

Family Group Sheet for Donita Sue Funke

Husband: Rick C Crawford

Marriage: 06 May 1972 in State Center, Marshall County, Iowa

Father:

Mother:

Wife: Donita Sue Funke

Birth: 22 Jul 1951 in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa

Father: Donald Funke

Mother: Gladys Marie Hilleman

Children:

1 Name: Casey Clinton Crawford

M Birth: 06 Sep 1976 in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa

Marriage: 26 Aug 2000 in St Paul Lutheran Church, State Center, Marshall County, Iowa

Spouse: Kylie Marie Tuttle

2 Name: Cody Ray Crawford

M Birth: 16 Mar 1980 in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa

Spouse: Erin Damman

Notes:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funke became the parents of their third child, an 8½ pound daughter, born Sunday morning, July 22 at the Deaconess hospital in Marshalltown. The new baby girl has been named Donita Sue and joins a family of a boy and a girl.

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Donita Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funke, of near Melbourne, born July 29 at Marshalltown, was baptized Sunday morning, August 12 at St. Paul Lutheran church. Sponsors were Mrs. Arnold Funke and Darwin Hilleman.

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Miss Donita Funke and Rick Crawford Married



— Photo by Clee Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Crawford

Miss Donita Funke of Melbourne and Rick Crawford of State Center were united in a double ring ceremony Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center.

Rev. LaVerne Meinecke, pastor, performed the double ring service before the altar decorated with bouquets of spider mums. Mrs. Clarence Meier played the organ and vocalist was Mrs. Larry Bohnsack singing "One Hand, One Heart" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funke of Melbourne and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford of State Center.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was seen in a floor-length gown of white crepe and venise lace, with high ring collar, tiny self-covered buttons parading down the front and a narrow ribbon encircling the waistline. Tightly fitted sleeves of lace ended in points over the hands and a softly gathered skirt of crepe gave an a-line silhouette. The double illusion mantilla veil was bordered in venise lace and flowed to chapel-length. She carried a bouquet of spider mums and roses with blue accents.

Mrs. Carl Jones was matron of honor for her sister, wearing a gown featuring blue floral print skirt of taffeta with light blue chiffon bodice with floral ruffles. She carried a white spider mum and wore a floral headpiece with blue net veil.

Other bridal attendants were Mrs. Bob Love, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Don Goecke, friend of the bride. They were dressed identically to the matron of honor.

Reggy Crawford was best man for his brother and groomsmen were David Funke, brother of the bride, and John Heggen, friend of the groom. Ushering were Larry Bohnsack and Denny Pfantz. Ringbearer was Rusty Crawford, brother of the bridegroom,

A reception was held in the church fellowship rooms after the ceremony.

The bride graduated from West Marshall High School in 1969 and attended the University of Northern Iowa. She is presently employed at Marshalltown Community College. The bridegroom graduated from West Marshall in 1965 and served four years in the U.S. Marines. He operates Discount Appliance Center in State Center, where the couple are now at home.

Family Group Sheet for Casey Clinton Crawford

Husband: Casey Clinton Crawford

Birth: 06 Sep 1976 in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa
Marriage: 26 Aug 2000 in St Paul Lutheran Church, State Center, Marshall County, Iowa
Father: Rick C Crawford
Mother: Donita Sue Funke

Wife: Kylie Marie Tuttle

Birth: 05 May 1981
Father:
Mother:

Children:

1	Name:	Meredith Marie Crawford
F	Birth:	13 Mar 2006 in Ames, Story, Iowa, USA
2	Name:	Bryce Clinton Crawford
F	Birth:	11 Jul 2008 in Ames, Story, Iowa, USA

Notes:

Rick Crawfords Parents of Son

STATE CENTER — Mr. and Mrs. Rick Crawford of State Center are the parents of a son, their first child, born at 6:23 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6 at Community Hospital East, Marshalltown. He weighed 7 lbs., 4¾ oz. and was 20" long

at birth, and has been named Casey Clinton.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funke of Melbourne and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crawford of Truro. Mrs. Clara Hilleman of State Center is a great grandmother of the new baby.

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Tuttle\Crawford

Engagement announced

Kylie Tuttle and Casey Crawford announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Parents of the couple are George and Barb Tuttle of Rhodes and Rick and Donita Crawford of State Center.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of West Marshall High School and a 2000 graduate of Marshalltown Community College. She is employed as a dental assistant in the office of Dr. Paul Readhead in Ames.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of West Marshall High School and attended Marshalltown Community College. He is employed by Rick Crawford Electric in State Center.

The couple plans an August 26 wedding at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center.

Meredith Marie Crawford

Kylie and Casey Crawford of State Center are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Meredith Marie. month early. She weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz. and 18" long.

She was born Monday, March 13 at 2:47 a.m. at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. Meredith was born one Grandparents are George and Barb Tuttle of Rhodes and Rick and Donita Crawford of State Center.

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Bryce Clinton Crawford

Casey and Kylie Crawford are proud to announce the birth of their son Bryce Clinton. Bryce was born on July 11, 2008, at 3:29 PM at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. He came into the world weighing 6 lbs 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Welcoming him home was big sister Meredith. Grandparents are Skeeter and Barb Tuttle of Rhodes and Rick and Donita Crawford of State Center.

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Family Group Sheet for Cody Ray Crawford

Husband: Cody Ray Crawford

Birth: 16 Mar 1980 in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa
Father: Rick C Crawford
Mother: Donita Sue Funke

Wife: Erin Damman

Birth: 09 Sep 1977
Father:
Mother:

Children:

1 Name: Raegan Crawford
F

2 Name: Kale Jeffrey Crawford
M Birth: 28 Mar 2012 in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa

Notes:



Rick and Donita Crawford of State Center became the parents of a son born Sunday, March 16 at 2:55 p.m. at Marshalltown Area Community Hospital.

He has been named Cody Ray and weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was twenty inches long at birth.

Cody will be welcomed

home by a brother, Casey, three and one-half.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funke of Melbourne and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford of Truro. Great grandmother is Mrs. Clara Hilleman of State Center.

Couple announce engagement

The parents of Erin Damman of Melbourne and Cody Crawford of State Center are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children.

Erin is the daughter of Jeff and Betty Damman of Melbourne. She is a 1995 West Marshall graduate and a 1999 graduate of Iowa State University, earning her bachelor's degree in Animal Science. She earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State in 2003 and is currently employed at the Stuart Veterinary Clinic in Stuart.

Cody is the son of Rick and Donita Crawford of State Center. He is a 1998 West Marshall graduate and is self employed in the construction business.

The couple plan a Aug. 23 wedding at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center.



Family Group Sheet for Darwin Russell Hilleman

Husband:	Darwin Russell Hilleman
Birth:	16 Oct 1920 in Marshall County, Iowa
Marriage:	14 Jun 1944
Death:	07 Aug 1958 in Tama County, Iowa
Burial:	09 Aug 1958 in Rose Hill Cemetery,Marshalltown,Marshall County, Iowa
Father:	Harvey August William Louis 'Pat' Hilleman
Mother:	Clara Wengert
Wife:	Phyllis A Woodhouse
Birth:	30 Nov 1919 in Osborn, Ohio
Death:	18 Feb 2013
Father:	
Mother:	
Children:	
1	Name: Diane Christine Hilleman
F	Birth: 08 Jan 1950 in California
	Marriage: 01 Jul 1972 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
	Spouse: Barry F Slotten
Notes:	

Darwin Russell Hillemann
in the U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America Church Records, 1781-1969

Name: Darwin Russell Hillemann
Baptism Age: 0
Record Type: Baptism
Birth Date: 16 Oct 1920
Baptism Date: 28 Nov 1920
Baptism Place: State Center, Iowa, USA
Father: [Harvey Hillemann](#)
Mother: [Clara Wengert](#)
Church Name: St Paul
Church Location: State Center, Iowa

Source Citation

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Archives; Elk Grove Village, Illinois; *Congregational Records*

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969* [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015.

Original data: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. ELCA, Birth, Marriage, Deaths. Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Chicago, Illinois.

Description

Search baptism, confirmation, marriage, and burial records from more than 2,000 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations, from the mid-19th century through the early 20th century. [Learn more...](#)

Sophomore Class News

Mr. Miller awarded three prizes for the best news items in Citizenship again this week. The first prize of a 3 percent raise in weekly grade was awarded to Darwin Hilleman. Second and third prizes, which were 2 and 1 per cent raises were given to Charles Towner and Glenn Norell. A quiz may be given sometime this week. (It all depends on how Mr. Miller feels you know.)

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Darwin Hilleman Graduates From Machinist's School

Darwin Russell Hilleman, Cayuga Street, State Center, Iowa, recently graduated from the Aviation Machinist's Mate School and was promoted to Aviation Machinist's Mate, 3rd class.

He enlisted in the Navy May 8, 1942, and was sent to San Diego Calif., for indoctrinal training before being transferred to the Jacksonville Station.

Hilleman is now a qualified aircraft mechanic and will probably be assigned to a Naval air unit for further duty.

Page 1 of The Enterprise, published in State Center, Iowa on Thursday, December 31st, 1942

DARWIN HILLEMEN HOME.

First Class Petty Officer Darwin Hilleman is scheduled to arrive home at any time now and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman are anxiously awaiting his arrival. The Hillemans received a telegram from Darwin Saturday night stating he had arrived on the west coast and would be in State Center soon. Darwin has been overseas for 14 months where he has served with the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific. Last summer, Darwin was in the fighting zone in the Central Solomons so no doubt will have a few stories to tell about the action in that locality. He has been a member of Uncle Sam's navy for two years. He is having a 30 day leave at this time.

Page 1 of The Enterprise, published in State Center, Iowa on Thursday, May 25th, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman planned to leave today on the streamliner for the west coast where they will spend three weeks visiting at the home of their son, Darwin Hilleman, Petty Officer First Class of the U. S. Navy and Mrs. Hilleman, his bride at San Diego, Calif. They will also visit friends at Pasadena, during their absence.

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Darwinn R Hilleman
in the California, County Birth, Marriage,
and Death Records, 1849-1980

Name: Darwinn R Hilleman

Gender: Male

Event Type: Marriage

Marriage Date: 16 Jun 1944

Marriage Place: Unknown, California, USA

Spouse: [Phyllis A Woodhouse](#)

Source Citation

California Department of Public Health, courtesy of www.vitalsearch-worldwide.com. Digital Images.

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980* [database on-line].
Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017.

Original data: California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1830-1980. California
Department of Public Health, courtesy of www.vitalsearch-worldwide.com. Digital Images.

Description

This collection includes birth, marriage, and death records from various counties throughout
California that took place between the years of 1849 and 1980. [Learn more...](#)

*Petty Officer Darwin R. Hilleman
And California Girl Are Married*

Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Woodhouse of Pasadena, Calif., announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia, to First Class Petty Officer Darwin R. Hilleman, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Hilleman of State Center. The ceremony occurred on Wednesday evening, June 14th at eight o'clock in the beautiful "Little Wedding Chapel" at Pasadena.

The bride was lovely in a gown of poudre blue chiffon with touches of shell pink. She wore a garland of pink roses in her hair and carried a nosegay of snapdragons and roses from which hung a shower of pink and blue satin ribbons.

Mrs. Virginia Stevenson served as the bride's attendant and was charming in a navy sheer frock with which she wore white accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Charles Gable of Pasadena, a friend of the bridegroom served as best man.

The nuptial vows were exchanged before the altar which was decorated with palms and tall baskets of mock orange blossoms. Bouquets of pink lilies were arranged in front of a gold cross before which the couple stood. Soft colored lights were reflected upon the bridal party during the double ring service. Nuptial music was provided by the chapel organist on the small harp effect pipe organ.

A reception for 40 relatives and friends was held immediately following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. The couple took a short wedding trip to Long Beach after which they returned to Pasadena and are now at San Diego where the bridegroom has returned to duty.

The bride attended school in Pasadena, Calif., and has been employed at a government weather bureau in Pasadena.

The groom is a well known local young man who graduated from the State Center high school in 1939. He was employed for about a year and a half here with Goodman and Mead before going to California where he was employed at Pasadena. He has been a member of the U. S. Navy for about two years, taking his boot training at San Diego and later being sent to Jacksonville, Fla., for advanced training as an aerial gunner and aviation machinist. He has just recently returned to the states from overseas where he has spent the past 14 months serving in the south Pacific.

SHORT VISIT

Darwin Hilleman AMM 1/C of the U. S. Navy stopped here Monday for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman. Darwin was enroute to Chicago, Ill., where he is being transferred to a Navy Hydraulic School. He has been located at San Diego, Calif., since last May. He had previously returned from overseas. Mrs. Darwin Hilleman expects to come to State Center the latter part of this week and will remain here for a time with the Harvey Hillemans.

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Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hilleman and the latter's mother, Mrs. Vera Wilde of Pasadena, Calif; returned home Monday evening from a week's vacation in Canada, stopping at Winnipeg and at Lake of the Woods where they enjoyed a boat trip. At Coffee Lake, near Duluth, Minn; they did some fishing.

Page 6 of The Enterprise, published in State Center, Iowa on Thursday, July 17th, 1952

Housewarming Party

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hilleman were pleasantly surprised by 35 relatives and friends who gathered at their home Saturday evening to give them a housewarming. The Hillemans recently moved into their new basement home. The affair also celebrated the birthday anniversaries of Darwin and his sister, Mrs. Gladys Funke. The entertainment featured pictures of Germany, shown by Howard Hilleman, who was stationed there with the U. S. Army. An appetizing late lunch concluded the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hilleman and daughter have returned from a week's vacation at Leech Lake, Minn. The Don Wiese family joined them there later in the week and they all returned home Sunday.

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Mrs. Vera Wilde of Pasadena, Calif., and Donald Woodhouse of Santa Ana, Calif., came to Iowa by plane Thursday, being called here by the untimely death of Darwin Hilleman. The visitors are the mother and brother of Mrs. Hilleman. Mr. Woodhouse left again Sunday by plane from Des Moines and Mrs. Wilde will remain for a few weeks here with her daughter.

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Darwin Russell Hilleman
in the Iowa, World War II Bonus Case Files,
1947-1954

Name: Darwin Russell Hilleman

Birth Date: 16 Oct 1920

Birth Place: State Center, Iowa

Application Date: 8 Oct 1949

Application Place: State Center, Iowa, USA

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *Iowa, World War II Bonus Case Files, 1947-1954* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:
Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

Original data: WWII Bonus Case Files. State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa.

Description

Iowa offered its WWII vets a bonus. Did your ancestor apply? [Learn more...](#)

DARWIN HILLEMAN IS FATALLY INJURED IN TRUCK COLLISION

Darwin R. Hilleman, 37, well known native resident, was fatally injured last Thursday morning about nine thirty o'clock, August 7, when his milk truck collided with a flatbed at a road intersection in Tama county. "Young Pat", as he was popularly known in this community, died a few moments later at the scene of the accident.

Hilleman's truck and a lowboy driven by Gene Taylor of Hudson and owned by Taylor-Isenhower Inc., Hudson Road Building firm, went together at a crossing three miles south of Montour. Taylor was not injured in the crash but both trucks were badly damaged.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, August 9, in charge of the Rev. Elmer J. Braun. Pall Bearers were Wayne Riemenschneider, Virgil Wilkening, Charles Lampkin, Junior Mulcahy, Harold Hilleman and Robert Meier. Flower bearers were Mrs. Mary Wilkening, Mrs. Margie Riemenschneider, Mrs. Dorine Lampkin and Mrs. Charlotte Mulcahy. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens at Marshalltown.

Darwin was born near State Center on October 16, 1920, the son of Harvey and Clara Wengert Hilleman. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in May of 1942, served in the South Pacific during World War II and was honorably discharged in October of 1945 as an aviation machinist mate and hydraulics mechanic.

He married Phyllis Woodhouse on June 14, 1944 at Pasadena, Calif., and they lived there until 1951 when they moved to State Center. A milk hauler for the State Center Farmers Cooperative Creamery Association, he was a member of the American Legion, State Center Fire Department and the modern women of America.

Mr. Hilleman is survived by his widow, a daughter, Diane, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman and one sister, Mrs. Donald Funke of Melbourne.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to convey our heartfelt appreciation to everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our great loss, and for the cards, memorials and food. Knowing that so many care, helps to ease the pain a bit. Our deepest thanks. Mrs. Darwin Hilleman and Diane; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funke and Family.

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Former City Employee Dies in Car Crash

The death of a former Pasadena water department foreman in a traffic accident in Iowa was revealed to the Independent, Star-News last night by his widow.

Darwin R. Hilleman, 37, died minutes after the Tama County crash in which the milk truck he was driving collided with another truck Aug. 7.

Hilleman was employed for several years by the Pan-American Trailer Co. of Monrovia.

Born in State Center, Iowa, Hilleman served with the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1945 he married the former Phyllis Woodhouse in Pasadena and in 1951 they moved to Iowa.

In addition to his widow, Hilleman is survived by a daughter, Diane; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman, and a sister, all of Iowa.

Interment was at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Darwin Russell Hilleman in the U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s- Current

Name: Darwin Russell Hilleman
Birth Date: 16 Oct 1920
Birth Place: Marshall County, Iowa, United States of America
Death Date: 7 Aug 1958
Death Place: Tama County, Iowa, United States of America
Cemetery: Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place: Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa, United States of America
Has Bio?: Y
Father: [Harvey August Hilleman](#)
Mother: [Clara Hilleman](#)
URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/mem...>

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

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Mrs. Phyllis Hilleman, Harold Gerke Married

Mrs. Phyllis Hilleman and Harold Gerke, both of State Center, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the U. S. Army post chapel at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., with Capt. T.V. Koepke, Army chaplain at Ft. Mead, Md., officiating at the double-ring service.

Serving as the bridal attendants were Mrs. Virgil Wilkening and W.R. Koepke of State Center.

Given in marriage by Virgil Wilkening, the bride was attrac-

tive in a pastel blue jacket dress with which she wore matching blue hat and shoes and a white orchid corsage.

Mrs. Wilkening was attired in a light pink dress, pink hat and shoes and a corsage of pink rosebuds and white carnations.

The men of the bridal party wore white carnation boutonnières.

The couple will make their home in State Center.

A reception for members of the bridal party followed at the Hotel Cody in Leavenworth.

Phyllis A Gerke, 93, formerly State Center

Phyllis A. Gerke, 93, of East Stroudsburg and formerly of Homosassa, FL, and State Center, IA, died on, Monday, February 18, 2013 at home with her family at her side. She was the wife of the late Darwin Hilleman, and the late Harold Gerke.

Born in Osborn, OH she was the daughter of the late Cassius and Vera (Hamm) Woodhouse. Her brother, C. Donald Woodhouse preceded her in death.

Before relocating to Pennsylvania last year, Phyllis spent her retirement years in Florida, where she volunteered at Homosassa Wildlife State Park. In Iowa she was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, the Delta Nu Study Club, The John J. Audubon Society, and a member of several local card clubs. She lived her life to the fullest, even traveling with her friends and family well into her 90's. She enjoyed reading, gardening, bird watching and spending

time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter: Diane Briscoe and her husband Bob of East Stroudsburg, two step-daughters: Bonnie Lanxon Kinnison and her husband Don of Ames, IA, Diane Keller and her husband Don of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren: Bryan Slotten and his wife Melissa, Jason Slotten and his wife Aubrey, Matt Briscoe and his wife Michelle; Christopher "CJ" Briscoe, Brad Lanxon and his wife Korrine, Tami Saren and her husband Ron, Brittany Meyer, Megan Keller, Matt Keller; and eleven great grandchildren.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa, FL 34446.



Phyllis A. Gerke, 93 , of East Stroudsburg and formerly of Homosassa, FL and State Center, IA, died on, Monday, February 18, 2013 at home with her family at her side. She was the wife of the late Darwin Hilleman, and the late Harold Gerke.

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Phyllis Gerke
**in the U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-
Current**

Name: Phyllis Gerke

Maiden Name: Woodhouse

Birth Date: 30 Nov 1919

Birth Place: Ohio, United States of America

Death Date: 18 Feb 2013

Death Place: East Stroudsburg, Monroe County,
Pennsylvania, United States of
America

Has Bio?: Y

Father: [Cassius Wesley Woodhouse](#)

Mother: [Vera Ellen Wilde](#)

Spouse: [Harold Gerke](#)

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/mem...>

Source Information

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Family Group Sheet for Diane Christine Hilleman

Husband: Barry Slotten

Birth: 1949
Marriage: 01 Jul 1972 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Father:
Mother:

Wife: Diane Christine Hilleman

Birth: 08 Jan 1950 in California
Father: Darwin Russell Hilleman
Mother: Phyllis Woodhouse

Children:

1 Name: Jason David Slotten
M Birth: 04 Apr 1978 in Buffalo Grove, Illinois
 Spouse: Aubrey Barth

2 Name: Bryan Russell Slotten
M Birth: 01 Dec 1975 in Illinois
 Spouse: Melissa

Notes:

Diane Christine Hilleman in the California Birth Index, 1905-1995

Name: Diane Christine Hilleman

Birth Date: 8 Jan 1950

Gender: Female

Mother's Maiden Name: Woodhouse

Birth County: Los Angeles

Source Citation

Birthdate: 8 Jan 1950; Birth County: Los Angeles

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *California Birth Index, 1905-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005.

Original data: State of California. *California Birth Index, 1905-1995*. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Description

This database is an index to over 24.5 million births occurring in California between 1905 and 1995. Information contained in this index includes: child's name (names may be truncated at 8 letters), gender, birth date, birth county, mother's maiden name (names may be truncated at 8 letters). [Learn more...](#)

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hilleman left Saturday for Pasadena, Calif., where they will visit their son, Darwin Hilleman and family and make the acquaintance of their new grandchild born recently to the Darwin Hillemans.

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Hilleman. Mr. and Mrs. Phyllis A., 131 North Marengo ave., Pasadena, girl, Jan 8, Huntington Memorial hospital.

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Birthday Party

Honoring the sixth birthday of her daughter, Diane, Mrs. Darwin Hilleman entertained a group of children and their mothers at a party Saturday afternoon at her home. The time was appropriately spent with games and taking pictures and later an attractive lunch featuring a lighted birthday cake, was served. Each small guest received a favor. Diane received many nice gifts in remembrance of the day.

To Wed



Miss Diane Hilleman

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gerke, State Center, announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Christine Hilleman, to Barry Slotten, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Sheldon Slotten, of Skokie, Ill.

Diane attended the University of Iowa, and is now employed at the Iowa State Bank and Trust, Iowa City. Barry will graduate in May from the University in Physical Education.

The wedding has been set for July 1, and will take place in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Donald Funke of Melbourne and Mrs. Robert Nichols held a bridal shower at the Nichols home Thursday evening, honoring Miss Diane C. Hilleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gerke. Mrs. Funke presented corsages to the bride-to-be and her mother.

The program consisted of musical bingo, "Name That Tune", and prizes were awarded to the winners. Mrs. Duane Berger read a selection, "Maytime". Her daughter, Tami, dressed as a bunny, crowned Diane "Queen of May".

The bride-to-be then opened her many lovely gifts.

The serving table was decorated in blue and green and centered with an umbrella centerpiece. Mrs. Harold Gerke poured and Mrs. Robert Lanxon of Ames dipped the punch. Mrs. Rick Crawford and Mrs. Carl Jones, Marshalltown, assisted with the serving.

Other out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Jim Monroe, Nevada, Mrs. Paul Brockman, Marshalltown and Mrs. Ildra Rohrer, Rhodes.

Diane will be married to Barry Slotten July 1, in Chicago, Ill.

Diane C. Hilleman Weds Barry Slotten in Chicago



Mr. and Mrs. Barry Slotten

Wearing a bridal gown of ivory peau de soie trimmed with antique lace and a crown of antique lace and seed pearls, Diane Christine Hilleman, daughter of Mrs. Harold Gerke of State Center and the late Darwin R. Hilleman, became the bride of Barry F. Slotten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon R. Slotten of Skokie, Ill.

The double ring wedding took place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 1 at the Sovereign Hotel in Chicago, where Rabbi Ernst Lorge officiated under a canopy of white and blue carnations.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her stepfather, Harold Gerke, as Murray Plotkin played the processional music which was the theme song from "Romeo and Juliet". Soloist was Tom Stead of Ames, singing "Speak Softly Love" and for the recessional, "We've Only Just Begun."

The bride's matron of honor was her stepsister, Mrs. Diane Berger of Marshalltown. Other attendants were another stepsister, Mrs. Bonnie Lanxon of Ames, the groom's sister, Mrs. Sue Bertany of Palatine, Ill and Mary Keith of Ames.

The bride carried a bouquet of white gladiolas and white baby's breath and her attendants had bouquets of white carnations and green baby's breath. The attendants wore ankle-length gowns of blue and green print voile.

The groom's best man was his cousin, Marc Slotten, presently with the U.S. Navy. Groomsmen were Donald John Milem and Neil Schmitt of Iowa City and Ron Rapper of Skokie, Ill.

The bride's mother wore an ankle-length gown of pastel blue shantung and the groom's mother wore an ankle-length gown of green cotton lace.

Dinner for 100 guests was served at the hotel im-

mediately following the ceremony. An additional 50 guests arrived for the reception later in the evening, when everyone danced to the music of Mort Sonnenschein and His Orchestra.

Following a honeymoon at Abbey Hotel on Lake Geneva, the couple is at home at 9123 LaCrosse, Skokie, Ill. The newlyweds formerly attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Mrs. Slotten is employed at the Bank of Northfield in Northfield and her husband works for the Chicago Motor Club in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerke held a post-nuptial reception at their home near State Center Saturday evening, July 8 honoring the newlyweds. About 60 relatives and friends attended from California, Illinois, Marshalltown, Melbourne, Des Moines and State Center.

Refreshments were served buffet style, and decorating the table was a centerpiece featuring the top layer and top ornament from the couple's wedding cake. Decorations were in the bride's colors of blue and green.

Family Group Sheet for Bryan Russell Slotten

Husband: Bryan Russell Slotten

Birth: 01 Dec 1975 in Illinois
Father: Barry Slotten
Mother: Diane Christine Hilleman

Wife: Melissa

Father:
Mother:

Children:

1 Name: Makenzie Slotten
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2 Name: Austin Slotten
M

Notes:

Family Group Sheet for Jason David Slotten

Husband: Jason David Slotten

Birth: 04 Apr 1978 in Buffalo Grove, Illinois
Father: Barry Slotten
Mother: Diane Christine Hilleman

Wife: Aubrey Barth

Father:
Mother:

Children:

1 Name: Makayla Rose Slotten
F Birth: 25 Oct 2014

Notes:

Family Group Sheet for Diane Christine Hilleman

Husband: Robert Kyle Briscoe

Birth: 02 Jun 1948
Marriage: 19 Dec 1984 in Duluth, Gwinnett, Georgia
Father:
Mother:

Wife: Diane Christine Hilleman

Birth: 08 Jan 1950 in California
Father: Darwin Russell Hilleman
Mother: Phyllis Woodhouse

Children:

1 Name: Matthew Kyle Briscoe
M Birth: 26 Apr 1986 in Vernon Hills, Lake, Illinois, USA
Marriage: Aug 2012
Spouse: Michelle

2 Name: Christopher Joseph 'CJ' Briscoe
M Birth: 23 Jul 1988 in Zurich, Illinois

Notes:

Attend daughter's wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gerke and Mrs. Vera Wilde, of State Center, attended the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter, Diane Hilleman Sloten and Robert K. Briscoe in Duluth, GA. The ceremony was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Keller, sister of the bride, with Reverend T.V. Koepke officiating. The couple will reside in Vernon Hills, IL.

Family Group Sheet for Matthew Kyle Briscoe

Husband: Matthew Kyle Briscoe

Birth: 26 Apr 1986 in Vernon Hills, Lake, Illinois, USA
Marriage: Aug 2012
Father: Robert Kyle Briscoe
Mother: Diane Christine Hilleman

Wife: Michelle

Father:
Mother:

Children:

1 Name: Kennedy Briscoe
F Birth: 09 Oct 2015

2 Name: Lauren Briscoe
F Birth: 31 Jan 2017 in Newark, Delaware

Notes:

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Briscoe of Vernon Hills, IL are the parents on a son, Matthew Kyle, born April 26. He joins two brothers, Bryan, 10 and Jason, 8.

Mrs. Briscoe is the former Diane C. Hilleman.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gerke, State Center and Mr. and Mrs. J. Huell Briscoe, Stuart, FL. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Vera Wilde and Mrs. Clara Hilleman, State Center.

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Family Group Sheet for Christopher Joseph 'CJ' Briscoe

Husband: Christopher Joseph 'CJ' Briscoe

Birth: 23 Jul 1988 in Zurich, Illinois
Father: Robert Kyle Briscoe
Mother: Diane Christine Hilleman

Spouse:

Father:
Mother:

Children:

Notes:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gerke have returned from a week in Lake Zurich, IL, where they made the acquaintance of a new grandson, Christopher Briscoe, son of Robert and Diane C. Hilleman Briscoe. He was born July 23, and joins three brothers, Bryan, 12, Jason, 10, and Matthew, 2½.

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Harvey & Clara Wengert Hilleman
with Leland Hilleman & Ildra Wengert

Harvey & Clara Hilleman



Mary Garbelmann Wengert – Gladys Hilleman Funke with
Marlys Funke – Clara Wengert Hilleman





Harvey Hilleman – Dorothy West Eyl – Clara Hilleman –
Mildred & Clarence Meier