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In Memory of Ric Garrison

Ric D. Garrison, 42, of Eldora, Iowa, died Wednesday, August 2, 2006, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN, following a brief illness.

Ric was born August 22, 1963, to Clifford and Patricia (Parker) Garrison. He lived his childhood years in Eads, Colorado, and attended high school in Salida, CO, graduating in 1981. Ric then attended Barclay College (Friends

Bible College). On July 10, 1982, Ric was united in marriage to Linda K. Elliott in Haviland, KS. They were blessed with three children: Meredith, Patric, and Isaac Garrison.

He ministered in Friends Churches in League City, TX, Oklahoma City, OK, Hugoton, KS, and Cherokee, OK, before being named to the staff of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends in Oskaloosa, IA. After a year as Director of Youth and Christian Education, he became Associate Superintendent of Youth and Camping Ministries, and as such, was director of Camp Quaker Heights of Eldora, IA since 1996. He was a member of Chester Friends Church in Union, IA.

An unprogrammed service was held on Sunday, August 6 at Chester Friends and a Memorial service was held on Monday, August 7 at the Eldora High School Auditorium with nearly 450 friends and family in attendance. All were encouraged to wear a camp T-shirt. Following the service, all were invited to the camp grounds to share memories, fellowship and eat homemade pie (Ric's favorite).

While Ric served as Associate Superintendent, the Camp built twelve new cabins, Tall Oaks year round retreat center, added an above ground pool, basketball court, office building, and numerous other improvements to grounds and buildings. The camp facility has nearly tripled its overall usage in the last ten years. Along with the camping programs and management of the facilities, Ric had also established a summer intern program that has served to inspire young people to consider full time ministry as their vocation.

On a very personal note, Ric had battled a fairly rare disease for 3 ½ years. He had tried very hard to not let his condition prevent him from fulfilling his tasks and dreams. His memory and successes will be remembered and built upon for many years.

He is survived by his wife Linda Garrison of Eldora, IA; his children – Meredith, Patric, and Isaac; his mother Pat Jones and her husband Sam of Pueblo, CO; two sisters Kathy Eidenberg of Montrose, CO and Debbie Carter and her husband Dave of Holdenville, OK; his grandmother Margit Parker of Lamar, CO; and one step-brother Sam Jones and his wife Andrea Frohning of Newton, Connecticut.

He was preceded in death by his father Clifford Garrison; and one brother Lonnie Garrison.

FRIENDLY FLASHES

Tall Oaks Lodge becomes Center of Activity

Tall Oaks Lodge at Camp Quaker Heights is....

- *A place for rest, relaxation and reflection.
- *A home away from home, surrounded by the natural beauty of wild life and towering trees, close to a placid lake.
- *A haven which bids friends and family to gather for fun, food, and fellowship.
- *A location for retreat from the busyness of life and entrance into quieter communion with God.
- *An outreach center of potential for God's ministry through Camp Quaker Heights.

In July 32 members of our family gathered from seven states for six days at Tall Oaks Lodge to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. This was the perfect location for our reunion.

The Lodge has nine bedrooms, each with a comfortable queen-sized bed and a set of bunkbeds, thus providing lodging for a total of 36. Each room has its own bathroom. bedding and towels are provided. Both levels of the Lodge are handicap accessible and there are bedrooms on each level. A ramp provides access to the large deck where we grilled meat, shucked sweet corn, and watched deer leap across the camp grounds.

The spacious dining/meeting room with large windows on the east and south overlooking the camp, was our gathering area for eating, table games, and the sharing of pictures and stories. Thanks to the women who attended this year's Iowa USFW Spring Fling, their generous offering allowed the purchase of sturdy light oak chairs to match the round dining tables and to add to our comfort.

Since our family had chosen to provide our own meals, we greatly enjoyed the beautiful, well-equipped kitchen. The spacious pantry and cupboards were more than adequate for treats and non-parishables which we supplied. Two large refrigerators, a microwave, and dishwasher are added luxuries.

The sixteen young people in our group thoroughly enjoyed the swimming pool, mini-golf, basketball court, baseball, and carpetball. A walk around nearby Pine Lake was invigorating for many of the adults.

Many in Iowa Yearly Meeting have dreamed and prayed for more "adult-friendly" lodging for Camp Quaker Heights over several decades. We praise God for His provision. Thanks to each one who generously provided funds, and to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to this project, so that Tall Oaks Lodge can become a vital part of the ministry of Camp Quaker Heights.
From Evelyn Cook, New Providence, IA

F.E.A.S.T. for Youth Workers Fellowship, Eating, and Sharing Together

**Tuesday, September 12
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
At Grinnell Friends Church**

Come for a time of free food, music
and encouragement.

Please RSVP by September 8 to:

Anthony Nieuwsma newsma213@hotmail.com
or 641-236-6412

Hope to see you all then.

Anthony & the Youth Ministries Board

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Camp Quaker Heights needs extra help in cleaning either the cabins or the Lodge. Before coming to camp to volunteer, please notify Linda Garrison (lindagar@yahoo.com) or Denise Nichols (nicholsr@netins.net).

Here are the dates requested for help:

September 10th and 17th

October 1st (Tall Oaks Dedication day), 4, 5, 6, 8

14th (possible general work day), 21, and 27th.

Thank you !

LOST and FOUND

A ladies gray fleece poncho was found in the foyer of the Ackworth Friends Church following our Spring Body of Representatives in March. There was a rose pin by the neckline. If this is yours or you know who it may belong to, please contact the Yearly Meeting office at (641) 673-9717. Thank You.

Memorial Information

After the passing of a member of your church in Iowa Yearly Meeting, please send all memorial information (service folder, picture, personal memories, etc...) on a 8 x 11 sheet of paper directly to:

Shirley Settle
1211 W. State St. #141
Marshalltown, IA 50158
(641) 844-5022

Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated!

MEETING MOMENTS & VITAL SIGNS

West Branch Friends

Thanks to the Christian Education committee, our church now have a new playground. It will be used by the youth of our church as well as the neighborhood children. We were saddened by the unexpected death of our member - Brandon Ray.

The RAGBRAI riders came through West Branch on their way to Muscatine. Our church provided food and help for the food stand. During Hoover Day we held our annual Hymn sing, pie and ice cream social. It was enjoyed by everyone.

We celebrated the 20th wedding anniversary of Raymond and Clara Millett - it was a wonderful afternoon with music and stories.

Bear Creek Friends

Spring began with some of our USFW ladies traveling to the Spring Fling in Mt. Pleasant on April 1. Easter weekend started with members attending the Good Friday musical, "We Were There", held at the Crossroad Evangelical Church in Earlham.

Our annual Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 15. We joined with the Earlham Friends in town for the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, with our pastor, Dallas Gilreath, giving the message. Following the breakfast, we returned home for regular Sunday School and church services.

May 6 was the celebration of 30 years of marriage for Dallas and Martha Bosomworth, held at the Redfield Legion Hall. Our pastor once again provided the message when we joined with our local churches in the Redfield Park on Sunday, June 25 to wrap up the annual Old Settlers' Celebration. We joined with some of the local churches again on June 27-30 for VBS, held at the Redfield Methodist Church. Several members helped in planning, teaching, and organizing refreshments. On Sunday, July 2, we attended the VBS celebration service in Redfield, with a potluck following.

Three of our young ladies, one dad, and two moms enjoyed Little Fry and Fry camps this summer, and will always have fond memories of the fun and fellowship provided by Ric Garison.

Our yearly community picnic was held in the churchyard on Saturday, August 26, as friends and neighbors gathered for a potluck. The following day, we joined with local churches at the Dexter Park to conclude that town's Fall Festival.

The highlight of our summer was the celebration of our 150th anniversary, held on July 16. Nearly 250 people gathered for a wonderful morning service. Our pastor, three former pastors, and Yearly Meeting Superintendent Ron Bryan provided messages, there were several beautiful special music selections, a reading by Charles Mendenhall, and many loving memories and testimonies shared, including one by our eldest member Marie Cook. A catered lunch was held in the church year, and the afternoon was filled with reminiscing and enjoying the many beautiful photo displays and decorations. It was truly a blessing to celebrate our church's history in this way, and we are thankful for the many people who made that day a heartwarming memory.

Fairfield Friends

After School Friends will be starting on September 7th. This program is for kids K-5th grade. They will be taking a great adventure with Group publishing's Living Inside Out material. September will feature different Heroes from the Bible: Moses, David, Elijah, and Daniel.

Honey Creek New Providence Friends

Eight year old Mikaela Simpson recently gifted much of her long hair to a child who has no hair through the "Locks of Love" charity. September begins HCNP's fall Sunday School programs. Also, HOME (Hearts of Mothers Encouraged) will begin on September 28 with a study on "When Women Long for Rest".

Bangor Liberty Friends

Fifteen families baked a variety of yummy desserts for the Mesquakie Indian Mission camp. Five ladies delivered the dozens of cookies, brownies, cakes and apple crisp on June 20 and were able to see the smiles of the faces of the children as they saw all the goodies. Please continue to lift up this vital ministry at Mesquakie Friends Mission.

Births

Garrett Owen Stringer was born August 7th. Garrett's parents are members of HCNP Friends. Grandparents are Dennis and Phyllis White.

Shayden Jude Rains was born June 27th. Parents are Scott and Wendy Rains of Buffalo.

Elizabeth Hope Daleske was born June 26th to Chip and Alecia Daleske of HCNP.

Kaden Warren Hadley was born June 12 to Dustin and Mindy Hadley of HCNP.

Deaths

Charles Medenhall, 83, passed away at the Kavanagh House Hospice in Des Moines on August 25, 2006 after a 15 year battle with cancer. Funeral services for Charles were held at Bear Creek Friends Church on August 28. Pastor Dallas Gilreath officiated, and burial was at the Bear Creek Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Martha, of Dexter. He has two daughters, Karen Mendenhall and Linda (Dick) Adkins, and one grand son, Benjamin Charles Adkins. Many other relatives and friends will also remember him fondly.

Charles was a life-long member Bear Creek. His faithfulness in attendance and service to the church will be sorely missed.

Mary Shinn, of Lynnville Friends, passed away this last summer. Her funeral service was held on June 2. Mary served as church secretary for many years and always had a baby afghan ready for new babies of the church families. She is survived by her husband Tom and many other family members.

GO TO IAYM.ORG to download an order form for this year's Yearly Meeting session recordings. Also available is an evaluation form to help us with next year's planning!

The Annual Ministries Conference was held August 2-5, 2006 at William Penn University. Our speaker this year was Wes Davis, pastor of Riverton Friends, Riverton, Kansas. Pastor Davis spoke using our theme from 2 Cor. 6:1-7, "Working Together with Christ". Our evening services were well attended and the Yearly Meeting enthusiastically received his messages. Pastor Davis began his ministry as a pastor by serving Woolson Friends Church in 1982, so it was wonderful to hear and observe his gifts as they have developed over the last twenty years.

Our business sessions moved along quite thriftily and we were able to complete all of our intended matters of business. A strong approval was given to the first reading of a discipline change that had been worked on very diligently for over two years. Those discipline changes can be found in the official minutes of our meetings and the second reading for final adoption will be submitted at the 2007 Annual Meeting. The Friday afternoon workshops were very well attended and participation was strong.

We were blessed to record three members of our Yearly Meeting this year; Debra Savage of Mt. Pleasant, Jerry Phillips of Muscatine, and Chuck Lathrop from Salem. The Yearly Meeting looks forward to receiving the ministries of these persons who have worked hard to complete the recording process.

The news of the death of our Associate Superintendent, Ric Garrison on the first evening of our sessions, brought a sobering effect to the entire business and worship of our Annual Conference. Ric had served Iowa Yearly Meeting for eleven years, and though he had been battling an unusual illness for three years, it was a shock to the entire gathering when we received the news of his passing. In response to this sudden event we announced plans to assist his wife, Linda and their three children, Meredith, Patric and Isaac. A special offering was received on



Children's Yearly Meeting on one of their field trips



One of many board meetings



The recording candidates along with their spouses and their sponsors. Ron Bryan and Keith Smith lead the service.

Thursday evening to help defray immediate expenses and a plan was announced to raise \$10,000 in the next few weeks to assist the family for medical costs and any other emergency needs. We are happy to announce that by August 30 we have surpassed our goal and extended an interim position to Linda as Camp Coordinator which will give her a fulltime salary and benefits.

The Yearly Meeting has appointed a Task Force to consider the future of the Associate Superintendents position and job description. Since, under Ric's leadership, Camp Quaker Heights has tripled its usage we have determined that now is the appropriate time to review the overall needs of Youth and Camping for Iowa Yearly Meeting. Further announcements will be coming soon on these discussions.

Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

Bloomington-Muscatine Friends Church

150th Anniversary Celebration (1856-2006)



*You are invited to the
150th Anniversary Celebration of
Bloomington-Muscatine Friends on
Sunday, September 24, 2006*

Morning Worship will be held at 11 a.m. (CDT) with Pastor Jerry Phillips, followed by a noon dinner provided by the church. At 2 pm there will be a program of celebration, remembrance, and re-dedication followed by a dessert reception. A free-will offering will be taken.

Reservations and correspondence can be sent to:

Bloomington-Muscatine Friends
2698 – 180th Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
(2 miles North of Muscatine on
Highway 38)

or contact

Pastor Jerry Phillips at
563-263-8904 or e-mail –
jlphillips1953@myway.com.

*We hope you can join us for this
special day!*

ON THE WAY Walking the Road to Transformation

Iowa Yearly Meeting
Pastor's Retreat
October 1-4, 2006



WHERE: Camp Quaker Heights
COST: \$35 per pastor
\$20 per spouse

Registration Deadline: September 15
send to Scott Rains (Buffalo Friends)
Box 141, Buffalo, IA 52728

SPEAKER: Dr. Danier Brunner, Associate Professor of Church History and Spiritual Formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary. Dr. Brunner teaches in both the Master of Divinity Program and the Doctor of Ministry Program. Dr. Brunner is also a pastor at Community of Christ Church in Hillsboro, OR.

Boards-of-Work Retreat October 20 - 21

**@Camp Quaker Heights
hosted by: Church Extension**

RSVP to: Steve Santee (517 7th St., Madrid, IA, 50156)
by October 14. This retreat is for all those who serve on the various IAYM boards of work. Our schedule for this event is:

October 20:
Dinner 6:30 pm
Worship 8:00 pm

October 21:
Breakfast 7:45
Devotions 8:30
Board Meetings 9:00
Lunch @noon with BOC to follow

Cost:

free for those staying in cabins or camping;
*\$25.00 per room @Tall Oaks Lodge, up to 4
people per room (9 rooms available; reserve a Tall
Oaks Lodge room by sending a deposit of \$10.00
to Camp Quaker Heights, 22605 V. Ave, Eldora,
IA, 0627. Balance due upon arrival; deposit returned
w/ cancellation dating Oct. 1 or sooner)

Bring: Bedding, towels (supplied in Tall Oaks),
toiletries, snacks (supplied by participants), and an
expectant spirit (generously supplied by the Holy
Spirit to all who desire) Any additional questions regarding
the retreat? Contact Linda Garrison at 641-751-4088

TALL OAKS LODGE DEDICATION

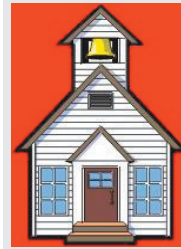
OCTOBER 1, 2006

4 PM WORSHIP AND DEDICATION

5:30 PM CELEBRATION SUPPER (\$6.50 PER PERSON)

CALL 641-939-5977 OR EMAIL campqhi@adiis.net

TO RSVP FOR THE MEAL BY SEPTEMBER 24TH



LOCATIONS NEEDED!!!

The Christian Education Board of IAYM is seeking 2 church locations to host ministry workshops on the following dates:

November 4, 2006

February 10, 2007

The workshops that will be presented on those dates are...Adult Ministries and Puppet Ministries (both of these workshops will be offered for both dates)

The C.E. board is seeking one church in the northern half of the state and the other in southern half of Iowa.

If your church is able to host this event, please contact Linda Santee at spsantee@juno.com or call the Yearly Meeting office in Oskaloosa (641-673-9717)

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