

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to honoring our family history, creating awareness of the appreciation of the history of the Richland/Knox County, Ohio area, and strengthening the Leedy family.

INVITATION . . .

To the Relatives and Connections of THE LEEDY FAMILY: On behalf of the Reunion Association, Relatives and Friends of Ankenytown and vicinity, we extend a most cordial invitation to attend and partake of the many good things that await us at

OUR 119TH

Annual Leedy Reunion

On Saturday, August 9, 2014

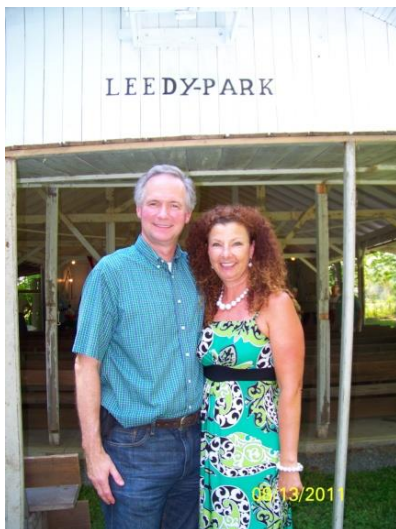
(Always the 2nd Saturday in August)

In the Old Leedy Grove,

Ankenytown, OH

Friends and Relatives everywhere, come and let us spend a pleasant day together.

Leedy Reunion Association



*Website is being updated by
Dan & Cleide Leedy, TX*

**View this flyer clearer on our website at
www.leedyfamily.com**



The above sign, painted and donated by Arnold Leedy, hangs at the park entrance greeting you upon your arrival on Reunion Day.



REUNION PROGRAM:

9:00 am The Park is Open and Begin Registration.

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction of donated crafts begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1:00 pm. We thank our donors for the many wonderful heirlooms we have purchased over the years . . . and we encourage you to bring your craft as a donation. The funds from the Silent Auction benefit our family park.



Above; Silent Auction item donated by woodworker Stephen L Bechtel.

>>> Plan to participate in Horse Shoes before dinner and after the program with your cousins <<<

COVERED DISH FEAST . . .

12:00 pm noon

In the Leedy Reunion tradition of wonderful food in great variety! Please bring your favorite meat and vegetable dish along with your table service, linens along with a beverage to share with your cousins . . . and don't forget the dessert.

1:00 SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES



We ring this donated LEEDY bell to begin the business meeting. The bell is hung in the rafters and was cast by Frederick 'Bud' Leedy in Fredericktown, OH. His wife Naomi (Bechtel) Leedy donated it to the park in his memory.

1:15 pm Business Meeting of the Leedy Reunion Assoc. with reports to the family by Trustees and Officers.

Welcome and Invocation / Introduction of all Trustees and Officers /**Election** of New Officer, then **Recognition** of the youngest, oldest (man and woman) and most distant traveled.

2:00 pm Family Entertainment of Songs, music, stories, poems shared by the family (That's you !). This will be impromptu when you arrive. Bring your guitar, keyboard, or whatever you choose to bless us with



These singing angel sisters provide us with wonderful entertainment.

Cannot Visit with us this year ???

FAMILY DONATIONS are what keep us alive and moving forward into the future. Please mail any donation to;

Steve Leedy – Treasurer
5534 Clever Road
Bellville, OH 44813
Email: SLeedy5534@aol.com
Phone: 419-886-4266

Donations help us maintain buildings, grounds, driveways, facilities, and the necessary expense of taxes, insurance, and utilities, as well as future purchase of expansion land. We are thankful that the park is in good shape this year because of the Trustees we have in charge of the park.

We want to know who and where you are: Please let us know by mail, by email or at the Reunion of the passing of family members so they can be recognized in the Program on Reunion day. In the information you provide, please include details of the Leedy connection. Please let us know of 'change of address' to keep the mailing list accurate, allowing us to keep costs down when reaching out to you with information on future events. A special mailing was sent in 2014 concerning the upgrade of the restroom facilities.

We do not know when, but we would like to attempt to eliminate costs and begin sending the family newsletter by email to some of you. Please send me an email and I will add your email address to the database.

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THANK YOU !
LEEDY FAMILY



The restrooms we have used for years at the park are seen above, still at the North end of the property.



Left: Trustee Steve Bechtel at work designing and cutting

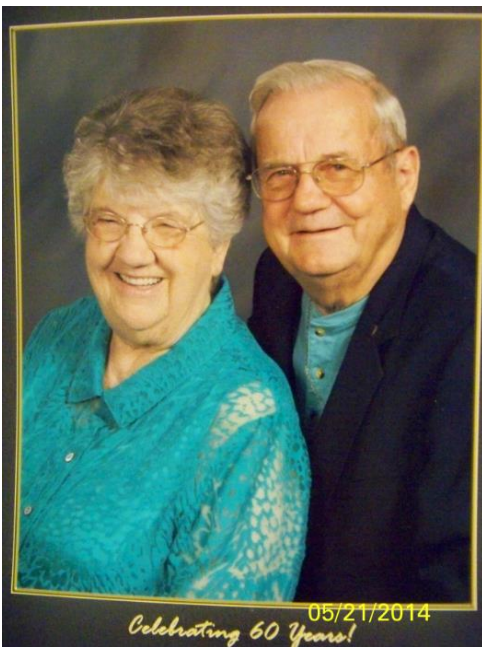
LEEDY FAMILY: Thank you for the response to the special family mailing concerning the restroom facility upgrades needed at the park.



Trustees and family members have been diligently working on the facilities to be ready for the August 9th reunion day festivities. Errin Bechtel, Dave Merrin, Michael Bowman, Clyde Bowman & Sawyer Leedy Blubaugh have been working to make this happen. On 7/4 (photo above) Stephen Bechtel, Greg Blubaugh and his son Cade Leedy Blubaugh were the Trustees I found working on the Park renovations. We also want to thank Joe Krempel for working with the Trustees using his expertise in helping pour the footer as well as pour and finish the concrete floor. The Reunion attendees cannot thank the **donators** enough for the funds which provided for this upgrade to the park. Without this donated Trustee and family labor this renovation would not be complete. Since these photo's on 7/4, they have installed the septic, as well as half of the siding. The new restrooms should be in working order for the August 9, 2014 – **119th** Reunion gathering.

Thanks again for your donation response for the upgrades to the Leedy Park here in Ohio and Trustees, **THANK YOU** for your precious time renovating.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE MOVING US FORWARD!



This year I would like to introduce you to our cousins Marian (Leedy) and Clyde Bowman of Bellville, OH. The journey begins here in Ohio where they met at Butler High School and then graduated together in 1947.

They were married at the North Liberty United Methodist Church on November 19, 1949 and were the first wedding in the church when it was celebrating its 50th Anniversary.



Shown above: Michael, Mark, Marian, Clyde, David & Joyce

Let's see if I can help visualize their family tree for you;
 Clyde b. 7.16.29 & Marian (Leedy) Bowman b 9-27-29
 m 11/19/49 The Bowman's have four children;

1. Mark Lee Bowman

A. Elizabeth (Bowman) & Carl White. Carl is from Ireland

- a. Samuel b. 1994 b. Elliot 'Ellie' Elaina 2013

B. Rachel Teuer

- a. Avan b. 2007

2. Michael Leedy Bowman & Belinda m. 2.13.90 They operate a Bed & Breakfast 'Paddock Inn' near the Mid Ohio race track in Lexington, OH. Michael is a pediatrician at Kaiser Permanente in Long Beach, CA.

A Christina (Bowman) & Ben Hamrick

- a. Expecing their first child in October 2014

B Jonathan & Ashley Bowman

- a. Brianna Grace b. 2013

C Tyler Michael Bowman

D Kattie Bowman & fiancé' Justin Rajewski

E Natalie living in Lexington, OH

F Eric living in California

G Jeremy living on the East Coast

3. David Loyd Hofferber who works at the local Smith Hardware in Bellville, OH

A. Matthew Hofferber

B. Mallory Hofferber

- a. Maria b.2003 b. Kylie b.2006

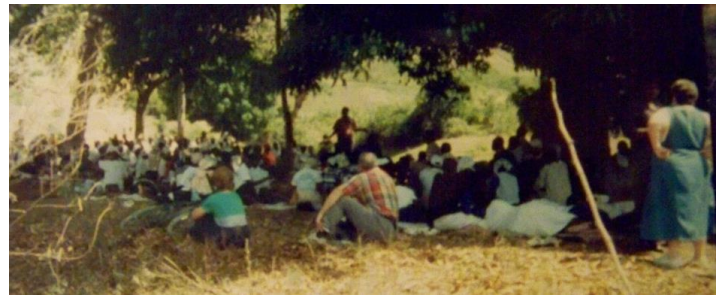
- c. Briana b. 2007 d. Jayden b. 2008

4. Joyce (Bowman) & Jim Espich. Joyce retired from Clark County Human Services and now she and Jim live in FL.

Clyde and Marian are active members of Three Crosses, a United Methodist Fellowship in Butler, OH.

This is told by Marian; In the early 1960's we invited a Missionary Doctor, from Burundi, Africa to our home in Butler, OH for Sunday lunch after he spoke at the Methodist church, not realizing how the words he had shared would effect our lives. With the stories the Doctor was telling, Clyde said 'One thing I know, I will never be a Missionary!'. The family agreed. The Missionary told him, 'You don't know how we are in need of roads on the Mission field!'. Both responded to the call from God to give their lives to Him to lead, guide and directm Marian in 1965 and Clyde in 1973.

It was a road in the Matheux Mountains in 1973 that led Clyde to Haiti for the first time. Later that same year Clyde, Marian, Mike, Dave and Joyce went on a Family Crusade to Haiti.



It was on that trip that Michael felt the call to be a Doctor. He went back to Taylor University and changed his major from Political Science to Biology.

In 1974 we celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniverary with a trip to Israel. We renewed our wedding vows on the old Road to Emmaus.

In 1980 we began 9 months of Missionary Internship in the Christian Guidance Center in Detroit, MI and raised prayer and financial support, we arrive in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on January 1, 1982 to be missionaries. We served 4 years in the Capital city of Port-au-Prince at the Villa ORMISO, a guest house for OMS Int'l. The Villa had 37 single beds and we could feed 45 in our dining room. We had 5 Haitians that worked with us. Clyde went to the mountains to work when he had time. During our second term we were asked to go to Cap Haitian where I would serve as Compound Hostess and Clyde being in charge of the maintenance and yard workers. I also was active in visitation to the community and helped in the Medical Clinic. The Bowman family returned to the US in June 1991 with plans to return for another term. However, Clyde had a heart attack and the doctors told him not to return to Haiti for fulltime mission work. They have returned to Haiti on both the 1 and 2 week short term Crusades.

Marian served many years as the Leedy Reunion President and Clyde as one of the faithful Trustees of the park. Michael Bowman is currently our Leedy Reunion President.

OBITUARIES SINCE THE LAST REUNION

*I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the course, I have
kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7*



Chester V Leedy, 100 years young, passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Country Court Nursing Home in Mount Vernon, OH.

He was born on January 6, 1913 in Palmyra of Knox County OH to the late Homer and Pearl (Files) Leedy.

He was a member of the 1931 graduating class of Fredericktown High School and lived in the Fredericktown area his entire life while spending 36 winters in Florida. He was a lifetime member of the Palmyra Church of Christ serving as deacon, treasurer, trustee and member of the building committee.

Chester also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Leedy Reunion Assoc. and the Friends of the Quaker Cemetery Assoc. He was a member of the Kokosing Valley Antique Tractor Club and was Grand Marshal for the club at the 2010 Knox County Fair. Most recently, Chester was proud to be a Marshal for the 2013 Fredericktown Tomato Show Parade.

As a young man, he was associated with former Meredith Funeral Home and Furniture Store in Fredericktown. At the time of his father's death, he took over the family farm and later his own farm.

On June 2, 1938, he was married to Ula Bernice Weller. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary prior to her death on November 16, 1988. He and his wife owned and operated the Rose Garden Nursing Home for several years and he retired from Boyd Brothers Trucking and Farm Services in Fredericktown.

He is survived by 3 daughters, Bonita (Carl) Leedy Birkel of Pelzer, South Carolina. Barbara (Harold) Spurlock of Penrose, Colorado. Barrie (Brad) Fearn of Fredericktown; four grandchildren, Karla Birkel, Christy (Chad) Draper, Justin

(Sarah) Fearn, Lindsay (Greg) Gladman; four great grandchildren, Chisum Draper, Avery Draper, Caroline Gladman and Jack Gladman; a sister-in-law Katherine Weller Warner; Several nieces and nephews; and special friend, June Patterson of Mount Gilead, OH. Following his first wife's death, Chester married Faola Thompson Hart, who died in 1997. He is survived by her children, Nancy Whittington, Robert J. Hart and Rebecca Sue (Tomas) Fonseca.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Snyder-Funeral Home of Fredericktown is honored to serve the family of Chester V Leedy.

The memorial service was held at the Palmyra Church of Christ May 3, 2014.

Chester will be missed at the 2014 and future Leedy reunions. -----



Marcia 'Mardy' Bard was called home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday afternoon, Nov 4, 2013 from Riverside Methodist Hospital. She was 74. Born Oct 12, 1939 in Mansfield, OH, Mardy was the daughter of the late



Edgar and Wilma (Leedy) Racer (Wilma passed 2013 at 100 yrs young) and was graduated from Union High School (OH) in 1957.

Growing up in the Shenandoah area, she lived less than a mile from the young man she would marry. Their courting days began with a funny event when Mardy's sister assumed that young Jack was calling on her. Too polite to set her straight, Jack took her out once, but quickly made his intentions for Mardy clear. Together ever since, they were wed on Sept 14, 1957

and spent 56 wonderful years devoted to one another.

Mardy kept the books for her husband's trucking business. Her children grown, Mardy went back to school attending NCTC to obtain her Assoc Degree in Computer Services. She worked many years for the Main Power Agency, also using her computer skills at various areas businesses.

She was a long-time attendee of Adario United Methodist Church where she served the congregation as organist and pianist. She loved to direct, and was quite talented not only with sheet music but also could play a song by ear, given only a verse or a few notes. Mardy loved playing and singing the old hymns. More recently she attended Covenant Christian Church of God.

Competitive, Mardy loved cards, especially euchre, was an excellent bottler and enjoyed creating stained glass art. Politics were always a special interest to Mardy, who considered herself an extreme conservative. She was involved in the Knox Co 912 project and often tuned in to Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh.

A loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, Mardy loved the Lord with all her heart and prayed for her children and grandchildren daily. Mardy made friends everywhere she went and will be remembered for her beautiful bright smile.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Edward Bard of Howard; two daughter and sons-in-law, Tierany (Frank) Remen of Howard, Tonja (Ron) Winters of Ontario, OH; eight grandchildren, Myles, Breanna, Chelsie, Selena (Kyle), Dakota, Brandon (Megan), Amber and Cory; five great grandchildren, Cotton, Kyri, Kaden, Brodey and Lylie; a sister, Rebecca McPherson of FL; sister-in-law Dee Racer of AR; daughter in-law, Dee Jones.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Timothy H Bard in 1987 and Jack A Bard in 2012; a sister Mari Lynn Smith and a brother Eddie Dean Racer.

Pastor Douglas Magers officated and burial will follow in the Mansfield Cemetery (OH).

OBITUARIES CONT'D



Timothy D Jordan age 53 of Homeworth, OH passed away unexpectedly on Wed, March 13, 2013. He was born July 21, 1959 in Elyria, OH. Tim graduated from Midview High School and Muskingham Area Technical College. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and scuba diving. He enjoyed spending time with his family, grand daughters and friends. Tim earned several recognitions over his 28 years of service with the Stark County Ohio Division of Wildlife as a Game Protector. He is preceded in death by his grandson, Brent Fry. Tim is survived by his wife Patricia Jordon (Pierson); stepchildren, Melinda Fry Widkersham of Minerva and Troy (Bobbie) Wickersham of Minerva; grandchildren, Paige and Laney Wickersham; parents Richard 'Dick' and Patricia 'Pat' Jordan of Grafton, OH; sister, Vicki (Stuart) Conrad of TX; brothers, Craig (Cherie) Jordan of MD, Mike Jordan of Grafton, OH, David (Mary) Jordan of Hilliard, OH and Rick (Danielle) Jordan of New London, OH and a host of nieces and nephews.-----



Kenneth M. Leedy

Kenneth Marvin Leedy of Arvon, VA died Sunday, Aug 11, 2013 at his residence. He was born on May 26, 1936 in Bluefield, VA, a son of the late Kenneth Marvin Leedy Sr and Bonnie (Neal) Leedy.

Mr. Leedy was a retired bus driver for Greyhound Bus Lines. He was a Veteran, having served his country in the US Marines. He was a member of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and enjoyed riding motorcycles, woodworking, and tractors.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine (Cobb) Leedy of Arvon, VA; two children, son Michael & Lacy Leedy of Palmyra and daughter Patty & Steve Carmichael of Sandston; a sister, Linda & Bernard Haislip of Cumberland; three grandsons, Dustin, Robby and Hunter; two great-grandsons, Stephen & Blake; and a number of extended family & friends.

The funeral was at Mt. Tabor Baptist church in Arvon, VA with Pastor Charles Undercoffer officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE for

Richard Harold Evans

born Memorial Day, 1927. Although Richard was his formal name, depending upon when your lives intersected with his over his 85+ years, he was known as Dick, Zeke, Doc, Dad, Grandpa, Doc Evans, Dr E or perhaps Biggy.

Dick was born at Christ Hospital and grew up in the Clifton, OH area. He had one brother, Robert and lived a good part of his young life with his mother, Lida, his grandfather, Albert Wells, and his brother. He attended Hughes High School and was one of the 'Vine Street Cats' where he picked up the nickname, Zeke. After finishing high school, he enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS Wisconsin during the WWII. In his short stint of active duty, he was promoted twice. After an honorable discharge, and using his GI benefits, he attended the Univ of Cincinnati and the U.D. College of

Medicine, graduating in 1955. He specialized in anesthesiology. Dick married Roslyn Leedy in 1954 and raised five children.

He had so many interests. He was always building or fixing something, working on his model trains, raising tropical fish, learning a new language, building electronic components, constructing a life-size Civil War cannon, or studying history. In his sixties, he obtained his pilot's license.

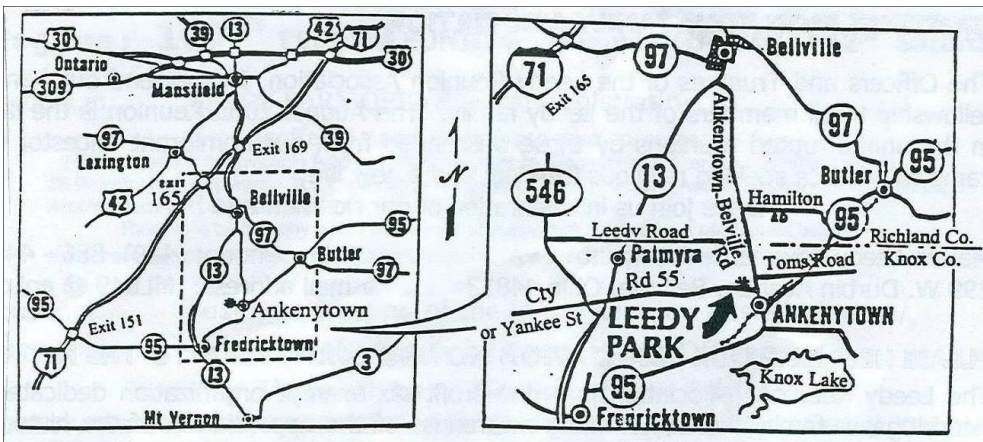
Dick loved athletics. In the late 1950's, he was the assistant team physician for the Univ of Cincinnati. In the seventies, he saw a need at the High School level and became the team doctor for Greenhills. Over a span of 25 years and thousands of volunteer hours, Doc Evans provided quality medical attention to countless Greenhills and Winton Woods athletes. In May of 2011, he was inducted into the Winton Woods Athletic Hall of Fame.

His real passion was caring for people whether it was his athletes, his patients at the hospital, or his family. On numerous occasions, he might be found stitching someone up in the kitchen at home or helping a neighbor through an emergency. He was still working at Christ Hospital at the time of his passing and, in May 2011, celebrating 50 years of service. He impacted so many lives through his work and everyone knew Dr. E. One of his biggest challenges was working to find a cure for his daughters' breast cancer. He was constantly researching and consulting with others around the country. Although they ultimately lost their battles, their Dad was a key reason they lived for a combined 20 years after diagnosis.

Richard passed away on Oct 18, 2012 at Christ Hospital after surgery. He leaves behind a legacy of love and caring for all of those who knew and respected him.

Survivors include his wife, Roslyn of Springfield Twp, sons Scott (Melinda) (who attend the Leedy Reunion in OH), Tom (Sarah), and Bob (Linda), all in the Cincinnati, OH area. Grandchildren Adam, Amanda, Michael, Max, Samantha, Kellie, Maddie, Ben, Mason, and Andrew; son-in-law, Roger Smith, of Springfield, OH and son-in-law, Chris Joseph of Centerville, OH. He was preceded in death by his daughters Pam Evans Smith and Susan Evans Joseph and his brother Robert Clayton Evans.

Interment at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, OH. **e**



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