le knew that it was okay to go to sleep. He breathed out again, nd it was as if he was holding his breath. He took one more full reath of life, breathed out, closed his eyes, and never breathed gain.

over the oxygen machine it was difficult to make sure of what had ust happened. His hands were still warm, as was his forehead. We turned off the machine, felt for a pulse, listened for a heartbeat, trained for the movement of air. There was nothing to be felt, othing to be heard, no movement to observe. Gradually, eacefully he had drifted off into a deep and abiding sleep.

In several occasions he had told me of watching his father die in his very same way. Of taking in a breath, only to wonder if nother would ever follow. Finally my grandfather breathed out hid never breathed back in again. My dad told me of the impact hat this had on him. I wonder, as my dad ended his life in this ame way, if this was his one last expression of manifesting his will. If he had chosen to teach me one last life lesson, just as his ather had.

ly dad always lived by an expression that "the worst of truths is etter than doubt". In the end I think he has taught me that these re words both to live and die by. He did this by example, dying, nuch as he had lived, with certainty and clarity in the face of hallenge and confusion.

### 'he positive side of life

Living on Earth is expensive, but does include a free trip around ne sun every year.

We could learn a lot from rayons: some are sharp, some are retty, some are dull, some have reird names, and all are different olors....but they all exist very icely in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

d. Living

Children: Jaynie Lynne Fraser

b. 29 Dec. 1987, New Orleans, La

Blakeney Thomas Fraser, Jr.

b. 27 May, 1992,

Mandeville, La

(Blake, Karen and children moved to Colorado Springs, Co, 1998)

**Aimwell Cementery** is located about four miles from Sweetwater, **Marengo County, Alabama**. To get there from Sweetwater on Hwy. 10, go west about a mile and one half, to the intersection of country road 17. Turn right or north and go about three miles, the church and cemetery are on the right or east side of the highway.

Surname, Given Name	<b>Birth Date</b>	Death Date
Blakeney, Ada Alice	Oct 25, 1880	Sept 10, 1958
Blakeney, Bessie Rebecca	Oct 9, 1896	Oct 16, 1922
Blakeney, Blonnie A.	Sept 26, 1904	Apr 9, 1974
Blakeney, Catherine Daniels	Oct 13, 1870	July 24, 1951
Blakeney, Jones Lucy	Feb 7, 1866	Jan 21, 1932
Blakeney, Julia Mayton	Sept 28, 1867	July 26, 1914
Blakeney, Martha J.	May 7, 1833	June 1888
Blakeney, Martha Naomi	June 10, 1891	Oct 7, 1898
Blakeney, Ona June	June 17, 1907	May 6, 1909
Blakeney, Robert H	Mar 12, 1821	Mar 4, 1908
Blakeney, Thomas W.	1862	1925
Blakeney, William Bayne	Oct 22, 1953	Oct 30, 1953
Blakeney, William Gidian	Mar 1, 1878	May 17,1922
Blakeney, William Dee	Sept 28, 1909	Feb 25, 1917
Blakney, Bessie R.	Oct 9, 1896	Oct 16, 1922
Blakney, James L.	Feb 7, 1866	June 21, 1932
Blakney, Joe Bennie	Oct 28, 1914	July 26, 1926
Blakney, Johnie Kirkham	Apr 24, 1890	Apr 13, 1938
Blakney, Julie L.	Aug 28, 1867	July 24, 1951
Blakney, Liza J.	1865	1915
Blakney, Martha J.	May 7, 1833	June 2, 1888
Blakney, Robert H.	Mar 12, 1821	Mar 4, 1908
Blakney, Little Neoma	June 16, 1891	Oct 7, 1895

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Contributed by Carol Wood

Descendants of HUGH BLAKENEY 5 (James 4, Thomas 3, William 2, John 1).								
1	1 HUGH BLAKENEY		EY 1820 -					
	+NANC	Y YELVE	RTON 1818 - 18	892				
	2	JAME A	LBERT BLAKENE	EY	1844 -			
	2	<b>ELIZAB</b>	ETH P. BLAKENE	Y	1845 -			
	2	WILLIA	M BLAKENEY	1846 -				
	2	ALFREI	T. BLAKENEY	1847 - 19	14			
	+CAROLINE AINSWORTH							
		3	HENRY WEBSTE	R BLAKE	ENEY	1880 - 19	918	
			+AMY BELLE NI	CHOLS	1892 - 19	83		
		4	HARVEY NICHO	LS BLAK	ENEY	1926 -		
			+BETTY CAROL	YN SOUT	HALL	1925 -		
		3	JAMES ALBERT	"JIM" BL	AKENEY	1873 - 19	948	
			+EDNA WARE	<b>1874 -</b> 19	80			
		4	AMANDA ROBE	RTSON B	LAKENE'	Y		
	2	MARY A	A. BLAKENEY	1848 -				
	2	LOVICK	BLAKENEY	1850 -				
	2	SIMEON	BLAKENEY	1852 -				
	2	SUSAN	C. BLAKENEY	1855 -				
	2	MARTH	A BLAKENEY	1856 -				
	2	THOMA	S L BLAKENEY	1857 -				
	2	JEFFER!	SON D. BLAKENE	Y	1858 -			
	2	JOHN B	LAKENEY	1860 -				
	2	HUGH E	LAKENEY	1864 -				
	2	NANCY	C. BLAKENEY	1866 -				
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		3	Ola Blakeney	1871 -				
		3	Eula Blakeney					
		3	Houston MARSHA	A Blakeney	1895 - 19	17		
		3	HERMAN Blakene	ey	1896 -			
		3	WILLIE Blakeney					
		3	Ione Blakeney	1906 - 19	84			
		3	Harold Blakeney		81			
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and amazingly without the cancer having metastasize to other parts of his body.

Eventually though the rotting from within, even though contained to his urinary track, began to take its toll. Many times I would see him with urine the color of cool-aid collected in his catheter bag. As he began to lose more blood, we reacted by treating him with coagulants. Unfortunately these exacerbated a family tendency toward stroke, and thus began the long, slow, and steady death of my father.

Interestingly it ended just as gradually as it had begun. Though his pain had been getting worse and worse, on this last night he was finally resting almost comfortably. The months of pain, and the chronic bleeding had left him so anemic, that he couldn't even talk. He began to labor for his breathing more and more. Breathing slowly and deliberately through his mouth he continued to will himself to stay alive.

But alas, in time, even the breathing itself became too difficult. He began to breathe rapidly and laboriously in an effort to try and replace the oxygen that his inefficient and labored breathing was not bringing to his little body. Finally this was just too much. He began to breathe in a very unusual pattern. He would breath out, and then pause -- some times for as much as 20 or 30 seconds -- before he would then gasp back in another breath.

His eyes had been glassy for some time and refocused. As I sat there and watched him, I held his hand and stroked his warm brow and told him that I loved him. I kissed his forehead and told him that it was okay. That I knew he was tired, and that he could rest if he needed to. Then an amazing thing happened. The refocused eyes lost their glassiness for just a moment -- maybe for as much as 15 or 20 seconds. Even though he was too tired and weak to talk, in that moment I know that we communicated.

## **Reflections on Death and Life of a Father**

y Regan Williams

he blood pressure cuff has to be wrapped a little more than usual 1 order to fit around the once sinewy left arm. The needle starts s reading at 150 and slowly and without let up makes its way to ero. There isn't the customary bounce when the systolic blood ressure is first noticed. Just the steady descent to nothing. Much ke the patient it belongs to. A few moments later the stethoscope eveals no heart rate. At 12:25 a.m. my father is officially ronounced dead. I have never watched anyone be pronounced ead. But until 10:53 of this same evening, I had never watched nyone die either.

had's death sentence had actually begun some six years before then he was first diagnosed with prostate cancer. At 75 years old, is urologist recommended a course of treatment involving adiation and chemotherapy, fearing that my father was just too old go through the removal of his prostate. Little did we know at that me what my dad was capable of enduring.

over the next six years my father was hospitalized no less than 37 mes. We used to kid him that the ER was going to have to name n exam room after him. For the last 18 months he was atheterized almost continually. For the last 9 months he collected rap in a bag attached to his side. Toward the end the catheter rouldn't work because of the ever-present blood clots, so his urine rould drain out of his rectum -- a convenient release valve formed y a fistula created from aggressive radiation treatment.

hrough it all though, he never allowed himself to make xpressions of self-pity. If he felt sorry for himself, he was the only ne who would know it. He took herbs by the double handfuls, to elp ward off the demon eating his body away from the inside. His octors couldn't believe it when year after year after year he ontinued to show back up at their offices. Always with a smile,

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### Deaths:

Williams, Charles W., age 80, of Birmingham passed away Thursday evening September 27, 2001. Born in rural Pickens county Alabama, Williams moved to Birmingham in 1940. A career salesman and lifetime learner, he started multiple successful businesses in the area and retired as President of Alabama Professional Exterminators in 1999. Even more important to Mr. Williams than his secular success was his pursuit of spiritual goals. He was a devout Jehovah's Witness spending over 60 years as an active minister in the area. Mr. Williams was also a committed husband and an outstanding father. Teaching the same balance of spiritual and secular success that he lived, he leaves a loving and grateful legacy with his family. Surviving family members include his wife of 61 years, Laudice Blakeney Williams; two sons, Roderick Williams and Regan Williams; three sisters, Eunice Wheat, Virginia Lipsey and Agnes Scott; seven grandchildren, Craig Williams, Candace Williams Phillips, Jason Williams, Logan Williams, Grayce Laine Williams, Lochlan Williams, and Greyson Williams; two great-grandchildren, Riley Williams and Blakeney Williams. Visitation will be Sunday, September 30, 2001 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home. The funeral services will be held on Monday, October 1, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Southern Heritage Funeral Home with burial at the Reform Municipal Cemetery in Reform, Alabama. Wheeler Shouse of the Eastwood Congregation of Jehovah's Witness officiated.

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y name is Dean Blakeney. I am the nephew of James Reed Blakeney. My ther was Cadmus Durell Blakeney (grandson of Lee Boyd). My son Scott akeney lives with his wife Amy in Greenville, SC. My other son Tim Blakeney ill begin working on his Masters degree in History at Clempson University. My aughter Christy had one more semester of college and Bob Jones University in seech and drama. She wants to get her masters degree and become a speech athologist. I live in Madison Heights. Michigan 925 Canterbury Dr. 48071 DBlakeney@Integrity.Com>.

#### icknesses:

uline Blakney (wife of the late Revis Duin Blakeney) wrote "I have had a second pinion on my health and an agreement on what is best and after the discussion with evis and Julie, we have decided on an laminectmy fusion with no instrumentation on arch 18. Dr. Richard Duncan who does nothing but back surgery is my doctor. I will eve some shaved hip bone placed around the 4th and 5th lumbars and wear a brace for out 3 months and should expect recovery in about 6 months. On April 5 Pauline wrote am doing better and even got this turtle shell on by myself this morning and I no longer ill have help more than once per week. Thanks to everyone for your help bblakeney@yahoo.com>."

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### **Accomplishments:**

A Mulberry Summer: A series of articles about the actual killings appeared in the Walton Tribune published in Monroe, Georgia, and they became inspiration for this tale. The question was how and why such a senseless and brutal incident could ever occurred. There were no factual answers then, and there are none in this story. There never was a Birdie Johnson, or a Mattie Lou Herndon, or a Judge Spencer Tolliver, or a Billy James Bradley, but you may have known people like them.

About the Author James Reed Blakeney was born in rural Pickens County, Alabama and grew up during the bleak days of the Great Depression. As a 13-year-old boy, he watched his older brothers leave for Europe to take their places in the ranks of the Allied Forces during World War II. He came of age in the aftermath of that conflict. He has been active in the fields of education and industry. He is a published poet and is president of a medical gas and equipment company. He is very much a product of the times and events depicted in A Mulberry Summer <a href="http://www.trafford.com/robots/01-0494.html">http://www.trafford.com/robots/01-0494.html</a>.

Crystal Sutphin (daughter of Pamela Callais; granddaughter of Phyllis Ann Lyday, great granddaughter of Emerson Blakney) won third place (at Sinclair Elementary School's in the fifth grader's science fair) for her project "What Kind of Hitchhikers Are Out There?" She showed there are micro-organisms are found on items in her school. Because of this award, she was invited to participate in the Prince William County Science Fair to show her project. Congradulations!

Crystal Sutphin (daughter of Pamela Callais; granddaughter of Phyllis Ann Lyday, granddaughter of Emerson Blakney) was accepted into the Stonewall Middle School International Baccalaurette Middle Years Program. She's been told if she can hang in for the first grading period, her school work will become easier. She's been told this will be a challenging program with a lot of extra homework; she's also required to do community service. Let's encourage Crystal to stay organized so she can stay on top of her assignments.

### eunion update

he 2001 Blakeney Family Reunion convened August 4 at Shepard's aptist Church, Fayette, AL, courtesy of contacts at the church by Adolph ad Kay Blakeney. Coffee and juice was be served at 9:00 A cemetery aur of Chapel Hill, Union Springs, and Shepard Church will begin at 0:00 ending at the church for a catered lunch at Noon. Dr. Rhodes olliman of Virginia is able to attend, and presented a program on the possible grave site of William Blakeney who was last reported alive in the harleston, TN in December 1883.

business meeting was held at 2 PM in the Sanctuary. Officers elected or the next year were Phyllis Lyday, President, Adolph Blakeney, Viceresident, Pat Parten, Treasurer, and Pamela Callais, Secretary Jewsletter). Walter Holliman was appointed as Historian. Reid lakeney agreed to work with the President on investigating a non-profit ganization and to report the finding at the next meeting.

## suggestion for a mission statement and objective for the lakeney Family Organization

Mission Statement: To educate both the members and the iblic about the history and heritage of the Blakeney Family.

### Objectives are:

to educate family members and the general public of about the story of the Blakeney Family through informative and educational ograms and by posting on web sites;

to institute and promote such educational, scientific, legislative and her programs as will foster public awareness of outstanding complishments of family members toward the public good;

to preserve the heritage, and maintain the history of the Blakeney mily by supporting genealogical research, dissemination of research by iblication, talks, and web sites, building and supporting historic markers here family members are buried in locations of historical significance.

ne web site is now <a href="http://www.blakeneyfamily.org">http://www.blakeneyfamily.org</a>>.

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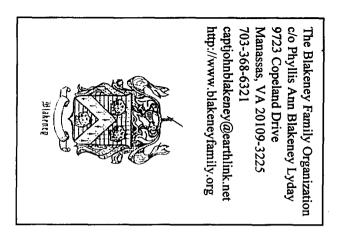
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Group photo and program after lunch

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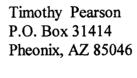








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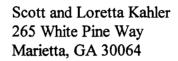
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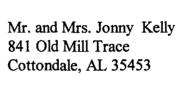
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Left to Right
Standing:
Mike and Liz
Scheffler
Mary Jane Hunt
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Tucker
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Mystery Couple-Can you identify this pair?



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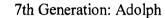
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