

# WOLVERTONS UNLIMITED



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Covers all Wolvertons/Woolvertons in the U.S., Canada, and England. *with special focus on descendants of Charles Woolverton (c1660-c1746), Andrew Woolverton (c1750-c1812), Moses Hanks (1746-1831) and allied families (Dodson, Neville, Littlefield, Harris, etc.).*

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## REUNIONS:

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY  
35 NORTH WEST TEMPLE  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150

May 12, 1996--Woolverton Mountain Reunion (Descendants of William Louis Woolverton). Formosa Community Building, Formosa, Arkansas

May 26, 1996--Littlefield Reunion (Descendants of John Monroe Littlefield), at Fletcher New School Building, Fletcher, Oklahoma

June 13-16, 1996--36th Annual Harris Reunion (Descendants of James David Harris), at L. E. Franks, Jr., Tourist Center, Raymondville, Texas

August 11, 1996--Harris Reunion (Descendants of Gideon Harris), Columbia, Tennessee

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## ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Belated anniversary greetings to Cousins Bob and Margaret (Williams) Evans of Lockhart, Texas. Margaret is my mother's first cousin and is doubly descended from the Dodsons and is a Harris and Woolverton cousin. Bob and Margaret celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 2, 1995. My Aunt Ruby Jean Barber of Cortez, Colorado, probably traveled the farthest to attend the celebration.

Congratulations to my great-aunt and uncle, Leta and James Pinson, on their 67th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 3, 1929 at Duncan, Oklahoma.

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## SYMPATHY

Our condolences and sympathy to Anna V. Smith in the loss of her husband, Merle G. Smith, Jr., one of our Woolverton-Hanks cousins descended from John Bird Woolverton of Texas. Ann says, "My husband of 44 years, Merle Jr., died unexpectedly December 24, 1995 here at home. I am enclosing an obituary from the local newspaper if you wish to use it."

Ann continues: "I will miss him, especially when on a genealogy trip. He was my right hand and loved to check the old newspapers. I plan on staying busy with genealogy and hope to see everyone at the Woolverton reunion in Arkansas in May."

Also, word was just received from Charles Littlefield Seaman, who edits the Littlefield Family Newsletter, of the passing of his wife and co-editor, Dorothy A. "Dotty" Seaman. Charles is a great friend who is doing excellent work on documenting Littlefield history. We very much sympathize with him and our prayers are with him.

Copies of the obituaries of Merle Smith and Dotty Seaman are included elsewhere. Also an announcement of Clifton Clowers' death which comes from one of the local papers near Woolverton Mountain. His death occurred in 1994, sometime in July, as near as I can determine, and he is buried in the Woolverton Mountain Cemetery. Gene Woolverton of West Plains, Missouri, sent the write-up on Clifton Clowers.

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QUERIES:

Bonnie Woolverton of Tennessee Colony, TX recommended you and your newsletter as possible sources in my quest. I am searching for information on Louisa Wolverton, born about 1847 in Texas. I would like to know her parents, where and when she married, and anything else I can learn about her. Currently I know that she supposedly married a Dr. Jack Miller and had a daughter named Mary Keturah Miller, born in Arkansas about 1874. She married Ben Osborn somewhere in Alaska in the late 1890s or early 1900s and returned to Scott County, Kentucky with him before 1910. Her daughter and grandson, Jack Miller Lowery (b. in California in 1895), visited her there and the grandson was living with her at the time of the 1910 census. I have the one census entry and Louisa Wolverton Miller Osborn's death certificate, but that is all. I have searched records across the nation, but cannot find any other references to her.

I thought this Louisa was probably related to the Louisa Woolverton who married William Gwinn in Anderson Co. Texas in 1849. There is no record that this Louisa Woolverton, however, had a brother who could have been the father of my Louisa. The Anderson Co. records show Louisa Woolverton Gwinn to be the daughter of William R. Woolverton and Penzey Holloway who were married in Maury County, TN in 1828. William was the oldest son of John "Bird" Woolverton, Sr. and Anna Jane Hanks Woolverton. Bonnie Woolverton says, "I know there were Wolvertons in Limestone County, TX as early as Louisa was born, and one branch of ours was in Rusk County then (although I'm quite sure no Louisa descends from the Rusk Co. group). I don't know anyone researching the Limestone County group, although there is an article in the Limestone County history, but it only lists one child (a son) of the pioneer couple there." Do you know anyone researching this group in Limestone Co., TX?

-- Jo Thiessen, 106 Eider Ct., Georgetown, KY 40324-9239  
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I would like any information concerning the ancestry of Tillman Wolverton who settled in Limestone Co., Texas in the early 1840s. Is anyone researching this family?

-- Bonnie Woolverton, P.O. Box 415, Tennessee Colony, TX 75861; Ph. 903-729-8692

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FROM OUR READERS

Wayne Stafford reports favorably concerning cousin Libby Gramling. "Just talked with Libby Gramling. She has made so much progress on her family history. She has established the new line for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas on John Bird Woolverton. She also has joined the DAR and the Colonial Dames. She has used her retirement time to the fullest extent." [*Congratulations Libby on tracking down the proof that John Bird Woolverton was in the Republic of Texas before it became a state in 1836--ed.*]

Wayne adds: "Thanks for your newsletter that will bring people together from different parts of the country and keep everyone focused."

Recently Wayne Stafford, Bonnie Woolverton, and Bill Randolph met together to share genealogy records on the Hanks and Woolverton families. Wayne has more than 5,000 records of Hanks/Woolverton descendants on computer disk. He says that by the first of February he should have the windows version of Brother's Keeper (*the program he is using*). This will allow him to put data for register reports into word processor data files. He also is using GEDCOM files to transfer information between computer programs.

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TOBY AND ME

Since the last newsletter, I have heard from Charle Evans Wolverton of Clarksburg, West Virginia. He has just completed a book of verse, which some of our readers may be interested in. It is called Toby and Me. "Toby" refers to his cat, but the poems cover all facets of life. The book contains 70 leaves of poems in a spiral-bound booklet.

In the introduction, Wolverton shares that someone has said, "Anybody can be a poet. It doesn't require any knowledge, education, training, or sense." Wolverton responds: "Well then, I'll never be a poet; for I have some knowledge, have had some training, have had some education, and have some sense" The author is a graduate of Salem College (now Salem-Teikyo University), class of 1940.

Also in the introduction, he shares how poetry has been a big part of his life over the last 70+ years that he has attended Clarksburg Baptist Church. Periodically he has served as an adult Sunday school teacher, and the poems he

has written have helped to illustrate a lesson or idea. The book was especially prepared to share with fellow members of his church.

This is a limited edition of 100 copies. His actual cost to produce the work came to around \$12.50 per book. He is offering the book to our readers at a discounted price. He says that all who desire a copy should donate a gift of \$4.00 minimum and up to \$8.00 maximum, plus postage, to help defray expenses. Send remittance to:

Charles E. Wolverton  
207 Emerson Road  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

At the right is a short sample  
of his poetry:

Thanks, Anyway

Must I conform, to God's desire,  
While entrenched in earthly mire.  
Can he find me, here somewhere,  
If I search will He be there.  
Will He touch my outstretched hand.  
Lead me to sacrificial land.  
"Yes, but you must first be,  
God like for the world to see.  
You must walk in His light,  
Never hiding out of His sight."  
Oh! All of that, I must do;  
Gee! Thanks, anyway to you.

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By Charles E. Wolverton

WOLVERTON PLACE NAMES IN THE U.S. (Arranged by State)

- WOOLVERTON MOUNTAIN, Conway County, Arkansas  
[mountain 3 miles southwest of Formosa, AR; named after  
William L. Woolverton<sup>5</sup> (James<sup>4</sup>, Andrew<sup>3</sup>, Joel<sup>2</sup>, Charles<sup>1</sup>)]
- WOOLVERTON MOUNTAIN CEMETERY, Conway County, Arkansas  
[cemetery at top of Woolverton Mountain]
- WOLVERTON CORRALS, Tulare County, California  
[geographic location near Pinewood Camp, Sequoia  
National Park, CA]
- WOLVERTON CREEK, Sequoia National Park, Tulare County,  
California [small stream near Wolverton Corrals]
- WOLVERTON, Wilkin County, Minnesota [town in west central  
Minnesota with a post office; named after Dr. William  
Dilts Wolverton Wolverton (1834-1922)<sup>6</sup> (Andrew<sup>5</sup>, Job<sup>4</sup>,  
Gabriel<sup>3</sup>, Joel<sup>2</sup>, Charles<sup>1</sup>)]
- WOOLVERTON INN, R.D. 3, Box 233-A, Stockton, Hunterdon  
County, New Jersey 08559; ph. 609-397-0802  
[hotel at Stockton, New Jersey, in home established in  
1793 and originally owned by family of John Woolverton  
(1755-1837)<sup>4</sup> (Morris Woolverton<sup>3</sup>, Charles Woolverton<sup>2</sup>,  
Charles Woolverton<sup>1</sup>).
- WOLVERTON, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania  
[geographic location near Klines Grove, Pennsylvania;  
nearest post office is Sunbury, PA]

WOLVERTON CROSSING, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania  
*[geographic feature near Wolverton, PA]*

WOOLVERTON CLEARING, Maury Co., Tennessee *[geographic feature  
in the early 1800s when Andrew<sup>3</sup> Woolverton's family lived  
there; probably no longer exists]*

WOOLVERTON CEMETERY, McNairy County, Tennessee  
*[family cemetery 3 miles northwest of Adamsville, TN;  
James Matthew Woolverton<sup>4</sup> and some of his brother,  
William<sup>4</sup> Woolverton's family are buried there]*

WOLVERTON RANCH, Grand County, Utah  
*[a ranch northeast of Moab, UT]*

Likely there are other small places, cemeteries, streets, or physical features named "Wolverton" which I have not been able to locate. If any of our readers know of other places, physical features, etc. named Wolverton or Woolverton, please let me know.

Many of the above locations were "discovered" while looking at a computer generated file at the local library. It is called DeLorme Street Atlas USA and was prepared by DeLorme Mapping, copyright 1993. Using this system, I am able to get a map of any locality in the U.S. down to an individual street in any town or city.

In conjunction with Street Atlas U.S.A., I have also used a computer telephone index which covers the entire United States. It is called PhoneDisc. This also is available at the local library. I understand this phone index is also available for use on personal computers. The PhoneDisc has helped me locate a number of individuals who had moved or previously were unknown to me. I have used this system to help others find addresses too.

I intend to include maps of some of these localities in future issues, but if anyone wants to find these places, usually the Highway Department has detailed maps of localities for the state in which one lives (and probably adjoining states). These maps would show these sites. Also many University libraries or libraries with holdings of government documents and maps have sets of these detailed highway maps for the entire United States.

I am sending similar lists of U.S. place names to researchers working on the following family names which I am interested in: Littlefield, Harris, Ledbetter, Boyd, Garvin, and Calico.--ed.

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WOLVERTON STREET LISTINGS IN THE U.S. (Arranged by State)

TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1) What town in the Southeastern U.S. has 5 streets named

Wolverton A, B, C, D, and E?

2) What town near our Nation's Capital has a Wolverton Road and Woolverton Avenue?

WOLVERTON AVENUE, Camarillo, California  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Glendale, California  
WOLVISTON WAY, San Diego, California  
WOLVERTON ROAD, Sequoia National Park, Tulare County,  
California [*highway near Wolverton Corrals, CA*]  
WOLVERTON STREET, Ventura, California  
WOLVERTON A, Boca Raton, Florida  
WOLVERTON B, Boca Raton, Florida  
WOLVERTON C, Boca Raton, Florida  
WOLVERTON D, Boca Raton, Florida  
WOLVERTON E, Boca Raton, Florida  
WOLVERTON CIRCLE, Lithonia, Georgia  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Lithonia, Georgia  
WOLVERTON COURT, Stone Mountain, Georgia  
WOLVERTON LANE, Rockford, Illinois  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
WOLVERTON ROAD, Baltimore, Maryland  
WOOLVERTON AVENUE, Baltimore, Maryland  
WOLVERHAMPTON LANE, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Florissant, Missouri  
WOLVERTON AVENUE, Henderson, Nevada  
WOOLVERTON ROAD, Stockton, New Jersey  
WOLVERTON STREET, Trenton, New Jersey  
WOLVERHAMPTON DRIVE, Raleigh, North Carolina  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Cleveland, Ohio  
WOLVERTON HOLLOW, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania  
[*highway between Wolverton and Klines Grove, PA*]  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Austin, Texas  
WOLVERTON COURT, Garland, Texas  
WOLFETON WAY, San Antonio, Texas  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Spring, Texas  
WOLFERTON STREET, Norfolk, Virginia  
WOLVERTON DRIVE, Richmond, Virginia  
E. WOLVERTON COURT, Spokane, Washington

TRIVIA ANSWERS: 1) Boca Raton, FL; 2) Baltimore, MD

To locate this list of street names, I have mostly used three different sources, the DeLorme Street Atlas USA, PhoneDisc, and the 1995 National Five-Digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory.

This is a fairly complete listing I think, at least for major cities which have more than one zip code, as I checked street listings in major cities for all 50 states. The next step would be to contact the local historical society or library in each vicinity to see if someone can uncover the story on how each street got its name.

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HARRIS HUNTERS

One of our subscribers, Charles L. Seaman, notified me last year of a new family quarterly called Harris Hunters, being issued by Richard G. Boyd. Mr. Boyd is also the editor of the newsletter for the House of Boyd Society, which is part of a Scottish clan. Cost is \$12.50 per year or \$125.00 for a lifetime subscription to Harris Hunters. Membership is open to all people interested in the Harris family. Queries are free, and all types of historical records and photographs on Harrises are being used in this newsletter. Connected with this newsletter, there is also a Harris family data file which is being entered on computer by Ann Harris, 1913 Berkeley Ave., Austin, TX 78745; Ph. 512-442-3827. The system being used is a PAF™ file chart. She can also receive data via the GEDCOM format. These records will eventually be submitted to the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Early last year I sent Mr. Boyd names and addresses of several of our subscribers whom I know have Harris lines. It has been gratifying to see many of those names on the Harris Hunters membership list. It is a good quarterly, and I have already made some leads concerning my own Captain Thomas Harris (1586-1658) family whose descendants settled in Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, and many other states. Should you wish to subscribe, send the subscription price to:

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*I believe others of our subscribers have E-Mail. I'd like the E-Mail addresses for Marianne Golay, Bo Graham, Randy Wolverton, and any others.--ed.*

## WAYNE WOLVERTON IS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

*I received a very informative letter from Wayne Wolverton, dated January 12, 1996. His letter should interest all of us, as he is representative of the many U.S. servicemen who have been called overseas in recent months. Wayne is a great-nephew of Royal Wolverton and is one of our subscribers to Wolvertons Unlimited. His letter was handwritten, but I have retyped it for easier reading.--ed.*

Dear Glenn,

Friday, Jan. 12, 1996

I received word that I was being called to active duty on Dec. 15th, and to report to Ft. Bragg on Dec. 19th.

As you can imagine, it was a pretty emotional farewell at Newark Airport for me, Maureen, and Krystina when I left the first time, on December 19th, right before the first big snowstorm. That's right--after leaving the first time--we arrived at Ft. Bragg, only to be told that our mission had been postponed until after Christmas (we had been scheduled to fly overseas on Dec. 23), and no one had bothered to call us before we left!

So we stayed at Ft. Bragg, working for 3 days. Then 3 of us rented a car, drove up the 22nd, spent a thankful Christmas with the family, and returned to Ft. Bragg on the 26th (after another tearful departure). After 10 days of training, shots, briefings, etc., we headed out.

Myself and 2 other folks from our group of 5 left Ft. Bragg on Saturday, Jan. 6, just ahead of the "Storm/Blizzard of the Century" (as opposed to the 1993 "Blizzard of the Century" on mine and Maureen's wedding day!). We flew from Fayetteville, NC to Atlanta to Frankfurt, Germany (commercial air--Delta--not military, thank you), missed our connection, sat in Frankfurt for 6 hours, then on to Budapest, Hungary. It was decided that 3 of us were worth flying in early, while the other 2 would go with our equipment and vehicles 2 days later (it ended up being 5 days later, thanks to the storm).

We made it through customs, minus 4 bags (2 each, myself and another), and proceeded to Tazsar Air Base, outside Kaposvar, Hungary, about 150 miles from the Croatian border, and about 220 miles from Tuzla. All told, the trip took about 28 hours.

I'm working in the G-5 (civilian affairs) section of the Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe (Forward). That's who the 1st Armored Division and 3rd Infantry Division, the 2 main groups of U.S. soldiers, belong to (actually, 5th corps is who they belong to, but they're kind of the same). We're responsible for being the liaison with the local, county, and national government, dealing with coordinating all types of meetings, relationship, etc. between the military and civilians. We're also responsible for all the Civil Affairs soldiers (about 450, 400 or so who are Reservists), in keeping up with where they are and what they're doing.

Right now, I work the day shift in the command post, a tented area outside the main administration building. We have 1 or 2 representatives from each staff section, with the 1-, 2-, & 3-star generals sitting in the middle, along with some maps, video conference monitors, and about 50 phones, military and commercial, where the generals can reach out and grab us for something.

It's basically a pretty hectic place. I get here at 7:30 a.m., sit through 2 command briefs at 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., at which I give one brief, 2 video conferences, a report writing session, and 2 shift changes. In between this, I spend the time answering the phone, passing on questions, arranging meetings, calling other areas for status reports, and the like. I usually get done around 10:00 p.m., go back to my luxurious quarters at the "Kaposvar Hilton" (Ha! More



on that later) and either write a little, or read a little, before bed. There's not really anything else to do.

We're prohibited from leaving the base, wearing civilian clothes, or partaking of alcohol. There's no recreation facilities whatsoever, except for 1 big screen TV in the mess hall, which shows Armed Forces TV. There's a small PX where we can buy some snacks, sodas, & personal items like soap, toothpaste, etc. This is an ex-Russian MIG Air Base, and it looks it. Pretty beat up.

We're staying in barracks, with 6 of us in a room that's about 12' x 12'. There are 3 bunk beds, and nothing else, so everything pretty much stays in our duffle bags and ruck sacks. However, we do have heat, hot water, and we're dry, which is more than can be said for a lot of guys in Tuzla and elsewhere in Bosnia.

Our mess hall serves T-rations, the modern version of C-rations. It's basically bulk processed rood, heated up at the serving area. Pretty bad. We get MREs, soup, and rolls for lunch. I stick to the soup, rolls, a little box of cereal for breakfast, and as many vegetables and salad I can get for dinner.

It's been a difficult transition for Maureen. She's had to deal with me leaving, plus doing all of the work around the house that I did. Granted, she already did most of it, but add to that all the bills, financial dealings, yard work, snow shoveling, trash hauling, etc., she has more than a full load.

Please keep her and the kids in your prayers, as they have the toughest job of all--waiting for me to come home. Give her a call once in a while, just to let her know you care and that you're thinking of her. Lastly, say a prayer for our guys and gals who are, as they say around here, "down range." They're doing the tough jobs, in the mud, snow, rain, etc.

Have to get moving now. Drop me a line when you get a chance.

Always, Wayne

*Should you wish to write to Wayne overseas, his address is:*

MAJ Wayne A. Wolverton  
HQ, USAREUR (Fwd), G-5  
Operation Joint Endeavor  
APO AE 09793

### Dorothy A. Seaman worked on genealogies

OGUNQUIT – Dorothy A. Seaman, 55, of Cove Road, died Saturday at a York hospital after a long illness.

She was born in South Berwick, a daughter of Bernard V. and Irene Moy Hough and was a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in So. Berwick.

Mrs. Seaman had worked for many lawyers doing title searches, and worked on many York County genealogies. In the past few years she had worked almost exclusively on the Littlefield family research.

She was a member of the Old Berwick Historical Society, Wells-Ogunquit Historical Society, Old York Historical Society, Maine Historical Society, the Maine Genealogical Society, York County Genealogical Society and the Ancient Landmark Society of Parsonfield.

She is survived by her husband Charles L. Seaman of Ogunquit; two sons, James A. Keyes of Long Island, N.Y. and John J. Keyes of Wells; and an aunt Joan Lord of Springvale.

Burial will be in the New Town Cemetery, Rollinsford, N.H. in the spring. Arrangements by the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, York.

SEAMAN--In York, Feb. 17, Dorothy A. Seaman, of Cove Road, Ogunquit, wife of Charles L.

Seaman.  
Interment in the spring in New Town Cemetery, Rollinsford, N.H. Family requests memorial donations be made to the Old Berwick Historical Society, the Wells-Ogunquit Historical Society or the Kennebunk Animal Shelter. Arrangements by the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home.

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## Clowers of 'Wolverton Mountain' dies at 102

MORRILTON, Ark. (AP) — The 1962 smash hit was catchy, but inaccurate, said people who knew Clifton Clowers.

Clowers lived on Woolverton Mountain, although it was Wolverton in the 20 million-selling song written by Clowers's nephew, Merle Kilgore, and recorded by Claude King.

Clowers, 102, died Monday and was buried Thursday just south of the Conway-Van Buren county line, where he lived most of his life.

The song, in part, goes:

"They say don't go on Wolverton Mountain.

"If you are looking for a wife.

" 'Cause Clifton Clowers has a pretty young daughter.

"He's might handy with a gun and a knife.

"Her tender lips are sweeter than honey

"And Wolverton Mountain protects her there.

Clowers's daughter, Virginia Green, said: "The song is altogether wrong as to what he was. He was a kind, loving, gentle man. He loved his family very much. He loved all the neighbors."

Ted Clowers said his father didn't have a curfew for his children when they were growing up, but told them: "When the sun rises in the morning, you're going to be working."

## Merle G. Smith

Mass of Christian Burial for Merle G. Smith, Jr., 66, of Guthrie will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Guthrie with Rev. Denis Hanrahan officiating. Burial will be in the Summit View Cemetery in Guthrie under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Merle was born on April 10, 1929 in Guthrie to Merle and Ernestine Smith, Sr. He died on Dec. 24 at his home in Guthrie.

Merle was an attorney at law in Guthrie. He served as past Logan County District Attorney and as a Special District Judge for 8 years. He was a member of the Logan County and Oklahoma Bar Association. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

He was survived by his wife; Ann, of the home, three sons; Dr. Merle G. Smith, III, D.D.S., of Ponca City, Major David J. Smith, PHD, of Honolulu, Ha., one daughter; Julie Smith, of Palmdale, Ca., two sisters; Sue Smith Harrison, of Oklahoma City, and Ernestine Thomas, Pasadena, Texas, and four grandchildren.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In January this year, my 3 1/2-year-old son, Jared, (note: he turned 4 on Feb. 6th) was playing make believe and killing ghosts, monsters, and bad guys, etc. This is what my wife and I heard: "There's a genie! I'm going to get him with my genealogy."

*Glenn*