

## 2001 Reunions

2001 VERMILYEA (VERMILYA, VERMILYE, VERMILYEA, VERMILYER) FAMILY  
REUNIONS  
LAPORTE, INDIANA  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA  
SOUTH DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS



**THE 46TH ANNUAL VERMILYER FAMILY REUNION**  
**Sunday, August 26, 2001**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Hargrave Fellowship Center,**  
**LaPorte, Indiana**  
*(Excerpts from Secretary report)*

Minutes of the 2000 annual Vermilyer reunion were read.

Special thanks were given to those assisting to secure the Hargrave Fellowship Center for this year's reunion. Due to remodeling at the Swanson Center, we were forced at a late date to find a suitable place to hold the Vermilyer Reunion.

Due to the lower attendance each year, the money we generate from the auction has somewhat decreased. The more people attending with auction gifts and bidding is our only source of income. Due to church bi-laws we were not able to sell door award tickets this year. Guests were asked to sign in and add names of relatives for next year's reunion. In order to continue the reunion through our 50th anniversary, we need to encourage our family members to attend.

Discussions included the Vermilyer family history. Data sent to Sandra Vermilyea Todd, Historian for the Vermilyea Family, enabled her to compile our family genealogy. We would like to keep this information current and ask that you review for additions or corrections. Changes or additions will be sent to Mrs. Todd.

The Vermilyer family has been traced to the year 1662. Charles Barnabas is a descendant of this family, however, the names of his parents and just where he fits in has not been yet determined; research continues.

A group picture was taken of those in attendance.

Auction and bingo followed.



**Vermilya Family Reunion  
June 30, 2001  
Rochester, Minnesota**

*Excerpts from writing by Beverly Bonn Jonnes*

On Saturday, June 30, 2001 at 11:00 a. m., 47 of us met at East Silver Lake Park in Rochester, MN for four hours of eating, talking, laughing, and sharing old photographs and other memorabilia — including the cornet that Avery's oldest son David M. played in the Dexter Cornet Band in the 1800s.

Susie and I distributed our genealogy. Ken Schottler and others took group photographs. The weather forecast had been thunderstorms; so we were all grateful that, although it was a very hot day, rain and lightning did not intrude.

The picnic was so successful that another event was planned in Dexter for next summer. In fact, it is hoped that this keen interest means a national reunion held in Minnesota would bring a good crowd.



**2001 Vermilyea Family Reunion  
July 13-15 2001  
South Deerfield, Massachusetts**

During the weekend of July 13-15, 2001, 67 descendants and spouses gathered at South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Most arrived Friday. After checking into the Red Roof Inn, many visited local tourist attractions. Thirty family members went to the nearby Whately Inn for an evening of relaxation and delectable dining. This unique, old Inn was once a stagecoach stop in what is still a quaint, picture-postcard, New England village. Each lady was presented a beautiful long-stemmed rose as she departed the Inn.

The Reunion festivities started a 9:00 AM on Saturday at the Polish-American Citizens Club in the small downtown section of South Deerfield. After signing the guest book and picking up T-shirts, everyone enjoyed coffee cakes and beverages as they began socializing and looking at the many displays of family memorabilia. The displays included maps, scrapbooks, manuscripts, and photographs; including copies of a terrific collage of pictures of Vermilyea Avenue, New York City, taken by Bob Perks. Some of us met with Sandra Todd to discuss our ancestral line and/or find information about our distant relatives.

After lunch we departed for sightseeing in the area at such places as the Yankee Candle Factory and Antique Car Museum, Historic Deerfield village, the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens and Mt. Sugarloaf Reservation. Local antique shops, book stores and the beautiful historic homes in the area were also popular attractions.

We reassembled at 5:00 PM at the Club for group pictures followed by our banquet. A delicious buffet meal was served topped off by a cake decorated with our Family Tree Logo. Our oldest and youngest attendees were recognized and introductions were made. Dyckman Vermilye gave a wonderful talk about his trip to France where he visited the town of Vermelles, the earliest known origin of our family, and Harlem, New York, the first home of our ancestors who came to America. The Reunion coordinators were recognized for their outstanding efforts. The banquet was concluded with the raffle drawing where 18 prizes including wine, books, dolls, tote bags and many handicraft items, all donated by attendees were awarded to lucky winners.

On Sunday morning we packed our bags, said our final farewells and headed homeward hoping that we would all have a chance to meet again at a future reunion.



Reunion T-Shirt

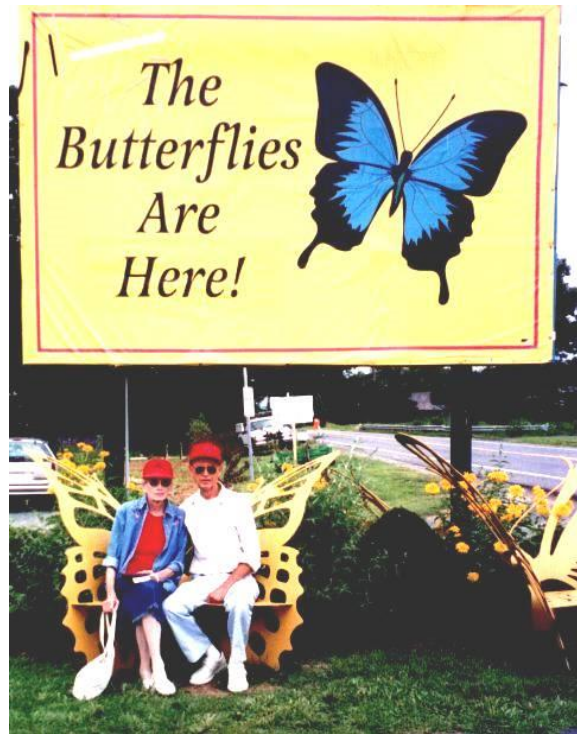


Happy Birthday at the Reunion, John Vermilye



Some Folks from Pennsylvania





Jennie and Dale Stout



Ginny and Bon Russell



Reunion Cake



Where is Vermille with Dyck Vermilye



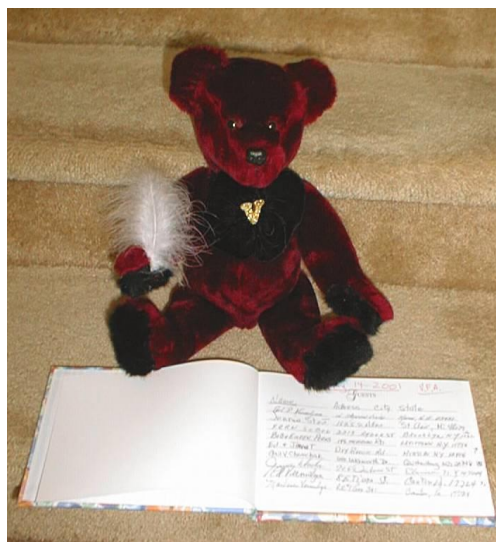
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Raffle Items 6



Family History



Guest Bear by Jennie Stout





Polish American Club



Jennifer at Watley Inn



Bev at Watley Inn