

ELMORE-RATLIFF FAMILY NEWSLETTER

"OUR FAMILY IS THE FAMILY WHERE EVERYONE IS SOMEBODY AND CHRIST IS ALL."



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We've come this far by Faith

We have no idea how many times simple wisdom has saved our lives or kept us out of harm's way or how many times it will be so in the future. That is why we can't live without it and need to ask God for it. We have to pray, *"Lord give me wisdom in all I do. Help me to walk in wisdom every day."* Therefore as we, the descendants of the Elmore-Ratliff family, walk by faith into this new year of promise and fruitfulness, let us be thankful for each other, thankful for the blessings we have received, thankful for even the small stuff sent our way to lift our spirits and brighten our day. Let us be wise in our choices and never forget how far we've come on this journey by Faith.

Editor,
Andrea Wren Smith

P.S. Don't forget to send in your family's announcements. Something you would like to share and see in our family's newsletter.



Our 3rd Elmore-Ratliff Family Reunion will be held in Patterson, Louisiana on June 26-28, 2015!!!

It isn't too early to start putting together your teams! Coordinators will be meeting soon and will be in contact.

Christmas in Atlanta

Rutha Mae Hill O'Prien, daughters Tonya and Tremaine, and grandkids paid a surprise visit to Aunt Sadie Elmore Wilson in Atlanta, GA during the Christmas 2013 holiday.



Rutha said having the opportunity to see her Aunt Sadie and having her children visit with their oldest living relative was the best Christmas present she could ever receive.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Wilson, Sr.

The couple celebrated their 60th anniversary on January 30, 2014. They were surrounded by family and friends on this momentous day. GR and Gert, as they are lovingly called, are the proud parents of nine children, and the grandparents of 20 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. We wish them love and blessings, and many more years of happiness together.

"So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate."

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of day is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.



Happy 102nd Birthday
Aunt Sadie Elmore Wilson



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Scripture Cake



Here is a little project that anyone can enjoy and fun “reading” to produce results. Busy lives we live and we sometimes fall short in doing our daily Bible readings and studies. Here we search, read, and eat our readings – food for the soul! I pray that you have fun with family and friends as you make a Scripture cake.

- ½ cup Judges 5:25 (last clause)
- 1 & ½ tbs. 1Samuel 14:25 (2nd clause)
- 2 cups 1Kings 4:22 (1st clause)
- ½ tsp. Leviticus 2:13
- 1 tsp. Amos 4:5 (use modern powder)
- 1 tsp. 2Chronicles 9:9 (or to taste)
- ½ cup Judges 4:19 (2nd part)
- 1 cup 1Samuel 30:12 (2nd item)
- 1 cup Nahum 3:12 (dried, chopped)
- 1 cup Numbers 17:8 (chopped)
- 4 of Isaiah 10:14 (separated & beaten)

Cream first two ingredients together well. Sift the next 4 ingredients together and add alternately with next ingredient. Follow Solomon’s advice for making a good boy – Proverbs 23:14. Add next 3 ingredients. Fold in beaten yolks and

We Wear the Mask

by Paul Laurence Dunbar

We wear the mask that
grins and lies,
It hides our cheeks and
Shades our eyes,-
This debt we pay to
human guile;
With torn and bleeding
hearts we smile,
And mouth with myriad
subtleties.

Why should the world be
otherwise,
In counting all our tears
and sighs?
Nay, let them only see us,
while

We wear the mask.

We smile, but, O great
Christ, our cries
To thee from tortured
souls arise.
We sing, but oh, the clay
is vile
Beneath our feet, and long
the mile;
But let the world dream
otherwise,

We wear the mask.

Scripture cake recipe con't.

stiffly beaten egg whites carefully. Bake in lined 9x13 in. pan. Temperature 350 degrees F. Bake 35-40 minutes. Yield: 1 cake. You may frost with white or chocolate icing. Scripture is a fun cake to make.

“We want to reach a time when there won’t be Black History Month, when black history will be so integrated into American history that we study it along with every other history. That’s the hope, and we have to continue to work until that is true, until that becomes a fact.”

– Maya Angelou