

Legette Family Times

Homegoing Service for Lou Pearl Robinson

The Legette Family recently lost a great jewel, our family matriarch, Lou Pearl Robinson. Lou Pearl was 10th child of Simon & Lula Legette, the roots of this great family tree.

For those who did not have the chance to meet Lou Pearl, here are a few words shared by her family. "Lou Pearl raised four generations of children and was a wonderful combination of warmth and kindness, laughter and love. She overlooked our faults, encouraged our dreams and praised every success. She had the wisdom of a teacher, the sincerity of a true friend and the tenderness of a mother and grandmother. She's someone we admired, respected and loved very much."

She is survived by two daughters; Sherri Legette Davis and Sandra Johnson; four sons: Willie (Rachel) Nelson, Jerome (Eva) Nelson, Herbert (Martha) Nelson and Sammy (Vanessa) Robinson and a host of grands, great-grands and great-great grands.

Lou Pearl was truly loved by everyone who came into contact with her and she will be greatly missed!

We are still blessed to have brother and sister; Annie Jones and Carl James Legette, who are the last surviving children of Simon and Lula Legette.



Lou Pearl Robinson
December 16, 1926 — June 8, 2010

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2011 Legette Family Reunion

The first Legette Family Reunion was held in Trenton, NJ in 1991. The year of 2011 will mark 20 years since our first celebration. The 2011 reunion will be held July 7th–11th in Myrtle Beach, SC. Reunion plans are currently underway. We have booked a number of rooms at the Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort.

The Sea Mist Resort is the only Myrtle Beach hotel with over 50 different accommodation types to choose from, plus the largest collection of amenities in the area. With over 15-acres, Sea Mists guests have every option imaginable, from oceanfront, ocean view, and water park views to different styles such as traditional hotel rooms and suites to beach bungalows, condos, cottages, and rental houses, all with kitchens or kitchenettes and light, airy furnishings blended with delicate Caribbean wall colors for a beach atmosphere that is casual and relaxing.

The Legette Family will have the choice to pick from two price options; room only rate or family value package.

Room Only Rate: The Daily Rate is based on one adult per bed. A third adult and each additional adult sharing the room will initiate an \$8.00 per night charge. There is no extra charge for persons aged 16 and under staying in a unit with their parents.

Family Value Package: Each person in the room over the “sleeps” number will be charged an additional \$22.50 per night plus taxes and fees.

Sea Mist’s Family Value Package is undoubtedly the very best value in Myrtle Beach EVER! Sea Mist’s strategic partnership with Family Kingdom Amusement Park & Oceanfront Water Park affords you tremendous savings as a Sea Mist guest. Plus, there is continuous fun on every corner with the largest collection of resort attractions in the area including but not limited to 10 swimming pools, the area’s largest Arcade, restaurants, Movie Theater, Conference Center and so much more.

The following items are included for each person staying in the unit when choosing the Family Value Package:

- Free Admission and an all-ride wristband to Family Kingdom Amusement Park – Myrtle Beach’s only seaside amusement park, for each night of your stay. (Wristband does not include Go-Karts or Pony Rides).
- Daily passes to Family Kingdom Oceanfront Water Park
- Unlimited play on Sea Mist’s, “Misty Falls”, double-nine hole Putt-Putt Course
- Daily passes to Sea Mist’s Largest On-Site Waterpark with a 670 foot long, 7 foot wide lazy river and a 3-story high totally tubular water slide
- Discounts to Sea Mist seasonal events such as “Beach Blast” and “Children’s Night”

2011 Legette Family Reunion *cont.*

Room Types & Rates

Oceanfront – Directly Facing the Ocean

A one room unit with two double beds and a ground floor patio or private sit down balcony.

Ocean Front Bedrooms \$114 Rack only (\$515.28 for 4 nights, taxes included)

Ocean Front Bedrooms \$687.86 FVP (for 4 nights, taxes included)

Oceanview – Offering a northern or southern view of the ocean

A one room unit with two double beds and a ground floor patio or private sit down balcony. Some are equipped with a microwave and refrigerator.

Oceanview Bedrooms (Sandcastle) \$106 Rack only (\$479.12 for 4 nights, taxes included)

Oceanview Bedrooms (Sandcastle) \$659.13 FVP (for 4 nights, taxes included)

Oceanside – located on the ocean side of Ocean Boulevard, but offering no view of the ocean

A one room unit with two double beds and a kitchenette.

Oceanside Studios (Dunes) \$90 Rack only (\$406.80 for 4 nights, taxes included)

Oceanside Studios (Dunes) \$597.02 FVP (for 4 nights, taxes included)

A first night deposit will be required within 7 days of booking date. More info coming soon!



Announcements

Birth Announcements

Dakota L. Legette
July 15, 2010
Parents: Terrie & Deadra
Legette

Morgan Jackson
Parent: Brandi Legette

Aubrey Lanay Legette
March 18th 2010
Parents: Daniel Legette &
Ashley J Williams

Dream LaShawn Hutson &
Destini LaSonya Hutson
January 13th 2008
Parents: Shunta Legette &
David Hutson Sr.



Weddings/Anniversaries

Vanisha Evans & Phillip Taylor
married on July 12, 2010.

Freddie & Clemson Leach
celebrated their 45th wedding
anniversary on July 11th.

Lucreita Legette married Elijah
Thomas on February 8, 2010.



Graduations

Devon Leach graduated from
Mercer County Community College
with a degree in Paralegal Studies.

Shabree Leach graduated from
Hamilton High School West in
Hamilton, NJ. She is attending
Virginia Union University in
Richmond, VA. Shabree's major is
Education.

Nyeisha Hutson-Legette graduated
from Huron High school of Ann
Arbor, MI. Nyeisha has been
accepted into the University of
Michigan and Eastern Michigan
University College. She plans to
attend Eastern for her first year
then transfer to University of
Michigan majoring in pre-med.



David Hutson Jr. is going on tour with the Def Jam Poetry Slam and needs the family support. David had his first book of poetry published and is titled "Covered in Hospital Stickers." Def Jam's own, Russell Simmons has picked David as Judges Choice and David is now working on his next book of poems. Tour dates & time will be announced in Oct 2010.

Black Family Reunions

A sense of belonging, a thirst for knowledge and love are reasons why families everywhere make annual pilgrimages throughout the United States and abroad to reconnect with kinfolk. Some 82 million Americans will participate in family reunions this year, according to Budget Travel Magazine, which notes that 44 percent of leisure trips taken by African-Americans include family visits.

While African-Americans have long prized family gatherings, *Roots*, the 1977 televised miniseries, caused a surge in more detailed, organized and even elaborate family reunions in the 1980s and 1990s, says lone Vargus, a professor and Dean Emerita at Temple University who founded and directs its Family Reunion Institute. "After *Roots*, people got very motivated to seek out their own family genealogy," says Vargus, "It was like a movement. I saw it as a strength of the black family."

In Memphis, Tennessee, Pamela Guy-Strayhorn and her cousin, Darin Leake Sr., demonstrate their forefathers' strength that included fighting in the Civil War and raising their offspring with the belief to always put family first. As Guy-Strayhorn and Leake prepare for the Guy Family Reunion in 2011, they expect nearly 700 people to attend the five-day event. In 2007, the family's first reunion since 1991, between 350-400 people showed up, says Leake. Two years later, in 2009, 450 were in attendance. Much of the reunions' success can be tied to Leake who created and maintains a website that includes a welcome letter, daily inspirations, reunion photos, registration information and more. Leake says he started the website after finding old family photographs in a shoebox after his grandfather's death in 2002. Along with the website, Guy-Strayhorn says she employs a personal touch by calling about 400 relatives once a month just to stay in touch.

"I'm so excited," she says while ticking off the list of events for next year's reunion that will include tours of nearby Civil War sites, skating, a movie night, banquet, church service and a farewell brunch. "I love family and always have because we were raised to love family and there was never a thing as too many people. We do this because it's building our family back up. Family has always been the backbone for African-Americans, and these days you can't make it without family."

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We're on the web!
<http://www.legettefamily.myevent.com>

Registration Fees

Preparations for the 2011 family reunion are moving full speed ahead. Be sure to have your calendars marked to be in Myrtle Beach, July 7th-11th.

We are asking all participants (ages 4 and up) to send in a \$10 deposit by **November 1, 2010**. This fee will go towards reunion cost and will be credited to your registration balance. The exact fee for registration has not been set. However we can expect it to be the same as the 2008 reunion.

Ages 5-10 \$65

Ages 11 and up \$85

Please send checks/money orders to:

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