

Clyburn Family News

(From the Files of Frank Clyburn)



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Thanksgiving - Christmas 1997

Lennox Street Yreka, CA 96097

Woodrow Heads North!!

Woodrow Clyburn recently moved back to Alaska. He went north to help his sister Joie and her children move. He first took a bus to Bellingham Washington and then the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry to Wrangle, Alaska, where he was born. He had a brief reunion with his mother while there.

He helped his sister to move and now is in the process of looking for a employment position in Sitka. Lots of luck Woodrow!



Joie Clyburn moves!

Joie Clyburn recently moved from Wrangell, Alaska to Sitka, Alaska. I called her and she is living in a nice place about a mile out of town and within a block of the largest store in Sitka.

She has 4 children, Jasmine, Seth, Hart Lee, and Kyler. I recently talked to all of them on the phone and they seem to be well and healthy. Jasmine says she is doing well in school and enjoys it.

Joie seems to like Sitka and her address is :

Joie Kari Suzanne Clyburn
1717 Halibut Point Road
Sitka, AK 99835
(907) 747-7326



Woodrow is a little sad that he doesn't have a fishing license, as they live with a few yards of the beach (Sitka is on an island in Southeast Alaska). He would have to get a out-of-state license and that is very expensive in Alaska.

Family Breakup

My marriage of over two and a half years started breaking up last January and my wife Katherine and I have went our separate ways. It's been an extremely hard thing for me to handle but I'm slowly recovering and I certainly hope that she is also. I really miss my "family" down at Collins Creek. The family consisted of Katherine and I and my five Step-children at home there: Gabe, Cat, Angie, Bridget, Theresa and Noah (*Noah has grown up and has his own place in Scott Bar*).



Soldotna, Alaska News

Ronnie Jayme Lynn Clyburn, my youngest daughter has completed her schooling to become a licensed

beautician and has been working long hours at the job.

She has had some exciting new recently; her boyfriend, Bill, proposed marriage to her (she accepted); and she is seriously thinking of buying an existing beauty salon and going into business for herself.

I asked her when she is to be married but she didn't have a set date yet. (Smart girl!) but she hopes for the ceremony to take place in August of '98.

I certainly wish her the best both in her marriage and in her business opportunity - hope it all works out for that very special daughter of mine.

Ronnie's address is:

Ronnie Clyburn
Box 3834
Soldotna, AK 99669
(907) 260-3606

Kenai, Alaska News

Lynda Mae (Clyburn) Thompson has retired from teaching. Yes, she really did it! she retired last summer and has been taking it easy. She was down here in Yreka this summer with her super husband Bill Thompson to visit me and my other sister Darlene Sederstrom who was here from Georgia with her family.

Lynda has recently started substituting for a art teacher in Kenai, Alaska and seems to enjoy it very much. Lynda has been much help to me during my recent trying times and I really appreciate her as a sister, and a friend, more and more as time passes....

Darlene Visits Yreka

Darlene Sederstrom, my younger sister visited me in Yreka, this August with her children. She is my Step-Father's daughter. It was a most wonderful visit. The children, Brea, Cayla,

Gina, Troy and Elena were a real joy to have around.

I had just rented a house in Yreka at the time and it is small but cute and when they all showed up - full also!!

I had a real blast! We all went to the Siskiyou Golden Fair together and the children and I became real close in a short time. I really love them!

Darlene had a High School reunion going on here in Yreka and also I had a birthday on August 9th and she wanted to be here for both. She is so close to her children that she chose to drive in order to have the family together. Isn't that great! Lot's of family's aren't that close. I'm really grateful that they all came here together.

She did a lot of visiting while here and when they left I felt an emptiness in my house.



Noah Dice

Noah Dice, one of my (ex) Step-children has been working most of the summer in exotic places like Florida. He works for a catering company that caters food to large bicycle races, fundraisers, fires, and other events.

I spoke to him recently and he is trying to get customers for a telephone company. He said that he will try up around Medford, Oregon.

I asked him "Are you a good salesman." He answered that he didn't know but was going to find out!

Lots of luck to a very nice guy! I hope you make good money - maybe I can borrow some!! Ha.



Thoma Arnberg Goes Home

Thoma (Clyburn) Arnberg, died this summer. She had been living in Missouri since the death of her husband Ross. I didn't see her often but I remember when I was young that she and my mother were the very best of friends. They seen each other often and I distinctly remember my mother (of all things to remember) teaching Thoma to blow smoke out of her nose while smoking.

Those days of innocence!! We'll miss you Thoma.

Don M^cCanna Leaves For a Better Place

Don M^cCanna, Patsy's husband passed away also. He was such a nice person. I hadn't seen him in several years but I've never forgotten just what a very nice person he was.

I've meant to visit Pat and Don so very many times and either I didn't have their address or I didn't have the time or whatever. Anyway I'm sure sorry now that I didn't make a visit.

I certainly hope that all three of the children are well. Do they have families of their own yet?

Pat I'm sending you a copy of this letter and If you get it please call or write me.

Aunt Fae M^cBain

Aunt Fae is still listed as one of the very best things the Clyburn's have produced!

She is not getting any younger and is the last of Grandpa and Grandma's children to still survive. And she does so in a way that is a lesson to the rest of us.

She has so much fun. She goes on trips and visits her daughter Nancy Alexander in Henderson, Nevada more than once a year and just lives life to the fullest. I hope that I can have half the energy she has if I ever get to be her age (which could be doubtful - Ha!)

What I'm saying is that she is still the person that she was when I was a child and I really appreciate her.

Narcy and her two children are well also and are planning to move to Oregon next summer so that Jason can further his college education.

Susan comes to Visit!

Susan Stewart, Dan E. Clyburn's youngest daughter came to visit me a couple of weeks ago. What fun she is! She brought her six month old baby, Cameron. What a joy! He is so special. We became friends in no time!

I had not seen Susan for at least 10 years and wanted many times to visit her while in Crescent City, CA. Well she sure chewed me out for not visiting her - and of course I deserved it! She is a very wonderful person and stayed with me for several days. She helped with the housework and even ironed my shirts! Can't ask for more than that huh?

I hope she will visit again soon.

I found out that her sister Lisa is currently living in Jacksonville, Oregon. I will send her one of these newsletters. Hi Lisa!

Oliver & Sandy

Oliver is the same as he's always been just a very nice person. Stays at home most of the time! His wife Sandy has been very ill recently with some heart or artery related problems. She has been in the hospital recently. She is one of the very nicest people that I know and I certainly hope she recovers soon. They live in Grenada, CA.

The Rest of the Family

I haven't heard from Dan. E. and Marcy Clyburn lately, but I know that they are in the Homer, Alaska area and are in the phone book there. I hope that everything is going well with them.

I also haven't heard from Paul Clyburn and Judy for a long time. I hope that they are doing well and will send them one of these newsletters.

I hear that Tammy Jones, my cousin in Homer, Alaska recently had a daughter get married (Tammy is Dan E.'s daughter of course and the girl getting married would be my 3rd? cousin).

I certainly hope that life treats her very well.

Jim Clyburn is (the last I heard) around Elco Nevada. I haven't heard from him for a "coon's age" and I wish he would write or visit. He is certainly more than a cousin to me - he's my friend. Jim if you get this in the mail please write me.

Jim's ex-wife and children, as far as I know, are still in Denver, Colorado. I've never seen the children but they are Clyburn's and I'd like to meet them someday.

I haven't heard from Frank Clyburn (Bud's son) for a long time. Last I heard was he was in Washington. (I met him several years back and he sure seems like a nice person.) I'll try to send one of these to him.

I also haven't heard from Dorothy McKay in Eureka, Nevada - I wonder how she and the children are doing?

I haven't heard from Arlie Clyburn and his wife Kieva in Colburn Washington either, but I know that Aunt Fae does every now and then. I hope that they are all right and their daughters Ardys (spelling?) and Lori. I hope to hear from all of you.

I hear that Steve & Vicki McMaster are doing fine (still in Anderson, CA) and that their son Wade and his wife Georgeanne have a son Logan and another baby due shortly that they are naming Hunter Steven McMaster. Wade is currently in the airforce in Virginia.

I haven't seen Larry McMaster for some time but I know that he is around. I understand that he is logging over around Cecilville, CA.

The latest I've heard of Dave Clyburn is that he and his wife Aleha are living in Newport, Oregon. I don't have the address, but I received this information from their son Scott Clyburn at the Siskiyou Golden Fair this last August in Yreka. I'm not sure what Scott is up to. Their daughter Gladys Genevive is married to a man named Aron Howard and is currently living in Mt. Home, Idaho. Mr. Howard is in the airforce there. (maybe they are both in the airforce?)

Lucille Clyburn seems to be surviving the death of Uncle Joe Clyburn and I should get by her house in Yreka to visit

her. Seems like I'm just busy all the time.

I recently seen Levi Clyburn, Oliver's son, in Wal-Mart in Yreka. He seemed to be looking good and healthy. I also had a visit from Kimberly Clyburn, Oliver's, daughter recently and she is the nicest person! She doesn't look much like Nancy, her mother, but she sure acts a lot like her. I see Nancy every now and then and although I haven't sat down and talked with her, she seems OK. I know that she is one of my very favorite people.

I know that I'm leaving many relatives out of this but I'm hoping that you'll all write me or call me and tell me what's happening in your lives. I'd truly like to know.

Frank Clyburn Has a Birthday

Well folks I had a birthday this summer. I'm now 25 & 25. Time just flies sometimes doesn't it? In my case though, I had another birthday recently. On the 5th of November I celebrated eight years sober. My re-birth, my awakening, whatever you want to call it started 8 years ago on that date.

What I'm referring to is my AA birthday. Some of you may not know about my alcoholism but some of you may know very well! Anyway I haven't had a drink for over 8 years now and I'm very thankful for it (I'm sure everybody around me is also). I know that my Clyburn relatives have not had to see me dragging our name through the booking column in the newspaper lately. Ha.

I am so very much happier than ever in my life - even with my recent divorce. As a direct result of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous I have a spiritual connection that never before was possible, and this summer on August 19th was Baptized by the same Priest who married me in 1994.

I have a good, but hard, job at Willow Creek School as the secretary. I really am executive assistant, without the pay of one, and every day is a new experience for me. Life is not dull anymore! (I recently started learning to square dance.) I don't need a drink and

don't need to go to the bar to feel good like I used to.

Aunt Blanche

My mother's (Violet Mae Knight) uncle Charles Knight (now deceased) had a wife Blanche. I've just in the last year and a half started to visit with her some. What a wonderful person she is!

She was born to the Doggett family down the Klamath River and has welcomed me into her life with open arms. She is quite old and has a hard time seeing and hearing but is still one the most beautiful people one could ever meet. Aunt Blanche lives just outside of Redding, CA.

She has some real good records of my mothers family the Knights of Oak Bar, Klamath River, CA. She has most generously shared those with me.

What a luck person I am to have such nice relatives.



There are people

Who seem to snuggle
into life--
Finding and fitting
the contours
Of circumstance--
Yielding and filling
Warming and being
warmed
Loving and being
loved
Till there is no
emptiness
And no discontinuity.

*(Many of those people
have the last name of Cly-
burn...) Merry Christmas*

Please call or write and let me know how you are doing.....

A couple who'd been married a long time went to a romantic movie. On the way out, the wife asked, "Why don't you make passionate love to me, like he did on the screen?"

The husband said, "Are you kidding? Do you know how much he gets paid for that?"

A doctor said to a patient, "The best thing you can do is to quit smoking. Then you should stop running around with young girls and cut out drinking."

The patient said, "Doctor I don't deserve the best. What's second best?"

A fireman pulled a drunk out of a burning building and asked, "Do you have any idea how this started?"

The drunk said, "I don't know. It was already on fire when I went in!"

A newly married man asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?"

"Honey," the woman replied sweetly, "I'd have married you no matter who left you a fortune."

The Baptist minister was asked by a member of the church, "Do you believe that people can walk on water?"

The minister answered, "Much better than they can on whiskey!"

A lawyer said to one of his clients, "When I was a kid, I wanted to be a pirate!"

The client said, "Congratulations!"

An attractive young lady went to a doctor and told him, "I'm afraid I'm becoming a nymphomaniac."

The doctor said, "Hmm. Why don't you lie down and tell me about it?"

As told to an insurance adjuster:

- I thought my window was down but I found out that it was up when I put my head through it.

- I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old man as he bounced off the roof of my car.

- The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

- I was thrown from the car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

Q. - How do you make God laugh?

A. - Tell Him your plans....

Whenever I am troubled
and lost in deep despair,
I bundle all my troubles up
and go to God in Prayer.

I tell Him I am heartsick
and lost and lonely, too,
That my mind is deeply burdened
and I don't know what to do.

But I know He stilled the tempest
and calmed the angry sea,
And I humbly ask if in His love
He'll do the same for me...

And then I just keep Quiet
and think only thoughts of Peace,
And if I abide in Stillness
my "restless murmurings" cease.

**There is no difficulty
that enough love will not
conquer**

--Emmet Fox

You Know You Are Getting Old When:

- You have breakfast in bed as a necessity rather than as a luxury.

- Your doctor is just old enough to be your grand-daughter.

- You know what LSMFT stands for.

- You know what Bon Ami is.

- You can remember when there was no such thing as a phone answering machine.

- You sink your teeth into a nice steak and they stay there.

- You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.

- Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

- Your little black book contains lots of names, all of which end in M.D.

- You get winded, playing chess.

- You decide to procrastinate, but never get around to doing it.

- You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

- You turn out the light for economics rather than romantic reasons.

Carl and Abe are two old baseball fanatics. They agree that whoever dies first will try to come back and tell the other one if there's baseball in heaven.

One evening Abe passes away in this sleep. A few nights later Carl hears what sounds like Abe's voice. "Abe, is that you?" he asks.

"Of course it's me," Abe replies.

"I can't believe it," Carl whispers. "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well, I have good news and bad news," Abe says. "The good news is, yes, there's baseball in heaven. The bad news is you're pitching tomorrow night!"