

FARRAR



Family Newsletter

Spring 2022

45-YEAR REUNION

Hello Farrar family and friends,

The time has come for us to gather again. For the 45th year, we will celebrate the Farrar in all of us with family unity and comradery. It will be so great to see everyone again and to celebrate our family the best way we know how - with card games and laughter.

With the spring comes the vitality and energy of a new season and new opportunities. Join us in Arkansas to celebrate the vitality and energy of knowing your extended family and pass on this tradition to the next generations (and teach them that the early bird gets the good pieces of bacon).

After two years of Covid uncertainties and concerns I hope everyone has found their comfort zone and is getting back in the game. I would like to thank, on behalf of the entire family, those who serve and who have served their communities on the front line helping those affected. There are many nurses, doctors, EMTs and essential workers among us who are doing their duty to make a difference for others. Thank you.

The 45th year Farrar Family Reunion will take place June 11-13. Of course, anyone is welcome to stay longer if they wish. This will be the first reunion held the week prior to Father's Day instead of on Father's Day weekend as in the past. This change was made at the last reunion meeting in hope of cooler weather and to avoid other commitments. It used to be we came to the reunion because that's where our fathers were. Now as our family tree branches grow farther from the trunk there are a lot more fathers to consider on Father's Day. I hope this is a positive change for everyone.

One of the items on the agenda for this year is to discuss and vote on reunion frequency going forward. It was proposed at the last business meeting that we no longer meet each year. One proposal is to meet 3 out of 5 years since our 5 year anniversaries are our best attended reunions, which could look something like this:

2022: 45 year Farrar Family Reunion.

2023: No reunion.

2024: Reunion.

2025: No reunion.

2026: Reunion. Plan 50th.

2027: 50 year Farrar Family Reunion.

Other ideas include various locations, meet only every 5th year, different activities, rendezvous, etc. We would love to hear any ideas and input. If you can't make it this year, but have a great idea, please forward it to myself or any officer and it will get heard.

Our family reunion is a remarkable achievement. The original 10, our parents, grandparents, great grandparents and even great great grandparents laid the groundwork for a reunion that would continue long after they were gone. It is up to us to honor their wish by continuing to work together to make family meals, catch crawdads in the creek, and tell stories by the campfire. For a family to celebrate 45 years of reunions is awesome, rarely achieved and commendable. So take part a little or a lot, but take part, and help make your Farrar reunion something no one wants to miss.

Please say a prayer for those among us fighting illness.

Give a word of thanks for all who serve so others are safe.

Doug Williams

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FAMILY NEWS

ROBERT FARRAR



Robert Farrar, a long time resident of Mammoth Spring, Ark., passed away quietly in Washington, Mo. On Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the age of 93.

He is survived by his wife Gerdie (nee Koenig) ; two daughters, Linda Farrar and Jill Vogel with husband Gary; step-son Jerry Break with wife Sherry; three sisters, Gerry Weaver (Sam), Marlene Bayes (Chuck), Carol Rogers (Denny), and one brother, Tom Farrar. Bob was much loved by his seven grand-children and nine great grand-children.

Bob was a retired Pepsi-Cola driver. He was a self-taught master woodworker who loved playing cards and dominoes. He was very family oriented and spread his love beyond his immediate family to his many nieces and nephews. He looked forward to the Farrar Family Reunion each year held on a section of his property in Wirth.

Comfort comes to us knowing he is now with our Lord whom he deeply loved.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE 2022 REUNION

Because the Reunion and the grounds were a passion of his, there is no better place to celebrate Dad's life than at the Farrar Reunion. We plan on spreading Dad's ashes this year at the 45th Reunion. Fred Picker and family, long time friends of Dad's, has agreed to join us and speak of the man he knew. We welcome everyone to join us to celebrate not only Dad's life, but the lives of Uncle Joe, Uncle Bill, Uncle Dick, Aunt Jean, and Aunt Barb. We welcome anyone to join in and say what they would like about one, or all, of our missing Original 10.

Linda Farrar and Jill Farrar Vogel



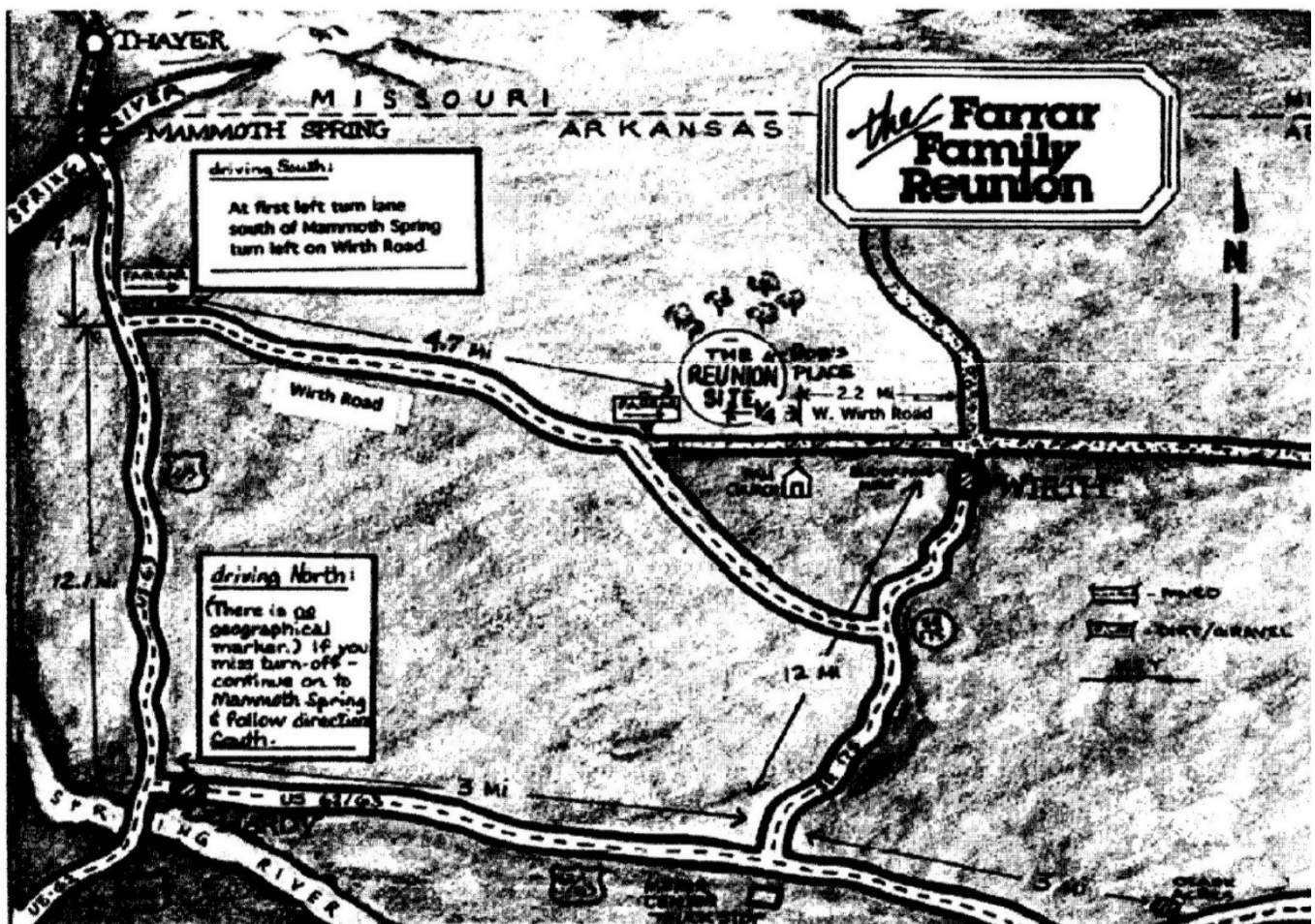
THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION

The reunion is a weekend camp out commencing the Saturday before Father's Day each year. Regularly held on **FARRAR REUNION, INC.**'s own 12+ acres, near Wirth, AR. A short drive from the creek (a great place to cool off and catch crawdads) and the beautiful (though cold) Spring River. **ALL FARRAR** descendants, family, and friends are welcome!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Mammoth Spring, AR: Go South on US 63 approximately 4 miles to the first left turn lane. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the left shoulder of the road. Turn left onto Wirth Road and follow the signs.

From Hardy, AR: Go North on US 63 approximately 12 miles. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the right shoulder of the road. Turn right onto Wirth Road and follow the signs. There is no geographical marker, if you miss the turn-off, continue on to Mammoth Spring & follow directions from there.



ACTIVITIES

Nightly bonfires; the occasional s'more; hiking trails; bird watching; a nearby creek for swimming, exploring, and crawdad hunting; star gazing; napping; volleyball; endless card and board games; washers and cornhole; a playground; any games you bring to share; and lots of love and camaraderie. We fly our country's flag daily, have a moment of silent prayer for all fathers who have predeceased us, conduct an annual business meeting on Sunday, and do maintenance work on our facilities and grounds as needed. There are also plenty of opportunities for a short trip to canoe, float, or swim the beautiful Spring River.

ACCOMMODATIONS

On-site is a semi-private, boondock-type campground with space for tents and campers (no hook-ups). We provide a roofed and screened pavilion with a generator that runs constantly for lighting, food refrigeration, and any device charging that you may need. Our bathrooms are newly refurbished and include flush toilets, toilet paper, paper towels, and cold-water gravity-fed showers. Also provided on-site are picnic tables, benches, propane stoves, an open-flame cooking area, a stone fire pit, all cooking and dining utensils, coffee, iced tea, ice, and decades of family history! You provide your camping facilities or other accommodations, your lounge chairs, your food (see Menu below), your thirst quenchers, etc.



NEARBY MOTELS AND RV PARKS

Mammoth Spring, AR:

Riverview Motel: 870-625-3218

Mammoth Spring RV Park: 870-625-7364

Mammoth Springs Lodge: 870-625-7393

Hardy, AR:

Biggers Bed & Breakfast: 870-856-4718

Days Inn Hardy: 870-416-4304

Hardy RV Park: 870-856-2356

2022 MENU

Furnished By Reunion: Refrigerator for storing food for meals, ice for drinks (not for private coolers), all cooking and dining utensils, napkins, salt, pepper, catsup, mustard, sugar, creamer, coffee, tea, lemonade, jelly, dressings (Regular Thousand Island, Ranch, Italian, and French)

Breakfasts: Cooked by early risers, mainly consist of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, sliced fruit, toast, butter, jellies/jams, and any pastries and/or homemade items brought. Bring what your family would eat of these items for the days you are attending.

Nightly desserts/snacks: whatever you wish to bring.

Lunch: (and/or in-between meal snacks) whatever you bring for your family. As a general rule, you are on your own, but feel free to chow down on leftovers from the previous night's supper.

Supper: bring portions for only your family and only for the days you are attending. Write your name on items you bring and **please take it home with you when you leave if it has not been used.** This helps eliminate waste at the end of the week and helps with the cleanup.

Feel free to bring and share any of your favorite side dishes for any meal and be sure to put your name on dishes that need to be returned to you after use. We all love to eat!!

SATURDAY

Hamburgers, hot dogs, steak, chicken – your choice of meat on the grill, cook your own

Buns for your choice of meat

Baked beans

Veggies & dip

(celery/carrots/broccoli/cauliflower/whatever you want to bring) and/or coleslaw

Reunion will supply Ranch dressing for veggies

Chips

SUNDAY

Beef tips and noodles (please pre-cut meat into bite size pieces) - NOTE: Reunion will supply the noodles

2 cans beef broth

Corn on the cob (already shucked and cleaned, please)

2 cucumbers / 1 small onion (to make Barb's Cucumber/onion salad) NOTE: Reunion will supply vinegar

MONDAY

A normal breakfast, then clean-up.

NOTE: It would be greatly appreciated that whoever is remaining will stay to help with the entire cleanup of the site after breakfast.





THE FARRAR FAMILY TREE

This tree will function alone or as a great companion to the Farrar's Island books. A 3'x5' scroll on white paper in non-fading, easily readable black ink, begins three generations into England. It then follows our family over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents, William & Cecily, and follows our particular line through each generation to Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. and their ten children. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per paper copy. Due to lack of available space on the original tree, there is now a second tree available as a companion to the original. It descends from Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. to the present. This second tree is a computerized version and has recently been adapted to a paper tree. Because of the detailed personal information on this tree, it is only available to the immediate family. Please email Randall (Randy) Farrar (email information below) if you would like a copy of a PDF version of the second tree. Cost for the paper version of the second tree will soon be determined.

THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is an annual publication of the Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. - a non-profit organization founded by the descendants of Joseph Vernon and Viola Lillian (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. for the benefit of the extended Farrar family. Publication of the newsletter occurs in April. Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Please send all submissions to the editor at aspencanu@gmail.com.

REUNION DUES

Each member of the Reunion is expected to pay annual dues to help defray expenses and keep the Reunion financially viable. Annual dues are levied as follows:

2nd/3rd Generation (40+ years old) - \$50

2nd/3rd Gen. (<40 years old) - \$25

Any additional donation amounts are appreciated, as are contributions from anyone who cares to donate. Please send your dues to our Treasurer, your timeliness in doing so is greatly appreciated! The treasurer's contact information can be found on the first page of the newsletter.

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