



Farrar Family Newsletter

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Annual Farrar Family Reunion

Greetings to all!

Believe it or not, this year when we all gather at our reunion site near Mammoth Spring, AR we will be rejoicing and celebrating our 40th Annual Farrar Family Reunion June 18th - 24th!

We have come a long way in the last 40 years starting with our very first in Smithton, IL at cousin Jill's home in 1978 with 32 family members present! Our second reunion was held near Dripping Springs, TX at Jean (Farrar) Hite's home and all subsequent 38 reunions held here in Arkansas with a few rendevous at various places thrown in. Our reunion site has certainly flourished from the bare site that existed the week before the reunion in 1980. Bob & J.V. arrived early and worked on 4 major projects. Two out houses, a shower and a fire pit. In the early planning stages, it was decided to clear a place for "tent city" and at the very end of the week, a school bus was purchased by our patriarch Joseph V. Farrar, Sr. and brought in by a wrecker which would eventually be converted into our kitchen. Over the 40 years we have maintained an average attendance of 42 which is pretty good in my book!!!!

Our site looks vastly different now, we have water, electricity (generator), large fans and propane cookstoves although we still are comfortable grilling on our concrete grill (though it is a little small!) Our Flagpole, larger fire pit, playground area, basketball court (grass) and our wonderful volleyball court all add to the entertainment and charm of our boondock camp site. So please, start making your plans, reserving motels and taking vacation time so we all can enjoy this special family time together - you will have a blast!!!!

We do have a couple business items to inform everyone about. First, Bob sold his land to our north and east so please honor the boundaries of this new owner and do not park or put your camper anywhere on the road past the pavilion. Which sadly also means that the lake is no longer ours to use. But cheer up, there is still the small creek nearby and the Spring River just a few miles away!!

We also need to discuss an easement for property north and west of us which is land locked. This property owner has gained access to their property using our road for the last 38 years, in the case that said property may eventually change hands, we need to be ready to handle that situation. This is also notice that we may need to change or amend our By-Laws and have to give notice for that. Our business meeting will take place on Sunday June 18th.

I hope everyone will try their best to be in Arkansas in June for the reunion, there will be special games and entertainment for all ages, plus we will be trying to break our attendance record of 88 set back at our 25th in 2012!! See you there!!

Nancee (Farrar) Lehnhoff, President, Farrar Family Reunion, Inc.

Mark your calendars!!!

Jean Elizabeth (Farrar) Hite

Our sister (mother, grandmother, aunt, friend), went to her heavenly reward on September 23, 2016. Jean had a massive stroke the day before while playing cards at the Hardy Senior Citizen's Center in Hardy, Arkansas. She was air-lifted to UAMS (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences) where they kept her on life support for a period of time. Jean was 83 years old.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband A.W. Hite and her sons Kendal and Kevin. She is survived by her daughter Karen Jones and by grandchildren Stephanie (Jones) Fourtune, "Buck" Jones, Ben Jones, Athalia Hite and Keita Hite and great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Joseph Vernon Farrar, Jr. and William Harold Farrar, Sr. and her sister Barbara Lee (Farrar) Williams.

Jean was a Texan!! She lived in that great state from the time that she graduated from high school and the summer of 2015 when she moved to Hardy to be closer to her sister Marleen and brother Bob and to be close to the Farrar Reunion site. She looked forward to the annual reunion with great anticipation each year but the long drive was getting to be too much. She got to enjoy only one reunion without that long drive. But she did miss Texas!!

The best description of Jean is that she was a woman of patterns and routines. She loved the simple life with very definite routines - early to bed and early to rise. She got up each morning no later than 4:00am to read the Bible and other devotional readings. She was an exquisite quilter. She loved her tiny Chihuahua dogs and was never without one. Selena, her last Chihuahua, is now living happily with her sister and brother-in-law Marleen & Chuck Bayes in Hardy. Jean loved playing cards. She was also the one who created party games each year for her quilting group's Christmas party.

Jean's life verse was 1st Thessalonians 4:11. *"that you also aspire to lead a quiet life to mind your own business and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you."* . So appropriate.

Jean was a true Christian believer, a quilter, a card player, a loyal friend, a Farrar!! A Chihuahua lover, a cake decorator, a schedule keeper, and a beautiful person. She is missed but because we know that her faith was sure, we can know that she is with God awaiting The Day when she will receive her eternal rewards.

We will have a time of remembrance for Jean at our 2017 reunion. If you have pictures of her that you want to share, please bring them to the reunion. There will be a poster board for display and then you can retrieve your pictures. The Farrar Reunion was the highlight of Jean's year and the one in 2017 is a big one for us - our 40th - so please come and have a wonderful time. She would be pleased if you do

Carol (Farrar) Rogers March 1, 2017



Reunion 2015

Jean showing one of her quilts



Farrar Reunion 2007



Card playing reunion 2014

THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION

A week long camp out commencing on FATHER'S DAY each year. Regularly held on FARRAR REUNION INC.'S own 12+ acres, with a lake on adjoining property owned by Bob Farrar near Wirth, AR ALL FARRAR descendants, family and friends welcome!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Hardy, AR go north on US 63 approximately 12 miles. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the right shoulder. Turn right onto Wirth Road and follow the signs.

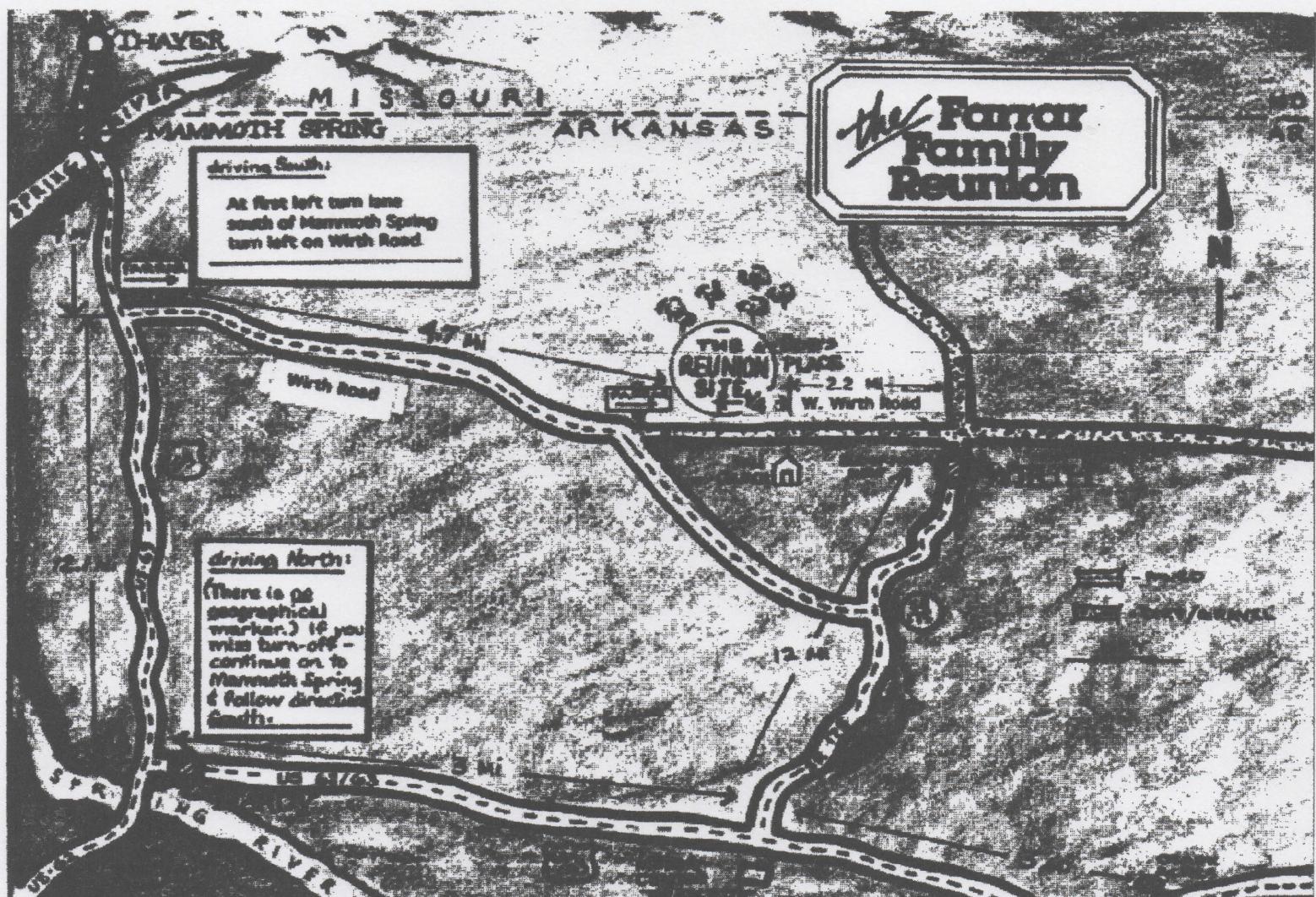
From Mammoth Spring, AR go south on US 63 approximately 4 miles to first left turn lane. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the left shoulder. Turn left onto Wirth Road and follow signs.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This is a semi-private, boondock-type campground. We provide a roofed and screened pavilion, with generator for evening lighting, space for tents and campers (no hook-ups), flush toilets, cold-water gravity fed showers, picnic tables, benches, propane stoves, all cooking and dining utensils, refrigerator for food, coffee, iced tea, etc. You provide your camping facilities or other accommodations, your lounge chairs, your food (see Menu), your thirst quenchers, etc. Other accommodations include **the Riverview Motel in Mammoth Spring (1-870-625-3218)** and the **Mammoth Spring RV Park (1-870-625-7364)**. **Mammoth Spring Lodge in Mammoth Spring (870-625-7393)** There are also motels available in Hardy, AR.

ACTIVITIES

Nightly bonfires, a lake for fishing and swimming, hiking trails, bird watching, star gazing, napping, volleyball, card and board games, horseshoes and washers, a constructed children's playground, 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 Father's Day, and do maintenance work on our facilities and grounds on Work Day (usually Monday). There is also a canoe trip scheduled one day (usually Tuesday) on the Spring River.



MENU FOR 2017 REUNION

Furnished by Reunion:

Refrigerator for storing food for meals; ice for drinks (not for private coolers); all cooking utensils, bowls, pans; flatware, paper plates & bowls; napkins, salt, pepper, catsup, mustard, sugar, creamer, coffee, tea, toilet paper, paper towels, jelly for toast

Regular Thousand Island, Ranch, Italian, and French dressings will be provided by Reunion. Or, bring your favorite.

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

Not all items will be fixed every day. Example: if pancakes are fixed, we would not fix potatoes.

Nightly desserts / snacks: whatever you wish to bring

Lunch and/or in-between meal snacks is 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 suppers.

Bring portions for your family only AND only for the days you are attending. Write your name on stuff you bring. 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. Be sure to put your name on dishes that need to be returned to you after use. Feel free to bring and share any of your favorite side dishes for any meal. We all love to eat!

Canoe trip: peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, snacks (supplied by Doug & Pat Williams)

SATURDAY

Goulash - 1 lb. hamburger (more if you have a large family)

1 can diced tomatoes for every pound of meat you bring

1 green pepper

Package of dry sloppy joe mix (1 pkg for each lb. of meat you bring)

NOTE: macaroni noodles and parmesan cheese will be provided

Salad

Garlic toast

SUNDAY

Pork Roast (please pre-cut into medium or large chunks)

Potatoes

2 cans cut Green Beans

2 cucumbers/1 small onion (to make Barb's cucumber salad)

MONDAY

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

2 cans beef broth

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

2-3 fresh peaches, at least 1/2 lb bing cherries for ingredients for watermelon salad (watermelon will be provided)

TUESDAY

Grill your own - Hamburgers, hot dogs, steak pork/beef chicken your choice/you grill

boxed Macaroni & Cheese

creamy coleslaw (bring bagged, pre-shredded cabbage; dressing will be provided)

Bread

WEDNESDAY

Your favorite spaghetti sauce

1/2 to 1 pound of hamburger (enough for your family)

NOTE: noodles and parmesan cheese will be provided

Salad

Garlic sauce

THURSDAY

Hamburgers, hot dogs, steak, chicken your choice/you grill

Buns for your choice of meat

Baked beans

Veggies & dip (celery/carrots/broccoli/cauliflower - whatever you want to bring) and/or applesauce

Chips

FRIDAY

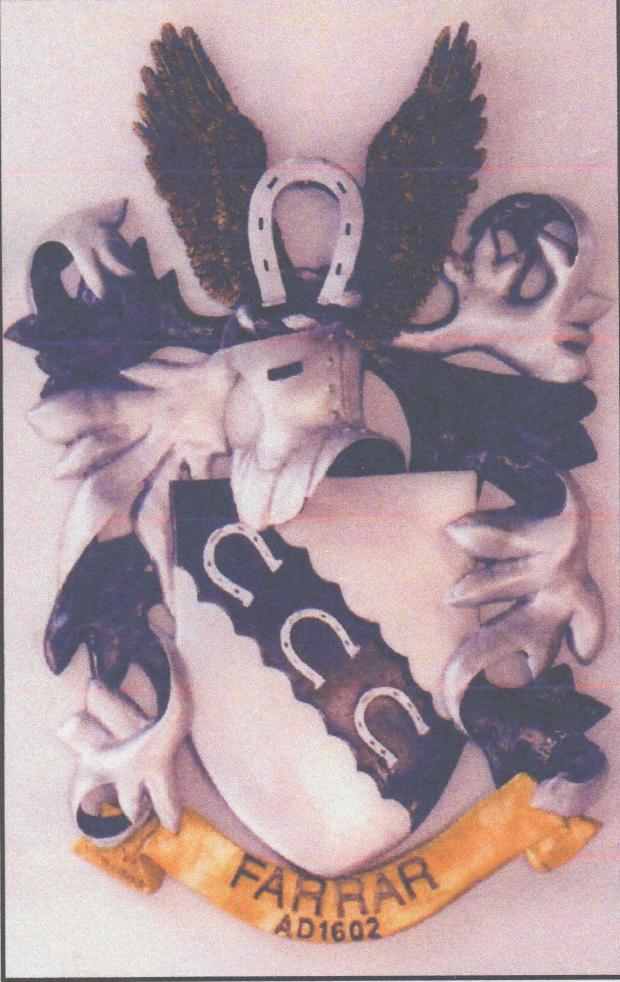
No specific menu due to fewer people attending. However, if there are any leftovers, eat 'em up!!!

We are sad to inform everyone that Nelda M. Farrar wife of Thomas A. Farrar passed away on Sunday February 19, 2017. Nelda was 83 years old. Funeral services were held Monday February 27, 2017 with interment at Bement Township Cemetery in Bement, IL. Nelda married Tom on January 8, 1982 in Monticello; he survives along with 4 daughters & a son. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and sister. She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband. Nelda was a member of the Monticello United Methodist Church and loved quilting, baking pies, taking care of her home but most of all spending time with her church and family. She will be missed!



Can't wait to see you all!!!





The Farrar Family Reunion Newsletter

The Newsletter is a bi-annual publication of The Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. a non-profit organization founded by the descendants of Joseph Vernon & Viola Lillian (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. for the benefit of the Farrar family. Publication of the Newsletter occurs in April and October. Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the month prior to publication.

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The Farrar Family Tree

This tree will function alone or as a great companion to the Farrar Island books. A 3' x 5' scroll, on white paper, in black ink, non-fading easily readable, begins three generations into England, over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents, William & Cecily, and then follows our particular line through each generation to Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. and their 10 children. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per copy. There is now a second tree available, this tree is a companion to the Original family tree that descends from Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. and had to be initiated because we ran out of room on the original tree. This second tree is a computerized version soon to be adapted to a paper tree. Because of the detailed personal information on this tree, it will only be available to the immediate family. Cost for the paper version for this tree will soon be determined.

The Farrar's Island Books

The Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. is the source for the two volume set of books by Alvahn Holmes. The books cover our Farrar family history back to Jamestown and to England. Learn about our Farrar ancestor, William Farrar I. William received 2,000 acres of land including the 600 acre island known as Farrar's Island on the James River in Virginia for his sponsoring of 40 settlers to Jamestown Colony in the early 1600's...

Vol. I: The Farrar's Island Family

Vol. II: Some Farrar's Island Descendants

The books can now be ordered on eBay using your eBay or Paypal account, Vol. I \$55 Vol. II \$65 or as a set \$115 plus priority flat mail rate shipping of \$13.60. If you choose not to use a credit account you can send an email to rfarrar@pacbell.net with your book request and shipping information and pay by check or money-order. In that case the cost of the books are: Vol. I \$50 plus shipping, Vol. II \$60 plus shipping and as a set \$105 plus shipping. More information is available on our website: www.1horizon.net/farrarbooks. These prices are subject to change.

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!

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