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Pappy and Pat married in 1925

unique, Pug is the youngest child of Pappy and Pat's four children. He's also the fourth of four Buttrill children to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Pappy and Pat started the golden nuptials tradition on Nov. 25th, 1925 as they were wed in holy matrimony.

"Pappy," or Marcus W. Buttrill, was a builder of churches, more than 200 to be exact. His eldest son, Marc Buttrill, now 80, followed in his footsteps.

But the most enchanting path ever followed by this family was to a quiet place off Ga. 17/75 in a community known as Soapstone. It was here that family values

flourished, and children learned the importance of faith and commitment.

In a day an age when divorces are a dime a dozen, the Buttrill children and their parents are more than unique for achieving Golden Wedding Anniversary status.

Marc and Athelyn made it; his sister Barbara and her husband Jack Barber got there too. So did sister Macy and her husband Duncan Roush.

Now, they're all waiting for Saturday when Pug and Emily reach that treasured milestone.

"I do think it's very unique in this day an age," said Athelyn Wade Buttrill, the first daughter-in-law of Pappy and Pat. "I also think it's a blessing."

She acknowledges that getting to 50 years of marriage isn't all strawberries and cream.

"There have been some times when circumstances were tough," she said. "Times were tough, finances were tough and situations were tough. But through it all, we're still here and still together."

Marc Buttrill is in ac-



Pappy and Pat celebrate 50 years.

cord with his wife.

"Business-wise, we've been very blessed over the years and we're not complaining," he said. "But, we've had some challenges. I know it hasn't been easy for her living with me for 55 years."

Athelyn said that as Pug and Emily approach their 50th anniversary, that they have faced the greatest challenges a couple faces in marriage.

"They've lost two children over the years," she said. "Those losses have been very difficult times for the entire family. But Faith has helped us all overcome the adversity over the years."

"Faith is a tremendous part of the marital equation," Marc Buttrill said. "Also, there will always be a certain level of compromise that both husband and

wife must understand."

Soapstone also has played a vital role in the lives of the Buttrill children.

Each year, Marc and Athelyn gather their grandchildren at Soapstone - *no parents allowed* - for 10 days or so of celebrating nature and the importance of family.

"They love this beach, they love the woods," Marc said. "The biggest thing is that as they grow older, they still like to come here to celebrate family."

At Thanksgiving, the Buttrill family celebrates with the entire family under one roof at Soapstone.

"Also at Thanksgiving, we light our Christmas tree," Marc said. "Family has been a big part of our life. We have a lot of family reunions up here."

For the Buttrill family, the key ingredient in 50 years of marriage is *family*.

"The family being together is essential," Marc said. "My Dad was raised on a farm and that's a strong link to family. He had very little education. He once told me that he only went to school when it was too wet



Athelyn and Marc Buttrill were married on Dec. 18, 1955

to plow. My mother finished high school.

"They appreciated education for the next generation because they did not have a whole lot of formal education," Marc said. "It was important to them to see their family do better than they had."

The real secret to 50 years of marriage begins during the dating process, Marc said.

"You look at this young lady and you ask yourself 'is this someone I want to spend my life with?' You have to make that decision before you marry," he said.

Athelyn said the secret is working through the good times and the bad times.

"You have so many couples nowadays who decide when they get married that if it doesn't work out, that it's not hard to get a divorce," she said. "I think years ago when people married, they were marrying for life. That has to be in your mindset when you take the step of marriage."

"And bottom line, you have to have a relationship with the Lord," Athelyn said. "That's how things really work out."

Good libraries have good Friends



Friends Treasurer Jane Manuszak and MRL Branch Manager Sandi Vaughn

The Friends of the Libraries of Towns County have been hard at work raising funds to help the Towns County Pub-

lic Library and Mountain Regional Library buy books and other library materials and library equipment. In the past few years, the state budget for library materials has decreased by almost 70%. The Friends have worked tirelessly to make sure that these cuts did not stop Towns County citizens having access to new books and other library materials.

Jane Manuszak, Treasurer of the Friends is shown above presenting Sandi Vaughn, Branch Manager of the Mountain Regional Library a check

for \$5,000 for library materials and equipment. In the past year, the Friends provided almost 80% of all new materials available in the Towns County Public Library in Hiawassee and the Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris. In addition to their financial contributions, the Friends provided hundreds of hours in volunteer services to the libraries.

The Friends are planning their annual Book & Bake Sale for August. The Members Only Sale and Social will be Thursday, August 19 from 5 to 7 PM at the Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris. Now is the perfect time to become a Friends member! The public Book & Bake Sale will be Friday, August 20 from 9 to 5, Saturday August 21 from 10 to 2, Friday August 27 from 9 to 5 and Saturday August 28 from 10 to 2 at the library in Young Harris. Make plans now to shop for books and baked goods while supporting the libraries.

If you would like to join the Friends, membership information is available at the Towns County Public Library in Hiawassee, the Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris, or online at www.mountainregionallibrary.org/foltc.html. Donations are accepted at the libraries or may be mailed to P. O. Box 159, Young Harris, Georgia 30582. All donations to the Friends or the libraries are tax deductible. Call 706-379-3732 for more information. TAUG8,G1,SH

Free food distribution

The Towns County Food Pantry will hold a free food distribution for Towns County residents on Tuesday, August 10th, 2010. The distribution will be held at the pantry on Jack Dayton Circle. All that are in need of assistance

are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to pick up your food, please contact the pantry at 706-896-4783, prior to distribution day, so arrangements can be made to deliver food to you. All clients and inquiries are confidential. TAUG8,G1,SH

Arrest and Fire Reports

Local law enforcement provides the following information for publication. Names are spelled as they were when received from the law enforcement agencies. It is important to remember that the following individuals have been charged only and are presumed innocent until such time as they are found guilty by a court or enter a guilty plea.

ARREST REPORT
Towns County Jail
Sheriff-Chris Clinton

- 7/25/10 Clifford Bradley Gibson, age 36, Hiawassee, GA Simple battery (2 counts), Terroristic threats and acts, Cruelty to children
- 7/27/10 Corey David Hall, age 24, Murphy, NC Open container/ passenger area of motor vehicle
- 7/29/10 Eric Jackson Martin, age 32, Young Harris, GA Probation violation
- 7/31/10 William Shane McClure, age 39, Jasper, GA Driving under the influence - 1st offense, Turning movements, Insurance required - no insurance, License required - surrender of prior licenses, Operation of vehicle w/out current plate
- 7/28/10 Jack Lee McCreary, age 20, Andrews, NC Possession of marijuana - misdemeanor
- 7/26/10 Patrick Eugene New, age 50, Murphy, NC Fleeing or attempting to elude police officer, Obstruction or hindering law enforcement officers, Driving on wrong side of road, Windshields and windshield wipers, Tires, Failure to maintain lane, Proof of insurance required - no proof of insurance, Reckless driving, Driving while license is suspended or revoked, Operation of vehicle w/out current plate, Speeding - 35 zone, 15-19 over speeding in construction zone, Speeding in excess of maximum limits
- 7/27/10 Ashleigh Brooke Ramey, age 21, Hiawassee, GA Battery
- 7/31/10 Marc Brian Baker, age 47, Cape Coral, FL Public drunkenness
- 7/27/10 Dennis Lloyd Collins, age 39, Hayesville, NC Possession, manu., distrib., etc.
- 7/27/10 Anthony Wayne Debord, age 35, Mount Orab, OH Possession, manu., distrib., etc.
- 7/29/10 Jacob Lane Foster, age 22, Hayesville, NC Public drunkenness
- 7/30/10 Oscar San Antonio Harris, age 39, Atlanta, GA Driving while license suspended
- 7/27/10 Joshua Alexander Poirier, age 19, St. Petersburg, FL Theft by taking
- 7/29/10 Andrew Cloe Smith, age 39, Hayesville, NC Simple battery
- 7/27/10 Rube Kenneth Stanton, age 66, Hayesville, NC Driving under the influence, Possession, manu., distrib., etc., Open container/passenger area, Speeding - 35 zone, 15-19 over
- 7/26/10 Amanda Lois Sweatman, age 27, Hiawassee, GA General registration required, Insurance required
- 7/31/10 Peggy Ann Vanacker, age 54, Hiawassee, GA Driving under the influence

TC Fire Department

RESPONSE REPORT

From: Fire Chief Mitchell Floyd



- 7/26/10 13:51 R-2 Harris Ridge Rd. Medical
- 15:10 R-1 River Bank Run Medical
- 15:50 R-1 Ga. Mtn. Fair Medical
- 7/27/10 03:07 R-2 Chicken Pit Rd Medical
- 15:17 R-2 Y/H College Medical
- 16:03 R-1 Ga. Mtn. Fair Medical
- 21:57 E-1, T-1 Upper Bell Creek Rd Smoke Investigation
- 7/28/10 11:24 R-2 Hwy 66 Medical
- 12:49 R-1 Red Banks Dr. Medical
- 13:44 R-1 Church St. Medical
- 15:18 R-1 Jack Branch Rd Medical
- 16:31 R-1 Ga. Mtn. Fair Medical
- 21:21 R-1 Ga. Mtn. Fair Medical
- 7/29/10 09:04 R-2 Meadow Ln. Medical
- 10:15 E-1,2 T-1 Cherokee Trl. Fire Alarm
- 11:41 E-2 Cherokee Trl. Fire Alarm
- 18:00 R-1 Glen Rd. Medical
- 21:23 R-5 Hwy 180 Medical
- 7/31/10 07:51 E-1 T/C School Special Detail
- 14:14 R-2 Hwy 17 NW Medical
- 20:38 R-1 Stonebrook Dr Medical
- 20:55 E-1 Chatuge Reg. Hosp. Landing Zone
- 8/01/10 01:44 R-1 Hwy 76 W Medical
- 16:49 R-1 Sky View Dr Medical
- 8/02/10 01:30 R-2 Cold Springs Rd. Medical