



LATHAM FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to everyone who came out and made this event such a great time! The fabulous **Las Vegas, Nevada** was the backdrop of a reunion like no other! But it was the family members that made the reunion unforgettable. I hope you enjoy the photos posted here, and I invite you to send your best shots from the reunion weekend to me if you would like them posted in the next newsletter. Thank you again to all of the family members for all the memories.



2009 Latham Family Reunion
"Yes We Can!"

THANK YOU!

I just wanted to take the time to acknowledge **Deshelah & Jalesa Latham** and **Ronald & Janice Ervin**. Your help with the reunion has been invaluable. I appreciate each of you assisting and as a result we held a successful reunion. I appreciate your unfailing attention to detail. With all the last minute snags, we worried that something would fall through the cracks, but you anticipated every contingency. Several participants commented on how well you had organized the reunion. The family is fortunate to have you donate your time and show your love and support on occasions like this. On behalf of the 2009 Latham Family Reunion, I express heartfelt thanks for all you do.

THE LATHAM FAMILY REUNION extends and invitation to all family members and friends wanting to participate in the planning of future reunions making each one another memorable event and we would love to have your talents and/or resources!

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News from the Latham
Family Members

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LIVING THE LATHAM LEGACY

The photograph above depicts Aunt Alice receiving an honorary photo of **John Latham, Sr.** the person from whom our family legacy hails. A definition of a legacy is someone's lasting contribution to the world, to society or their family. It may include money, but in many cases, it's more of a by-product of an individual's life. Our legacy is a result of what we have focused on in our lives, and is the expression (in terms of action) of our primary message. This is why the coming together of the **Latham Family Reunion** to continue our legacy is empowering. It is something **SO** big, it pulls us forward. Our reunions provide an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the generations to come by instilling our values, passion, mission, and vision. Our reunions provide a sense of deep meaning and can be a catalyst for positive, long term change that continues beyond our lifetime.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE FAMILY

Aunt Alice (Alice Baylor - Bessmer, AL) and Mrs. Evelyn Mc Duffie (Birmingham, AL) embracing at the Friday evening Welcome/Registration.

The saying goes that you can choose your friends but you can't choose your family.

Spend your life showing those you love that they will always have their family no matter what.

God made us a family.
We need one another.
We love one another.
We forgive one another.
We work together.
We play together.
We worship together.
Together we use God's word.
Together we grow in Christ.
Together we love all people.
Together we serve our God.
Together we hope for heaven.
These are our hopes and ideals.
Help us to attain them,
O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER!

It is important to remember that family bonds are not born in the delivery room. Family fun is a great way to build family bonds by spending time together. So what better way to strength those bonds than with a round of musical chairs? In case you are wondering who won? It was Jalesa Latham. But, Aunt Alice gave her a run for her money! It got down to just the two of them!

Life Quotes

"I glory in conflict, that I may hereafter exalt in victory!"



-Ella Fitzgerald