

Descendants of Benjamin Harrison Friend

Generation 1

1. **BENJAMIN HARRISON¹ FRIEND** was born about 1890. He died about 1950. He married (1) **IVA LAWSON**. She was born about 1890. She died about 1950. He married (2) **MAUDIE MUNSY**. She was born about 1890. She died about 1960.

Benjamin Harrison Friend and Iva Lawson had the following children:

- i. **MAXINE² FRIEND** was born on Jun 13, 1926 in Missouri, USA. She died on Apr 25, 2018 in Chillicothe, Peoria, Illinois, USA. She married **HENRY A. DEBORD**. He was born on Feb 21, 1924 in Monica, Peoria, Illinois, USA. He died on Aug 16, 2009 in Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Maxine Friend:

Maxine DeBord, 91, of Princeville, died Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at Heritage Health and Therapy Services in Chillicothe.

Maxine was born on June 13, 1926, in Missouri, the daughter of Harrison and Iva Lawson Friend. She married Henry "Bub" DeBord on March 24, 1953, in Chillicothe. He preceded her in death on August 16, 2009. Also preceding her in death were four brothers, four sisters, six half-sisters, and two half-brothers.

Surviving are one brother, Edd (Ina) Friend of Noble, MO; three sisters, Peggy (Bob) Robbins of Gainesville, MO, and Polly Ousley and Fern Cantwell both of Ava, MO; and two sisters-in-law, Joan DeBord of Princeville, and Juanita Friend of Wichita, KS.

Maxine first worked as a waitress at the 88 Club in Edelstein, and after that she then went to work at the former Home Comfort in Princeville for many years. She then was a cook and waitress at Eileen's Restaurant in Princeville until it closed. Maxine last worked and retired as custodian from Princeville Grade School.

Burial will be in Princeville Township Cemetery.

Condensed from the obituary published online at hurdfamilyfunerals.com.

- ii. **JOHN B. FRIEND** was born on Jan 11, 1928. He died on Jul 04, 1974. He married **DELORIS JANE HICKS**. She was born on May 02, 1934 in Henderson, Baxter, Arkansas, USA. She died on Feb 25, 2010 in Fayetteville, Washington, Arkansas, USA.

Notes for Deloris Jane Hicks:

Deloris June Hicks Friend age 75, of Fayetteville, Arkansas formerly of Mountain Home passed away Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

She was born May 2, 1934 in Henderson, Arkansas to Ira Richard and Iva Mae (Wheat) Hicks.

She married John Benjamin Friend on February 23, 1973 in Yellville AR.

Ms. Friend was a bookkeeper and office manager over a 40 year career. She attended Draughn's business college in Springfield, Missouri. She worked in many business' including her Father's business Hicks and Ross Construction and then she spent over 20 years at Guy King and Sons from where she retired in 1997. She moved to Fayetteville in 2005 to be near her son John and wife Courtney.

Ms. Friend was an active member of the community serving many years in the Democratic Party of Baxter County. She was the first female appointed to the Baxter County Election commission where she served well over 20 years. She

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was a charter member of the local TOPS organization and a member of First Baptist Church in Mtn. Home.

Ms. Friend is survived by a son John Richard and wife Courtney DeFelice Friend of Fayetteville, AR, one sister Doris Garton and husband Wren of Kansas City, Mo and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband John Benjamin Friend, her parents and a brother Melvin JC Hicks.

Funeral services were at the Roller Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Douglas Cemetery.

- iii. GENEVA FRIEND was born on Jun 22, 1929 in Lutie, Ozark, Missouri, USA. She died on Jun 22, 1929 in Lutie, Ozark, Missouri, USA.
- iv. MODIE L. FRIEND was born on Aug 31, 1931 in Thornfield, Ozark, Missouri, USA. She died on Oct 03, 2010 in Washington, Tazewell, Illinois, USA. She married MEARLE SAMUEL EVANS. He was born on Apr 27, 1929 in Elijah, Ozark, Missouri, USA. He died on Mar 05, 2005 in Illinois, USA.

Notes for Modie L. Friend:

Modie L. Evans, 79, of Washington passed away at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at Washington Christian Village.

Modie was born on Aug. 31, 1931, in Thornfield, Mo., to Harrison and Iva Lawson Friend. She married Mearle S. Evans on Aug. 2, 1950, in Mountain Home, Ark. Mearle died in Washington on March 5, 2005.

Among those surviving are one son, Sam (Pam) Evans of Tinley Park; two daughters, Bonnie (Tim) Allen of Germantown Hills and Rose Burns of Washington; one son, Sam (Pam) Evans of Tinley Park; six sisters, Maxine DeBord of Princeville, Freda (Sonny) Loftus, Peggy (Bob) Robbins, Mamie Strong and Fern Berger, all of Gainesville, Mo., and Polly (Wayne) Ousley of Ava, Mo.; two brothers, Ed (Ina) Friend of Gainesville, Mo., and Lee Friend of Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren, Corey (Kelly) Allen, Rachel Evans, Becca Evans, Holly Bauer and Lane Weaver; and two great-grandchildren, Corey Allen Jr. and Layla Allen.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Joe Friend; and several half brothers and half sisters.

Modie had retired from Szolds Department Store in Washington, where she worked for many years.

She had been a member for more than 50 years of the First Baptist Church in Washington and loved to help in the church nursery.

Modie especially cherished the time she could spend with her grandchildren and all kids, especially the babies. In her spare time, she loved to garden and looked forward to fishing trips to the lake in Wisconsin.

Burial will follow in Glendale Cemetery in Washington.

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- v. MAMIE FRIEND was born on Oct 16, 1932. She died on Jun 13, 2012. She married WILLIAM MERARL STRONG. He was born on Dec 15, 1929. He died on Jul 27, 2005 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA.
- 2. vi. FREDA MARIE FRIEND was born on Oct 07, 1935. She died on Feb 01, 2018 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA. She married Harold Loftis, son of Frank

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Winchester Loftis and Laura Lane, on Aug 10, 1949 in Baxter, Arkansas, USA. He was born on Mar 09, 1929 in Willhoit, Ozark, Missouri, USA. He died on Mar 15, 2013 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA.

- vii. PEGGY FRIEND was born on Dec 27, 1940. She died on Sep 15, 2020 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA. She married LIVING ROBBINS.

Notes for Peggy Friend:

Peggy Robbins, 79, of Gainesville was born December 27, 1940 and departed this life peacefully at the family home on September 15, 2020. Peggy and Bob attended the First Baptist Church. Peggy was a member of the Eastern Star. Peggy was born in Thornfield into a large family of 21 siblings. She was the daughter of Iva Ethel (Lawson) Friend and Benjamin Harrison Friend.

Peggy married Bob on September 1, 1953 in Gainesville. She and Bob celebrated 67 years of marriage this month. Their love spread into a happy home with four beautiful children Kathy and Rick Jackson of Paragould Ark, Pam Ross of Gainesville, Diana and Jerry Premer of Drury, Marty and Cindy Robbins of Ozark, and a special nephew, Chris and Amanda Berger of Wright City.

Peggy was one of a kind. She loved working in her flowers and yard, making quilts, wearing jewelry with "a little bling", and spending time with family and friends. She was known for her unconditional love and she always opened her home and heart to those in need. She would tell you exactly what she thought-whether you liked it or not. Her blackberry cobbler without seeds is a family favorite.

Peggy was a hard worker taking jobs at the Shirt Factory, Baxter Lab, Emerson Electric, Peggy's Variety and the Hardware Store; where she brought home large boxes for her GRANDchildren to roll down the backyard hill.

She loved her large family and was a wonderful friend, wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Bob, as well as her children. Her grandkids Josh and Chelsea Jackson, Juli Jackson, Jessica and Jonathon Harley, Sarah and Tommy Peterson, Dustin and Kayla Premer, Dominique and Justin Reed, Abby Robbins, Matthew Robbins, Christopher, Gunnar, Ryder, Stephy, and Jordan Berger. Great grandkids Jace Jackson, Connor, Colin, Kasen Masterson, Joshua and Judah Jackson, Jentry, Jax, and Jennings Harley, Mariah, Melody, and Colton Premer, Samuel Reed, Kayleigh Robbins, and great, great grandchild Jocelyn Jackson. Sister Polly Ousley of Ava and brother E.W. Friend and Ina of Wasola and many nieces and nephews.

Peggy is preceded in death by her grandson Jeremiah Jackson, her parents, and 18 of her siblings as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 19, 2020 in the Clinkingbeard Chapel, Gainesville, MO with Mike Dillin and Mason Eslinger officiating. Visitation will be Friday, September 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Sims Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or Sims Cemetery. Arrangements are being conducted by Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, Gainesville, MO.

3. viii. LEE ROY FRIEND was born on Sep 11, 1945 in Ozark, Missouri, USA. He died on May 04, 2016 in Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA.
ix. LIVING FRIEND.

Benjamin Harrison Friend and Maudie Munsy had the following children:

4. x. EFTON FRIEND was born on Feb 01, 1910. He died on Mar 22, 2009. He married JUANTIA A. MURRELL. She was born on Feb 27, 1922. She died on Dec 01, 1985 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA.
xi. LIVING FRIEND.
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xv. LIVING FRIEND.

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2. **FREDA MARIE² FRIEND** (Benjamin Harrison¹) was born on Oct 07, 1935. She died on Feb 01, 2018 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA. She married Harold Loftis, son of Frank Winchester Loftis and Laura Lane, on Aug 10, 1949 in Baxter, Arkansas, USA. He was born on Mar 09, 1929 in Willhoit, Ozark, Missouri, USA. He died on Mar 15, 2013 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA.

Notes for Freda Marie Friend:

Freda Marie (Friend) Loftis, 82, of Gainesville, MO passed away February 1, 2018 at the Gainesville Healthcare Center. She was born October 7, 1935 to Benjamin Harrison Friend and Iva (Lawson) Friend.

Freda was married to H.R. "Sonnie" Loftis on August 8, 1949 and to this union two children were born, Cecil and Nancy. Freda worked for thirty years, mostly sewing shoulder pads, at Rawlings Sporting Goods in Ava, MO. She enjoyed gardening, canning, and cooking. She loved her family and was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

Freda is survived by her daughter Nancy Steele and significant other Kenny Pickett of Gainesville; her daughter-in-law Katherine Loftis of Gainesville; grandson Matt Woodward of Moberly, MO, granddaughter Heather Coyle and husband Steve of Cuba, NM, grandson Brian Loftis of Hollister, MO; seven great grandsons and nine great granddaughters; three great-great grandchildren; one brother Edd Friend and wife Ina of Noble, MO, sisters Fern Cantwell of Ava, MO, Peggy Robbins and husband Bob of Gainesville, Polly Ousley of Ava, MO and Maxine DeBord of Princeville, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Sonnie Loftis; her son Cecil Loftis; one grandson Brad Loftis; six half sisters; two half brothers; four brothers and three sisters.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 5, 2018 in the Loftis Cemetery with Milan Chisam officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, February 4th from 2-4 p.m. in the Clinkingbeard Funeral Home chapel, Gainesville, MO. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Loftis Cemetery or to Fair Haven Children's Home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, Gainesville, MO. and they published this obituary

Notes for Harold Loftis:
From findagrave.com

H.R. "Sonnie" Loftis, 84, of Gainesville, MO passed away at his home with his family by his side on March 15, 2013. Sonnie was born on March 9, 1929 in Barren Fork, MO to Frank and Laura (Lane) Loftis.

On August 10, 1949, he and Freda Friend were united in marriage and to this union two children were born, Cecil and Nancy. Sonnie drove a school bus and milked cows and loved his farm which was designated a Century Farm a few years ago, of which he was very proud. He assisted in the construction of Theodosia Hills then going to work at Bryant Plastics until his retirement.

He enjoyed his children and watching the grandchildren grow. He was known to all the kids as the "candy man" because he always had candy for them when they came to visit. He got great joy from the smile on their faces.

He was a member of the Barren Fork Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Freda; two children Cecil Loftis and wife Katherine; Nancy Steele and significant other, Kenneth Pickett; four grandchildren Brad Loftis and wife Jenice, Brian Loftis and wife April; Matt Woodward and finance Holly and Heather Coyle and husband Steve. He is also survived by the highlights of his life, his great grandchildren Dakota, Dalton, Dylan, Zylar, Whitley, Austin, Anjel, Evan, Jacinda, Makinna, Dryden, Breanna, Andee, Mahali

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and Gracie.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Velma Lyons, Ruth Lyons, Susie Fugate, Verna Alley and Beulah Johnson; and two brothers Olin and Guy Loftis.

Funeral services for Sonnie will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in the Clinkingbeard Funeral Home chapel in Gainesville, MO. Burial will be in the Loftis Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday afternoon from 1 p.m. to service time at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to: National Kidney Foundation, Fair Haven Children's Home, or the giver's choice.

Harold Loftis and Freda Marie Friend had the following child:

- i. CECIL REX³ LOFTIS was born on Nov 17, 1951 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA. He died on Dec 13, 2017 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA. He married LIVING BIAS.

Notes for Cecil Rex Loftis:
From Find-A-Grave.com

Funeral Home in Gainesville with Jimmy Kyle officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to service time Saturday in the funeral home. Mr. Loftis died Dec. 13 at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 17, 1951, in Gainesville, the son of Sonnie and Freda Friend Loftis. He was a 1969 graduate of Gainesville High School. On Aug. 29, 1969, he married Katherine Bias. He retired after 20-plus years from Baxter Lab and became a full-time farmer. He enjoyed caring for his animals and spending time with his wife, sons, grandchildren and countless friends.

He is survived by Katherine, his wife of 48 years; his son Brian Loftis and wife April, daughter-in-law Jenice; eight grandchildren: Andee, Mahali, Gracie, Evan, Jacinda, Makinna, Dryden, and Brienna; three great-grandchildren; sister, Nancy Steele; mother, Freda Loftis.

He was preceded in death by his son, Brad Loftis; his father, Sonnie Loftis; his grandmother, Laura, and cousin Jerry Lyons.

Burial will be in the Loftis Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Robert Burns Masonic Lodge #496 in Gainesville and left at the funeral home, Arrangements by Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, Gainesville.

This obituary will be published in the Dec. 20 edition of the Times.

3. **LEE ROY² FRIEND** (Benjamin Harrison¹) was born on Sep 11, 1945 in Ozark, Missouri, USA. He died on May 04, 2016 in Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA.

Notes for Lee Roy Friend:

A short memorial service for Lee R. Friend, 70, formerly of Gainesville, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Thornfield Cemetery. Mr. Friend died May 4 at the Springfield Rehabilitation Health Center in Springfield after a long illness.

He was born Sept. 11, 1945, in Ozark County, the son of Harrison and Iva Lawson Friend.

As a young man, Mr. Friend moved to Washington State, where he lived, worked and raised his family. There he retired from carpentry work. When his health began to deteriorate he returned to Gainesville to be near family and friends. He began going to Lilly Ridge General Baptist Church, which he came to love as his own church family.

He is survived by one son, Steve Friend of Washington State; one daughter, Krista Polman and husband Gary, and one granddaughter, Rylee Polman, all of Menasha, Wisconsin; one brother, Edd Friend and wife Ina of Noble; five sisters, Fern Cantwell and Polly Ousley, both of Ava, Peggy Robbins and husband Bob, and Freda Loftis, all of Gainesville, and Maxine DeBord of Princeville, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers and nine sisters, and many nieces and

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This obituary is published in the May 18 edition of the Times.

Lee Roy Friend had the following children:

- i. LIVING FRIEND.
5. ii. LIVING FRIEND. She married LIVING POLMAN.
4. **EFTON² FRIEND** (Benjamin Harrison¹) was born on Feb 01, 1910. He died on Mar 22, 2009. He married **JUANTIA A. MURRELL**. She was born on Feb 27, 1922. She died on Dec 01, 1985 in Gainesville, Ozark, Missouri, USA.

Efton Friend and Juantia A. Murrell had the following children:

- i. BETTY LOU³ FRIEND was born in 1939. She died in 2016.
- ii. NETTIE SUE FRIEND was born in 1945. She died in 2020.

Notes for Nettie Sue Friend:

Graveside services for Nettie Sue Hogan, 75, of Gainesville were held Nov. 24, 2020, at the Gauding Cemetery in Nottinghill. Mrs. Hogan died Nov. 17 at Gainesville Health Care Center.

She was born Sept. 27, 1945, in Pine Holler, near Gainesville, the daughter of Efton and Juanita Murrill Friend. She came from a large family and had 10 older brothers and sisters.

Around 1975 she fell in love with Bob Hogan; they were married Sept. 2, 1989. She loved going on the road with him through his years as a truckdriver. She devoted her life to helping others and worked for more than 20 years as a certified nurse assistant and for many more for whoever needed her help. She was a great gardener and loved working outside and then coming in and making her family the best meal they had ever eaten. She was known for her Thanksgiving Day feasts and her Christmas candy that had kids begging to come to the Hogan house. Her family members cherish the times she picked them up when they fell or made shivers go up their spines when she called their middle names. Known as "Nan," "Granny" and "Ethel," she was also loved by her many nieces, nephews and cousins. She touched many lives and will be missed dearly.

Mrs. Hogan is survived by two brothers and one sister, George Friend and wife Sue, Charles Friend, and Wilma Pendergrass; her daughter, Mary Alice Stephens; and three grandchildren and their children: Johnathon Whisnant and his two daughters, Erika Whisnant and Caitlyn Whisnant, Summer Dawn Stephens and her son Kenneth James Berry, Ashley Renee Lawson and her four children, Shyanna Scroggins, Rachel Scroggins, Jayce Schimkus and Isabella; and her nephew Caitlin Ryan Friend, whom she raised as her own.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and seven of her siblings: Betty Garfit, O.J. Friend, Rebecca "Becky" Boyd, Baby Eva, Benny Friend, Lawrence Friend and Mary Bates.

Memorial contributions may be made to help the family with funeral expenses.

Arrangements by Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, Gainesville.

- iii. OLL JAMES FRIEND was born in 1947. He died in 2016.
- iv. REBECCA SUE FRIEND was born in 1948. She died in 2020.

Notes for Rebecca Sue Friend:

Rebecca Boyd
August 16, 1948 - March 20, 2020

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REBECCA SUE (FRIEND) BOYD

Rebecca Sue (Friend) Boyd, 71, of Gainesville, MO passed away March 20, 2020 at the Gainesville Healthcare Center. She was born August 16, 1948 in Gainesville, Mo.

Becky was born and raised in Gainesville to a large and loving family. She was one of eleven children born to Efton and Juanita (Murrill) Friend. She worked 30+ years at Baxter Healthcare (Baxter Lab) in Mountain Home, AR. She loved to be outside gardening, doing yard work and collecting rocks. She loved her grandchildren more than anything. Her family was always very important to her. She was a real fighter who never quit and never gave up. Her battle with health was a long and enduring one, but she handled with grit and grace. She was loved and will be missed by all.

She is survived by one granddaughter Kandace Newton of Zanoni, MO; four great grandchildren Conner Peirce of Sparta, IL, Shelby Smith, Jaxon Smith & Briar Smith all of Zanoni, MO; four siblings George Friend, Nettie Sue Friend, Charlie Friend, and Wilma Pendergrass; ex-husband Gene Loftis and wife Frances; and her best friend Lyndell Boyd; and numerous extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two children Brian Loftis and Angie Loftis Newton; one granddaughter Duste Peirce; and six siblings Eva June Friend, Lawrence Friend, Mary Bates, Benny Friend, O.J. Friend, and Betty Garfit.

Graveside Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Friend Cemetery, Isabella, MO.

- v. BENJAMIN JAMES FRIEND was born in 1950. He died in 2015.
- vi. EVA JUNE FRIEND was born in 1953. She died in 1953.
- vii. LAWRENCE FRIEND was born in 1955. He died in 2006.
- viii. MARY LOUISE FRIEND was born in 1957. She died in 2011.

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5. **LIVING FRIEND** (Lee Roy², Benjamin Harrison¹). She married **LIVING POLMAN**.

Living Polman and Living Friend had the following child:

- i. **LIVING POLMAN**.

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