

Tripp Family Recorder

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Editor's Corner:

This is the 180th issue of this newsletter! It started with every letter being sent to the editor through the U.S. mail then retyped at a nominal cost of \$5/year. A few years ago we waived the cost, just asking everyone to email their letter to the editor who then copies and pastes them all into a single letter. These letters also live on a web page. We all know this family is huge, but it needs something like this newsletter to allow us to connect with cousins we never see and maybe never met. Consider writing in and introducing yourself.

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From Michigan — Nancy Noffsinger [Nancy is granddaughter of Solomon & Lurinda Tripp; daughter of Edith]

It's been an interesting year. We were in Florida the beginning of the year, then returned to Michigan in April. My daughter reminded us that we were returning during spring break and I thanked her for telling us, but basically ignored her. What difference could that possibly make to us? We were not headed to the coast (not either one). So we packed up and got on the road for what is normally a two day, 18 hour max trip. Well ... we should have listened to Kristi, because there were so many more cars on the road that our trip took 26 hours! 13 hours each day and most of it was in dog-slow traffic! Just saying ... when your adult kids tells you something ... listen! Lesson learned. (I hope)

We went down to Georgia in May for a great granddaughter high school graduation. She and her family have been at Ft. Benning for the last several years. Her dad just retired from the army so they have now moved off base to Columbus. We did get to tour their new house while we were there. Oh yes, I should correct myself. They have renamed Ft. Benning to Ft. Moore. Ugh! Sorry, but although the Moore family probably deserves to have an army post named after them, erasing the name of a confederate soldier does not erase history. Wars are horrible, but we should remember that sacrifices were made on both sides.

We have had company since before we left to visit Georgia in May. They left this morning. So you can imagine that things have been a little busy around here with extra people in the house. I have to say that they were here so long that I got used to it and it feels weird and quiet here today. Rick and Sherry are long time friends and they were here selling their house. They had been renting it for the past few years and are now relocating permanently to the Phoenix area.

I hope this finds you all well. Please consider writing a few lines for the next newsletter. We all love hearing from everyone.

Love from Bob & Nancy in Michigan

Kenneth Avery Thomason
February 2, 1936-June 9, 2023

From Patty (Thomason) Culley ... southern California

Kenneth Avery Thomason, son of Frieda (Tripp, Thomason) Laymance, grandson of Solomon Tripp and my big brother, died June 9, 2023 in Tacoma Washington. He had been sick for quite a while. They released him from the hospital, so he was at home with his immediate family when he passed.

Kenneth was a fantastic brother. He called us the girls. He would call us each and every month to see if we were OK. He loved family, his immediate family and the siblings.

I will miss all the reminiscing we did together. So many memories. When I was little, before we moved from Washington to California, Kenneth would take me with him on his paper route. I felt so big to be able to go with him. And then our memories of the trip to California -- Mom with seven kids and a dog! What a trip that was.

But my favorite memories of him were the roller-skating dates. He was a beautiful skater. He would dance with me on the skates. This was the only time I could skate backwards. He would hold me and push me backwards. I felt like I was floating. There was no one on the floor except he and I, or so I felt. He was still skating into his 70's. He loved skating.

I am going to miss him so terribly much.

I am sure a lot of you know how I feel so I will stop here.

The picture (below) from left to right is sister Janice, Laura, brother Kenneth, sister Susie, Sandy (deceased) and me, Patty. There are four of us left out of eight.



From Arizona — Virginia McGee

[Virginia is Great Granddaughter of Solomon and Lurinda Tripp, Granddaughter of Frieda; daughter of Laura]

Wow, I've never written a letter on my phone before. I'm traveling right now. My grandson, David, graduated from eighth grade as valedictorian. To celebrate, I am taking him to California, land of my birth, lol, to visit the sights. So far, we've traveled the coast, stopped at a beach, a couple of thrift stores, La Brea Tar Pits, Disneyland and Adventureland (two) days each and we will be seeing Universal Studios. I hope to go up the coast to San Francisco and up a little further to see the Redwoods before we head down home again. It's a lot of work having fun. I'm already so tired, lol. It's nice to visit Aunt Pat too when we have down time.

Virginia Sierra Vista AZ



From Las Vegas, Nevada

Hi everyone –

It has been a long time since I have contributed to this newsletter and I'm sorry for that. I know how important it is to a lot of us. I am retired and keep myself busy, but I have often wondered what I have to say that would be of interest to anyone else.

I am the eighth and youngest child of Frieda (Tripp)(Thomason) Laymance. I live in Las Vegas, Nevada, where I recently celebrated, with about 200,000 other LV hockey fans, the coveted Stanley Cup Championship.

Although I was born only a few short days before Christmas, my mother always made sure that my special day was separated from that other momentous occasion. I grew up knowing that, like everyone else, there was a day where family and friends would celebrate with me. As I got older, I realized that such a small gesture had an everlasting impact on me. One of my favorite things about my birthday as a child was a very important phone call, I received each year. Every morning on December 19th my grandpa, Solomon Tripp, called to wish me a "Happy Birthday" since it was his birthday too. I felt very special to share this important bond with him. On my 13th birthday, when my mom got up, she found me fast asleep in my dad's chair with the phone in my lap. Waiting for the phone call that never came. I really missed those calls. I no longer remember what we talked about, but that never mattered anyway.

Last year I turned 75 and my family asked me how I wanted to celebrate. After a few weeks of going back and forth I decided that I wanted to go to Disney World in Florida. Growing up in California, I had been to Disneyland many times, but never to Disney World. So, the six of us packed up and spent a week at the Disney World properties. It was a whirlwind vacation and I loved it. It was exhausting, but fun!

I don't want to take up too much space, but before I go, I would like to tell you about an unusual Christmas gift I received last year from my daughter and son-in-law. It is called Storyworth, and for those of you who have not heard of it, I'd like to briefly explain. On the website I was able to choose as many questions as I wanted to answer, sparking a flood of memories. My subscription is for one

year, so I chose 52 questions. Once a week I receive one of the questions by email. I type in my thoughts and memories and click on Done. That's all. They make it very easy for you to do. During this time, if you choose, they will forward your responses to people you choose to receive them. At the end of the year, they bind your stories into a book, along with any photos you sent, and mail you the book. Storyworth is a great gift for anyone you know who would like to share their life experiences with those close to them. It's a really good way to preserve those stories for generations to come. It's a gift that keeps giving. No, I don't work for the company, nor am I their spokesperson, I just recognize a true gift from the heart.

That's all from me for now. Please take care of yourselves and those you love. Life is short, but infinitely sweet.

Love to all, Susan Hardwick



From Nebraska
[Pauline is granddaughter of Solomon and
Lurinda
Tripp, daughter of Ruth]

Hi everyone.

Thanks
Patty. I am
home now
and doing
OK. I have a
long road
ahead of me.
I was there
for 8 days.
Went in for a
stent, which
worked good



but I had a little cold and it turned into something else. I am very weak and Sally is working hard to get me in shape. We had planned a trip to Florida as the girls are doing a Pageant there, Dr. Advised me to cancel.

Oh yes the marriage. It was a beautiful courtship we had a lot of fun and talked and laughed all the time. We are the same age and knew all the same singers and movies. It was wonderful. He goes to my church and all the kids and grandchildren really liked him, he had taken classes to teach the Bible to the seniors at a low income housing place we have here. The wedding was so beautiful all my girls were singing and they made it so special.

I rented us a bnb in Lincoln so we could spend a few days alone, it was wonderful.

Then we came home, and yea honeymoon was over. Ten days into the marriage his true self came out.

I am too old to live that kind of life, divorce will be final on July 25. Yea I finally got conned.

I am fine; the family has been wonderful and taking care of me. Susie.. I like the idea of the book I will be looking it up sounds wonderful.

Well that is my life in a nutshell. The kids are doing fantastic,

Sally is healthy and having a good life. Her grandchild is getting married in September so she has to make a trip to Oregon.

Guess that is all for now.

Love you all and wish we could come see everyone.

Pauline

Greetings from Texas!

It is hard to believe that we are entering July of 2023. So many changes and so much growth here at Casa Delgado.

Let's start with my husband, David. He is currently working in Phoenix and travels home to Texas a few weekends a month. He had a heart attack at the end of May but is recovering well. I'm on summer break from teaching and will return in early August to year 11. Only a lot more years to go until I can retire.

Sterling, our oldest has decided to join the United States Airforce. He is awaiting a ship out date for BMT.

Charles, our youngest son is working a part-time job at a local pizza place and will be a senior in high school in the fall.

Our oldest daughter, Samantha, will start her sophomore year of high school and is currently spending the summer working on improving her skills on the softball field and in the cattle show arena. We are in the throes of last minute planning of her Quinceañera.

Cassidie, our youngest daughter, will be a freshman in high school and plans to try her talents in volleyball.

Hope all is well with everyone! I love reading the Recorder and look forward to each issue.

Cindy Delgado -
Daughter of Sue (Anderson) Hester



From Iowa — Betty Printy [Betty is granddaughter of Solomon & Lurinda; daughter of June (Tripp) Searcy]

Hi everyone



I am not very good at keeping in touch but I do enjoy reading your letters, we are still busy as usual, still working and running the store, gardening, canning, so nothing different. I have fifty gallons of berries in the freezer and canned chicken and peaches yesterday! It's very hot here so have to keep everything watered.



Bill had his 86th birthday yesterday, and still does some blacksmithing, but not a lot anymore. He tries to keep up with the mowing. And keeps track of me.

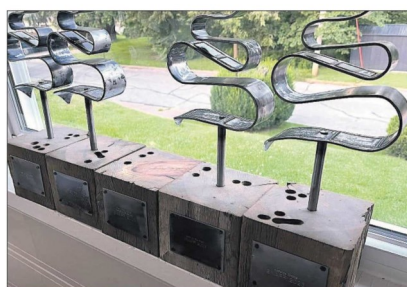
I am still making some pottery and we only keep the store open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so that gives us more time at home.

The kids and grandkids live close enough that we get to see them fairly often, but they are busy also. But they come to help when we need them, so that is good.

This getting old has a lot of adjustment to letting others do what we cannot get done anymore. I have trouble with that!

Hope everyone is doing ok, will try to write again,

Love you all,
from Iowa,,,Betty



The 2023 Snake Alley Festival of Film trophies include filmstrips created by blacksmith Bill Printy of Iron & Lace in Bentonsport. Becker's Jewelers engraved the plates with the titles in each category. The festival is this weekend in Burlington.

From Florida — Judy Hunter [Judy is granddaughter of Solomon & Lurinda; daughter of Edith]

Hello everyone —

I don't know what it's like where you are, but it's around 92 degrees here today. That is actually a relief from the 100 degree weather we were having, but it's still hot. I just looked at some other areas of the US and was surprised to see that it's 99 degrees in Dallas and 110 degrees in Death Valley, California! I don't think any of you live in Death Valley. Ugh. That's hot ... call it a dry heat ... I don't care ... that's hot!

So I am actually recovering from neck surgery. What I mean is that I am going home from the hos-



pital today. Yes, you heard me right ... today which is Tuesday, 7/25. I told this info to Nancy so she is actually writing this ... I'm not ready to do much of anything yet but get home and become prone on my couch or recliner! My daughter is

my chauffer for the upcoming time. I will have to wear a hard collar for the next 6-8 weeks. Doesn't that sound comfy? It was less than a year ago that I was helping take care of my daughter's horses and our dog, and here I am being taken care of. Whoever said getting old isn't for sissies was so so right! I'm supposed to give a sermon in a couple of weeks and I'm not sure if I will be able to talk or even read my notes by then. I guess if I can't, I'll have someone read my talk. We'll see.

I miss you all and think of you often. As Uncle Norman used to end with ... I'll see you in the funny papers. Love Judy (Milner) Hunter

P.S. I live in Okeechobee, Florida. That's on the east coast.

From California – Patty Culley
[Patty is granddaughter of Solomon and Lurinda
Tripp, daughter of Frieda]
Hello everyone,

This has been a very busy, exciting, lonely, and sick year. It started out with me having some medical issues. Stomach issues. Then we went on an Alaskan cruise. Went with family. My daughter from Texas went with us. My sister Susie and her daughter and son went with us, others also, and Denise next door went. Denise is like my adopted daughter; I talked about my trip in the last newsletter and put some pictures in there. Earlier in this newsletter I told about my brother Kenneth passing away. I miss him.

My great granddaughter Madison graduated from preschool, and will be 5 in Aug. That same month she will get a new baby sister. My daughter's family is growing. Madison starts kindergarten in Sept so big changes for her!

Went to Montana to visit my nephew and we went camping. It had been a long time since I have been camping. It was great. David caught trout and cooked them up for me. My favorite fish is trout. That was fantastic. Then we went to Mt. Rushmore and we also went and saw the Devils tower. I had a very good visit with Dave and Robin in Montana.

I must not forget to tell everyone that I have a new great granddaughter in Texas. Annelise Daisy Knight — born 4/14/2023. Penelope is no longer an only child, but a big sister.

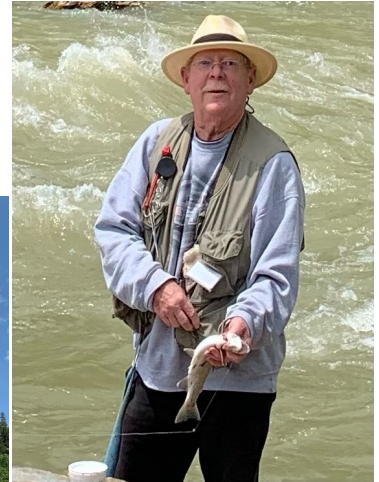
I have had my roof replaced, now just need to get it permitted. Hopefully that is all for now. Been a busy year. Here's hoping all is going well for everyone.

Love to all. Patty Culley

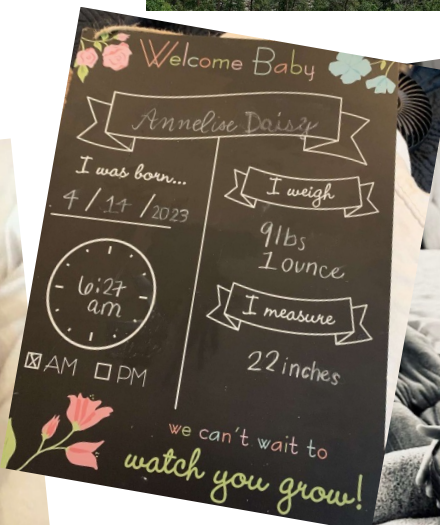
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Nephew David with trout!



Devils Tower



Penelope with
new baby sister
Annelise Daisy

