



**What Happened During
1956 in Reynoldsburg
& Elsewhere?**

by **Cornelia Parkinson & Suzy Millar Miller**
with **Mary Turner Stoots**

So, my two best buddies pass away 15 months apart. They were my writers! And now they are watching me! Did I hear a snicker from above?

Connie wrote about 1956 in the *Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg, Volume One* in August of 1980.

Suzy did an article for the **January 2021 Courier** called, "**Memories of 1956.**"

Their articles may be 41 years apart, but I believe I can make it work!

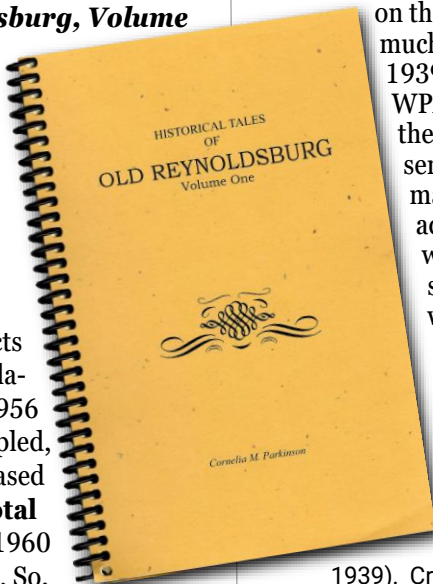
The **1950 Census** reflects the Reynoldsburg Population at **724** people. By 1956 that number had quadrupled, and by 1960 it had increased **976.38% to a grand total of 7,793**. By 1970, the 1960 total had almost doubled. So, what happened to cause all the growth in the 1950s? **North American Rockwell** came to central Ohio, along with **Lane Aviation**,

DCSC (Defense Construction & Supply Center), **Lockbourne Air Force Base**, and **Western Electric**, just to name a few. Since 1951, the town had more than quadrupled its population, but **Main Street**, once part of the **stagecoach route**

on the **National Road**, looked much the same as it had since 1939, when a Franklin County WPA Project* had resurfaced the street. **Waldo Wollam**, serving his third term as mayor (1952-1957), admitted, "We like it that way. Reynoldsburg is still a small community of people who want a fine place to live. We have no industry and want none.

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* **WPA** stands for **Works Progress Administration** of 1935 (renamed **Work Projects Administration** in 1939). Created by President Franklin Roosevelt to relieve the economic hardship of the Great Depression. This national works program employed over 8.5 million people on 1.4 million public projects, before it was disbanded in 1943.



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Sporadic annexation and the tremendous growth of the village were topics of great local interest. At 3,000 in our population, the town was not yet incorporated as a city. (*that didn't happen until 1961*) We did not yet have delivery of mail to homes and businesses.

A damaging flash flood in June of 1956 had raised questions about the advisability of erecting a Post Office building on French Drive. The proposed site would be a half block east of Lancaster Avenue and the width of French Drive from Blacklick Creek. However, other sites were being considered. (Discussion of this problem delayed the first foot delivery of mail in village history; but soon the Post Office Department leased a building erected on French Drive, and the mail went out by carrier.) During this year, more than 1,000 new homes were under construction, some of them being built by Mayor Wollam.



The largest housing development at the time was **Brookside Park**, where **520 houses** were scheduled. Other developments included **Marabar Heights**, where **200 houses** were being built in John Morrison's sheep pasture; **136 houses in the G. E. Bass Addition**, and **160 houses on the Bennett and Bell farms**.^{*} Additional houses were being built by individuals throughout the village.

Reynoldsburg was looking forward to an increase of **3,350 in population**. The Village had annexed **1,099 acres**, and by October of 1956, expected to take in another **616 acres**. But Mayor Wollam said, "Please don't get the idea we are land hungry. Our intention is to square up the city limits so we may properly serve our people with water and sewers."

The city limits had been moved a mile **west to Brice Pike**, east to the **Franklin County line**, one mile **north to Rodebaugh Road**, and a quarter mile **south to Livingston Avenue**.

^{*} We are trying to locate exactly where the **G.E. Bass Addition** is located, as well as the **Bennett and Bell farms**. A person could assume that one of them pertains to the Briarcliff housing development, and another might be referring to the Red Fox Hollow homes, because they were completed in the late 1950s and early 1960s, but history is never, never, never, never based on assumption.

LIVE SUBURBAN
in
Brookside Park Addition
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO

NO DOWN PAYMENT TO QUALIFIED VETERANS
Low Down Payments Under 7. H. A. Terms for Others

Advantages of Home Ownership in Brookside Park . . .

- * Easy access to Columbus Metropolitan area, via Route 40 (E. Main St.) Route 16 (E. Broad St.)
- * Near North American-Army Depot-Port Columbus
- * Short Drive to Town & Country and Great Eastern Shopping Centers
- * Lots average 60' x 110' - Extra large size
- * Street Lights
- * Storm Sewer
- * Sanitary Sewer
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- * Truly Suburban Living
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- * Superior Fire Protection
- * Paved Streets
- * Curb and Sidewalk
- * Concrete Driveway Approaches
- * Community Planned Streets
- * Progressive Village Administration
- * Good Schools
- * Bus Service-close by

GIVE YOUR FAMILY A HOME IN A FINE SUBURBAN COMMUNITY . . .

BROOKSIDE PARK ADDITION, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

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Meanwhile, the schools were overloaded with students. Between 1958 and 1962, **five new schools** were opened. In 1950, we had 48 graduates, and by 1960, there were 69, but the class of 1964 had approximately 136.

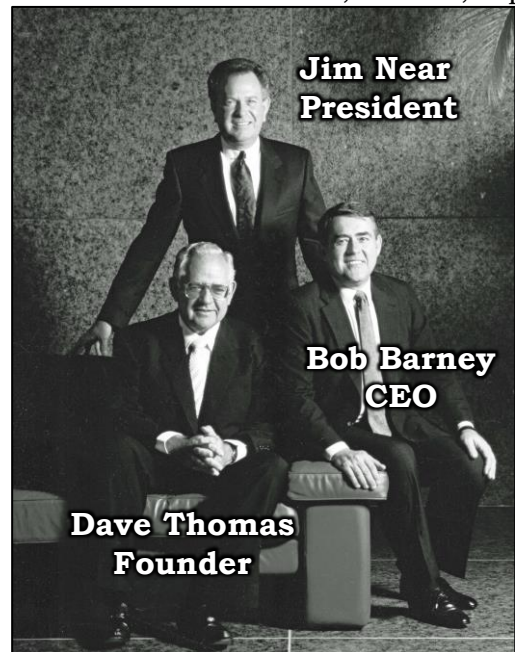
A successful member of the **RHS Class of 1956** was **Jim Near** who became the “Whiz Kid” of Fast Food. Jim’s senior picture caption read: “He’s really neat from head to feet.” Ambition – to own a drive-in... Pet peeve – dumb car hops... “Where’s Dan?” ...favorite pastime – Cattin’ around...Burger Boy.. ”Rose La Rose.” In his class Last Will and Testament” Jim wrote: “I, Jim Near, bequeath my ability to fry



hamburgers to Gary Blackstone.” Those words were very prophetic. Jim began working as a short order cook while still in high school and became the night manager at the Burger Boy in Reynoldsburg.

He graduated from Hanover College in Indiana in 1960, joined the National Guard for a while, and then started working at the first McDonald’s in Columbus on South High Street where he became the manager. His former boss from the Burger Boy, **Roy Tuggle**, co-founded BBF (Burger Boy Food-O-Rama) “home of the whirling satellite” and asked Jim to become manager of the new burger chain. Jim eventually became vice-president.

Borden, Inc. bought out BBF and Jim became the President of Borden Retail Operations. After he left Borden’s, Jim



joined Dave Thomas, his BBF boss, and other investors to found Wendy’s Hamburgers where he purchased a few franchises and opened over **39 Wendy’s restaurants** in West Virginia and Florida. Later on, he sold the franchises back to Wendy’s to “retire,” but got bored. He ended up developing a spicy chicken sandwich which became the basis of “**Sisters Chicken and Biscuits.**” Dave Thomas called him one day and said, “I need you back! Sales are down.” Jim developed the “**Dollar Menu,**” and it was a huge hit! Wendy’s bought the Sisters Chicken franchises, from Jim and he became President and Chief Operating Officer of Wendy’s and later **CEO and President of Wendy’s International.**

Jim never wanted anyone to forget where they came from. Every year, all of the administrative people in the corporate office had to go out to one of the restaurants and work for one or two-weeks flipping hamburgers, working the drive-thru window, and the front counter. Jim wanted them ALL to know how to service customers and cook the food.

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In the interim, the village had been growing in an orderly fashion, and without the strife that marked the annexation program that Columbus was simultaneously pursuing. **Developers had been paying for the necessary improvements;** tax rates remained low, and the water and sewer improvements of the 1930s were of immense value to the village



in the 1950s. When the additional houses were being built, the facilities were available. In the planning stage were additions to the sewer plant, **a new distribution system and a filtration plant.** These further improvements were expected to serve the 10,000 people projected to live here by 1960. The village was unique in that it was operating in the black. There were plans for **a park to the north of Main Street** and just west of Blacklick Creek; and for a second floor to be added to the Truro Township fire station at 7354 East Main. There it was hoped that the village offices could be established.

Entertainment, except for school, church, and club functions, was meager but lively. Al Haft's arena, where Huber Homes now stand, featured wrestling each Saturday night. **Joe Betts owned the duck pin bowling alley,** above the Connell Hardware. It was a popular gathering place and now is the "1883 Locale."



Other forms of indulgence included going to **Elmore Hayes' drugstore for a hot fudge sundae deluxe.**



"Walking around the square," an old-time way to spend a lazy summer's evening, had fallen into disfavor with teenagers. There had been a fight between youths from Gahanna and Reynoldsburg, but it was hoped it was the last such occurrence.

There were lots of other things happening 68 years ago!

The cost of living in 1956 was: Average new house, **\$11,700;** Monthly rent, **\$88;** Yearly wages, **\$4,450;** Gallon of gasoline, **.22¢;** New car, **\$2,050;** and Coffee was **.85¢** per pound. **The Interstate Highway System** was authorized in June by President Eisenhower, General Electric /Telechron introduced the first **snooze alarm clock** and **Play Doh was invented!** **Black and white portable televisions** hit the market and Tefal started producing **non-stick frying pans.**

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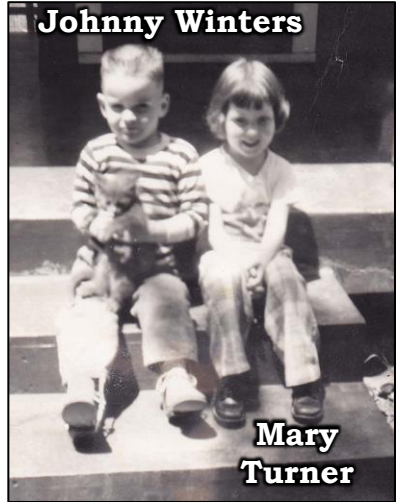
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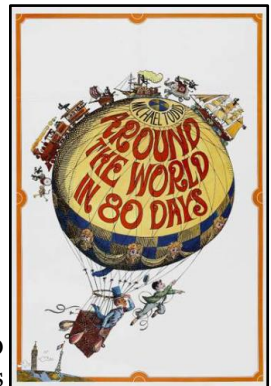
Polio “pioneer,” **Dr. Albert Sabin**, developed an oral vaccine (remember **Sabin on Sunday?**) while **Dr. Jonas Salk** was administering injectable polio vaccine. There were 57,879 reported cases of polio in 1952. Mary Turner Stoots’ cousin, Johnny Winters, was one of those cases. Mary was born in January of 1952, and Johnny was born in September to Jack and Jeannine (Turner) Winters. He developed polio in December of that same year. The picture of Johnny & Mary (below right) was taken in 1956 on the front steps at their Grandfather’s porch in Whitehall. Mary said, “We never considered Johnny as crippled or disabled. He just sat all the time. Otherwise, he could do everything we could! He was on a championship wheelchair basketball team, the Buckeye Wheelers!”



Rocky Marciano, 31, retired as the only undefeated Heavyweight Champion of the World with a perfect record. New York Yankees pitcher, **Don Larson**, threw the only **perfect game** in World Series history in game five of the **1956 World Series** against the Brooklyn Dodgers. We watched “**To Tell the Truth**” on CBS-TV and Bob Barker made his TV debut as the host of “**Truth or Consequences**”. The “**Huntley-Brinkley Report**” was on NBC and MGM debuted “**The Wizard of Oz**” on CBS as the final installment of the Ford Star Jubilee. Popular films were “**Guys and Dolls**,” “**The King and I**,” “**Trapeze**,” “**High Society**,” and “**Around the World in Eighty Days**.”



Other entertainment news included the premiere of the movie “**The Ten Commandments**” and “**My Fair Lady**” opened on Broadway with Julie Andrews and Rex Harrison. “**As the World Turns**” became the first half-hour soap opera on CBS and aired for 54 years from April 2, 1956, to September 17, 2010. Irna Phillips created “As the World Turns” as a sister show to her other soap opera “Guiding Light.” With 13,763 hours of cumulative narrative, As the World Turns has the longest total running time of any television show on American television. *Author’s Note:* Mary said, “it broke my mother’s heart when it ended.” (continued on page 06)



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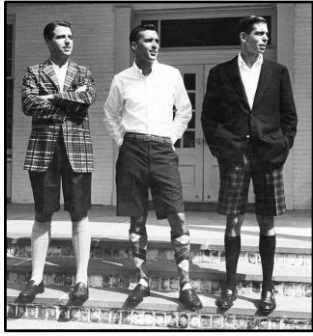
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Elvis Presley had his first appearance on “*The Ed Sullivan Show*” October 28, 1956. Norma Jean Mortenson changed her name to **Marilyn Monroe** and married playwright, Arthur Miller. **Dean**



Martin and Jerry Lewis performed their last comedy show together after being a team for 10 years. **Disneyland** opened in Anaheim, California. Film idol, **James Dean**, was killed in an auto accident at the young age of 24. In the comic strip,

Dogpatch, Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae were married in a surprise wedding after 18 years of “dating.” Jacqueline Bouvier married Senator **John Fitzgerald**



Kennedy. Davy Crockett hats were popular with boys and **Bermuda shorts** were being worn by grown men!

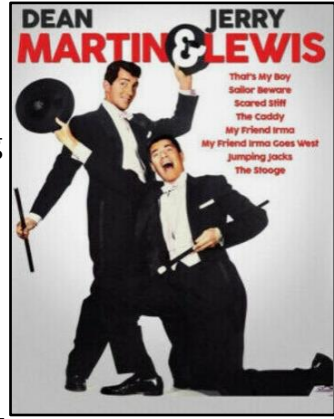
On the **local front**, the Burg residents danced at the Reynoldsburg Barn Dance (both round & square), went to **Town and Country Shopping Center** for

luggage sales, bought stylish dresses and shopped at **Cussins and Fearn**. One of the most memorable

events in the Burg happened during the middle of a **raging thunderstorm** that hit around

10:30pm on June 21st, 1956 with high winds and heavy rain. During the long night, rain passed through western Licking County and Franklin County which deluged the Blacklick Creek and French Run watersheds.

The Columbus Dispatch wrote: “Shortly before midnight, two roaring walls of (continued on page 07)”



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water burst upon the Village (Reynoldsburg), one traveling west down French



Run and the other traveling south down Blacklick Creek. They collided in a roaring, whirling, maelstrom of mud and debris at the confluence of the two streams, just west of Lancaster Avenue and several hundred feet north of US Route 40.”

Along the banks of French Run the power lines went down, water swirled into homes, the bridge on Lancaster Avenue collapsed, the footbridge floated away, and yellow mud and tree limbs flowed with the massive flood waters. The firemen said that the four hours after midnight were a nightmare.

There were daring rescues of residents trapped in their houses. Using boats, **people evacuated children to higher ground** while everyone tried to save their homes.

The night of the flood was truly terrifying.

Suzy Millar was one of the children who rode a boat up Lancaster Avenue to her grandparent’s house. One of her cousins, Marty Nessley, was a baby and she remembered him being passed over flood waters from the front porch to the boat. When the Millar basement wall collapsed, the house just groaned and sank to one side. Eventually, the water came up to the first-floor level, but it didn’t cover the beds. After that flood, all of the doors in the house were a little warped and never closed easily again.

At Mary’s house, the basement filled with water on Waggoner Road. Her Dad was beyond upset because he had just finished building the house! (We can’t repeat what he said)

If 1956 wasn’t memorable for the flooding, then it would probably be because that was the year that they invented



Play Doh! How could you forget THAT? Or maybe it was because the movie star Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco and became **Princess Grace of Monaco!**

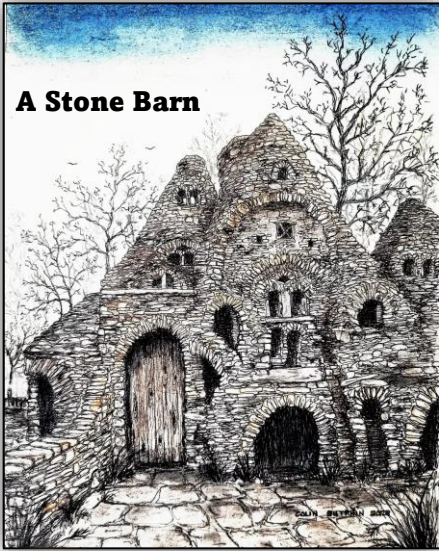
Could it be because **Elvis Presley** had **Five Songs** in the top 50 for 1956!

Swanson TV Dinners were invented!!
1956 was definitely one of Connie, Suzy, & Mary’s most memorable years! What happened to YOU in 1956?

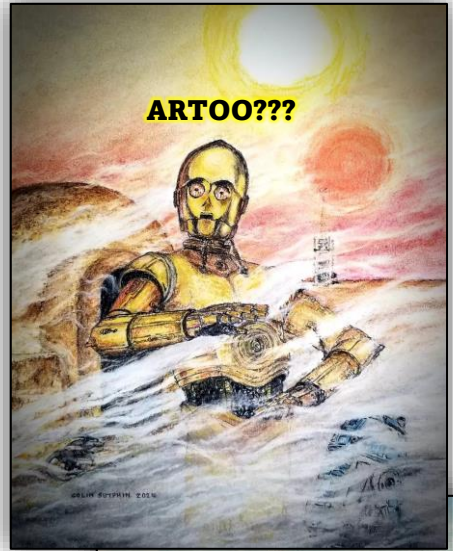
Colin Sutphin Gallery



Colin allowed me to pick out some of my personal favorites!

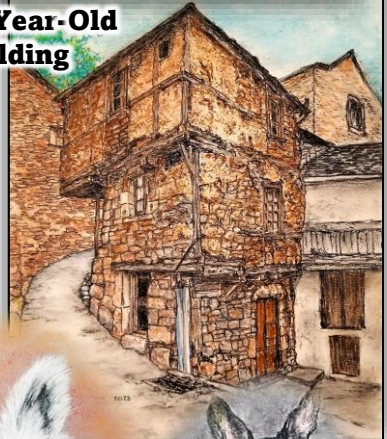


A Stone Barn



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A 700-Year-Old Building



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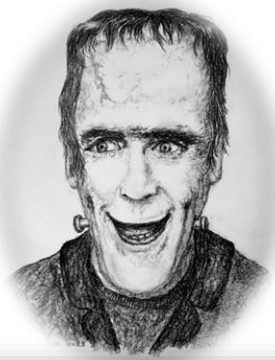


**Colin
Does Excellent
pets!**



Bandit the Chihuahua

Colin Sutphin Gallery



From the family's tomcat, to mimosa blossoms, to the Martian and Fred Gwynne



An Excellent Artist, and I am Honored to Call Him My Friend



Stan Laurel



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2024 CALENDAR

MARCH

- 12 – TUE – Board Meeting – 1:00pm
16 – SAT – Open House, Mini-Mural Coloring Contest Art Exhibition, 10:00am-2:00pm
27 – WED – Pizza Cottage Fundraiser

APRIL

- Directory/Roster Published
06 – SAT – Spaghetti Dinner – Community Association - Messiah Lutheran Church 5:00pm-8:00pm
13 – SAT – Underground Railroad for DAR
16 – TUE – Board Meeting – 6:30pm
20 – SAT – Open House, Helping Hands
20 – SAT – DEADLINE FOR MAY COURIER
24 – WED – Texas Roadhouse Restaurant Fundraiser 4:00pm-10:00pm
26 – FRI – Taylor Road School Tour

MAY

- 03 – FRI – Slate Ridge School Tour
09 – THU – Family STEM Night at Summit Elementary 5:00pm – 7:00pm
14 – TUES – Board Meeting 6:30pm
15 – WED – Waggoner Road School Tour
18 – SAT – Western Electric Open House 10:00am-2:00pm
21 – TUES – Western Electric Open House 5:00pm-8:00pm
27 – MON – Memorial Day Service–9:30am- Seceder Cemetery

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Invite your friends to join!

Suzy Lee Millar Miller

Nov 24, 1948, to Feb 8, 2024

Suzy Millar Miller, 75, of Georgetown, Texas, passed away on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, at a hospital in Austin, Texas. She was the beloved wife of Chuck, and loving mother of Julie Ann and Carl "CC" Clinton Miller.



Suzy retired from IBM as an auditor and technical writer. She kept busy in her retirement continuing as a Life-time Member of the West Licking Historical Society, Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society, as well as the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society (RTHS), where she held the office for many, many decades as the Corresponding Secretary on the Board of Directors. She was a lead writer for the organizational bi-monthly newsletter, the *Courier*. Her five-part series "A Walk Down Main Street" was shared and read by over 28,185 people. She co-authored a book, "Reynoldsburg High School 1899 to 1970" that contains pictures of all the class composites we have on the walls at our Museum. She spent eight years researching for the book because our composites go back to 1899, but the school's first graduating class was in 1871. Every student is listed, along with the faculty she could locate.

She was heavily involved with many Reynoldsburg High School classes, including her own graduation class from 1966. She acted as their Reunion Coordinator and Database Manager for decades. When Reynoldsburg had an active Alumni Association, she participated in that group and

helped out whenever possible, typing programs, or helping with mailers. For several years, she hosted an all-alumni bash at the VFW Post #9473 in Reynoldsburg. She created commemorative books for at least six or seven different classes including 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1970.

She served as the pianist for the Reynoldsburg High School Chorus throughout her entire high school career and was the accompanist for the youth choir at the United Methodist Church. Music has always been an important part of her life.

Suzy was a past Regent for the Mathias Ridenour Chapter of the National Society for the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). She is very proud of her heritage as evidenced by the DAR emblem on the back of her tombstone.

She met with Girl Scout Troop 505 whenever she came to town. They were formed in the 1950s when the girls were Brownies, and their leaders were Polly Cornell and Nina Bennett. After the girls flew from Brownies to Girl Scouts, they remained Scouts until they

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graduated from high school in 1966. Suzy's mother, Maebelle was a Scout leader for the 1964 graduating class age group.



Funeral Home, 7369 East Main Street in the Historic District of old Reynoldsburg. We will start with visitation of friends and family from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. The service will be at 3:30pm. Following the service, we will all walk together down the

Suzy's claim to fame came in the form of a frog. February 2nd was known to all her friends and her entire family as the official **Ground Frog's Day**. There was a celebration every year. After 40 years of Frog parties, the final Ground Frog Party was held on February 4, 2012. In her last newsletter story, she recommended that we should each start our own holiday. She said, *"It can be about a collection of items, a special family date, or anything we choose. The important point is to keep it consistent and not a traditional holiday, so it becomes a personal time that reminds people of you and how you care for those around you."*

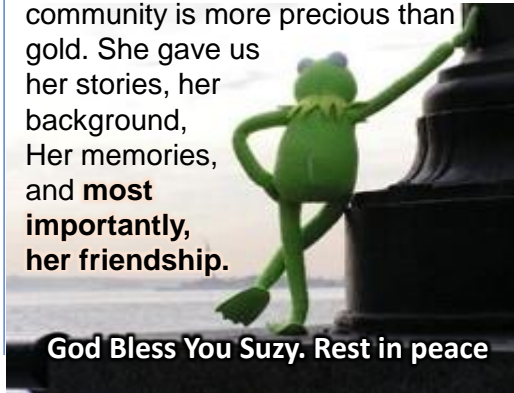
Suzy is survived by her son, Carl Clinton Miller, nephews, Brian and Chris Millar, and many cousins, including Sharon (Cosner) Sellitto, Mary Ann Klein, and Peggy Anstaett. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Clinton Millar in 1984, her brother, Michael Paul Millar in 1991; mother, Maebelle Leona (Weber) Millar in 1998, her daughter, Julie Ann Miller in 2000, and her devoted husband, Charles (Chuck) William Miller in 2010. She will be buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

A Celebration of Life event will take place on Saturday, June 29th, at the Cotner

alley to the museum for refreshments at 1485 Jackson Street (across the street from the Hannah J. Ashton school). In lieu of flowers, donations may be submitted in Suzy's memory to:

**Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
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Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-0144**

Suzy may be gone, but she will never be forgotten. Her legacy will live on forever. What she gave to this community is more precious than gold. She gave us her stories, her background, Her memories, and **most importantly, her friendship.**



Some Upcoming Events!

The top three winners of the Mini-Mural Coloring Contest from each school will be on exhibit this month at our Open House on Saturday, March 16th!! AND - We are judging to give away even MORE prizes! Several "Honorable Mentions", "Best Crayon Impact," "Magic Marker Marvel," "Pristine in Pencil," Etc.



visit us at the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
For the 3rd Grade Mini-Mural Exhibition
Saturday, March 16, 2024 - 10am to 2pm
RTHS Museum, 1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
(across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School)



Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Museum Open House
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Helping Hands
We are collecting canned and non-perishable food items
NO Frozen or Fresh food items please
10:00am to 2:00pm
1485 Jackson Street (across from the Hannah Ashton Middle School)

Every April, we open our doors for canned and boxed donations for the Helping Hands. They service all of the Truro Township area, and that includes our entire school system! Please bring us your canned goods!

This year we have a total of five different restaurant fundraisers scheduled with the Texas Roadhouse! Be sure to download the flyer and take it with you so we can get credit!! According to their program brochure, you can also show a phone image to the server as you order your meal to give us credit.



Support the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Download Our Flyer and Eat at
Texas Roadhouse
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
11:00 am to 8:00 pm

RTHS considers May as our "Western Electric Month!" Last year we started having an Open House on Saturday as well as the evening of the following Tuesday and it was very Successful! So - Please join us on BOTH days to view our Western Electric Artifacts!



The Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Presents
Western Electric Open House Fundraiser
Saturday, May 18, 2024 ♦ 10:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 ♦ 5:00pm to 8:00pm
1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

City Barbeque is one of our Personal favorites. Hopefully, we can meet the minimum quota to qualify for a reward. We will need at least \$300 in sales to earn any money - so STARVE yourself before you go in there! (That's an executive order!) I like the hush puppies. You can order a basket of Hush Puppies, But if you get it... you won't WANT to share it! Trust me. I know!



Support the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Download Our Flyer and Eat at
City BBQ
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Roger Thomas Shortt

July 28, 1947 – November 21, 2023

This tribute is a bit late, and I apologize. I want to apologize to Roger and his family, as well as his many classmates.

Roger Shortt was a generous man. I know he was generous because he wrote to me many times, asked a lot of questions, and then he would send me gifts, but they weren't for me, they were for the museum.

He had a crooked smile could light up an entire room. *(And it DID at every reunion!)* He sent me an email after he read every single Courier, and promised to call me on a Zoom call, but never got the opportunity. However, he did take the time to send RTHS several thousand dollars, which we greatly appreciate, and will always be grateful for Roger Shortt. Rest in Peace Roger.

~Mary Turner Stoots
2018-2024 President, RTHS

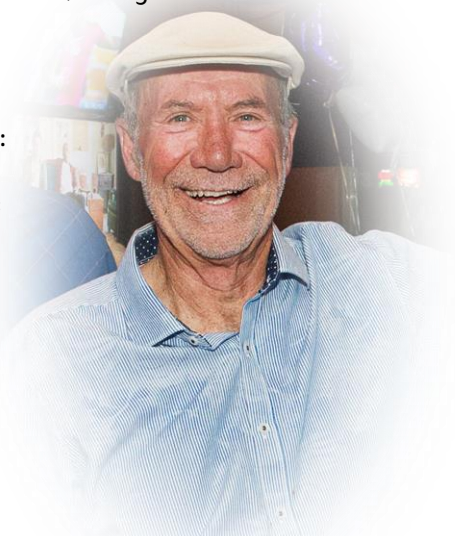
Roger Thomas Shortt, 76, of Edmond, Oklahoma, passed away on November 21, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK. Roger was born in Richmond, VA, on July 28, 1947, to Edith and James Shortt.

Roger was a graduate of Reynoldsburg, High School in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and attended Capitol University in Columbus, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army. In August 1973, he married Judi Duris. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Together they raised two wonderful children, Roger Jr., and Kelly. All 7 grandchildren are from Edmond, Oklahoma: Collin, Crew, Kayleigh and Kylin Shortt; Morgan, Tatum, and Quaid Goode. He also had numerous nieces and nephews in Ohio. In addition to family, Roger's passions included the Ohio State Buckeyes, golf, and the OKC Thunder. He always felt blessed for his family and numerous friends and all the opportunities that came his way.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Emily and father-in-law Joe Duris Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Judi, son, Roger and (Julie), daughter, Kelly Goode both of Edmond, Oklahoma; his seven grandchildren: Collin, Crew, Kayleigh, and Kylin Shortt; Morgan, Tatum and Quaid Goode of Edmond; sister, Juanita and (Bob) of Lancaster Ohio; mother-in-law, Della Duris, Blacklick, Ohio; sisters-in-law, Janet Griffin and (Lew) Gahanna, Ohio; Tammy Duris, Italy; brothers-in-law, Terry Duris and (Jayme) and Joe Duris Jr. and (Gayle) both of Pataskala, Ohio.

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A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Matthews Funeral Home Chapel, Edmond, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers the family would like you to consider making a donation To:

Victims Impact Panel of Oklahoma
14 W. Edwards St., Suite 109
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After the Celebration of Life, a memorial service was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Matthews Funeral Home Chapel.
~Rest in Peace Roger



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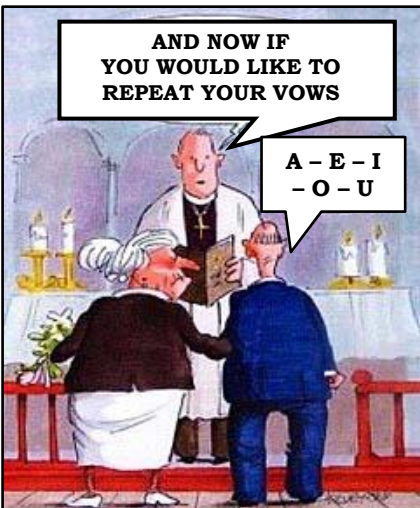
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John J. Vingle *January 13, 1938 – February 25, 2024*



John Vingle was known by so many people because he was so involved in our community. If he wasn't your school bus driver, then maybe he was your Boy Scout Troop Leader, or you saw him at church. Maybe he cut your hair as the local barber, or he sold you a Prudential Insurance policy. You might have seen him on City Council, or working as the City Auditor, but that would only be when he wasn't helping to audit books at the Livingston House, or building a barn at the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society. We will miss the gentle man who was so intelligent, so kind, and always flashed that genuine and beautiful smile.

~ Mary Turner Stoots

John J. Vingle of Reynoldsburg, Ohio born January 13, 1938, in Columbus, Ohio, was called to his eternal home on Sunday, February 25, 2024. He is predeceased by his parents Dorothy Rieser Vingle and Stanley H. Vingle, sisters Rosemarie, Rita & Joan and brother James.

He is survived by his beloved wife Shirley, son John M., daughters Lisa (Doug) Stone, Joann (Ben) Richards, step-children Jim (Michele) Slonaker & Sheryl (Gary) Knapp, many grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great grandchildren, sister Mary Hunter, brother Stanley (Carol) Vingle & many nieces and nephews.

John graduated from St. Mary's High School, class of 1955, served 5 years in the Ohio Air National Guard, 14 years as a local barber, 25 years as an agent with Prudential Life Insurance Company, served the City of Reynoldsburg as a city councilman for 13 years, and the City Auditor for 5 years.

His faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ filled his life and led him to serve on many mission trips. He was a member of St. Pius the X Catholic Parish and attended and sang in the choirs at the Reynoldsburg Community Church.

The family received friends at Cotner Funeral Home, 7369 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg on Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

John's funeral was held on Friday March 1, 2024, at: Reynoldsburg Community Church
1636 Graham Road,
Reynoldsburg,
with visiting from 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

His service was at 11:00 A.M.
His burial was at:

Glen Rest Memorial Estate
8029 E. Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

