

# THE GOBLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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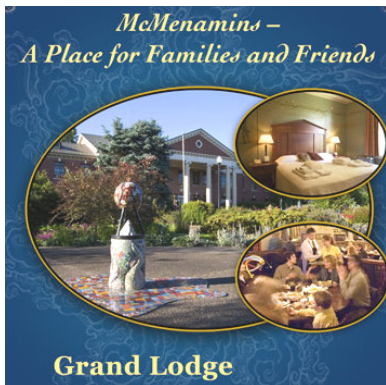
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### 2010 GOBLE FAMILY REUNION



We have set the weekend of June 25 – 27, 2010 for our next **GOBLE** reunion at McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale, Oregon. It's about 15 minutes from the Portland Airport and about 67 miles from Goble, OR. Edgefield is like a small village with shops, restaurants, a distillery, a winery, gardens, a spa, two par-3 pitch and put golf courses and more. It is on the national register of historic places and was once a poor farm that has been updated and converted. There are not rooms available there in the numbers we need, but we have blocks of rooms at the Best Western Motel and at the Comfort Inn close by.

Our plan is for an informal gathering at one of the Motels on Friday evening. We will set up exhibits early in the morning on Saturday and have a program in the late morning. There will be a buffet lunch at noon followed by awards and our business meeting. Then we can spend the rest of the afternoon visiting and taking the exhibits down.

The cost for adults and children ages 12 and up will be \$50 each. Children ages 6 to 11 will be \$25 and children ages 5 and under will be free. That charge will cover the Reunion lunch and miscellaneous expenses. We will have a registration page in our first newsletter of 2010 with all the details spelled out for you. In order to make it practical to have the reunion, we need at least 50 people committed to attending. It is VITAL that we know ASAP if you are planning to attend. Those of you who have been to one of our Reunions know how much fun they are. I hope to see many of you there!

Barbara Goble Volker, President & 2010 Reunion Chairman

### LOSS OF A LANDMARK

Sadly, Goble Road in Morningside, Durban South Africa has been renamed to something unpronounceable. Just about all the residents on Goble Road objected to the name change, to no avail. Younger members of the community have defaced the new name boards. The name change is presently being challenged in the High Court of South Africa.<sup>1</sup>

### BIRTHS



**Alexander (14) Gelenter** was born July 04, 2009 in San Francisco, California to April "Kelly" (13) Oken and Rudolph Alexander Gelenter. Alexander is the great grandson of Margaret Emma (11) Goble Faulkner. (*Thomas Goble Tree*)

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<sup>1</sup> Sarie Lapping, Durban SA

## FINDING SHAWNA LEE<sup>2</sup>

Shawna Lee Goebel was born December 24, 1969



daughter of William Gregory Goebel and Kathy Keith. Greg returned to another tour of duty in Viet Nam and the young mother struggled with being left alone with this young child. She filed for divorce and when Greg returned from the War he was told he would no longer be a part of Shawna's life.

The only picture our family had of Shawna was in March of 1970, she was 3 months old.

For years and years we always wondered what happened to Shawna Lee. Having never heard from her or her mother we pretty much had given up. Then along came the Internet. A couple of years ago, we started tracking down her mom and found a new name to track. It took two years and Face Book to come to the rescue.

On August 28 I sent a message directly to Shawna through her Face Book account. I told her it was not my intent to intrude in her life, but I just wanted her to know she has family that cares about her in California.

Within seconds I heard from her, and then seconds later I got another message. "Oh My Goodness" "Are you my dad's sister?" " This all of course was followed by a whole list of questions.

Shawna is married, she has three children, and she lives in Ohio. This past weekend she flew to San Diego to meet me and my mom. . We had a mini reunion with grandma, Aunt Paula and a few cousins. Yes, her grandmother Goebel is 87 years old and Shawna never knew she was here. And now Shawna Lee is a part of our family and it feels like she's always been here.

*Submitted by Paula-Jo Goebel Cahoon-October 15, 2009*

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## GOBLE FBI AGENT



**Theodore Norris Goble, Jr.** (of our *Thomas Goble Tree*) died September 4, 2009, at Brigham and Women's Hospital following a heart attack. He was 84. Ted was an active supporter of the Goble Family Association and provided a great deal of genealogy information on his family line.

What I didn't know about Ted until his death was that he had been an FBI agent. He had an illustrious career with the FBI. From 1966 to 1970 working on high profile cases such as the Kennedy assassination, the arresting of Ku Klux Klan members during the Civil Rights Movement and he was a counterintelligence contact in Israel working to deport a gangster back to the United States for trial. An article written about him in the Boston Globe said he carried a gun and a shotgun but never fired his weapon in 27 years of working in the FBI.

Theodore Norris (10) Goble Jr. was born Sep 16, 1891 in Newark to Theodore Norris and Emma Robinson (Stephenson) Goble. He and his younger sister, Patricia, grew up in the New Jersey towns of Arlington and Pompton Plains. After he graduated from high school, he enrolled at Brothers College, the theological school of what is now Drew University in Madison, N.J., planning to be a Methodist minister.

Ted joined the Navy to fight in World War II, assigned to the USS Bainbridge in Guam. Returning after the war, he graduated from Drew University in 1947 with a degree in history. That year he also married his high school sweetheart, Cora Harris.

He started Harvard Law School in 1947 and graduated three years later, passed the bar in New Jersey, and practiced law for a while. He started with the FBI in 1952 in Charlotte, N.C., and after two years was assigned to its New York office. The FBI sent him to Georgetown University to study Hebrew, preparing him for Tel Aviv, and assigned him to the bureau's Washington, D.C. field office. In 1972 he was transferred to New England.

Ted and Cora had seven children: Charles Jeffery, Kevin Harris, Theodore Norris, Nancy, Amy, Sarah and Quentin. They divorced in 1988 and Cora died in 2001.

After retiring from the FBI Ted worked in New Hampshire as a private investigator. He and his second wife, Shirley Mulford, a United Church of Christ minister, lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In Cambridge, Ted was an active member of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, serving on its board of senior deacons, co-chairing its capital campaigns, and assuming other leadership roles. He tutored immigrants in English, and supported human rights, civil rights, and gay rights. Ted and Shirley had one daughter, Emma. He leaves 15 grandchildren.

*I spoke to Ted on the phone and he sent many records for our files and he never mentioned his amazing career!  
Evelyn*

OBITUARIES



**Dr. John Corban Goble<sup>3</sup>** died **November 7, 2009** in a helicopter accident prior to a Veteran’s Day Air Show in southern California. He was 58.

Born in Pittsburg to G.C. and Mildred (Matheny) Goble on July 17, 1951, John attended Pittsburg schools and graduated from PHS in 1969. From there his education included the U.S.

Naval Academy, Penn State University, Johns Hopkins University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute whereby he was awarded his Bachelors, two Masters Degrees and his Doctorate.

John was President and CEO of Sectra North America, a worldwide medical service company specializing in the detection and prevention of disease using medical imaging techniques. A Vietnam veteran, John previously held key positions at the National Institutes of Health, Albany Medical Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the University of Virginia and Hewlett Packard.

While at Hewlett Packard, John co-patented a breakthrough imaging technique that eliminated the need for exploratory surgery. He has six medical patents and published over 20 research papers in his field. His work has been featured in National Geographic and exhibited at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

John was an accomplished pilot and held both commercial and instrument rated pilot licenses. He was an expert marksman and enjoyed raising Springer Spaniels. Flying, however, was his passion.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Colleen (Gradwell) Goble of Easton, CT and his mother Mildred of Pittsburg. Also surviving are two brothers Jim, of Knoxville, TN and Jeff, of Mission Hills, KS. John had five nephews and a niece who all adored him: Grayson, Grant, Gretchen, Corban, Clark and Andrew. He was preceded in death by his father G.C. “Corb” Goble in 1969. Corb was principal of Lincoln School in Pittsburg for 19 years.

Arrangements are pending. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. 4th St., Pittsburg. Online condolences may be left at [www.brennermortuary.com](http://www.brennermortuary.com). (Southern Goble Tree)

**Merry Christmas  
Goble Cousins!**

<sup>3</sup> Provided by Corban Goble

**Allene Goble Adams**, 94, of 7th Street, Taylorsville died Sunday, **November 1, 2009** at her residence. She was born in Alexander County, July 31, 1915 daughter of the late Jacob Troy and Ethel Warren Goble. She was retired from 37 years of service from the Alexander County School Food Services and was a member of First Baptist Church in Taylorsville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Douglas Adams, along with a brother and a sister. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Adams Coley and husband Dwaine of Taylorsville; a granddaughter, Laura Coley of Asheville; a grandson, Jonathan Coley of Taylorsville and a great-granddaughter, Emma Coley of Taylorsville; along with a number of nieces and nephews. Private family graveside services will be held at the Taylorsville Cemetery. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the Adams Family at [www.adamsfunerals.com](http://www.adamsfunerals.com). (Southern Goble Tree)

**Clela May (11) (Anderson) Lamb<sup>4</sup>** died on **November 1, 2009**. She was born June 20, 1930 to Ralph Anderson and Irene (Goble) Anderson in Whitehall Montana. After graduating from Whitehall High School she moved to Spokane Washington to pursue a degree in Nursing. She graduated from St. Luke’s with her RN. She married Alfred (Bud) Lamb on November 23, 1952 in Whitehall Montana. They moved to Santa Ana California and then to Sacramento before finally moving to Coeur d’Alene in 1964. They later divorced.

She worked as a nurse at Coeur d’Alene General, in Dr. Lyons office and then worked 23 years at Kootenai Medical Center. She was involved with many bible studies and was a member of the Inland Empire Orchid Growers Association. Painting China and collecting and restoring dolls gave her a lot of enjoyment. She loved to travel, especially to Hawaii and one of the highlights of her life was a trip to the Holy Land.

Her greatest joy in life was caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also loved taking care of family friend’s children, Riley and Taylor.

Clela is survived by her daughter, Diana and son-in-law John Daum of Hayden and son Steve Lamb and daughter-in-law Beth of Hayden, grandchildren Jesse Daum, Janessa Daum, Erik Lamb and wife Shellie, and Katie Lamb; Grandchildren Kaydance Lamb, Ethan Lamb, and Kason Lamb; Brothers Tom Anderson and wife Greta of Whitehall and brother David Anderson of Helena and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at Candlelight Christian Fellowship Coeur d’Alene. (Thomas Goble Tree)

The U.S. Constitution has required a national census be taken once every 10 years since 1790. The state population counts from the census are used to determine representation in the House of Representatives and the boundaries of legislative districts.

<sup>4</sup> Provided by David Anderson



**Elizabeth Adams Goble**, died **October 6, 2009**

Born in Grinnell, Iowa, Elizabeth died in her Granite Bay home in early October 2009 at the age of 84. She shared a full life with her husband of 59 years, Floyd E. Goble. Youngest daughter of Dr. E. Merle Adams and Irmabelle Beatty Adams, she was

predeceased by her brother, Dr. E. Merle Adams, Jr., and sisters, Jean Curtis and Mary Alice Johnson. Her childhood was spent in Norfolk and Lincoln, Nebraska, with her 1948 graduation from the University of Nebraska in socio-economics. In 1949, she worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, where she met her future husband. After marrying Floyd E. Goble, she joined him on Wake Island in the Pacific as the Assistant Island Manager. Following the Korean War, they moved to Honolulu; Denver; Fremont, CA; and Corvallis, OR, in support of his career with the Federal Aviation Administration. Volunteer efforts with PTA, Girl Scouts, and public libraries provided substantial rewards for her and various communities. Subsequent retirement to San Jose included jewelry and furniture sales with Emporium department stores. In 1990, Elizabeth and Floyd moved to Folsom to be closer to their two daughters. Treasured trips and holiday celebrations brought joy to the entire family. Their 2009 move to Eskaton Lodge Granite Bay expanded their circle of friends. Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Floyd E. Goble; two daughters, Claire (Henry) Chiu and Lori Goble; six nieces and nephews; and her beloved Miniature Schnauzer, Campy. Her loving countenance will continue to shine on them all. Private memorial and cremation. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her name to Pilgrim Place; 660 Avery Road; Claremont, CA 91711; [www.pilgrimplace.org](http://www.pilgrimplace.org). (Thomas Goble Tree)

**J. Plato Martin**<sup>5</sup>, 89, of Taylorsville, passed away Thursday, **October 8, 2009**, at his residence.

He was born in Alexander County May 25, 1920, the son of the late Espy Martin and Mollie Goble Martin. He was a member of Liledoun Baptist Church. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during World War II in the South Pacific in the midst of some of the fiercest battles of the war. He was among the surviving crew of the transport ship, President Coolidge, which sank in the Guadalcanal region. Mr. Martin had also been the proprietor of Martin's Grocery for over forty years. The store, popularly known as "Plato's," was a favorite community establishment and is still fondly remembered by many in Alexander County. He also served as a deputy sheriff in Alexander County for seven years during the 1960s.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Ophelia Bowman Martin of the home; three daughters, Dawn Rudisill and husband Gary, Amy Briggs and husband Martin, and Lisa Spelce and husband Keith, all of

Taylorsville; one son, Kenneth Martin and wife Anita of Raleigh; eight grandchildren, Jodi Speaks and husband Garrett of Taylorsville, Shana Davis of Hickory, Justin, Jessica, and Jordan Spelce, all of Taylorsville; and Anna, Emily, and Molly Martin, all of Raleigh; one great-grandchild, Christine Speaks of Taylorsville; one brother, J.E. Martin of Gastonia; two sisters, Alice Dagenhart and Rushie Warren, both of Taylorsville; and a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Liledoun Baptist Church with Dr. James Lockee, Rev. Bill Orren, Rev. Jeff Chapman, and Rev. Brian Kerley officiating. Burial followed in the Liledoun Cemetery with military rites provided by V.F.W. Post 10,000 of Hiddenite and Post 5466 of Taylorsville. (Southern Goble Tree)

**Daniel "Roscoe" Goble**<sup>6</sup>, 86, of Wittenburg Rd. Taylorsville died Thursday, **October 29, 2009** at his residence. He was born in Alexander County May 2, 1923 son of the late Jerome R. Goble and Amanda Katherine Little Goble. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was retired from the Taylorsville ABC Store. He was an avid bird hunter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Hazel Adams Goble; brothers Lloyd Little and Eugene Goble; sisters Emo Icenhour, Genevieve Childers, Madeleen Hefner and Mary Katherine Goble. Survivors include a daughter Martha Goble Caldwell and husband Wayne of Taylorsville; a sister Helen Siesicki of Black Mountain NC, and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Revs. Harvey Blume and Harold Skinner officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the Goble family at [www.adamsfunerals.com](http://www.adamsfunerals.com). Adams Funeral Home and cremation service is in charge of arrangements. (Southern Goble Family Tree)

**James Alan (12) Petty**<sup>7</sup>, of Gordon, Texas died Thursday, **September 17, 2009** at home after a four year battle with Leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Kay; four children and 10 grandchildren. He devoted his life to Mission Work (Africa 16 years, preaching, and education ministry.) The Memorial Service was held at 2 p.m. September 26, 2009 at the School Gym in Gordon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Foster's Home for Children of Stephenville or World Bible School, Cedar Park, TX. His parents were Gene E. and Mabel R. (Goble) Petty. (Thomas Goble Tree)

*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. ~Burton Hillis*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

<sup>5</sup> Taylorsville (NC) Times, Oct. 15, 2009, Provided by Corban Goble

<sup>6</sup> Provided by Corbin Goble

<sup>7</sup> Provided by Charles Petty