

My Tribute to my friend, ALICE HIX

The Gleaves Family Association holds memories that only Alice could give! She always stepped in when we needed advice...not only listened but worked till she found a solution...this website is an example of Alice contribution. The last day of the Gleaves Reunion in October 2014, Helene Gleaves Miller, Paula Poll and I fulfilled our tradition of getting together in my room and having conversation and a glass of Missouri wine...only one was missing...Alice. Paula called Alice and filled her in on the reunion...we all took turns talking to Alice...Her desire was to maintain and add material to our website...she told us she thought she would be well enough by the first of November...now that is a positive attitude.

I hope they have laptops in Heaven, because Alice will be gathering material and sharing it with all that would read it...Oh, that laptop would need to make spreadsheets...add Gleaves to the book she published that Dennis Glaves, our Association Historian had researched.

Another memory that I cherish is the trip to Wytheville, Virginia that Robert Gleaves, Helene Gleaves Miller, Alice and I made to map out the Reunion details. We made some side trips to where Alice's Crockett relatives lived. Robert was ready to stop the car when he heard Alice tell him to back up and take another road or turn around...one road we took had several cows in the road and they stood and looked at us....we waited for them to move out of the road. At one of the Crockett OLD homes there was a man making apple cider...what a treat to have a glass of Crockett cider.

Another memory is the reunion in Nashville...during our spirited auction to raise money for reunion and website expenses. Betty Wilkerson had made a bedsize quilt which included pictures of early Gleaves to current family. Robert Gleaves bid the price very high...then Robert turned around and gave the quilt to Alice. The next reunion was held at Wytheville, Virginia...I felt it was time for me to step down as President...Alice showed me a miniture quilt she had made for Robert (a smaller version of the one she received). Little did I know that she had made one for me as outgoing President...also Betty Wilkerson gave me a simular quilt. Both are proudly displayed in my home.

At the first reunion in Nashville, Alice surprised the attendees with Gleaves Family Tree on paper....which covered the whole room. Then she divided the tree up and sold them at the auction. What a labor of love!

Al and Alice stopped and stayed one night with Jerry and I in Lampe, Missouri. They were on their way to visit friends of Al's and go to the Grand Canyon...coming back to Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Gleaves Reunion...hosted by Lee and Debbie Gleaves. Alice would agree with the old song "When Jesus goes with Me, I can go anywhere".

Thanks to Al for all his support of Alice and help! If you wanted to know anything about the Georgia Bulldogs, ask Al!

Submitted by

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