

BULLETIN BOARD

THIS IS AN ENDEAVOR TO CONSTRUCT A USABLE BULLETIN BOARD TO THE FAMILY WEB SITE THAT WILL ALLOW ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED WITHOUT AN EASY MEANS OF UNWANTED OR INAPPROPRIATE LITERATURE BEING ATTACHED TO THE FAMILY WEB SITE. WE WILL SEE HOW IT BEST WORKS FOR THE FAMILY IN ALLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED THAT NEEDS WIDE DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

This is how it will work. Anyone wanting to post an announcement on the Family Web Site will send the announcement to any of the Ariail Family Reunion Officials who will review the announcement and make a determination if it is appropriate for posting. The announcement will then be sent to the Ariail Family Historian for posting on the Family Web Site. The Family Historian will also be authorized to make such a determination and the notice can be sent to him if you so desire. If any doubt exists as to the appropriateness of the suggested posting, the Family Reunion President will be the final arbiter in determining such matters. Should an inappropriate posting be noticed, the Family Historian should be notified immediately with a request that the notice be removed.

We encourage all family members to utilize this forum. Let's see how it works and if it can be an asset the Family Web Site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Thomas M. Ariail, Vice President of the Ariail Family Reunion Association. His memory will always linger when we meet from year to year. Following is a copy of the tribute to his most useful life here on Earth.

THOMAS MATTISON ARIAIL, *Doyce William Ariail, Sr., South Carolina Family Line.*

Thomas Matterson Ariail ("Tommy"), age 82, of Spartanburg, SC, passed away July 25, 2021 following a brief illness. Born in Easley, South Carolina in 1939, he was the son of the late William Doyce Ariail and Helen Spearman Ariail. A star basketball and football player in high school, and a college recruit, Tommy attended Clemson University earning a bachelor's degree in Textile Engineering in 1961.

After graduating from Clemson University, Tommy moved to Arcadia, South Carolina and began a long and successful career in the textile industry. Tommy spent 27 years in leadership at Mayfair Mills where he served as Plant Manager of the Baily Plant from 1973 to 1988. He then went on to work for Spartan Mills from 1988 to 1991 and ended his textile career at Beale Manufacturing in Ranlo N.C. During this time, he was an active member of the Southern Textile Association serving as President and then Chairman of the Board of Governors. He later received the prestigious David Clark Award and Steve Epps Lifetime Service Award for his exemplary leadership to the textile industry.

Following his formal retirement, Tommy continued to teach and mentor the next generation of textile leaders through his work at Tri-County Technical College in

Anderson, SC. Tommy continued serving as an adjunct professor until 2018 and received the Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award.

Tommy was a committed member of the Spartanburg community, serving 18 years on the Spartanburg County Board of Education for District 6 (Chairman 1985 and 1986). He was also involved in the Spartanburg Development Association, the Ruritan Club, and the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce's Quality in the Workplace Program. He was a speaker on creating quality-oriented work environments and worked with the Chamber of Commerce in Statesboro, GA to assist them in starting a quality improvement program for industry in that area.

Aside from his family, Tommy's greatest love was his church of 60 years, Arcadia United Methodist Church in Arcadia, South Carolina. He raised his three children in the church and, over the years, held every leadership position available to a member of the church. On the last Sunday before his death, Tommy led a bible study and served as lay leader.

Tommy was instrumental in the founding of ARCH ministries, a program serving at-risk youth from Arcadia Elementary. Until his death, Tommy remained an active leader in the ARCH ministry working tirelessly to benefit the next generation. He was a proud member of the choir, Dogs & Dogma (a Wednesday night bible study) and United Methodist Men. His closest friendships were forged within the church congregation, and he was committed to his church and his faith throughout his life.

Tommy was blessed with a large, blended family. He was a loving father to his daughters, Lisa Ariail Oehmig (Leib) and Amy Ariail Knowlton (Randy), and son, Thomas E. Ariail (Angela). In addition, Tommy felt blessed to have expanded his family with his wife Lavana's, four sons, C. Irvin Pitts Jr. (Ann), R. Cullen Pitts (Jennifer), J. Joby Pitts (Laura) and W. Tipton Pitts (Cathy). Tommy was also a loving grandfather and great-grandfather to his 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Tommy was predeceased by his wife, Lavana Pitts-Ariail, sister, Eloise Whaley and brother, retired Lt. Col. Doyce W. Ariail, Jr.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, July 29th, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the sanctuary of Arcadia United Methodist Church in Arcadia, S.C. A service for

the remembrance and celebration of his life will be held on Friday, July 30th at 11am in the sanctuary of Arcadia United Methodist. The family will remain available for visitation after the service.

His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone with whom he interacted and ministered. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that his commitment to kindness, loyalty and compassion continue by donating to Arcadia United Methodist Church, PO Box 143, Arcadia, SC 29320.

Online condolences may sent at www.eggersonfuneralhome.com

ARIAIL, ARIAL, ARIEL, ORYALL FAMILY REUNION.

Next Reunion, JUNE 25, 2022.

THE NEXT ARIAIL FAMILY REUNION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 25, 2022, STARTING AT 12:30 P.M. THE CURRENT PLANS ARE TO HOLD THE REUNION AT THE HOME OF KEITH ARIAIL, THE FAMILY REUNION PRESIDENT, INSTEAD AT NAILS CREEK CHURCH WHERE IT IS USUALLY HELD.

KEITH ARIAIL LIVES IN JEFFERSON, GEORGIA, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 20-25 MILES FROM THE CHURCH. ANYONE WOULD TAKE AN EXIT OFF INTERSTATE 85 IN GEORGIA AND USE THE GPS ADDRESS FURNISHED BELOW TO GET TO HIS HOME.

KEITH'S HOME IS A LARGE COUNTRY ESTATE OF APPROXIMATELY 175 ACRES WHICH HAS BEEN IN HIS WIFE'S FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS. THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING THE HOME ARE IMMACULATELY GROOMED. IF I

COULD PAINT A PICTURE WITH WORDS, IT WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: WHEN APPROACHING HIS HOME, YOU WOULD SEE A LAKE WITH MANUCURED LAWNS SURROUNDING IT. YOU WOULD THEN TURN RIGHT INTO HIS DRIVEWAY WHICH IS A WINDING PATH THROUGH THESE GROUNDS TO HIS HOME WHICH IS NESTLED ON A HILLSIDE AMONGST A VARIETY OF TREES.

KEITH WAS GRACEOUS ENOUGH TO PERSONALLY DIRECT PEOPLE TO PARK ON THE VAST LAWN SURROUNDING HIS DRIVEWAY AND THEN TAKE THEM BY GOLFCART CONVEYANCE TO HIS HOME ATOP THE HILLSIDE.

HIS HOME HAS A LARGE PATEO WITH A SWIMMING POOL JUST TO THE LEFT OF THE PATEO. THE RESIDENCE HAS SEVERAL LARGE ROOMS WHICH ARE ALL BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED AND HIS WIFE PROVIDED US WITH A HOSTESS THAT NOT ONLY MADE US WELCOME BUT MADE ALL IN ATTENDANCE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ARIAIL FAMILY.

WE FELT FREE TO DO ANTHING WE WISHED. WE COULD PLAY GOLF, SWIM, SIT ON THE SIDE OF THE LAKE IN SWINGS OR UNDER A SHELTER PROVIDED WITH FANS WHICH CREATED A GENTLE BREEZE.WE COULD SIT ON THE PATEO IN COMFORTABLE CHAIRS, ENJOY VARIOUS ROOMS OF THE AIR-CONDITIONED HOME OR BRING GAMES TO PLAY OUTSIDE ON THE VAST ESTATE. WHEN I FINALLY DECIDED TO LEAVE AFTER 4 P.M., SOME WERE STILL LINGERING TO ENJOY THEMSELVES WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AMONGST THE WELCOMING HOSPITALITY OF THE MOMENT.

BECAUSE OF ALL OF THIS JUST MENTIONED, KEITH AND HIS WIFE OFFERED TO HOST THE REUNION IN 2020&2021, AND THE DECISION WAS MADE TO HOLD IT THERE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

IT IS HOPED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE FAMILY WILL BE WITH US IN 2021 TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FAMILY AND ENJOY THEMSELVES AT THIS BEAUTIFUL ESTATE OWNED BY KEITH AND HIS FAMILY.

KEITH ARIAILS' ADDRESS IS 3385 LYLE FIELD RD, JEFFERSON, GA. 30549. YOUR GPS DEVICES SHOULD TAKE YOU RIGHT TO HIS HOUSE.

HE HAS A LARGE HOME WITH SURROUNDING GROUNDS AND THIS SHOULD BE A WELCOME DEPARTURE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT NAILS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH. KEITH STATES THERE ARE PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED, SO LETS ALL COME AND ENJOY SOME TIME TOGETHER.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND BRING SECURITY AND SAFETY TO YOUR FAMILIES.

IN 2019 WE WERE BLESSED, AS HAS BECOME A TRADITION, TO HAVE WITH US ROBERT HESTER, WHO HAS SINCE PASSED FROM THE COVID-19, AND HIS WIFE FROM GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AS WELL AS SANDRA LESLIE, DAUGHTER OF RANDALL ARIAIL LESLIE, FROM CHARLOTTE,

NORTH CAROLINA. WHAT A JOY IT WAS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THESE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY. WE ALSO HAD SOME OF KIETH'S FAMILY FROM TEXAS WITH US AND EVERYONE ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM. SANDRA LESLIE TOLD ME THIS YEAR THAT WE ARE NOW THE ONLY FAMILY SHE HAS LEFT AND THAT SHE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE WITH US WHEN WE MEET. MAY SHE BE RICHLY BLESSED AND KEPT IN GOOD HEALTH SO WE CAN AGAIN SPEND TIME WITH SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON.

LET'S ALL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE THE NEXT REUNION A JOYIOUS ONE. WE COULD VERY WELL MEET RELATIVES THAT WOULD BLESS US AND WHOSE PRESENCE WOULD REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF OUR LIVES.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.