



# NEWSLETTER



December 2008

## fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Merry Christmas 2008!

Once again this has been a very full year for Phyllis and me. I thought last year was packed...but we outdid ourselves this year.



Nathaniel Conner Tucker, our first great grandkid born April 1st!

In April we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary with a tour "downunder" and it was wonderful!

Not only in the sights of the countries, but in the meeting of "downunder" cuzzins

**Penny and Bob Smith.**

Penny's great grandmother was **Rosa Allstadt** who married **Alfred Aal** in 1886. Penny was from the Jewish line of Allstadts who fled Germany for England just before WWII.

After the war, Penny's family moved to New Zealand and she was born there in 1949.

Penny and I began communicating over the internet in 2007. It was a memorable evening with Penny and her husband, Bob, over a lamb dinner and a Tchaikovski concert by the New Zealand State Orchestra while our tour group was in Dunedin on the south NZ island.

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Penny and Bob Smith with Jerry and Phyllis enjoying the New Zealand Symphony

## 2008 Altstadt gathering at der Hund Haus in Evansville, Indiana, was a great success with plans finalized for the 2009 National Reunion!

by Jim Altstadt

We had a good turn out at the annual Altstadt Reunion of the Heinrich Altstadt Clan (pg. 68) and received some ideas for next year's National Reunion.

This year's two winners of the washer tournament were **Marty Hutchison** and **Don Tepool**.

Katie, Wayne, Diane and I have spent many hours working on the 2009 Reunion plans and they are now finalized.

**Lefty Altstadt** will start off the festivities on Friday, July 3, with the Alstott/Altstadt Invitational Golf Tournament, which is a first for the AAA National Meets.



### 2009 AAA ALL CLANS REUNION

The 5th National Reunion will be held in Evansville, Indiana, on July 4 & 5, 2009, at the Vanderburgh County 4H Center hosted by **Jim & Katie Altstadt**, and **Wayne & Diane Altstadt**.

Rooms have been blocked out at the Drury Inn North on Hwy 41N. The hotel phone number is (812) 423-5818. Ask for **Altstadt Reunion** rate of \$69.99 per night.

There are also 67 campsites at the

4H Center ((812)867-6217) available on a first come basis. *(There is a Knife show at the 4H Center that weekend also competing for these campsites).*

We are putting together a family cookbook, so get out your favorite recipes. Send your recipes along with your reservations. Even if you cannot attend the reunion, you can still submit recipes and order a cookbook. **We would especially like to get recipes from Germany.**

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The "A" Train Corner

**Alstott honored for his outstanding career!**



October 19, 2008

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -- **Mike Alstott**, pg. 438, brought the Tampa Bay crowd to its feet one more time.

The former Buccaneers fullback, one of the most popular players in the franchise's history and its career leader in several categories, was honored with a ceremony at halftime of Tampa Bay's game against the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday night.

Alstott was the final person to run from the tunnel when the starters were announced, and served as an honorary captain, wrapping Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden in a bear hug shortly before kickoff.

"Pads on or pads off, I get emotional every time," Alstott said. "Being able to go out there and break that huddle and fire up the guys one last time -- dreams come true. ... I couldn't ask for anything better. You couldn't write it any better."

The Bucs' cheerleaders all wore No. 40 jerseys for the game, as did thousands of fans, and two huge flags bearing Alstott's number swayed at midfield for the halftime ceremony.

"It was an honor to describe his great career," longtime Bucs play-by-play voice Gene Deckerhoff said. "And it was a thrill every time I was able to say, 'Al-stott! Up the gut! Touchdown, Tampa Bay!'"

Alstott was presented with two framed jerseys -- including the very one he wore in 1996, in the team's former creamsicle-orange color scheme that had his name spelled "Alstott" on the back. The other jersey was from his last game with the Buccaneers.

"Beautiful piece," Alstott said. "Puts the beginning to the end together."

He was also feted with several taped tributes played on the video screen throughout the evening, including ones from former teammates, along with stars like Terrell Davis, Marshall Faulk and Cal

Ripken Jr.

"You're a great player and a great man," Florida Gov. Charlie Crist said.

Alstott choked up during the ceremony, stopping his speech after only a few seconds because of cheers from the crowd.

"You guys are the best," Alstott said, after composing himself.

A six-time Pro Bowl selection, Alstott retired this year after a 12-year career. He's dropped some weight since retirement, and said he feels fine, even though his neck -- which was problematic throughout his career -- isn't yet as strong as he would like.

"My body feels great, knees, everything," Alstott said.

He was one of the mainstays of the team that delivered the franchise's only Super Bowl championship, and set career club records for touchdowns (71), TDs rushing (58) and Pro Bowl appearances by an offensive player. In 12 seasons, he rushed for 5,088 yards, caught 305 passes for 2,284 yards.

"I love you and I will miss you," Alstott said, closing his remarks.

| Season | Rushing |       |     |     |     | Receiving |       |     |     |     | Fumbles |    |     |      |
|--------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|-----|------|
|        | G       | GS    | Att | Yds | Avg | Lng       | TD    | Rec | Yds | Avg | Lng     | TD | FUM | Lost |
| 2006   | 16      | 15    | 60  | 171 | 2.9 | 17        | 3     | 21  | 85  | 4.0 | 18      | 0  | 1   | 1    |
| 2005   | 16      | 7     | 34  | 80  | 2.4 | 9         | 6     | 25  | 222 | 8.9 | 24      | 1  | --  | --   |
| 2004   | 14      | 11    | 67  | 230 | 3.4 | 32        | 2     | 29  | 202 | 7.0 | 20      | 0  | 2   | 2    |
| 2003   | 4       | 3     | 27  | 77  | 2.9 | 29        | 2     | 10  | 83  | 8.3 | 17      | 0  | --  | --   |
| 2002   | 16      | 9     | 146 | 548 | 3.8 | 32        | 5     | 35  | 242 | 6.9 | 44      | 2  | 4   | 2    |
| 2001   | 16      | 16    | 165 | 680 | 4.1 | 39        | 10    | 35  | 231 | 6.6 | 19      | 1  | 2   | 2    |
| 2000   | 13      | 13    | 131 | 465 | 3.5 | 20        | 5     | 13  | 93  | 7.2 | 21      | 0  | 3   | 2    |
| 1999   | 16      | 16    | 242 | 949 | 3.9 | 30        | 7     | 27  | 239 | 8.9 | 24      | 2  | 6   | 6    |
| 1998   | 16      | 16    | 215 | 846 | 3.9 | 37        | 8     | 22  | 152 | 6.9 | 26      | 1  | 5   | 5    |
| 1997   | 15      | 15    | 176 | 665 | 3.8 | 47        | 7     | 23  | 178 | 7.7 | 26      | 3  | 5   | 3    |
| 1996   | 16      | 16    | 96  | 377 | 3.9 | 39        | 3     | 65  | 557 | 8.6 | 29      | 3  | 4   | 2    |
| TOTALS | 1,359   | 5,088 | 3.7 | 47  | 58  | 305       | 2,284 | 7.5 | 44  | 13  | 32      | 25 |     |      |

An item of interest to those interested in sports:

**Alstott T-shirts Still Available**

My name is Lee Anne Baskett and I have regulation Alstott T-shirts in both red and white, in sizes 48-54. I sell them outside of e-Bay for \$40.00 for the first one and \$35.00 for each additional...add shipping.

Contact me at "Lee-Anne Baskett" <tampajerseyhut@hotmail.com>.

Hey cuzzins...I got a red and a white T-shirt from Lee-Anne...the ones I received were the NFL equipment t-shirts like the ones worn on the field. ....cuz Jerry

**Alstott Introduces McCain Posted Nov 3, 2008**

Warmup speakers for John McCain at Raymond James Stadium have included Sen. Mel Martinez and Rep. Gus Bilirakis, but the campaign saved the big draw to introduce McCain—former Buc **Mike Alstott**.

**Cuzzin Contact...**

Hi Jerry,

**GOOD NEWS!** I got the following message from my Abbot:

"Dear Fr. Damian, I think it would be good for you to preside at the Reunion Mass and attend it. Seeing family is important. We'll try to get by without you until the end of that week. I'll inform Prior Basil and Br. Jacob."

I talked with Wayne Altstadt last week and will have to try and meet him and Diane after Thanksgiving break. See you in July! Damo, (Fra. Damian Dietlein, pg. 112)

Family historian for the Johann Jakob Altstadt clan passes on...

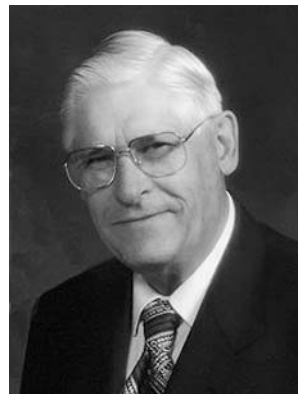
**Ewald Rudolph Wuschke,**

pg. 541

January 20, 1929 to November 7, 2008

Born in a wooden shack (or sod hut) on a homestead at Mankota, Sask, Ewald grew up at Mossbank, Sask. After a short time in

Ontario, he returned to Mossbank and published the Lake Johnston Star newspaper. He then moved to Prince Albert, Sask, where he met his wife, Maria



Schulz. They were married in Mossbank on June 1, 1952. After starting a family in Winnipeg, they moved to Vancouver in 1959 where Ewald founded the family printing business in 1965. Ewald had a life-long passion for genealogy. He was never at a loss to express his opinion on political or religious issues. He published a genealogical magazine called "Wandering Volhynians" and helped many people with German backgrounds from Poland and Volhynia discover their family roots. He also loved to sing and formed a German Sing-A-Long group. Ewald enjoyed 5-pin bowling and won Gold and Silver Medals at the 2003 BC Seniors Games in Chilliwack. He enjoyed lively discussions with everyone and lived life to the fullest.

Ewald is predeceased by his father Gustav, his mother Adelgunde (Altstadt) Wuschke, and his sister Ida. He is

survived by his wife of 56 years, Maria; his children: Ewald Jr (Grace), Arthur (Mary), Caroline, Garth, and Kenneth (Cheryl); and seven grandchildren: Christine, Jennifer, Kent, Heather, Sarah, Reid, and Tomas. Ewald is also survived by brothers and sisters: Frederick, Reinhold, Leon, Eva and Elvira.

Funeral service were held on Tuesday, November 18th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7100 Granville Ave, Richmond, British Columbia.

Dear Jerry,

The other day I received a Christmas card from **Tom and Kathy Rivers**, (pg. 471) up in Edina, Minnesota. Tom's brother was the one who researched the family link to the Mayflower.

The Mayflower link was to the *SECOND* voyage of the Mayflower - not the first.

I'll see what I can find out on the *SECOND* voyage. Just initially the second voyage was not the same ship, even though it had the same name - but I'll see what I can find.

THANKS - fall weather here finally.

I hate the heat!

Love, Lona Wilson, pg. 460

Dear Jerry,

My husband and I are getting excited to hear if there is a planned trip to Germany this year?

**Maggie Kremer**, pg. 107

*Hi cuz Maggie,*

*Sorry - - no tour this year to Germany. I do plan on bringing up a future Germany tour at the 2009 Reunion in July to see how many would be interested. We need at least 15 to go in order to get the best prices. I will have all the information at the Reunion. I hope to offer our cuzzins the tour we were not able to make in 2007.*

*I will be looking to see you at the Reunion too! - - cuz Jerry*

Hi Jerry,

My name is **Constance Samsel** (pg. 391).

My mother was **Miriam Alstott Roewe Samsel** and lived in Laurens, Iowa. I recently viewed at family history book of a cousin's and am interested in knowing if I could buy a copy. I realize this is not a new document, however it was new to me. I would be interested in being placed on your e-mail list as well the mailing list.

Thank you in advance.

*I'm afraid you are a couple of years too late...but I hope, one of these days, to make a CD or DVD of the 1994 book with*

*updates...just don't hold your breath too long. - - cuz Jerry*

Dear Cuzzin Jerry,

I thought I would update everyone on dad's (**Bill Alstott**, pg. 204 ) knee surgery progress. He went to Lincoln Hills Nursing Home on Mother's Day and is going thru physical therapy until he can go home. He will then have someone come to their house for physical therapy. He's doing really well.

Dr. Connor wanted more aggressive therapy, so they are doing more and he is doing exercises in his room while watching TV. Pain wise he's done great! Dad just doesn't feel pain like the rest of us! I'm really glad for that... It's the reason he waited so long to have the surgery.

We have plans to take him to the Alstott Family Reunion on Monday, May 28. We always look forward to it.

We aren't sure when he'll be able to come home, but we'll be glad when he can. Mother gets tired out so easily, but lays down during the day and rests. She's planning to be tested for food allergies again because she feels that is part of what makes her so tired so much of the time.

**Beverlie Alstott**, pg. 204

Hello Jerry,

Thanks for your e-mail! I'm looking forward to your visit with our family in Badenweiler. For us, Sunday, May 20, would be the best date to meet - is this okay for you?

My English isn't very good, but I will bring along my children to support me.

Of course it is no problem to pick you up and bring you back to where you are staying in Kandern.

See you soon!

Greetings from Germany,

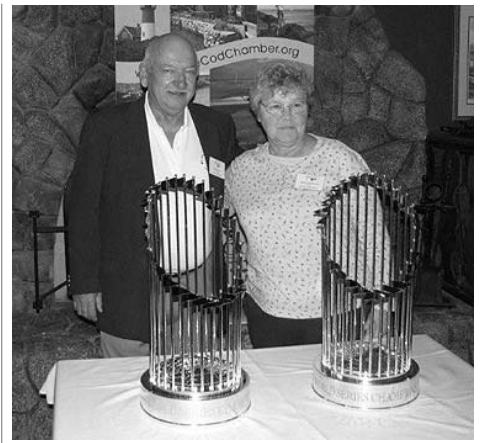
**Liesel Altstadt Lais** and family

Hi Jerry and Phyllis,

It was great to meet you at last and we had a great time at the orchestra. The paper this morning gave it a rave review but we already knew it was a pretty awesome performance.

Thank you for the gift which was quite unexpected. Hopefully we will meet again and next time you can stay longer if you are over this way. You never know - we may be over your way sometime in the future.

Love, **Penny Smith**, pg. 18



Hi Jerry,

Here we are, Ted and I, with the two World Series trophies from the Boston Red Sox 2004 and 2007 World Series'. Go Sox!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Mary Lou Karras**, pg. 443

Hi Guys,

We're home from the ice and snow, had a good trip, it was a first for both of us.

I have an obit on **Sylvia Mae Melton** (Jimmie). You met Jimmie and her brother Phil at my house a few years ago. She's from the **Daniel Stuteman Altstatt** line. Georgia and I go to Houston next Tuesday to the *MD Anderson Cancer Institute* so they can take a look at Georgia's lung. Keep her on your prayer list.

Love you guys, see you later,

**Bill Altstatt**, pg. 256

**Sylvia Mae Mellon**

**"Jimmie" MELTON**, pg. 278

went to be with her Lord Monday, June 23, 2008. She was born August 1,

1920, to **Earl and Agnes Altstatt** in Greenwood, Arkansas. Jimmie had been a resident of Midwest City, Oklahoma since 1946. Jimmie loved her God, her church, OU sports, and her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Blessed with excellent health until the last year of her life, she was always ready to go with anyone who dropped by to visit.

Jimmie is survived by sisters. Anne Kitchen of Washington State, Earlene Crawford of Superior, Wyoming and a brother Phil Altstatt of Superior Wyoming. Other survivors include her children Carolyn Underwood, Steve Jolles, and Edna Walker; a son-in-law, Bill Underwood and a daughter-in-law, Joan Jones. She is also survived by grandchildren, Civil Underwood. Heath

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*...but deadline for the ALTSTADT room rate at the Drury Inn North is February 15th...so don't miss out on the savings!*



This year's two winners of the washer tournament were Marty Hutchison and Don Tepool. Try your hand at it at the 2009 National Reunion...it's great FUN for all ages!



Joining us at the Reunion will be the family of Hermann and Gundi Altstadt of Erlangen, Germany

Presiding at the Reunion Mass will be Fr. Damian Dietlein, genealogist of the George Altstadt line of Perham, MN. All welcomed at this interdenominational Sunday observance



**Germany 2011!...we wanted to give you plenty time to get your "green" nestegg set aside!**

Did you miss the 2003 Grand Tour of Altstadt/Allstadt Immigrant sites?

At the 2009 Reunion, we will offer you another chance to visit early Altstadt/Altstadt locals in Germany, Austria and Switzerland on a tour in 2011.

Quite a few cuzzins have requested another tour of the "Fatherland"...so, if you are interested in returning to Germany, or going for the **first time**...please let me know by "snail" or e-mail. We need a minimum of 15 people to make the tour possible.

# 2009 Alstott/Altstadt/Altstatt Reunion in Evansville, Indiana - crossroads of the Midwest!

July 4-5, 2009



2009 Reunion continued from page 1...

Come to Evansville and plan to spend several days. Evansville attractions include Amazonia-Mesker Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Casino Aztar, Museum of Arts & Science, Children's Museum and LST 325 warship. Other attractions in the area are Holiday World and Splashing Safari, French Lick Resort Casino, Historic New Harmony and others.

And especially remember...the Altstadt Golf Tournament on Friday at Clearcrest Pines, July 3, starting at 8 am. Cost for the tournament will be \$25.00 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf and a golf cart. If you have any questions about the tournament please call Lefty Altstadt at (812)760-2091. More details will be sent to those interested.

The host hotel is the Drury Inn North, 3901 Hwy 41N. We have been able to get a special room rate of \$69.99 plus tax, which

also includes BREAKFAST. This special price is only offered through February 15, 2009...so make your reservations soon! Ask for the Altstadt Reunion Special Price! For Drury Hotel reservations call (812) 423-5818.

The hotel and golf course are located within 5 miles from the 4H Activities Center. Make your reservations for the meet directly to Jim and Katie Altstadt. Mail the enclosed Reservation Form to: Jim & Katie Altstadt, 7621 Bartels Dr, Evansville, IN 47710-4801. If you have any questions, call Jim Altstadt at (812)401-3456 or Jerry Allstott at (805)650-3747.

Basic costs for the Reunion are found on the Reservation Form. We have kept the costs low so that as many as can come will be able to afford it during these "downsizing" times.

We're looking forward to seeing YOU!

Make your hotel reservations before Feb. 15 for our special discount!



Above: our host hotel, the Drury Inn North; right: Vanderburgh County 4H Activity Center where the 2009 Reunion activities will be held.



There will be July 4th fireworks at on the Ohio River waterfront in Evansville and you won't want to miss the show!

## There's lots to see on your way to the 2009 Reunion in Indiana!

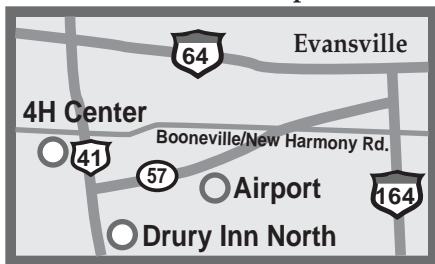
- The Arch in St. Louis, MO
- Abe Lincoln's Home & Museum in Springfield, IL
- The Hermitage and Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN
- The Brickyard in Indianapolis, IN

All of these are within a few hours drive of Evansville... plus...see these Evansville attractions:

- Amazonia-Mesker Zoo & Botanical Gardens
  - Casino Aztar
  - Museum of Arts & Science
- Children's Museum & LST 325 warship
- July 4th Fireworks on the shores of the Ohio River in downtown Evansville!

Commuter Air service to Evansville directly from Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Memphis via American Eagle, Delta Connection, and Northwest Airlinck

Pack your GPS unit and this quick reference Evansville map...



## Germany May 2008, via a work tour with Greater Europe Mission to the Black Forest, gave me a chance to visit Hermann Altstadt's mom and sister's families

by Jerry Allstott



In January, I got one of those offers *that I couldn't refuse* from Carey Holmquist of Greater Europe Mission (GEM). Seems as if their new headquarters in Kandern, Germany, needed final touches before the staff could move in from their current offices in Müllheim. Carey said, "If I would foot my own airfare, GEM would furnish room & board for as long as I could stay." The stay was for two weeks of hard labor...hauling concrete, wallboard, insulation, along with drilling, etc.,. My body needed the exercise!

Before I left the USA, I found out that **Hermann Altstadt's mom, Anna Altstadt**, and his siblings lived in the Black Forest area, so I contacted him in Erlangen, and he put me in touch with his sister, **Liesel Lais**.

Liesel and her husband, Hermann, picked me up along with their two kids (Caroline & Valentin) from Kandern and drove the 14km, up to her mom's in Badenweiler.

I spent that Sunday enjoying lunch, seeing family photo albums and coffee time before heading back to my GEM duties.



Above: at work on the GEM HQ project in Kandern, Germany; right: Schwein riding in Badenweiler; below right: Jerry, Liesel, Anna, Caroline, Valentin and Hermann Lais in Badenweiler; below: downtown Badenweiler and view of the town from the castle ruins



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Underwood. Steve Walker, Doug Walker, Christopher Jones, Tiffany Jones, Hiram Walker, Wade Walker and great grandchildren, Tyler Underwood, Hunter Underwood, Blake Underwood, Douglas Walker Primm, Maddie Walker, Tori Walker. Andi Walker. Abigail Walker and Eli Walker. Jimmie had a number of nieces and nephews she loved very much.

Jimmie was an inspiration to everyone she came in contact with and will be greatly missed. A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at New Life Baptist Church.

**Loring R. "Doc" Alstadt**, pg. 518  
Loring R. Alstadt, 88, of Salem, VA, went to be with the Lord, Friday, July 18, 2008.



"Doc," as he was affectionately known, passed away suddenly from an apparent cardiac arrest. He was born and raised in

Columbus, Ohio, graduating from East High School. He attended Ohio State University for one year before transferring to and graduating from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Doc then took a job with General Electric, where he worked his entire career before retiring in the mid 1980s.

For 59 years, Doc was married to **Betty Smith**, also of Columbus, who preceded him in death in 2002. Doc is survived by two sons, Brad, of Naperville, Ill. and Carey, of Tucson, Ariz.

Doc was very active in his church, Windsor Hills United Methodist. He taught several youth Sunday School classes, was a member of the evangelism committee and assumed the role of church photographer. He also helped establish a Cub Scout pack for the church and coached several church basketball and softball teams.

In addition, Doc was a tennis enthusiast, both as a fan and player. He played on the G.E. Tennis League, winning an award one year as *Most Active Player*. He continued to play well beyond his retirement from G.E. Best known for his cheerful smile and

willingness to help and encourage others, Doc will be deeply missed by friends, family, neighbors, and acquaintances.

The service was held at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Salem, Virginia.

**Margaret D. "Muggs" Allstot**, pg. 408

Margaret D. Eberlein was born on November 8, 1924, at Elsie, Colorado, to Leon C. and Grace (McClintock) Eberlein. The family returned to South Dakota in 1925 and she grew up in Brookings County, attended rural schools and graduated from Aurora High School.

Margaret married **John Allstot** on May 13, 1943, and lived most of her married life in Aurora. She worked at a defense plant in Akron, Ohio; the Farmers Co-op in Brookings, and Hoffman's Furniture in Aurora. The majority of her working years were spent as the secretary for the United Presbyterian Church in Brookings (26 years). Though a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, Margaret became an honorary member of the Program Agency of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Brookings, actively volunteering in the FLC Circle 5, Altar Guild, and mission sewing group. She volunteered for many other organizations including American Legion Auxiliary, Brookings County Historical Society, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and a member of LeChapeu Rouge (Red Hat) Society. Margaret's many interests included sewing, gardening, knitting, crocheting, crafts, and reading.

She is survived by grandson Craig Adamson, his wife Ann, and children Rachel and Criffin of Marion, Iowa; and grandson Michael Adamson, his wife Angela, and children Jasmine and Joseph of West Des Moines, Iowa; a sister, JoAnn DeLateur of Ephrata, Washington; a brother, George (MaryAnn) Eberlein of Ferndale, Washington; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her daughter, Feona; a granddaughter; her parents, and her older brother, Russell. Margaret was a very strong-minded, independent woman. She lived every day with the conviction that "doing right" was the right thing to do all the time. She had the courage to speak up and speak out when needed. Margaret's courage and conviction came from knowing Jesus Christ was her personal Savior. Though she will be missed by all

who knew and loved her.

Margaret wants you to remember her by celebrating her life and know that she is rejoicing in her wonderful, eternal life with God.

Hi Jerry!

My maternal grandmother was **Bonnie Reames (Hall- Altstatt)**. My Great-great grandfather was **Pleas (Pleasant) John Altstatt**. He married Citha Hewitt (*notice the names-Citha and Cytha*) who was my great-grandmother. I have John's memory book from his funeral in 1949. It lists his children as (sons) **D.C. Henry, Frank** (I remember uncle Frank!) **Biff, and Rollo**, (daughters) **Mrs. Elizabeth Early, Mrs. Harriett Dobson, Mrs. Bonnie Reams** (my grandmother), **Mrs. Ruth Wadley, Mrs. Dorothy Welson, and Mrs. Pearl Spears** (my aunt Babe). **Frank Hall and Oscar Hall** were my uncles, and **Ruby Nolan** was my aunt.

My mom (**Beulah Pauline Longm.n. Hall**) passed away Jan. 20, 2004 and daddy (Claude Dale Long) passed away on Sept. 5, 1996. These two people had 11 children, Alice, Betty, Peggy, Cytha (ME), Debbie, Nora, Mary, Nancy, Jimmy, Sheila, and Kathy. Alice passed away in 2000. Betty's not doing very good, but the rest of us are OK. I live in Wisconsin and the rest of us live in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Cytha J. (Janey) Johnson, pg. 268

**Congratulations to Crystal and Andy Alstot!**

On May 30, 2008, Crystal graduated, with Distinction, earning a Master of Science degree from Cal-State Stanislaus, College of Human and Health Sciences.

On May 31, 2008, Andy graduated, with Distinction and as a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, earning a Master of Arts degree from Cal State Stanislaus, College of Education. They will soon be packing up their house and their dogs, and moving on to Tennessee, where Crystal will be working with autistic children and Andy will be continuing his education toward obtaining his doctorate.'



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## THE NEW DOCTOR: Lower costs played a big role in specialist's decision to move to small town in Texas

By JASON ROBERSON,  
StaffWriter, Dallas Morning News, June 17, 2007

Dr. Daniel Altstatt, (pg. 286) had been in Brownwood, Texas, just two weeks when 71-year-old Ruby Collier came to his office with urinary problems.

Nurses had diagnosed her with a bladder infection. But the problem wasn't that simple.

"He said, 'Ma'am, you don't have a bladder infection, you have kidney cancer,' "Ms. Collier recalled.

Now, nine months after Dr. Altstatt removed her cancerous kidney, Ms. Collier is fine. "He's a marvelous doctor," she said.

He's also a doctor who wouldn't have been there to treat her if not for the state's 2003 cap on malpractice damage "I wouldn't be in Texas if it weren't for tort reform," Dr. Altstatt said.

Before Dr. Altstatt came to Brownwood, the town had no urologist; the nearest was 67 miles away, in Abilene.

Dr. Altstatt - who's 38, a native of Tennessee a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and a father of two — considered job offers from Pennsylvania to Mississippi after finishing his residency.

The fact that Brownwood, population 19,000, is small was a plus, he said. The doctor grew up in a town of 500.

But as a businessman, he also didn't ignore the bottom line.

For one thing, the Brownwood job offered a salary 13% higher than the one in Mississippi.

Second, Dr. Altstatt said, he would have paid \$60,000 in yearly malpractice insurance in Mississippi, which has a \$500,000 cap on noneconomic damages. In Texas, he expects to pay less than \$2,000 this year.

Folks in Brownwood feel lucky he's there.

"Recruiting specialists in a rural community is difficult, always has been difficult," said Matt Maxfield, chief executive of Brownwood Regional Medical Center. He's still searching for an orthopedist, obstetrician and

radiologist.

Only five of every 100 orthopedists, for example, will move to a community of fewer than 50,000 people, Mr. Maxfield said.

Brownwood is short on incentives to lure big-city talent — there is no symphony or five-star restaurant — but malpractice limits help, he said.

In wooing Dr. Altstatt, the hospital administrator offered a set salary until he could build a patient roster large enough to cover the overhead.

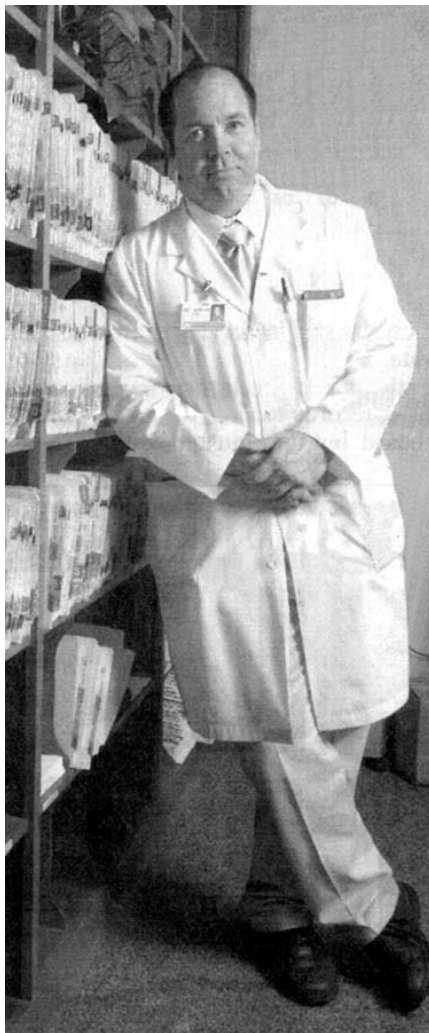
But at the end of the day, "someone has to want the quality of life offered in a small community," Mr. Maxfield said.

Luckily for Ms. Collier, Dr. Altstatt did.

She was in intensive care for three days after the doctor removed her kidney. Now she sings Dr. Altstatt's praises.

"She thinks I walk on water," he said. "But honestly, it's nothing any other urologist wouldn't do."

If you can find one.



ERICH SCHLEGEL/Staff photographer

## Alstott Annual Memorial Day Reunion in Cordon, Indiana

Who would have thought that we could have *Hurricane Ike* in Indiana,... without the rain??? After the storm came through the schools were out and a lot of Louisville (KY) was without electricity, as well as this side of the Ohio River.

We had 32 this year at our reunion... **Gary Pope** was able to reserve the fellowship room at his church again this year (*Old Capital United Methodist Church*) in Corydon, Indiana. Gary and Theresa put a lot of work into getting the reunion together.

We were thankful to have Uncle **Nelson Alstott**, with us again, as he's the only one left of the 14 children of **John William** and **Anna Myrtle Alstott**, pg. 201 . We were also glad to see **John** and **Pat Alstott** from Michigan this year. After enjoying a pitch-in meal we had entertainment. Even tho my dad, **Bill Alstott**, had just had his first knee replacement, we were able to take him from the nursing home where he was getting physical therapy. He's missed very few reunions and didn't want to miss this one, either. His brother, Jim, had just gotten back to Indiana after spending the winter at his Florida home a few days before, so we were glad to see him. Another highlight was having **Josephine Bottles** with us from Ft. Myers, Fl., as it has been a LONG time since she was able to attend a reunion. She and her sister, **Phyllis Heishman**, led the entertainment. Josephine had us all sing a variation of "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain" and read a poem about "The Old Days." Josephine and Phyllis sang "One Day At A Time," for which Josephine was really missing her glasses! It was great to hear them sing again. Phyllis wanted Gary to play the song in his 'fancy' way. He's really an accomplished pianist/organist.

The highlight of the reunion was our elephant auction, which is how we raise money for the next year's reunion. It's so much fun to see what people have bid on, whether a prank or a 'good' gift. I think everyone enjoyed watching my nephew, Jacob (11), during the auction. He LOVES bidding on everything and if he doesn't really 'need' what he gets, he'll gladly sell it to any takers so he has more money to bid on the next item. We've all decided he'll make a good businessman!

God bless!

Cuzzin **Beverlie Alstott**, pg. 204

The descendants of Heinrich Altstadt (c.1792) led by Jim and Katie Altstadt and Wayne and Diane Altstadt invite all the AAA Clans members to...

## The 5th National Altstadt/Alstott Reunion

Come for the fun, food and Washer Tossin' Championships!



In Evansville, Indiana...the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds IS the place reserved for our 2009 wingding!

The reunion is the Fourth of July weekend 2009. Please send your enclosed Reunion Reservation Slip and check today to Jim Altstadt!

Jim, Katie, Wayne and Diane Altstadt, along with all the other descendants of Heinrich Altstadt are looking forward to showing us a memorable time in 2009. In 2006, they took Phyllis and me on a tour of the 4-H Center at the Vanderburgh Fairgrounds, to show us all the things available to our Clan Reunion. The 4-H Center at the Fairgrounds can easily support the 300+ cuzzins we are expecting to join together for this festive weekend.

The tree shaded RV area at the Fairgrounds is top notch for our RV cuzzins to hook up. All 67 RV sites have electricity. There is a pond nearby. The sites are just across from the 4-H Center...but with a Knife Show going on that weekend...reserve your space early!

You'll be glad that you put Evansville and the AAA Clan Reunion on your calendar for the Fourth of July weekend in 2009!

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While "downunder" our FIRST great grandchild was born on April 1, 2009. His name is Conner Tucker, our daughter Cherilyn's oldest boy's first offspring. We are looking forward to seeing Conner this spring.

After returning from the south side of the globe, I hopped on a plane for a work trip with Greater Europe Mission (GEM). That trip placed me within 14 km of Hermann Altstadt's birthplace and family in Badenweiler, Germany, so I was able to see two cuzzin's families in two different countries in the same year...what a thrill.

Our kids and their families came out for a visit the end of May and we enjoyed showing them SeaWorld in San Diego, Legoland and San Diego Wild Animal Park while they were in California.

It has been great visiting with all the Altstadt/Altstott families over the years...but visits we will really miss were our times with "Doc" Altstadt when we passed through Salem, Virginia, Margaret Allstot when we were in South Dakota and Allan Westphalen when we were down in San Diego each year during our old car club swap meet get togethers at Qualcomm stadium.

cuzzes Jerry and Phyllis Allstott Season's Cheer to all...and we are looking forward to seeing you in Evansville in July!

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**Allan G. Westphalen**, pg. 88

Allan G. Westphalen, age 79, went home to be with His Lord on Friday, Oct. 24, 2008.

Services were held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m., at Greenwood Memorial Park, in San Diego, Calif.



Allan was born in Fremont, Neb., but lived in Scottsbluff for many years before moving to California in 1955.

Allan was a carpet layer for 50 years. He was an avid fisherman and traveler. He loved

being with family and friends and looked forward to spending mornings with his coffee buddies. There was always laughter, chatting and teasing wherever Allan was, we will all miss him very much.

Allan was very active and served His Lord faithfully at Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif., until he suffered a traumatic brain injury in an accident in September 2007.

Allan is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 60 years, Donna; and his children, Jeffrey and Peggy.

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Hi Jerry,

We didn't get our Christmas letter out this year until January 16. So I guess this is better-late-than-never. Chris and I have traveled a bit this year. First to Newport Beach, CA then in June to visit my mother and sister in Decatur, GA and "mom" Wrege in Greenwood, IN. In October, we took a second trip to Maui where we really relaxed.

Cheers, Steve Naberhuis, pg. 198



Steve, Shawn and Shellie join Chris Naberhuis along with "mom" Helen Wrege in this thanksgiving shot.

**Family News for the AAA Newsletter depends on YOU!**  
Family happenings, marriages, births, obits. I want to thank all of those who share their family news, your written contributions keep the newsletter alive!

**This year I am asking for your help in trimming the costs of future AAA Newsletters**

In 2010, due to high postage costs, I would like to start sending out the annual newsletter by e-mail to those who have e-mail and start placing the newsletter on the Altstadt.org website.

I know that not all of our cuzzins have e-mail capabilities, so I will still be sending out the "word" via the Post Office to those who request it.

Enclosed is a slip for you to return to me letting me know of your desire.

Thanks for taking the time to respond.

Cuzzin Jerry

**Thanks to the many of you who help defer costs on the newsletter**

My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting the "All-Clans" Newsletter with your wonderful articles and your annual (\$2.00) monetary support.

...Again...THANK YOU ALL and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

**BEGIN PLANNING NOW for July 4-5 2009, Evansville, Indiana...We'll keep the light on for ya!**