastic. So, we have decided that if you want to fly and get special treatment, you need to take me along. Lol. While in Texas they got an ice storm, so graduation was cancelled. Since then he has graduated and now is a police officer. We are all very proud of him.

In May my sister Susie and I took a long trip. We went to the Red Woods. We spent time just walking among the trees. Beautiful -- how awesome that was. Then on to Tacoma, Washington to see our brother Kenneth. Hadn't seen him in a couple of years. Tried to get in touch with cousin Johnny Lentz, but couldn't

get him. Sorry we missed you Johnny and Elaine. We also stopped in Smith River to visit family friends.

Then on to Montana to visit our nephew and niece. Stayed a couple days enjoying their company. While there we went to Yellowstone. (Susie had never been there.) We saw Old Faithfull erupt!

That was pretty neat! Saw the bison roaming around and that



was very enjoyable. Then we left for home. We stopped by Idaho to see my granddaughter and great granddaughter. Then on to Vegas to drop my sister Susie off before heading home to Norwalk, California. Finally home. Long trip, but very enjoyable.

I have an Alaskan cruise coming up August 31. My daughter, Keri and husband in Texas will be going. My neighbor next door is going to share my room with me. Sister Susie and her son, daughter and husband will be going also. It is eight days on the ship and then three days at lodges. I am looking forward to it. Will be nice to put my feet on Alaskan soil again.

Our oldest sister Jan will turn 90 on her birthday in Sept this year. She is doing great. I think she will outlive all of us. Lol

Am hoping that all are doing well .. as you can see, we have been busy. I will be looking forward to reading all the letters.

Love .. Patty Culley



From Northwest Washington June 29, 2022

Hello Family near & far!!!

Reporting from the upper left corner of Washington State. We are all doing well here. A few bumps in the road, but nothing we haven't been able to handle .



The past school year was a whirlwind. Trying our best to move past the Covid times that stole the previous couple years.

The 4 oldest Lentz-Kimball grandkids were all in the same school!

Dawson- senior

Taylor- junior

Lainey- sophomore

Colton- freshman

Kensley- 3rd grade!

They are all very involved in school, sports, and community. Kensley plays volleyball & basketball. She is such a little go-getter & loves to fight for the ball on the basketball court she loves all animals, especially her dogs & horses.



Dawson & Colton were finally able to be on the same team for football & basketball. Such an amazing way for Daws to wrap up high school sports. And Colton won the honor of Freshman of the year for our area in football!!!



Taylor & Lainey play volleyball & basketball together. With Tay entering her senior year, we are trying hard to take in all these moments. They both earned all-league honors in volleyball. Our girls basketball team took 2nd at the state championships! Lainey & Taylor played their hearts out. In the end, we lost the championship by 1 point. Heart-break, but fuel to get that #1 spot this upcoming season.

Dawson placed 3rd in the high jump at the state track championships! He played baseball as a freshman and switched to track after Covid. So exciting to place top 3!



And...Lainey's fastpitch team won the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! It was such a great season with only 1 loss. Great memories made by all.

And finally...Dawson graduated from Nooksack Valley High School. I was the school board representative that got to hand

them their diplomas. A moment I will forever cherish! He plans to attend Skagit Valley College in the fall to pursue firefighting. We are so proud of the adult he is becoming.

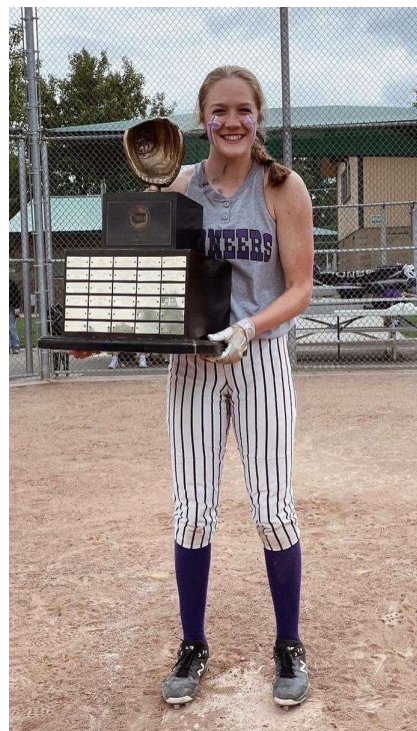
Us adults spend all of our free time going from game to game. It's a truly amazing time in life & we are soaking it all up!! I have included some pictures of the last year.

Love to you all!!

Halli Kimball

Daughter of Roy Lentz

Granddaughter of Ruth Lentz





From Ypsilanti, Michigan July 13, 2022
Hello to all my family!

It was a beautiful day with rain today, which we have not had much of in a while, and the flowers sure could use it. Speaking of flowers, Timothy and I have visited the cemetery of mom and dad (James & Esther Tripp) and he planted flowers for us, and it turned out beautiful. I went back some time later to check on watering the flowers and they were doing well. I weeded them and put 2 solar flood lights around the stone pointing at it. I think it looks special...very special!

I had a great night last night supposedly to go shopping, however, after the first stop I came out to the car and realized my keys were missing! There were only two options: either I dropped them in the store somewhere, or the big bad one – I locked them in the car. Well, it was the latter... So, without a spare key, which this car does not have, I had to call Timothy to check on the insurance coverage for a tow truck to come unlock it. He didn't answer, though, because he was on shift. So, I called James and he had to drive 40 minutes from Jillian's house to come open the car with a tool. Luckily, he was able to open it within 10 seconds and get me on my way. After getting locked out of the car for the first time ever without a spare key, the spirit of shopping was killed.

James and I went to Aurora's 1st birthday party at Nancy and Bob's house in Ann Arbor. It was so nice to see everyone and celebrate the new(ish) addition to the family. It was great to see a happy little face opening some birthday presents for the first time! She ate her cake so daintily.

Last week Kelli took us to get our hair done, and I got a 2-inch cut and then tried to get my hair colored back to my natural red. Unfortunately, I think it missed the mark a little bit (see picture, lol). I wanted to make sure that I got it done enough in advance of James' big day with Jillian! On July 30th is the wedding shower, and I'll see what people think. The wedding sure is coming soon. On that note, I want to thank Nancy for hemming my dress for the shower! It wasn't an easy job compared to other hems.

A few weeks ago, Timothy went on a camping trip a few hours away and I stayed at his house for about a week to take care of Lucifer the cat and Harper the dog. Hopefully he will be writing in and

tell you all about his nightmare of a trip! It's always good to spend time with the animals though. I really miss living with animals.

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July also. Kelli and Ben took me to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI for the celebration that they put on. It was with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and it was a GGG-GRRRRRRREEEEAAATTTT show topped off with fireworks!! Even the conductor was really into it and dancing all over as he conducted! When the fireworks were going off, the orchestra was paying tribute to each of our military branches by playing the song for each branch and having the service members stand during their song. Luckily, during the course of the night, the rain stayed away for the most part and we only had a little bit of rain prior to the performance.

The program called Huron Valley P.A.C.E. that I have been a part of since it started in Washtenaw County (8 years!!!) is still working to get closer to pre-pandemic levels. They are fighting staffing shortages like everyone else and are especially having trouble getting bus drivers to pick all of us up. Before COVID I was going 3 days a week, but I have been going just one day a week for a while now. I really enjoy it so hopefully we'll be able to see each other more often soon.

That's all for this edition from Ypsilanti, Michigan. Love you all, Linda (Tripp) Sjostrom

Daughter of James & Esther (Bariger) Tripp, granddaughter of Solomon & Lurinda (Towle) Tripp

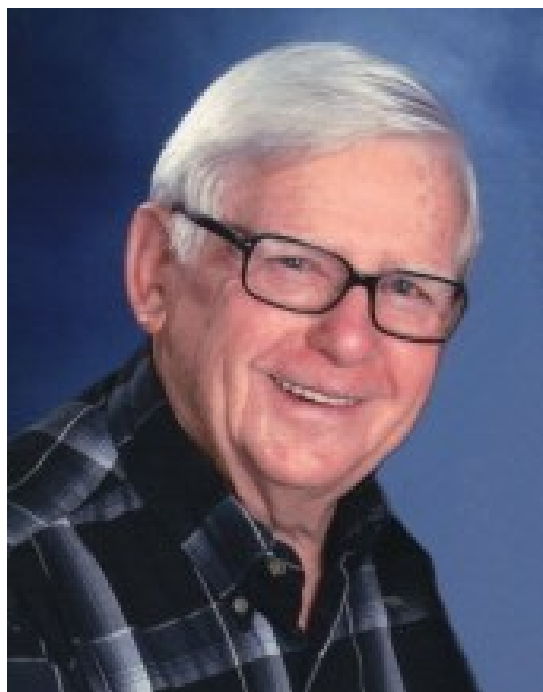


Mervin A. Smith

August 20, 1931 – August 25, 2021

Mr. Mervin “Merv” A. Smith, 90, of Burlington, died at 3:50 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

Born August 20, 1931 in Togo, Saskatchewan, Canada, he was the son of Lloyd Freeman and Hazel Maude (VonHolt) Smith. He married Leah M. Gladman Smith Coen on August 25, 1951 in Burlington. They later divorced. He then married Barbara Brown McSorley February 14, 1999 at the Schramm House in Burlington.



Merv was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Burlington where he held the office of Teacher.

He worked as an electrician for Champion Spark Plug for 26 years, until his retirement in August of 1993. He served on the Board of Directors, Three I Credit Union for 16 years, member of UAW Local 1237, and past CAP chairman UAW for 6 years. He was a member of Sac & Fox Lapidary Club in Fairfield, IA, Cotillion Dance Club and the Moose Lodge #579. He was a past Board of Directors, president, and vice president of Palmetto Mobile Home Park in Florida where they wintered for 20 years.

His hobbies included geode hunting, lapidary, fishing and making jewelry from rocks and small geodes. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan and was the best peanut brittle maker around. He enjoyed traveling to Canada in their RV for family reunions and salmon fishing. He never knew a stranger and was always helping people.

Survivors include his wife Barbara J. McSorley-Smith of West Burlington; children, Colleen Smith, Susan Peterson, Karen (Mark) Petersen, and Diane (Cliff) Twitchel all of Burlington; two stepsons, Rick (Lynn) McSorley of Maryland and David McSorley of West Burlington; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gail Braun, and Marjorie Marshall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Debra Fritz, two grandchildren, sister Mabel Handley, and brother Raymond Smith.

A celebration of life for Merv will be held at a later date, due to Covid-19.

According to his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to Lunning Chapel. Memorials have been established for Community of Christ Church and Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

David Alan McSorley

May 27, 1961–November 20, 2021

David Alan McSorley, 60, of West Burlington, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Danville Care Center.



Born May 27, 1961 in Sioux City, IA, he was the son of Charles McSorley and Barbara (Brown) McSorley-Smith.

David worked at Texas Instruments, as an over the road semi driver and Manheim auto auction in Dallas, TX.

He lived in Plano, TX for 40 years before moving back to West Burlington two years ago. He put up a valiant fight against esophageal cancer for those two years.

David was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, Miami Dolphins and St. Louis Cardinals fan. He enjoyed fishing, playing the guitar and getting together with his friends at the Eagles Club.

Survivors include his mother, Barbara McSorley-Smith of West Burlington; father Charles McSorley of Denton, TX; brother Rick (Lynn) McSorley of Silver Spring, MD and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his step-father Mervin Smith of West Burlington; grandparents Arch and Violet Brown of New London, IA and Andrew and Ethel McSorley of Mt. Pleasant, IA



Bonnie Elaine (Milner) Sudduth
June 11, 1947 – February 26, 2022

Bonnie passed from this vale of tears, to be with our Lord and Savior, JESUS CHRIST. She passed on February 26th, 2022, of complications from Covid 19, and pneumonia, along with cardiac arrest. She was 74 years, 8 months.

Bonnie was born to Ralph Morley & Mary Edith (Tripp) Milner, on June 11, 1947, raised in a suburb of Ann Arbor, Michigan; attended Dixboro Elementary school, Ann Arbor Junior & Senior High Schools

Bonnie was memorable to say the least. If you have met her, you probably have a story to tell about her. She never sat on the fence regarding her beliefs on any subject. This said, you could not argue any point with her. Actually you could, but you would never convince her that her perspective wasn't the one and only true idea, and she loved any opportunity to share ideas!

Her career started out as a typist, went on to be a data-card operator; a computer programmer for numerous firms, learning more & more programming languages.

Her first major firm job was Somero Publishing Company, where she was introduced to Oracle Data Base System(s), then spent the next 14 years with Raytheon Systems, Inc. She was then hired as a (an) Oracle DBA for L3 Systems, Inc and retired after four years, due to poor health.

Bonnie was a member of The National Management Association, Sweet Adeline's Choral Group, and the Community of Christ.



Bonnie's life was all about family and friends, but most important was God at the helm.

She is survived by one son, Drew Brandon Schinderle, stepchildren; Kathy McFall, Deborah Hamilton, Roy Sudduth, Gerald Sudduth Jr, husband, Gerald R. (Jerry) Sudduth, sisters - Judith E. Hunter of Florida, and Nancy (Bob) Noffsinger, of Michigan, nieces Barrie Whitehead and Kristina Thornton, nephew W. Roy Hunter, three grandsons, as well as, numerous cousins.

