FAMILY TIES

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We have sad news this time. Florence Graham, wife of Allen Graham, died May 7 after a time of illness, the funeral being held May 7.

To Allen, Bill, Frank, Judi and Bob, you have our most sincere sympathy and prayers.

Fernanda Doran, sister of U. G. Doran, died May 3 and services were held May 12. Members of the family had just recently located Fernanda, and we are grateful we had some time to get reacquainted with her.

Pam Wise has compiled a wonderful article in memory of Fernanda Giuseppina Doran which is attached to the Newsletter. Many thanks, Pam, for all your work and research in sharing this with all the family!

Following are some changes you need to make on your list of family members:

Charles and Betty Lundquist have moved to the "country." They have just completed a beautiful home outside of Houston. Isn't it wonderful we have a new place to stop in and visit when down South?! Congratulations Charles and Betty -- May you have many beautiful years in your new home.

Charles and Betty Lundquist 5403 Mimosa Richmond, Texas 77469 713/341-5774

Christopher Lundquist stayed in Houston and his new address is 3950 Ashburnham, #80, Houston, Texas 77082, Phone: 713-497-8086.

Michael and Carol Dicksen also have a new address: 3673 E. Lake Street, Lansing, IL 60438. (More about the newly-wed Dicksens later in this Newsletter).

We also received current addresses for two of Charles "Butch" Dicksen's sons:

> Chuck & Judy Dicksen 15727 Peggy Lane, #3, Oak Forest, IL 60452

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Robert (Bob) & Kelly Dicksen 14526 S. Kildare Midlothian, IL 60445 Jordan (9/10/89)

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FAMILY LEAVES HAWAII!

Andy and Tami Walker and their two children, Sean and Briana have left the island paradise of Hawaii and are now temporarily with Susie and Ed Aki in Dallas. And, of course, it's wonderful to have them closer to us other kinfolk, marooned on the mainland. Andy mustered out of the service and is looking forward to a job and/or school in the Dallas area. WONDERFUL to have you here, Andy, Tami, et al!

MYSTERIOUS MILIARY MOVES

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Sgt. James (Wally) Walker, S.F. of U.S. Army, returned June 29 from a special assignment somewhere in the Himalayan Mountains. He is a paramedic and teaches. His wife, Jean, spent 10 days with the Akis in Dallas in June. Wally and Jean's first baby is due September 27. Welcome home Wally - and it's delightful to hear the family is growing some more!

FERNANDA GIUSEPPINA DORAN

(April 7, 1907 - May 6, 1990)

Fernanda Giuseppina was born in Carrara, Italy, the daughter of Emma Lazzerini and Edward Bernard Doran. She had two brothers and three sisters:

Ugo Giuseppe Doran (1884-1957) Mariettina Doran (1886-died in infancy) Emma Doran (1888-1978) Yolanda Doran (died in infancy) Felix Alfred Doran (1890-1954)

Fernanda Giuseppina was named for her grandfather, Giuseppe Lazzerini, a respected professor who taught the children of the King of Italy. Her mother, Emma Lazzerini, came from a very prominent Italian family. Another famous family member was her uncle (Emma's brother), Alessandro Lazzerini, a well-known sculptor whose marble statutes are world renowned.

She grew up in Carrara and Naples, Italy. During World War II with the war at their front door, she and her mother were forced to abandon their modest home in the city and flee to the country. A long-time family friend, Mr. Oriani, arranged to take



Fernanda Giuseppina Doran (1924)

them in to live with his family in the country until the war ended. The years during the war took its toll on the Italian people; food, clothing and the basics for survival were in scarce supply. Her brother in Dallas, Ugo Giuseppe Doran, periodically sent relief packages containing clothing and other necessities to his mother and young sister.

It was several years after the death of her mother before Fernanda immigrated to the United States to live with family. Fernanda sailed on the Andrea Doria on March 29, 1956 and arrived in New York on March 31. She spent about a year with her sister, Emma Doran Sullivan, in Chicago to learn English, and then came to Dallas the following April to live with her brother, Ugo, until his death in 1957. She was employed by Neiman Marcus as a seamstress in the Ladies Alterations Department for several years until she retired. It was during her career at Neiman Marcus that she developed life-long friendships with many of her customers and co-workers. Among the many accomplishments she achieved in her life, the most important and the one she took greatest pride in, was becoming a U.S. citizen on September 23, 1961.

The last three years of her life was spent living at Northwood Manor Nursing Home, in Carrollton, Texas. Friends and family members visited her often, listening to the stories of her youth, her experiences of her transition to a new life and culture in the United States, and she always wanted to know of the goings-on with our large family. She touched us all with her love and laughter. We love you and your place in our lives will be missed.



Emma Lazzerini (Mother, 1944)



Mr. Oriani, Emma Lazzerini, Fernanda Giuseppina Doran (1947)

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Fernanda Giuseppina Doran (1938)



Pre-War home (1939)

SHE'S HOW OLD!?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Susie Walker! BIG 2-0. Susie and Ed no longer have any teenagers around the house. Just *mature* adults!! Best wishes always and much love, Susie.

Love, Ed & Mom

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GETTING TO KNOW THE "FAMILY"

We just recently got the "Family Ties" newsletter and I can't tell you how wonderful it is to hear about the Michael's family. My family all live in Illinois in the Chicago area. We are all very close and there isn't anyone I don't know. Michael's family lives everywhere, so it seems, and I want to thank everyone involved in making "Family Ties" for helping us get to know them.

Michael and I were married July 30, 1989, and I have enclosed the following picture so you can attach faces to the names. Mine, incidentally, is Carol.



Carol & Michael Dicksen

I am a second grade teacher and Mike, along with his brothers, Chuck and Bob, is in the bricklaying business. Chuck just got married in Antigua on January 17, giving us a wonderful new sister-in-law, Judy. Bob and his wife Kelly (also a wonderful sister-in-law) gave us an adorable nephew, Jordan Patrick on September 10, 1989.

Dad (Charles "Butch") and Maggie Dicksen were just in for a visit from Maryland to celebrate his 50th birthday!! It was wonderful to see them and all of the Chicago area family who came out to celebrate with him.

Hope this lets you know a little about us. We sure do enjoy hearing about all of you! Thanks again, "Family Ties" staff.

Love, Michael & Carol Dicksen

HOUSTON REPORTS IN!

Victoria (age 4) just finished her first year of preschool and I am really looking forward to some lazy summer days. We plan to really enjoy the summer doing summer things--swimming, playing, going to the beach, watermelon, etc.--

Brian has just recently changed jobs and is now working as a claims adjuster for Farmers Insurance. He is really enjoying his new job.

I have been really busy lately since we are in the process of redecorating our house and, as we are doing it ourselves, it is really dragging out a long time—or so it seems. I have also been working on a quilt that I started when Aunt Carol was in Houston last January (she got me started quilting). I am making it for Victoria and she is picking out most of the fabric for it. Every time we go into the fabric store she wants to pick out a new material for her "blanket", so needless to say, it is turning out to be VERY COLORFUL!

I was sick with pneumonia in February and it seemed to take months to fully recover and feel myself again. Then in April I was in a car accident which totaled my car, but thank goodness I only had minor injuries. It really opened my eyes to not take a single day for granted.

I really enjoy getting the Family Ties and it really seems so special to me that I am so lucky to be a member of this great family. I send everyone my love and hope they have a great year.

Love, Mandy Pocklington

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FROM THE EDITORS: It has really been delightful hearing from some of the *younger* members of this huge family! Keep all those cards and letters coming.

Vacation time is upon us--so for the next issue, let us hear where everyone went and what you did! Half the fun is telling about it when you get back!

How about those recipes? We sure do need those fantastic, family treats to share with all the young families starting up now--old, treasured delicacies passed from moms to daughters, to granddaughters, etc. would be a wonderful practice to keep going.

FOR ANY FAMILY SMOKERS WHO ARE STILL PUFFING:



"Now I understand why smoking is hazardous to your health!"