



*Commemorating the 310th Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America*

**NINETIETH ANNUAL REUNION**  
***Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Assoc., Inc.***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017**  
**LOWER SKIPPACK MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Evansburg and Meeting House Roads**  
**Skippack, PA 19474**



**Remembrances of Ruth Oberholtzer**

At this year's program, we would like to celebrate the life of our long-time reunion secretary Ruth E. (nee Knapp) Oberholtzer, of North Wales, who passed away on March 21, 2017 at the age of 98. Ruth was born on May 19, 1918 in Montgomery Square, PA to her parents Charles Howard Knapp and Jennie Caracher Kulp. Wife of the late Ross E. Oberholtzer and mother of John E. Oberholtzer (Nancy Nemeth) and the late Ross E., Jr, grandmother of Jacqueline Xu Oberholtzer and Amelia Miaoying Oberholtzer. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ruth was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Howard (Bud) Knapp, Jr.

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**2017 Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Reunion  
Lower Skippack Mennonite Church**

**PROGRAM**

**12:30 PM Meet & Greet**

**Doxology . . . . . Carol Wenger**

**1:00 p.m. . . . . Lunch (“Groaning Board”)**

**2:00 p.m. Program Introduction. . . . . Lin Kulp**

**Remembrance of our Religious Heritage**

**Song . . . . . Nearer my God to Thee . . . . . Carol Wenger**

**Tribute to Deceased Members *(with moment of silence)***

**Report of Treasurer . . . . . Mark Moyer**

**Offering . . . . . Mark Moyer**

**Song: *(during offering)* Now thank we all our God . . . Carol Wenger**

**Recognition of Youngest, Oldest**

**& Longest Distance to attend . . . . . Lin Kulp**

**Report of Nominating Committee. . . . . Lin Kulp**

**Program:**

**Recollections of Ruth Oberholtzer’s Reunion Activities**

*Members of the Reunion Committee will lead by sharing their thoughts  
with members of the audience also sharing theirs*

**Favorite Reunion Songs in memory of Ruth Oberholtzer. . Carol Wenger**

**Song . . . . . God be with us till we meet again . . . . . Carol Wenger**

**3:30 p.m. Adjournment**



**WEBSITE CREATED BY GLENN H. LANDIS**

**WILL NOW BE MAINTAINED BY DONNA GERBER**

Home Page is: <http://kolb-kulp-culp.org>

Reunion Page is: [http://kolb-kulp-culp.org/annual\\_reunion](http://kolb-kulp-culp.org/annual_reunion)



Dear Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family & Friends:

We invite you to join us in the 90th celebration of our family heritage and of the 310th anniversary of the arrival of the Kolb brothers in America. We've enjoyed, through the years, getting together and remembering our shared heritage. We can also appreciate the diversity of the descendents of our Kolb immigrant ancestors and sharing in the experiences of the lives of our current "family" members.

Please join us on Sunday, June 11, 2017 starting at 12:30 PM at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church for another opportunity to meet with other Kolb descendents.

A catered lunch will be provided starting at 1 PM and we encourage everyone to bring a favorite family side dish or dessert to maintain our tradition of the "groaning board" of shared food. The opportunity to enjoy some excellent recipes, which exist within our family, is always a highlight of our reunion.

Please call Carol Wenger at 215-723-3909 OR e-mail Donna Gerber at [djgerber88@aol.com](mailto:djgerber88@aol.com) by May 28th and let us know how many will be coming. An accurate count for the caterers is important.

Please send mail to:  
Mrs. Carol Wenger  
417 Central Ave.  
Souderton, PA 18964

Our Family Association counts on support from its members to cover the expenses associated with putting g on the reunion each year and having a caterer for our lunch. You may include a check made out to Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association and include it with your reunion attendance response you mail in or drop it in the offering basket at the reunion.

Unfortunately, we no longer have our two genealogists on site. Donna Gerber has volunteered to help people with questions they may have about researching their family genealogy. We are also interested in hearing from anyone who has done significant research of either the five Dielman Kolb brothers or the George Michael Kolb lines. Donna has also agreed to continue to maintain, the web site which is <http://kolb-kulp-culp.org/>. The web site has a "Contact" page where you can send questions to or share information with Donna.

We will have some of the past reunion programs available for your taking.

Carol Wenger will again lead our traditional singing which has always been so much a part of our heritage.

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Obituary information can be sent to:

Jack Oberholtzer, at jeoberho@Comcast.net,

OR

2377 Magnolia Way,

Jamison, PA 18929

As long as most of us can remember, Ruth Oberholtzer played a significant role in the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Reunion Committee. Our program this year will be an opportunity for us to share our collective memories. The sum total of our memories will very likely surprise even the most senior family members here today.

Your presence and that of the next generation at our reunions shows the joys and success of the past and hope for the future. We look forward to seeing you again on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 12:30 PM.

Cordially,

The Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association Reunion Committee



*Remembrances of Ruth Oberholtzer Continued...*

Ruth graduated from Lansdale High School in 1936. She graduated as a Medical Records Librarian from Graduate Hospital in 1937, and worked in the dispensary and x-ray departments. She started working at Germantown Hospital in 1940 and continued working there until the 1970s. During this time she was one of the first Registered Medical Record Librarians in Pennsylvania. Ruth had a lifelong interest in family genealogy and served as secretary for the Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Reunion since 1978. Ruth was proud of her family's heritage and took special interest in preserving the Knapp Farm. She was interested in local area history and a member of the Towamencin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was a longtime member of the Montgomery Square United Methodist Church and Sanctuary United Methodist Church in North Wales and was very active in the women's groups. Ruth and Ross were also youth group leaders at Montgomery Square in the 1950s. Ruth took a genuine interest in others and developed many special friendships. She enjoyed gardening, knitting, reading and baking. After retirement, Ruth spent many years as a special caregiver to many in her family. Her activity and sharp mind were an inspiration to many younger folks. One of the things Ruth enjoyed the most, was keeping in contact with her many distant cousins and friends in the Kulp Reunion. Please share some of your memories of Ruth with everyone during this year's program.



## *In Memoriam 2017*

| <i>Name and Address</i>                        | <i>Died</i>    | <i>Age</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|
| Benjamin R. Kolb, Sassamansville, PA           | Aug. 4, 1977   | 77         |
| Florence Schoenly Kolb, Sassamansville, PA     | Dec. 25, 1982  | 79         |
| Hulda Kline Kolb                               | May 26, 2006   | 88         |
| Beulah Kolb Erb, Gilbertsville, PA             | Oct. 2, 2006   | 86         |
| Charlotte K. High, Pottstown, PA               | Aug. 17, 2008  |            |
| Lester Kolb, Bechtessville, PA                 | May 12, 2014   | 97         |
| Larue J. Knauss, Las Vegas, NV                 | June 27, 2015  | 93         |
| William D. Culp, Ocala, FL                     | Sept. 18, 2015 | 80         |
| E. Kent High, Sr., Pottstown, PA               | Dec. 2, 2015   | 89         |
| Walter R. Kulp, Clearfield, PA                 | Jan. 26, 2016  | 90         |
| Pearl K. Wenner, Allentown, PA                 | April 27, 2016 | 90         |
| Ray M. Godshall, Telford, PA                   | May 13, 2016   | 68         |
| Eric R. Lewis, Sellersville, PA                | May 22, 2016   | 75         |
| Raymond H. Kulp, Nuangola, PA                  | June 14, 2016  | 46         |
| Miriam P. Gair, Emmaus, PA                     | June 17, 2016  | 91         |
| A Berniece Kulp, Lansdale, PA                  | June 19, 2016  | 97         |
| Shirley A. Culp, Schwenksville, PA             | June 27, 2016  | 87         |
| N. Michael Kulp, Vero Beach, FL                | June 27, 2016  | 98         |
| Gerald J. Kulp, Fleetwood, PA                  | July 9, 2016   | 81         |
| Lois D. Kulp, Parkesburg, PA                   | July 12, 2016  | 83         |
| Jane (Rehm) Kulp, Lancaster, PA                | July 31, 2016  |            |
| R. Henry Reinert, Green Lane, PA               | Aug. 7, 2016   | 92         |
| Kenneth Elwood Kulp, Wyomissing, PA            | Sept. 11, 2016 | 97         |
| Eva (Klick) Kulp, Birdsboro, PA                | Sept. 15, 2016 | 50         |
| Doris (Kulp) Rhoads, Penn Township, PA         | Sept. 15, 2016 | 81         |
| Robert L. Kulp, Sr, Warrington, PA             | Sept. 17, 2016 | 86         |
| Norman C. (Boomy) Kulp, Sumneytown, PA         | Sept. 19, 2016 | 72         |
| Verna R. Kulp, Columbia, PA                    | Sept. 22, 2016 | 86         |
| Eleanor D. Kulp, Watsonstown, PA               | Sept. 30, 2016 | 93         |
| Marvin L. Kulp, Allentown, PA                  | Oct. 13, 2016  | 79         |
| Helma Hagen-Kulp, Hilltown, PA                 | Oct. 18, 2016  | 63         |
| Phyllis Kulp, Lederach, PA                     | Oct. 23, 2016  | 79         |
| Paul Kulp, Oley, PA                            | Oct. 29, 2016  | 81         |
| Charles Kulp, Norristown, PA                   | Oct. 30, 2016  | 78         |
| Barbara Ruth (Angstadt) Kolb, Spinnerstown, PA | Nov. 2, 2016   | 74         |
| Carmen Evans Culp, Malvern, PA                 | Nov. 6, 2016   | 87         |
| Christine Balmer, Telford, PA                  | Nov. 9, 2016   | 57         |
| Mark William Kolb, Reading, PA                 | Nov. 17, 2016  | 58         |
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| Dennis Judson Kulp, Huntingdon Valley, PA      | Dec. 5, 2016   | 70         |
| Linda Turner, Macungie, PA                     | Dec. 17, 2016  | 71         |

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| Ray Eugene Kulp, Manheim, PA             | Dec. 20, 2016 | 80         |
| Lavern Charles Shirey, Birdsboro, PA     | Dec. 25, 2016 | 85         |
| Faye Ann Kulp, Manheim, PA               | Dec. 28, 2016 | 78         |
| Jane Breneman Kulp, Lancaster, PA        | Dec. 28, 2016 | 92         |
| A Warren "Sonny" Kulp, Riviera Beach, FL | Dec. 31, 2016 | 81         |
| Arlene Mae Landes, Royersford, PA        | Jan. 1, 2017  | 85         |
| Virginia Kulp, Bethlehem, PA             | Jan. 1, 2017  | 92         |
| Edna Kulp, Ottsville, PA                 | Jan. 3, 2017  | 96         |
| Kathryn Nyce, Souderton, PA              | Jan. 9, 2017  | 97         |
| Evelyn (Kulp) Garges, Souderton, PA      | Jan. 16, 2017 | 87         |
| Martha M. (Culp) Wilson, Norristown, PA  | Jan. 22, 2017 | 85         |
| Margaret L. "Peggy" Kulp, Chalfont, PA   | Feb. 5, 2017  | 59         |
| Doris (Kulp) Slotter, Allentown, PA      | Feb. 6, 2017  | 88         |
| Ruth Oberholtzer, North Wales, PA        | Mar. 21, 2017 | 98         |



We appreciate receiving the names sent to us for the "Memoriam List". Since we do not have access to all the newspapers that our mailing list covers, we would like you to help keep the memorial list current. Please send the information to our secretary, Jack Oberholtzer, 2377 Magnolia Way, Jamison, PA 18929 or [jeoberho@comcast.net](mailto:jeoberho@comcast.net). We also thank Jennie Spearling, Robert Hunsicker and Ross Gordon Gerhart III for sending us names for our "In Memoriam".