

Captain Samuel Stalnaker Heritage Society 2023 Spring Newsletter

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Captain Samuel Stalnaker Heritage Society (The Stalnaker Family Association)



A note from President & Stalnaker Family Group Website Manager-

Barry Stalnaker

This society consists of Stalnaker descendants that are devoted to educating individuals about the role of Virginia (currently known as WV) in the founding of our nation. As President, it is my responsibility to manage the Officers and the Board of Directors. I am fortunate because all relatives work hard to keep the membership informed about the upcoming events. **This is our 296th year of the Stalnaker Family in America (1727-2023)!**

The 2023 History Day event will be a 2-day caravan trip for interested relatives to follow the travels of our ancestors in the 1770s. The trip is scheduled on Friday, July 14th, and Saturday July 15th.

President Barry Stalnaker will be leading this caravan.

Day One – We will meet at 9 AM at Virginia Tech parking lot 14 located at 705 W Campus Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24061 and will travel to Draper’s Meadow/ Barger’s Fort/ New River/ Hungry Mother’s State Park/Chilhowie Town Hall/ Glade Spring/Fort Kilmachronan/ Saltville and end in Middleboro, KY

Day Two starts at the Cumberland Gap National Park/ Wilderness Road State Park/ New River Gorge Bridge and end in Elkins, WV.

We will stay overnight on Friday in Middlesboro, KY and end on Saturday in Elkins, WV.

Please sign up for this two-day trip on the CaptainStalnaker@gmail.com ASAP

The Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at the Beverly Volunteer Fire Department starting at 10:30 am.

The Necrology Service is a very touching ceremony with the lighting of the candle, the playing of the “Hills of West Virginia” and each relative’s life is shared with everyone.

We will be honoring **Martha “Marty” Stalnaker Litten** who served as Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer for over 30 years, and we will be honoring her service to our Society.

The election of officers (President, Treasurer and Co Treasurer) will be conducted during the meeting.



This is our cousin, **Brad Stalnaker of Morgantown, WV.** His artwork of the cabin was on display at the Randolph Co. Art Center in 2023. These drawings are used in our notecards to help fundraise for the cabin. Brad is the Professional Technologist for the WVU and the hospitals. He works directly with WVU President, Gordon Gee (formerly of OSU). He has agreed to make a video of Stalnaker Hall to be shown at the reunion and will be put on the website for all to enjoy. Brad has been an active supporter of the Society for more than 25 years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THE 300th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN 2027!!

Note from our 300th Anniversary Coordinator- Judy (Stalnaker) Dixon of Bennettsville, SC

I am the daughter of the late Past President Rex Stalnaker and Mary Ann Stalnaker of Weston, WV. My sister is Past President Pam Stalnaker of Charlottesville, VA. If you would like to participate on the 300th anniversary committee, please contact me at medtechduo@shnext.com or call me at 843-439-2579. We can set up zoom meetings to discuss our plans. I encourage everyone to send me your ideas that could be used for the celebration. Serving on this committee will be a great opportunity to get to know your relatives.

A note from the Vice President- Robert Stalnaker

(I have taken a new job as the lead electrical engineer and will be traveling to Germany in June, 2023)

The annual fundraising auction starts immediately at the end of the business meeting.

Bring our donated items for auction to be displayed during the business meeting.

The auction will be conducted by myself with the assistance of our Second VP Samuel Stalnaker and his family.

The 2023 Reunion will follow the business meeting.

The potluck luncheon is back by popular demand.

The local relatives bring their gourmet dishes to share while the out-of-town relatives bring the drinks and chips.

There will be a birthday cake to celebrate our past Treasurer, **Hazel Hankey's 102nd birthday** (BOD April, 2023).

Hazel descends from Valentine Stalnaker. Valentine is buried in the Old Stalnaker Cemetery.

The 2023 Family Photo will be taken following the luncheon with our featured speaker in the middle of the photo.

I AM EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE.

OUR 2023 FEATURED SPEAKER IS CLIFF PRITT, THE RENOWNED PRESERVATION CARPENTER THAT RESTORED OUR CABIN.

He has photos of the cabin reservation work. After over twenty years we will finally get to meet the man that did this amazing work on the cabin. We will be honoring for his important work on our cabin.

The new Stalnaker Hall video by **Brad Stalnaker** and the article by **Jeff Lawrentz** of South Charleston, WV on John Hart will be available at the reunion. Both will be posted on the website after the reunion for all to enjoy.

A note from 2nd VP—Samuel Stalnaker and our photographer

I am planning some exciting things for the children during the reunion plus will assist with the auction.

A note from the Secretary- Sandy (Stalnaker) Wilson

We adopted a new membership category in 2021—**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR \$350 per household.**

We are pleased to announce that the following households are lifetime members:

*Lacey (Gerri) Stalnaker of Waco Texas
Melissa (James) (Augustein) Deen of Lewisburg, Texas
Trina (Roger) Ryan of Wilmington, North Carolina
Ashleigh Payton of Milton, West Virginia
Ray Todd Payton of Mobile, Alabama
Barry Stalnaker of Wilsonville, Alabama
Sandy (Dan) (Stalnaker) Wilson of Novelty, Ohio
Daniel (Hollie) Wilson of Pepper Pike, Ohio
Matthew (Emily) Wilson of Owings Mills, Maryland
Nancy Paulette Collins McClure of Louisville, Kentucky
Lois Kay (Stalnaker) de Armas of Houston, Texas*

Currently we have 205 active household members plus 5 Honorary members.

We will be celebrating the lives of the beloved Stalnaker relatives at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Gerald G. "Jerry" Stalnaker, 75 years old of Brunswick, Ohio passed away on August 24, 2014.

Husband of Corliss Stalnaker,

Father of Jeff, Linda Shipley, Carol Albert, MaryAnn Attanasio, Jerry Chuey and Billy

Brother of Anna Kelly, Sharon Ayers, Pat Bliss, Norma, James, ***Bobby** and Jake & the late Chuck.

***Larry L. Peterson**, 81 years of Hamlet, IN passed away on December 23, 2018.

Husband of ***Janet Peterson** (62 years),
 Father of Sue L. Downs.
 Larry was the caretaker of the Tracy Cemetery for nearly 50 years.

***Joanna Moats**, 84 years old of Fairmount, WV. passed away on November 11, 2020.
 Wife of Lawrence (42 years),
 Mother of Micheal Moats, Mark Moats, ***Mitch Moats**, ***Barbara Martin** & Matthew Moats
 Neil Morris Stalnaker, 61 years old of Japan passed away on June 20, 2020, in Japan.
 Son of Neil Stalnaker
 Brother of ***Jaquelyne Dawn Stalnaker** of Birmingham, AL and Monochar Stalnaker of Japan
 Neil was professional musician "The Commodores" and traveled the world. He was in the US Navy.

Stanley C. Stalnaker, 97 years old of Newport News, VA passed away on January 3, 2021.
 Husband of Anne H. Stalnaker of Tuxedo, NY.
 Father of Stanley Stalnaker of Newport News, VA., William Stalnaker of Tuxedo, NY., Peter of NJ & Elizabeth Eberling of Tuxedo, NY.

James Dale Stalnaker, 72 years old of Farmington, WV passed away on February 5, 2021.
 Husband of the late Brenda Diane Cunningham Stalnaker (2020)
 Father of Jason and Jack
 Brother of David Stalnaker
 He was a Physician Assistant at United Hospital Center.
 He owned the People General Store in Fairmount WV before he became a PA

Timothy Luke Stalnaker, 27 years old of Conway Arkansas passed away on March 28, 2021 (ATV accident).
 Son of ***Jeff and Teresa Stalnaker**
 Brother of Christopher and Jonathan Stalnaker.

Charles Lawrence Stalnaker, 86 years old of Charleston, WV passed away on October 2021.
 Husband of Julia A (Bailey) Stalnaker (66 years)
 Father of Jennifer Jenson, Kevin Dale Stalnaker and Susan Scraggs

***Hobert Thaddieus Henline**, 95 years old of Thomas, WV passed away on March 15, 2022.
 Husband of the late Naomi Wise Henline (2000)
 Father of ***Henry of Ormond Beach, FL**, Hobert Henline of Gardners, PA., Robert Henline of Millersville, MD., Naomi Dickinson of Garfield, MD. and Judy Humphrey of Sulphur, LA.
 He served in our USAF and Airman First Class on the nuclear submarine. He worked at John Hopkins for 30+ years. He regularly attended the reunions and donated his golf clubs to the auction.
 He was an avid golfer in retirement and won four championships.

Robert Stalnaker, 71 years old of Three Lakes, Wisconsin passed away on March 16, 2022.
 Father of Tony Garapolo, Ray Wigent, and Kelly Ruffino.

***Vicky Ann Allman**, 71 years old of Aiken, South Carolina passed away on April 19, 2022.
 Wife of ***William Glen Allman**
 Mother of ***Shelly Allman and *Nikki Brauer**.
 Grandmother of Miranda Blake, Damien Frazier, Spencer Frazier, & ***Schuyler Hoover**
 Sister-in-law of ***Beth Allman & Darrell Allman, our former cabin manager)**

***Mary Lucille Stalnaker**, 95 years old of Glenville, WV. passed away on July 5, 2022.
 Aunt of ***Stephen Stalnaker** of Jane Lew, WV.
 She attended a one room school and became a teacher.
 She became our first honorary member when she was living in the assisted living facility in Jane Lew, WV.

Reverend Dana L. Stalnaker, 91 years old of Talcott, WV. passed away on August 7, 2022.
 Father of Mark S. Stalnaker of Newport News, VA. and Matthew Stalnaker of Hinton, WV.
 He served in served the US Army in the Korean War as a Corporal with the First and Third Armored Division

Edith Stalnaker, 96 years old of Princeton passed away on August 30, 2022.
 Wife of the late Edgar Stalnaker (2002)
 Mother of the late Connie Clemson, Micheal Stalnaker of Carlisle, PA. Jackie Mathena of TN. and Willie Mae Bowman of Charlotte, NC.
 Her funeral was officiated by Marty Stalnaker and Mark Stalnaker.

James Stalnaker, 88 years old of American Falls, Idaho passed away on September 3, 2022.

Husband of Mattie Stalnaker
Father of Jim, Bob and Scott Stalnaker

He served in the US Army and was stationed in Hawaii as a radio operator in the 1950s

He was a Soil Conservationist in Idaho.

§*Betty Ann (Gardner) Stalnaker, 92 years old passed away of Tallmadge, Ohio, on September 7, 2022.

Wife of the late **Gene Stalnaker** (2017)

Mother of *late **Russell Stalnaker (1/31/2023) of Louisville, Ohio, *Becky Allman of Tallmadge, Ohio and *Beth Burch of Tallmadge, Ohio.**

Gene and Betty were the cornerstones of the city of Tallmadge Ohio. Please take time to read her obituary. They contributed lots of research to the A Chronology of the Stalnaker Family in America book that Cecil Stalnaker wrote. They were mentors to Dan and Sandy Wilson

***Herbert Piatt Marshall**, 86 years old of Elkins, WV. passed away on September 9, 2022.

Husband of ***Twila Stalnaker Marshall** (62 years)

Father of Phillip Marshall and John Marshall.

He served in the US Army active and reserves. He was an instructor in the Army Signal School at Fort Gordon. He worked for the WV Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

***Larry Edward Stalnaker**, 84 years old of St. Albans, WV. passed away on September 27, 2022.

Husband of the late Wanda Fay Stalnaker

Father of Charles Stalnaker.

He served in the USAF and retired after 28 years' service. Larry worked for WVDOH.

§*Martha (Marty) Stalnaker Litten, 88 years old of Lakeland, Ohio passed away on October 9, 2022.

Wife of ***Don Litten** of Lakeland, Ohio

Mother of Heidi Litten Pryor of Jeromesville, Ohio.

Sister of the late ***Kenneth Stalnaker** of Flushing, Ohio and his wife, ***Karen.**

Marty served as our Treasurer and Co Treasurer for more than 30 years and was actively involved in the cabin move and restoration. She saved our cabin!!

Gary Stalnaker, 76 years old of Lewisville, Ohio passed away on October 16, 2022.

Husband of Brenda Machovic Stalnaker

Father of Bret and Brady Stalnaker.

He served in the USAF and retired from FEMA.

*** Leary Corder D'Pugh 100 years old** of Friendsville, MD. passed away on October 23, 2022 in Elkins, WV.

Aunt of ***Terri Daniels, *Shirley Daniels**, Linda Edwards and Stephen Daniels.

Kinzy Alvin Stalnaker, 84 years old of Marietta, Ohio passed away on October 23, 2022.

Husband of Patsy Stalnaker

Father of Lisa Wolfe of Marietta, Ohio, Mark Stalnaker of Vincent, Ohio and Suzanne Dennis of Little Hocking, Ohio.

He served in the US Navy as an Aviation Electrician (AE-2) and retired from Chevron after 37 years.

***Melvin R. Tolley**, 83 years old of Cortland, Ohio passed away on October 25, 2022.

Husband of ***Wanda Tolley** (62 years)

Father of Dr. Matt Tolley of Woodbine, MD, Pamela Simmons of Suffolk, VA and John Tolley of Bazetta, OH

He served in the US Navy in Hong Kong, Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan. He helped build and prepare ships for Vietnam. He was a Naval Reserve Instructor in Warren, Ohio. He was a volunteer firefighter and an EMT for thirty years. He attended the 1976 dedication ceremony in the Old Stalnaker cemetery.

Frances Arlene Stalnaker, 83 years old of Newark, Ohio passed away on November 8, 2022.

Mother of Monte Stalnaker

Geary W. Stalnaker, 74 years old of Orrville, Ohio passed away on November 21, 2022.

Husband of Sue Stalnaker of Orrville, Ohio.

Father of Gerald Simmons, Evan Stalnaker, Charles Stalnaker, Andrew Stalnaker and Stephen Stalnaker.

He served in the US Army as a Specialist and Engineer during the Vietnam War.

He worked at Orrville Products for more than 30 years.

Mark Stalnaker, 58 years old of California passed away on November 29, 2022.

Father of Eric, Shana, Carly, Jack and Savannah Stalnaker.

***Janet Sue Williams Stalnaker**, 67 years old of Beverly, WV. passed away on December 11, 2022.
 Wife of ***Howard David Stalnaker** (42 years)

Jeffrey A Stalnaker, 65 years old of Parkersburg, WV. passed away on December 15, 2022.
 Father of Jonathan Scott Stalnaker of Washington, WV
 Brother of Sherry Spears of Glenville, WV. and Sheila Snyder and Shelley Doss of Parkersburg, WV., Deann Gregory of South Point, Ohio and Billy Stalnaker of Proctorville, Ohio.

William Arlo Stalnaker, 88 years old of Akron, Ohio passed away on December 19, 2022.
 Husband of the late Shirley Jean Stalnaker
 Father of Doris McVey, William, Roger, Daev, and Ed Stalnaker of Akron, Ohio.

***Mary Ann "Peg" Maxwell Radabaugh**, 88 years old of Glenville, WV. passed away on December 30, 2022.
 Wife of ***Bill Radabaugh** (69 years)
 Mother of Robert of Sand Fork, WV.
 Sister of ***Louella Stalnaker** of Glenville. WV.
Peg did many research papers that are in our heritage library. She is a retired teacher

Bobby Stalnaker, 90 years old of Birmingham, AL passed away on January 23, 2023.
 Husband of late Mary Ann Boutwell Stalnaker (41 years) and June Stalnaker
 Father of Danny Stalnaker and Don Stalnaker
He was a firefighter for 34 years in Birmingham, AL.

Edward "Eddie" Hugh Stalnaker, 80 years old of Natural Bridge. WV. passed away on January 28, 2023.
 Husband of Donna Stalnaker (61 years)
 Father of Tina Sharpe, Timothy Stalnaker and Toby Stalnaker.

David Wayne "Bud" Stalnaker, 40 years old of South Carolina passed away on January 30, 2023.
 Husband of the late Bonnie Stalnaker
 Father of David Stalnaker SR
 Son of Amelia Stalnaker

***Russell Stalnaker**, 67 years old of Louisville, Ohio passed away on January 31, 2023.
 Son of the ***late Gene and Betty Ann Stalnaker** of Tallmadge, Ohio
 Father of Paul Stalnaker of Marlboro Township Ohio
 Brother of ***Becky Allman and *Beth Burch** of Tallmadge, Ohio
 Grandfather of Bristol and Bindee Stalnaker (featured in our first Bragg Book along with his mother)
He worked more than 30 years at Carter Lumber then he owned his own gun shop in Strasburg Ohio
His mother passed away in September 2022. He regularly attended the reunions.
He restored his one room schoolhouse as his home.

Cheryl Ann Miller-Stalnaker, 66 years old of Long Bottom, Ohio passed away on February 12, 2023.
 Wife of Timothy Stalnaker
 Mother of Chad and Olivia Griffin, plus Heather Palmer and Samantha Moser.

Janet A. Stalnaker, 82 years old of Geneva, Ohio passed away on February 17, 2023.
 Wife of William Stalnaker of Madison, Ohio (61 years)
 Mother of Debra Doerzbacher of Madison, Ohio.

Judith Gail Stalnaker, 79 years old of Tallassee, AL. passed away on March 12, 2023.
 Wife of the late Howard Earl Stalnaker
 Mother of Scotty Stalnaker and Ritchie Stalnaker.

Jerry David Stalnaker, 82 years old of Buckhannon, WV. passed away on March 23, 2023.
 Husband of the late Annette Kay (Harper) Stalnaker (2015)
 Father of Lori Morgan and Todd Stalnaker
 Brother of the ***late William Stalnaker**, Daniel Jo Stalnaker, Jean Love and Doris Lee Payne
Jerry owned the Stalnaker Coal Company

Linwood R Stalnaker, 68 years old of Glen Allen, VA. passed away on April 15, 2023.
\$ has memorial donation in their name ***Is an active member of the Society**

A note from the Treasurer- Dan Wilson

The tax-exempt status of 501(c)(3) has had a positive impact on the generous donations from the Stalnaker cousins to the Society. Annual Dues are used to support the History Day, Annual Meeting & Reunion and for the publishing and mailing of the newsletters and Holiday Cards.

Generous donations are used for the maintenance of the cabin and cemetery.

We have established a permanent improvement fund (**Earl and Erma Stalnaker Memorial Fund**).

We have had several relatives passed this year and the immediate relatives sent in monies in their memory.

The necessary tax forms have been filed with the State of WV (in August each year) and Federal Government (in January each year). The cemetery property taxes were paid.

All bills are paid after approval by the President using the approved budget.

We have spent \$10,000 legal fees to save the cabin.

Please see the update from VP Robert Stalnaker on our legal battle to save our cabin.

It has been great to see more cousins paying the membership dues for their special relatives for decades now.

All known Stalnaker descendants in the late Russell and Laura Stalnaker of Lowell, Ohio are active members and have been members for decades.

Steven Stalnaker of Fisher, IN purchased memberships of all his nieces and nephews for 2021- 2022 and 2022-2023. Thank you, Steven!

Lacey and Gerri Stalnaker of Waco, TX have provided memberships for many of the descendants. Thank you!

We can get the newsletter to more relatives with these wonderful Acts of Kindness.

Consider giving a membership for the special Stalnaker relative that has a positive impact on your life.

Please join the Society today. The membership form is a separate page.

A note from the Jacob Stalnaker Cabin Manager & Negotiator - Robert Stalnaker

At this time no one can assess the cabin due to the ongoing mediation.

The roof continues to leak but we are unable to repair it due to legal matters. The new roof will cost \$30,000. RCHS claims that all items in the cabin were given to RCHS.

Our major donors have already sent letters to our attorney stating the items were never given to RCHS.

A big shout out to the relatives that read the newsletter and found the relatives that had donated items to the cabin. and helped get the necessary letters on file. Thank You!

We had a court date in March 2023 where I represented our society with honor. The Judge determined that we have been an organization for more than 5 years and have maintained the cabin; therefore he has set a court date for January 2024. The Judge wants real mediation to occur between the two nonprofit organizations prior to the court date.

A note from Website Manager—Matthew Wilson

Barry Stalnaker has helped get the website data corrected and he added the Barnwood Builders “At the Crossroads” to the site. The Stalnaker Hall video and the John Hart paper by Jeffrey Lawrentz will be posted on the website after the reunion.

A note from our Historian and 2nd Editor of the updated book—Ashleigh Payton

Barry Stalnaker has found a source to get the first edition digitized so we easily add your family tree data Continue to send your information to

**Ashleigh Payton
18 Riverview Court
Milton, WV 25541**

Ashleighpayton91@yahoo.com

With the dedicated help of all relatives, the second edition of the book will be outstanding. **If you want your line to be accurate, you need to provide the data to Ashleigh.** The introduction to the new book is being written by Barry Stalnaker, Ashleigh Payton, and Sandy Wilson with input from many relative.

A note from our Newsletter Editor—Elizabeth Parker

A special thanks to **Elizabeth Parker** for putting together the newsletter format.

We are very lucky to have her working for the Society.

Whenever we need something done, Elizabeth is willing to do it. Her mother, **Martha Burton** of our women's committee has improved health and hopefully will be at the reunion. Thanks for praying for Martha.

A note from Old Stalaker Cemetery Manager- Terri Daniels

Our previous landscaper had to stop doing the cemetery due to health issues.

We have secured a new landscaper starting in May 2023.

The cemetery fence will be our next project and it will take lots of planning. We have already done some fundraising for the cemetery updates.

We are lucky and may have found someone that will make the new fence.

The cemetery entry needs to be widened so we can get in and out easily.

VP Robert Stalaker may fix the entry. He is an amazing gentleman with many talents!

A note from Past President—Pamela Stalaker

As a new grandmother, I am enjoying the joys of babysitting as much as I can.

After all these years, I am looking forward to having the ownership status clarified!

Jeffrey Lawrentz of South Charleston, WV shared the story of John Hart at the 2022 Reunion, and he has provided invaluable data that will be presented at the reunion. Copies will be available for attendees.

Enclosed is the membership form for your convenience to submit your annual dues.

If you had a **red star** on your address label, you have paid your 2023-2024 annual dues and if you have a **L** on your address label it indicates that you are a lifetime member.

We need and appreciate your continued support to maintain and grow the success of our Society.

There was a website address www.stalakerfamilyassoc.org

**Warm Regards,
Elizabeth Parker, Editor**

President, William "Bill" Stalaker handcrafted and designed 130 crosses and hearts from a log extracted from the Jacob Stalaker cabin for renovation and were distributed to those in attendance at the 2021 annual Stalaker Family Reunion. Limit of one per person. ***If you want one, please let us know***

Thank-you in advance for your support!

Remember your help is needed; just a few hours make a REAL DIFFERENCE!

