

2009 Betts Reunion



Strolling down memory lanes of Bettstown

This year we will take a stroll down memory lane with the former Senator from the state of Georgia 3rd district who grew up in Bettstown, Jack Brinkley. Jack went to school in Faceville and has many fond memories of growing up in their house on Arnold Road. Jack is Ben Betts, Jr. cousin on his mother's side Mary Lee Brinkley Betts.

In addition we will also have a special guest who is coming from Connecticut Mrs. Margie Lee Betts Granger who was born in Bettstown in 1918. Margie's father was John Lee Betts and her mother was Lelila Ada Cox. Margie was born on the property now owned by Madeline Betts White. Margie and her family returned to Connecticut after she was born and she has lived there since. It is such a great treat to have her return for this year's reunion.

Please plan to attend this year as it will surely be a great family homecoming reunion.

Now for a little news about the church, Franklin installed a large chain link fence area on the east side of the fellowship hall so the children could have a safe and secure place to play. So keep this in mind and bring along the young ones and a few items for their play.

Recognize anyone in the pictures below? If so come and share what you know!



"OF ALL SAD WORDS, TO THOSE WHO CARE, THE SADDEST OF THESE, 'WE WON'T BE THERE', THOUGH FAR APART WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT WE ARE KIN, THE BETTS BLOOD, THROUGH HEART AND VEIN, WILL COURSE ITS WAY WHILE WE REMAIN, I'M GROWING OLD, I'LL SAY GOODBYE, AND COUSIN, YOU WILL ALSO DIE, AND THEN, PERHAPS, WE'LL CHANCE TO MEET, WHILE STROLLING DOWN THE GOLDEN STREET, HOW WILL I KNOW YOU ARE HE, WHO I HAVE LONGED SO MUCH TO SEE?"

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Remembrances 2008-2009

William Elbert Spearman, Jr.	b. October 15, 1919	d. July 29, 2008
James Allen Betts	b. July 28, 1949	d. November 5, 2008
John William Bedenbaugh	b. May 17, 1941	d. December 12, 2008
Henry Moore "H. M." Butler	b. December 29, 1925	d. December 21, 2008
Rosa Lee Betts Mote	b. September 2, 1920	d. January 3, 2009
John Charles Howell	b. May 25, 1945	d. January 11, 2009
William S. "Bill" Higdon	b. August 7, 1969	d. February 8, 2009
Katie Mildred Spearman Long	b. May 24, 1922	d. March 14, 2009
Emmett Monroe Priest	b. March 3, 1916	d. March 19, 2009
Gene Ware	b. February 2, 1930	d. April 25, 2009
Harvey D. Bradshaw	b. August 25, 1932	d. August 19, 2009
Barbara Jacqueline Swain Toole	b. October 18, 1931	d. August 19, 2009

REUNION INFORMATION

When: **October 25, 2009**

Where: **Franklin Baptist Church 1002 Bettstown Road, Bainbridge Georgia 39819**

Church Services 11:00-12:00

Covered Dish Luncheon will start at 12:30

Presentations: **Bettstown Memories' - Jack Brinkley**

**Connecticut Connections - Margie Betts Granger and Bonnie Granger
Surprises**

Please bring a dish large enough to feed your family plus one.

Out-of-town families need not bring anything but your smiling faces.

We always encourage everyone to come and attend church at Franklin on this day of family remembrances. This year there will only be one-half (1/2) hour between the end church service and the beginning of the luncheon to allow those who choose to attend their own churches time to arrive so please plan accordingly.

There will be new pages to add to the Betts Book this year, so bring yours.

Also bring any pictures or documents you might like to have included in next year's update. This should include information about your family such as marriages, births or other important dates.

One final thing, think about if there someone you would like to give a moment's tribute to, each of you will have the opportunity so please speak up if you would like to take advantage of this.

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We are always looking for new and interesting content to add to the website and the Betts Book. If you have anything, please bring it to the reunion or send it to any of the email addresses above.

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