

2024 Hyatt Family Reunion President's Letter

Dear Hyatt Family and Friends,

I hope this letter finds all of you well in health and spirit. A reunion is a memorable event where family and friends can share the past, present and future. This year's President's letter brings reflection, questions and hopefully resolution to the future of our annual reunion.

It takes motivation, inspiration and consistency to maintain a reunion. Unfortunately our attendance continually decreases. Our reunion is unique in how we are lineage driven. Yes we have a few young family members but the majority of our demographics are the older generation. Generations of individuals take on a different path as to those before them. The path in regards to our reunion has definitely not been followed in recent years. Although I'm not sure it would change our attendance but it may be necessary to have our family reunion every other year. With all this in mind I ask that you send us word if you want to attend the reunion on August 3rd, 2024 and how many would attend.

As you all know, planning a reunion requires you knowing how much money you are working with. Monies collected go to pay, reunion supplies, website domain and website builder, mailing supplies, and up until a few years ago the cemetery upkeep. The number of family members attending has continued to decrease over the last six years. At the 2023 reunion we had 18 in attendance. In turn, the amount of collections decreased as well. Our expenses last year were \$470.00. We have \$332.00 available for our future reunion expenses. If you would like to contribute to the Hyatt Reunion please mail your contribution to Victoria Sowers, PO Box 61, Nashville, NC 27856

As stated in last year's letter our website thehyattfamily.org continues to show improvements each year by the proficient Webmaster Fred Liner. Our website provides information regarding the reunion as well as photos from past reunions and some interesting documents. The website is our principal means of communication throughout the year between our annual reunions. We want to keep our website up to date so please let us know of any changes or needs for our prayer corner by contacting me at lineral@atmc.net.

The past year and a half have been a rollercoaster for my family. My mother Emily B Hyatt passed in October, my father Robert P Hyatt was diagnosed with cancer, February he had a stroke and currently I have a few medical issues that need my focus and attention on a regular basis. The positive is Dad is cancer free and lives independently in his wonderful home on the river in Rocky Mount, NC. With all this in mind I have made the decision to step down as President of the reunion. As we all know I've been involved in the reunion in one capacity or another for many years. I hope there is someone in the family who would like to take over the position and put their stamp on the years to come. If you have an interest in being the President please reach out to me.

Again, please let us know as soon as you can whether you plan to attend the Reunion this year and how many will attend. Based on responses I will send out notification about the Reunion.

Kindest Regards,

Victoria C Sowers

The Hyatt Family Reunion 2023-2024 Officers are:

President, Victoria Sowers

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