



# Teator - Teter Tree

Winter 2022

Newsletter #42

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A Hello to Everyone!

I trust Winter 2022, and life, is treating you and your family well during these trying times.

A look back tells me that the last newsletter came out three years ago. I resolve to return to more frequent basis!

Newsletter #42 is a catch-up on vitals and obits. Also in the newsletter is Cindy Phillips's tale of her Covid experience.

The next newsletter, out in a few months, will be the invitation to the 2022 Teator. And after that, I hope to continue sharing some of my projects.

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## A Few Notes:

Plan A is to plan on a **Teator Reunion**, the 30 Year Reunion, on the third Sunday, July 17. Covid's effect remains to be seen but I am hoping not use Plan B (cancel), or even Plan C (zoom or similar).

**Obit pangs.** My genealogist hat looks at the facts, hard or easy ones. As I was looking over the births and marriages, a warm family glow filled the newsletter. And then, as I started down the list of obits, most of them in the last nine months, I was saddened with a sense of loss that made me sit back and ponder my connection with each. Some I saw somewhat often, others only at Reunions. However, 30+ years of re-connection and, then, not being able to so has been sobering. Farewell to each of you who left us since the last Reunion.

Last winter, I finally got my **website** back into working shape again. The Teator Family Page has been static the last decade, something I will be working on. One of the first projects will be to gather the old newsletters and make them available on the website, something that might be ready by next newsletter. As for other improvements, I will let you know when more comes.

And if you have **email**, or see names not on the list who have email, I would appreciate adding to my email list. (If you have email, or see names not on the list who have email, I would appreciate having a new connection. Please let me know.)

My current email list includes the following: (on the next page, bottom)

## VITALS:

The vitals are listed next in the usual order – births, marriages, deaths. Please, if you are aware of any that I missed, either recently or longer, please let me know so I can make amends.

### BIRTHS

\*\* an oldie but I think I missed it back then Cora Jean Stegner: 23 Sep 2014, Chesapeake Virginia; to Amanda (Every) and Christian Stegner; proud grandparents are Claudia (Armstrong) and Gene Every.

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\*\* **Ashton Arlo Green**: 24 Apr 2019; 4:28 pm; at home in Westerlo; 8lb, 3oz; to parents Bekah (Richardson) and Derek Green; proud grandparents Phyllis (Teator) and Cliff Richardson.

\*\* **Wyatt Henry Stegner**: 13 Sep 2019; St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital (Newburgh campus); to parents Amanda (Every) and Christian Stegner; proud grandparents are Claudia (Armstrong) and Gene Every.

\*\* **Everett Dalton Sattler**: 23 Sep 2019; St Peter's Hospital, Albany; to parents Randy and Jamie (Pelletier) Sattler; proud grandparents Bonny (Brink) and Andy Sattler

\*\* **Bradley Michael Teator**: 29 May 2020; at Albany Medical, Albany; 10 lb, 1 oz; to parents Brett Teator and Leigha Zammett; proud grandparents Ron and Leona (Etman) Teator.

\*\* **Lillianna-Rae May Forgey**: 17 Aug 2020, 11:25 pm; at Uintah Basin Medical Center, Roosevelt, Utah; 6lb 11oz; 19 1/4 inches; to parents Autumn Tillson and David

Forgey Jr; proud grandparents: David and Lori Ann (Teator) Forgey

\*\* **Rowan Cerys MacNeill**: 19 June 2021; Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown; 7 lb, 11 oz; to parents Lisa (Every) and Kevin MacNeil; proud grandparents Gene and Claudia (Armstrong) Every

### MARRIAGES

\*\* **Brett Teator**, 5 August 2021, to **Leigha Zamett**, at Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden, VT; Brett is the son of Ron and Leona (Etman) Teator. Leigha's parents are Michael and Mary Beth (Sathre) Zammett.

\*\* **David Forgey, Jr**, 25 September 2021, to **Autumn Tillson**, at Ballard, Utah, in the backyard of Autumn's Mom. David is the son of Lori (Teator) and David Forgey. Autumn is the daughter of Fridai Reganhardt and Joe O'Brien.

### DEATHS (obits start next page)

Janet Teator Armstrong: May 29, 2019

Kevin Rogers: 4 July 2020

Bob Lynk: 13 Apr 2021

Gene Every: 11 July 2021

Marjorie Wehn Teator: 14 July 2021

Stella Anton Teator : 9 Dec 2021

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### Email addresses I have:

Larry Armstrong, Bob Armstrong, Vern & Kirsten Baldwin, Sky Ben, Jessica & Adam Binley, Emiliana Brink, Peggy Brink, Hogan Byrne, Kristi Moore-Castillo, Claudia Every, Autumn Forgey, David Forgey, Jennifer Ganzhorn, Sharon Hayner, Loretta Kudlack, Nancy Lynk, Robin Lynk, Tamara Lynk, Charles Lynk, Lisa MacNeill, Cindy Moore, Karin and Steven Page, Alicia

Palmer, Andrew Philips, Cindy Phillips, David Phillips, Chod Radick, Courtney Radick, Herman Reinhold, Mark & Kim Reynolds, Phyllis Richardson, Glenna Ryan, Bonny & Andy Sattler, Amanda Stegner, Alfreda Teator, Bill Teator, David Teator, Gary Teator, Lynne Teator, Jay Teator, Nate Teator, Peggy Sue Teator, Ron Teator, Don Teator, Wayne & Charlene Teter, Stacy Teter, Dillen Wade, Susan Weaver

## Obituaries

### **Alice Janet Armstrong - Cornwallville**

Alice Janet Armstrong passed away on May 29th at the Hospice Inn of St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. She was 85.

"Janet", as she was known throughout her life, was born on March 19, 1934 on the family farm in Durham, the daughter of the late Norman and Evelyn Teator. She grew up in a large, busy household, actively engaged in farm life through the years of the Great Depression and World War II. Janet attended Durham Central School and Greenville Central High School, graduating from each as valedictorian.

After graduation, Janet worked at the Pioneer Insurance Company in Greenville until she married Robert Armstrong on June 7, 1953. She then began her lifelong role as wife and mother. Janet was a steadfast partner as Robert engaged in farming, factory work, public office, and other occupations. She also returned to work at Eastern Cooperative Insurance Company, from which she eventually retired.

Together she and Robert raised their four children, and then joyfully welcomed several grandchildren, and step-grandchildren. Upon retirement, Robert and Janet enjoyed family activities, community activities, travel, and their winter home in Florida.

They also enjoyed many social activities with their large circle of friends and family members. Janet was a fifty-year member of the East Durham Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the Oak Hill-Durham United Methodist Church.

After Robert's death, Janet continued her role as a treasured mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, giving freely of her wisdom and unconditional love. Janet was a kind, loving, generous person of intelligence, humility, quiet strength, and character. No one knew these qualities better than her family, who were blessed by her presence and will miss her every day.

Janet is survived by her children, Robert Jr. (Bonnie), Claudia Every (Gene), Jennifer Ganzhorn (Dann), and Lawrence (Michele); her grandchildren, Robin Armstrong, Amanda Stegner (Chris), Lisa MacNeill (Kevin), Nicole Brudapast, Jackie Murray, Robert J. Armstrong, and Megan Armstrong; and her great grandchildren Cora Stegner and Emmalyn MacNeill. Janet was blessed with step grandchildren, Susan Carpenter (John), Cynthia Bennardo (Rocco), Michelle Every, Kimberly Murphy; and step great grandchildren, Jose, Rocco, Damon, Antonio, Arianna, Kristoffer, Samantha, Blake, and Brady. Janet is also survived by her sister in law Stella Teator; and by nieces and nephews, Deborah Maikis, David Armstrong, Gary Teator, Mark Teator, Darren Teator, Jay Teator, Sharon Hayner, and William Teator.

Janet was predeceased by her husband Robert, her parents, her in-laws Clarence and Edna Armstrong, her sisters Dorothy Turner and Shirley Teator Ritter, her brothers Howard Teator and Raymond Teator, brothers-in-law Herbert Armstrong and Edward Ritter, sisters-in-law Barbara Teator and Trudy Armstrong, and niece Linda Ruocco.

Janet is also survived by and predeceased by many uncles, aunts, and cousins and their families whose friendship and family ties were precious to her throughout her life.

Calling hours will be on Friday, May 31st from 4 to 7 pm at the A. J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville, NY 12083. Funeral services will be on Saturday, June 1st at 11 am at Durham Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 522 County Rte. 22, Durham, NY 12422, followed by burial in the Cornwallville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Durham-Oak Hill United Methodist Church, c/o Claudia Every, Treasurer, 347 Sutton Road, Cornwallville, NY 12418, or to the East Durham Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, c/o Mandie Viscusi, Treasurer, 286 Polly's Rock Road, Round Top, NY 12473. Condolences can be posted at [ajcunninghamfh.com](http://ajcunninghamfh.com).

### **Kevin John Rogers**

-- Not in newspaper; written by sister Cindy; seen first in this newsletter; thank you, Cindy --

Kevin was born July 3rd, 1955 and passed peacefully in his sleep July 4th, 2020.

Kevin is survived by his sister Cindy and her husband Wesley Moore residing in Oak Hill, NY; his brother Jeffrey Rogers currently residing in Virginia; and his niece Kristy (Gustavo) Castillo, grandnephew Ivan Castillo and grandniece Lorelai Castillo who currently reside in Florida. Kevin was predeceased by his mother Charlotte E Rogers and father Berton John Rogers.

Kevin served a short stint in the Air Force at Plattsburgh Air Base.

He was a bit of a nomad, moving around New York and Virginia mostly working primarily in plumbing and heating. He enjoyed working with his hands and helping people wherever he went.

He became disabled in a horse farm accident which slowed him down a bit over the years but could not stop him. Whenever asked how he was his answer was always the same no matter the pain level, "I woke up this morning and got another day" doesn't get any better than that.

A private burial will be held at the Potter Hollow Cemetery next to our Mom.

### **Robert E. Lynk – Delmar**

Robert E. Lynk, DVM, "REL," 88, died at home on April 13, 2021, from complications related to cardiac amyloidosis.

Born near Sharon Springs, N.Y. in 1932, he was the second son of the late Charles and Ruth (Dygart) Lynk. Robert was part of the fourth generation to live at Lynkholm Farm which was established in 1859.

After graduating from Sharon Springs High School, he attended Cornell University and upon graduation in 1954, he briefly taught vocational agriculture. During this time, while at a fair in Saratoga County, he met his future wife, Nancy Radick. They married in 1955 and shortly afterwards Robert was deployed to Korea to fulfill his ROTC

commitment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

Robert's two years of active duty included 16 months of artillery service in Korea. When Robert returned from Korea, he made his way back to Cornell University and graduated in 1961 as a veterinarian.

For 37 years, from the home base of the Delmar Animal Hospital, Robert practiced veterinary medicine, caring for the large and small animals near Delmar and in the rugged Helderberg Hills. Deeply committed to his profession as well as his community, Robert participated in and held many leadership positions within the State, Hudson Valley and Capital District Veterinary Societies, the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell's Veterinary College Advisory Council, and the Cornell Alumni Association.

In 2010, Robert and Nancy were jointly honored at Cornell University as the recipients of the prestigious Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Service Award. Throughout his life Robert was active in the Delmar Presbyterian Church as a: deacon, manager-player on the church softball team, president of the Cooper-Varney Ecumenical Church Softball League and chocolate chip cookie baker. He also enjoyed many summer worship and luncheon experiences at the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church.

In 1998, Robert exchanged the examining table and scalpel for an artist's palette and paint brush. The barns, flora, fauna and scenic vistas of the Catskills and Helderbergs inspired his watercolors. Often described as life affirming and beautiful, his paintings adorn homes from Maine to California. Robert was an active member and former president of the Bethlehem Art Association as well as the Albany Artists' Group, The Arts Center of the Capital Region and the Central New York Watercolor Society.

Anyone who spent time with Robert knew he saw life through the lens of the game. He believed the world of sports deserved to have much attention paid to it. In his lifetime he enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, horse-shoes, fishing and sailing his laser. He was an avid Yankees fan; every game created a world

for him to slip into and then share with anyone. In his later years, he was a talented bowler. He bowled four sanctioned 300 games, the last one at 85 years of age.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Nancy; and his children, Robin and her husband Robert Koochagian of Doylestown, Pa., Tammy and her husband Michael Liang of Boston, and Charles of Westerlo. He was the adoring grandfather to Kyle, Matthew, Casey, Amelia and Benjamin; and the former father-in-law to Kim Hall. He is survived by his sister Susan; brother-in-law Charles and his wife Susan; eight nephews and nieces and their progeny.

He was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Ruth; brother Willard; sister-in-law Janet; and brother-in-law Tony. A celebration of life service will be held on June 26, at 11 a.m. in the Delmar Presbyterian Church. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be sent to the Delmar Presbyterian Church, a charity of your choice, or, to honor Robert's memory, consider installing a bird feeder and enjoy watching the birds that come to visit.

### **Gene Every - Cornwallville**

Gene Every of Cornwallville, NY, passed away at home on Sunday, July 11, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Gene was born on August 16, 1943, the son of the late Victor Every and Madeline (Smith) Every. He grew up in Prattsville, NY, and graduated from Gilboa Conesville Central School in 1961.

After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1961-1966 where he received training in aviation electronics. Gene was proud of his military service and was a lifelong member of VFW Post 6292 in Stamford, NY, and the Virgil E. Deyo American Legion Post 1327 in Prattsville, NY.

Gene was a man of many talents, having worked after his military service at Ferroxcube in Saugerties, NY, to eventually owning his own TV repair and antenna installation service, driving truck for Miron & Bonded Concrete, and working as an armed security guard at Stiefel Labs in Oak Hill,

NY.

Gene is survived by his wife of 39 years Claudia (Armstrong) Every, his daughters Michelle Every, Kimberly Murphy and their mother Joyce (Jaeger) Diamond, Amanda (Chris) Stegner, and Lisa (Kevin) MacNeill. He is also survived by his grandchildren Kristoffer (Kathryn) Berger, Samantha Berger, Blake and Brady Murphy, Cora and Wyatt Stegner, and Emmalyn and Rowan MacNeill. He is also survived by his aunt Mildred (Every) Yerry, sister-in-law Bonnie Every and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Barry and Dorthy Every. Memorial calling hours will be held on Friday, July 16th from 4-7 pm at the A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville. A graveside service with Military Honors will be conducted at the Cornwallville Cemetery on Saturday, July 17th at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327, PO Box 272, Prattsville, NY 12468.

### **Marjorie Teator – West Davenport**

Marjorie J. Teator, 69, of West Davenport, passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at Albany Medical Center.

Marjorie was born on Sept. 28, 1951, in the Bronx, a daughter of the late Daniel and Magorie (Fisher) Wehn.

In 1990, she married Bradley Teator in the Conesville United Methodist Church.

Marjorie was a caring person who loved animals, particularly her cat and dogs. She was a protective mother who only wanted the best for her children. Marjorie was a fan of all New York teams and enjoyed watching football, baseball, soccer and basketball with her children. She was employed by the Social Security Administration in Oneonta as a claims representative.

Marjorie is survived by her loving husband, Bradley Teator; children, Victoria (Carl) Parsons and Bradley (Raina Andrews) Teator III; grandchildren, Connor and Jack; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Daniel Wehn.

Family and friends are invited to her memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Johnston & Stanimer Funeral Home, 60 Broad St., Morris, with Fr. Matt Lyons officiating.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929 or to Help Raina's Road To Recovery by donating to <http://gofund.me/cfa52967>.

Her family has entrusted her care to the Johnston & Stanimer Funeral Home in Morris.

### **Stella Teator - Durham**

Stella P. Teator, age 82 years, of Durham, New York, passed away on December 9, 2021, at Ten Broeck Commons, in Lake Katrine, New York.

She was born on November 30, 1939, in Catskill, New York, and is the daughter of the late John and Eugenia (Dede) Anton. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her loving husband Howard N. Teator, who passed away in 2001.

Survivors include her four sons Gary A. Teator (Marjorie), Mark N. Teator

(Pamela), Darren R. Teator and Jay W. Teator (Angela). Stella also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren Alisha Teator (Nathaniel MacDonald), Marissa Teator, Madison Teator and Joshua Teator, as well as her symbolic sister and long time best friend Agnes Ohm. Stella is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

During her lifetime, Stella was employed at The Cairo Durham School District and will be remembered by the school children in the cafeteria being a member of the school cafeteria staff. Later she became a Real Estate Salesperson working for Market Wise Realty.

She enjoyed cooking, baking and also gardening.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in the springtime of 2022, to be announced.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York, 12413.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York, Pine West Plaza, Building 4, Suite # 405, Washington Avenue Ext. Albany, New York, 12205-5515.

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### **Cindy's Tale**

Cindy Phillips 3/28/21

Don asked me to share with the family some of our journey that David and I have been on since March 16th of last year [2020].

After a few days of what we thought was the flu, I was whisked off to Albany Med by ambulance. We were told that the doctors were concerned that it might be Covid-19. David kissed me goodbye as they prepared to ventilate and sedate me. David and Drew were instructed to quarantine for two weeks and be tested. They went home. That was the last time I saw them until April 9th.

The next morning, as David watched the news, they announced that Albany Med had seven total Covid patients, one of whom

was in the ICU - me. He and Drew tested negative, thank God. But over the next ten days, David spoke to my doctor repeatedly. He was told that they couldn't remove the ventilator, and a tracheotomy might be necessary. He gave permission for them to try an antiviral. But just before they did, and on the last possible day, they extubated me -- and broke my dental bridge!

So, I was awake. But my world was turned upside-down. Every part of my body wouldn't move. Until I tried my thumb and pointer fingers. Success! I asked for David, but was told he couldn't come. (Lockdown had begun, unknown to me.) Every person I saw looked like an alien in a hazmat suit. Finally, I saw my cell phone. I found someone to call David, and I had one question, "What the heck is going on?" He began to

gently fill me in on what had happened to the world - and me.

I continued to build some strength. It was determined that my rehab would be in Glens Falls. The best part of the transfer day, April 9th, was seeing David outside before my admission - for ten minutes. Also, finally getting pain medication - for the first time since I woke up!

I met some amazing staff while at the Pines. The first one, I met while waiting for a room. She had Batman scrubs on, and gave me my first smile since waking up in Albany Med. She even waved to me. It may seem little, but it meant so much. One of the staff brought an Amazon Echo to my room so I could communicate with David. The staff began to call it "David in a box!" I had begun to feel parts of my body, but still had little to no control. For the next 45 days, I worked to regain strength and motion. But then the insurance company, on May 23rd, sent me home to David and Drew. David became nurse, therapist, chief cook, and bottle-washer.

We had home therapy, both OT and PT, mainly working on my core strength. After a few weeks, I moved to outpatient therapy at Sunnyview where they had better equipment. I was making progress until mid-September, when David had me rushed to AMCH again. I was in sepsis from a urinary tract infection. It took two visits, but I finally stayed home, this time with a catheter.

I started home therapy again with a different agency, and better success. I eventually returned to Sunnyview, where I had success. For now, I am back home because we are waiting for a new power chair designed to meet my new needs.

During this year, there have been many ups and downs. Covid messes with your memories, emotions, taste, smell, and anything else it can think of! There are good days, and not so good days. Getting to be more good than bad. When I think back to the original seven patients at Albany Med, and that I am the only one who survived -- God has been very good to us.

[dt: A year has gone by and I asked Cindy for an update. Thank you, Cindy & David!]

### **Cindy's Update – 1/28/22**

So I come to you January 2022 with an update.

Let me start with, "Our God is an awesome God!" He wakes me every day for new adventures. Some of my progress has been using my tablet (David says, "Yeah, to shop!") until my hand gets tired. However, I am writing this ... longhand!

There have been more hospital trips to Albany Med, as well as the one more (the last) to St. Peters, since Albany Med was only taking trauma patients that day. Covid has done a number on my bladder, so I have had to accept a catheter as part of my life.

My new power wheelchair has arrived, and does everything but sing and dance! Using it, David and I have been on a couple of dates ... We walked to our local Stewart's for hot dogs and ice cream. And with my elbow supported, I was able to feed myself part of it. These were our first dates for over 18 months!

My love of crafts has transformed to coloring, and using lots of hand strengtheners. I never thought, at age 62, I would have a toy box again!

I have been released from all home therapy at this point, so, along with everything else, David has become full-time OT and PT. I am still dealing with mood swings, but have partly regained my senses of taste and smell.

However, missing communication with family and friends has been very difficult, since I have always been a people person.

We have by no means given up on me making progress, but realize that, as a long-term with Covid, we praise God for each little step.

I am blessed with a dear friend of 50 years who faithfully comes once a week to wash my hair. She also drives us in my van to doctor appointments. At this point, I do not see driving again in my future.

David and I had a wonderful milestone this year as we celebrated 40 years of marriage. We were reminded that life goes on, and God is always in control of it. Completely. So we live each day to the fullest as we don't know what tomorrow will bring.