



Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Merry Christmas 2012!

Happy New Year 2013!

From The Editor



*Trish and our 2012 Christmas Tree
12 Feet tall – 4500 Lights*

Someone asked me to include a picture of our Christmas Tree again in the newsletter. I am happy to do so. I am also including part of our Christmas letter to fill space since I do not have a feature article for this newsletter. Send me your articles.

Trish and I put this tree up each year. We get one of our grandson (muscles) to erect it and then we take over. It takes about 8 hours to decorate. In addition to lots of miscellaneous ornaments, we have two sets of Christmas Tree ornaments that we collect. We have the official White House Historical Society ornaments from 2003 through 2012.

This year's 2012 ornament was an image of the first presidential vehicle, bought by President Taft, a steam driven car which cost \$12,000. He had to get special permission from Congress to purchase the vehicle. The other collection is one honoring scenes from the great state of Texas.

On the 15th of December we had our annual Christmas party at our house with 113 guests (friends and relatives) showing up. It was a really great time.

Obviously, Trish is recovering nicely from her back operation to remove a cyst from the L4-L5 area, pressing on the sciatic nerve. It was very painful for her and had not been located as we traveled Europe last summer.

Trish and I have now traveled to Europe on ten of the last twelve years, missing only 2002 and 2005, it is now almost routine yearly visit. This year we made the trip a little different and traveled by a little different means. We flew to London on July the 4th and stayed overnight to dispose of excess baggage. The next day, we flew to Genoa, Italy, rather than driving there from Switzerland which was our usual venue. We stayed in the "Villa Pagoda" in Nervi and enjoyed the Mediterranean Riviera for our third year. The Villa Pagoda was founded and



Trish at Porto Prego Sas Di Vittoriod'Errico in Camogli, Italy, a fishing village.

opened in 1888 by Trish's great Aunt Pauline Scheuber who had run away from Switzerland at the age of 14, that is another story. But we love visiting this area and her past.

The Mediterranean is full of large yachts which really impress me. It is another world on the Mediterranean Sea, money seemingly abounds. Trish and I have never enjoyed any seaside more than the beautiful rocky cliffs that form the Mediterranean Riviera and the quaint fishing villages. We stayed a week and traveled by train extensively. Then leaving Italy, we took the train from Genoa, to Milano, on to Zurich Switzerland.

That was a beautiful ride through the mountains. It was awesome seeing the engineering of all the train/vehicle bridges that crossed the wide spaces between mountains. In Switzerland we stayed at a new hotel, more economical, the Seehotel Pilatus, right at the base of the Pilatus Mountain. It is on the Vierwaldstättersee (Lake Lucerne) with easy access to all the local tourist sites. We enjoyed this hotel so much that we have already booked it again before we departed for another week next year. Come join us. We will be your tour guides to Switzerland!

From there, we flew back to London. We stayed at the "Shendish Manor", a Victorian Hotel, for 17 days (it has its own 18 hole golf course) and enjoyed visiting Trish's English family.

There is simply so much to do in England that one just can't finish a trip, you just have to return again and again. This year we went to London twice to see "Billy Elliott" and "Singing in the Rain" -- great plays! London is a fun place (but expensive!).



The Funeral Walk In St. Ippolyts

Most importantly, while visiting Trish's family, we visited her sister Josephine (Jo) on several occasions. Jo was suffering of ovarian cancer and not expected to live. We came home only to return to England in two weeks for her funeral. Jo's funeral was a sad occasion but it was held in a church that was built in the year 1087 -- think of that!

At the encouragement of my wife, I spoke a few words to the family. There was no funeral procession as we in America know it, rather there was a very solemn and respectful walk from the ancient church to the cemetery. The family was all dressed in black. A most memorable event.

One of the pleasures that my lovely wife Trish has is her Christmas Cactus plants. She has one with white blooms of special significance in that it was taken from a plant owned by her deceased brother Derrick Harritt. We smuggled a few leaves into the US from Scotland where he was living at the time of his death. Look at this lovely Christmas bloom! When you look at this you can almost see God...



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I do not have anyone for **Senior Birthdays** listed for the first quarter of the year. If you have a senior in your family, please send me their information, include a small picture and the birth date along with their postal address.

In closing, each year I say God Bless all those who have served in our military, past, and present. Because of them, enjoy your blessed freedom this Christmas and every day next year. Please remember our service men and women fighting to protect our country in your prayers.



We love each of you! Have a great and healthy year in 2013! God Bless.

Emails from Cousins

Some of you do not have email but receive this newsletter by postal mail, so I include the email I sent to the Lawrence@peelee.info list about my next book. I follow this email with an exchange that I had with Diane Peel Walls, one which all of you should take to heart and think about. Where is your book?

----- Original Message -----

From: [Horace Peele](#)

To: lawrence@peelee.info

Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2012 2:14 PM

Subject: [Lawrence] My Next Peele Book

Cousins and friends,

Earlier I had stated that I was hoping to get the next book "Peele Genes" out for Christmas. I wish I had good news about getting the book ready for Christmas but I do not.

There are a couple of good reasons. First, my wife Trish recently had a cyst removed from the L4-L5 area of her spine. The cyst was putting great pressure on the sciatic nerves causing her a lot of pain. Trish is healing nicely and sees the doctor on Tuesday for a three weeks follow-up. I have been the caretaker for the last three weeks, my first priority, and it has been tasking.

Second, I am still seeking some information which should be on its way this week. I really want to include this information to round out the genealogical value of the contents of the book. I have searched a long time for the information and located it through Oxford College in England.

So what I am saying is that it will be in the spring before the book is published. I do have it more than 75% complete but editing has been a big problem.

I have also been asked not to name it the "Peele Genes" but rather the "Peele Heritage". I guess the latter wins..

You can however feel free to promise a book at Christmas as a present but just remind the receiver that it will be in the spring.

Thanks for your understanding.

Horace



After I made the announcement about the delay, I received several nice comments from cousins understanding the delay and also this one from Diane Peel Walls pointing out a very interesting and important issue. Again, where is your book?

Diane: Horace, I will look forward to the new book when it DOES get here! And I DO like the "Peele Heritage" better than the "Peele Genes". May I ask a question? Will there be more info about the Georgia Peel's in this book? I was disappointed that there wasn't much about our family in the last book. Is it because you didn't have the info? If so, how can that be rectified? I'm sure you got a lot of info from John Chew or some of those others. I know I sent you some info too. And I have more info I can send you... some updates, if it's not too late. I don't want to send anything in if it's too late. I'm just hoping there will be more things on our line in the new book. Have a great day! Diane.

Horace: The new book is basically three parts. The first part tells the story of how the Peel family got started in England by reproducing the entirety of a 41 page book written by Sir Jonathan Peele of England. Then the second part is a small English family tree using his data and a couple of other very rare documents that I found. Hence, this would be the tree if we could get Lawrence tied in. The third part will contain the first 10 descendent generations of Lawrence. That will cover everyone down every line and hopefully it goes close to what you wish to see. For me, it names my grandfather but not my dad and I am the twelfth generation. But I just can't put in more. Even that it will be 800 pages and I am having to drop the paper to a thinner paper in order to get it bound. The 11th generation alone is very big about 800-1000 pages by itself!!!

Diane: Horace, I am really interested in the book. It sounds like it's going to be so interesting. When did you find out about the information from Sir Jonathan Peele of England, and do you think that Lawrence is related to him? That sounds exciting all in it's on!

Horace: I got the source from microfiche several years ago and paid a lady to type the book for me. If the story as told by Sir Jonathan is correct and it is considered to be the authority, then his oldest ancestor would also be ours.

Diane: So you think, where my line comes in from William on down through maybe Dempsey (1753) or even on down to Mills (around 1783) may be in the book? They were in North Carolina. Mills moved on down to Georgia and settled into Burke County where his family grew up. Most of his family were born in NC, however. My 3rd great grandfather, his son, Levi Peel (notice name spelling change) married in Burke county to Harriet Atkinson of Burke County and their family were all born there. Any chance they will be in the book? Just wondering.

Horace: The book will include down to your Bennie Peel which would be the place for you to start in writing your unique book around your immediate family.

Diane: It will be so exciting to see all the different families and how they spread out across the United States. My family of Nesmith's have two books among them and I am the one responsible for doing the updates on them each year. We have one book that is about 1,000 pages thick already and is in a binder that we just add the pages to each year. That is how we add the updates to it. The first book, called the Red Book, is the original one and has the original history of the family. It is a bound book. The second book is mostly genealogy related. So I do know how it is.

Horace: When you have collected as much as I, it is difficult as to when to turn it off.

Diane: That's about it. Can't wait to see the new book! It sounds like it's going to be great. One day I'm going to write mine. I keep saying that, but one day, before long, I'm going to.

Horace: Start writing and back up the system...

To all: I view that what I have written in the ***Peele Chronicles*** and what I am preparing in the ***Peele Heritage*** will be the perfect lead in to a book of your own. The Peele Heritage will contain the first ten generations in the typical National Genealogical Society Descendent Ordered format. But each of you have pictures and stories to tell about your family and the personalities of your immediate ancestors. I have copies of some already written by cousins John Wayne Peele and others. RB Peelle has a good synopsis of one started. What Diane is saying is simply - where is your book? Make it a logical follow-on to the Peele Chronicles and Peele Heritage.

DNA Status

Genealogy and DNA Continued

Following the last quarter's article on DNA, we had a wish list for getting DNA testing done on several lines. While the action has been slow, but with the help of Susie Wood and Don Kincaid, we have gotten the sample from Michael Oden Peele submitted. The results are expected in January. Believe it or not. Michael's submission got delayed due to the big hurricane Sandy. It is really going to be interesting: are we all cousins to the Coastal Peeles? Michael is a commercial fisherman, maybe he will takes us fishing?

After Michael, it still leaves me with three DNA lines of interest. I'll be working these after the New Year and after getting the book finished. We need males to be tested.

- 1) Mark Edward Peele to prove his line back through Amos Calvin Peele.
- 2) Still looking for a descendent of William Isaac Peel for Don Kincaid and his line.
- 3) Walter Peel to prove the link through Amos Peal-1777 to Robert-1712.

1	Lawrence Peelle 1601			
2	Robert 1635			
3	Robert 1657			
4	Robert 1681	William 1679		
5	Joshua 1720	William 1705	Robert 1712	
6	James 1743	Thomas Peal 1755	=> Edward 1750	
7	=> John 1789	Isaac 1784	=> Amos Peal 1777	John Peele 17??
8	=> Amos Calvin Peele 1804	William Isaac Peel 1829	Stanley 1800	Andrew 1781
9	Amos Calvin 1841	Susan Ann Mary Francis 1880	Stanley, Jr. 1846	Jonathan Flowers "John" 1804
10	Mark Edward 1872	Flora Elizabeth Branscum 1900	James Stephen 1871	Christopher Woodard "Kit" 1833
11	Merritt Edward 1924	Don Wallace Kincaid 1932	Dillon Charlie Peel 1905	George Thomas 1865
12	Mark Edward 1958		Charles Taylor 1936	Leo 1890
13			Walter 1966	William Maxton 1918
14				Michael Oden 1940

There will be much more to follow on DNA, it is just a matter of time getting all the pieces together to prove more lines. But right now has been a busy time and it unfortunately has taken somewhat of a back seat.

Family Obituaries

The *Lawrence, Etc.*, obituaries are generally just random obituaries that I find or someone sends to me. If you have one in your family, please send it to me. Most of these are cousins of some degree. It sure seems like a lot of good cousins died this last quarter. One in particular was my own nephew Louis Peele who died on Christmas Eve. He was the son of my brother Marvin and his wife Mattie. His is the last obituary in this publication.



Ruth Peele

Ruth E. Peele, 93, long time Midland resident, died, Friday, September 21, 2012 at Midland King's Daughters Home where she has lived the past six years. Born in Saginaw, she and her husband Robert R. Peele moved to Midland in 1942, just before Bob left for the South Pacific and World War II. On his return he joined Dow Corning and in the 60's, Bob and Ruth traveled worldwide on business for Dow Corning International. Despite so much time away from home, Ruth always said that the best place to be in the world was Midland. She also loved her Crystal Lake summer home in Beulah, MI, where she spent over 50 summers.

When her husband retired in 1969, they purchased Losey's Jewelry in downtown Midland and started "The Peel n Pare". Ruth was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church since its creation and was a longtime member of Midland's Bronson Club. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to her caretaker, Linda Parsons who was "like

family" to Ruthie and added much to her comfort and happiness while she was at King's Daughters.

Surviving is her, son and daughter-in-law; Jon and Suzanne Peele; two grandchildren, Lisa and David; four great-grandchildren; James, Sam, Camille and Finn and a sister, Katherine Johnson. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Robert in 1988; son, James in 2004 and a sister, Mary Jane Argyle.

A memorial gathering is being planned for the summer of 2013 at Crystal Lake. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home.

Genealogical Line -- Ruth was a 12th generation spouse to Lawrence through: **Robert Raymond¹² Peele** (Raymond Rupert¹¹, Willis Jeffery¹⁰ Peelle, Fernando Holliday⁹, William Tecumseh⁸, John⁷, Isaac "Passco"⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Robert Raymond Peele (1912-2008) was my 6th cousin.]



James Peele

James Luther Peele, 80, of Asheboro, died Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro, NC.

Funeral Services, 3 PM, Sunday, October 28, 2012, at Loflin Funeral Home Chapel, Ramseur, NC. Officiating, Rev. Don Ashley, Rev. Rodney Wright. Burial, Randolph Memorial Park, Asheboro with military honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

James was a Guilford County native, was retired from Acme-McCrary Corporation, an Army veteran and was of the Baptist faith. He was preceded in death by son, Randy Peele, parents, A. C. Peele and Gladys Swaney Peele, brother, Clinton Peele, sister, Mary Lee Joyce.

Survivors: wife, Louise Moffitt Peele, of the home, son, Timothy Peele, and wife, Debbie, of Randleman, sister, Pearly Rives, of Asheboro, brother, Claudie Peele, and wife, June, of Asheboro, granddaughter, Taylor Peele, of Randleman.

Visitation, 2 PM to 3 PM, Sunday, Loflin Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ramseur.

Condolences may be made online at www.loflinfuneralservice.com. Arrangements by Loflin Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ramseur.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Road Baptist Church, 2179 WOW Road, Randleman, N.C. 27317 or to Shiloh Baptist Church, 4529 Moffitt Mill Road, Ramseur, N.C. 27316.

Genealogical Line -- 12th generation to Lawrence: **James Luther¹² Peele** (Authur Clinton¹¹, James Bennett "Ben"¹⁰, Eli Franklin "Frank" Peelle⁹, James H.⁸, Margaret "Peggy"⁷ [& Unknown Male], Reuben⁶, Josiah⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [James was my 6th cousin once removed.] (Photograph courtesy of Debbie Peele.)



Leon Peele

Dr. Leon Charles Peele, III, 56, of Albemarle, passed away November 3, 2012 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem. The family will receive friends at Hartsell Funeral Home, Albemarle on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. At other times the family will meet at the home. The funeral service will be at First Baptist Church, Albemarle, on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 11:00 am with a 30 minute state. Rev. David Phelps and Rev. Court Greene will officiate.

The burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Park, Albemarle. Born April 7, 1956 in Windsor, NC, he was the son of the late Leon Charles Peele, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Price Peele of Pine Knoll Shores, NC. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Elizabeth Golding Norwood Peele of the home; daughter, Betsy Hoyle and husband Joseph of Richmond, VA.; son, Charlie Peele of Lynchburg, VA.; daughters, Catherine Peele of Dallas, TX, and Molly Peele of Albemarle; granddaughter, Elleree Hoyle; and a sister, Claire Morehouse and husband Kurt of Chapel Hill, NC. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Peele. He practiced dentistry at Peele Family Dentistry in Albemarle and was a member of First Baptist Church. He served in the US Air Force. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church R.A./G.A. Fund, 202 N. Second Street, Albemarle, NC, 28001, Central NC Council BSA, PO Box 250, Albemarle, NC 28002-0250 or Be The Match Foundation (National Marrow Donor Program) www.marrow.org, 3001 Broadway Street, NE, Suite 601, Minneapolis, Minn. 55413-1753. Hartsell Funeral Home of Albemarle is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.hartsellfh.com. A full obituary may be seen on the Stanly News and Press Website.

Genealogical Line — 12th generation to Lawrence: **Leon Charles¹² Peele III** (Leon Charles¹¹, Leon Charles¹⁰, John Elmo⁹, James H.⁸, James B.⁷ Peelle, Josiah⁶, Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Leon was my 7th cousin.]



Laurin Peele

Mr. Laurin "Skeebo" Black Peele, Jr., 80, a resident of Greensboro died Sunday November 11, 2012 at Moses H. Cone Hospital. Mr. Peele was born February 5, 1932 in Guilford County, the son of Laurin Black and Verl Peele. He worked with the AC Corporation until he retired in 1997. Mr. Peele was a Korean War Veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and was of Baptist faith. He was preceded in death by his parents. On October 24, 1965 he was married to Betty Jean Turner Strader who survives of the home. Surviving in addition to his wife of the home is two sons, Victor L. Strader and wife Lynette of Eatonton, GA, Terry G. Strader and wife Connie of Greensboro; his adopted daughter, Babs Cox of

Greensboro; one sister, Barbara Gleason of Denver; six grandchildren, Season Hudson, Whitney Farnell, Shelby Wright, Brooke Payton, Jennifer Smith, Luke Strader and six great grandchildren.

Skeebo was a devoted husband to the love of his life, Betty, an avid Tar Heel fan, and enjoyed traveling and collecting rare coins. A proud Marine Corps veteran, he loved sharing stories from his years of service. He also looked forward to his weekly Bojangles breakfast meetings with his closet friends. Skeebo never met a stranger in his life, and was known to many throughout the community by his smile, handshake, and funny jokes. These jokes and stories brightened the lives of everyone he met.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Home

Sedgefield Chapel. Interment with Military Honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard will follow in Guilford Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Home on Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. until service time. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Genealogical Line — 12th generation to Lawrence: **Lauren Black "Skeebo"¹² Peele, Jr.** (Lauren Black¹¹, Robinson Archibald "Big Bob"¹⁰, Robinson Archibald⁹ Peelle, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Lauren was my third cousin.]



Mabel Peele

Mrs. Mabel King Peele, 92 of Fayetteville, N.C., passed away on Monday, November 26, 2012 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Village Baptist Church with Rev. J. Nickolas Smith and Rev. Richard Childress officiating.

Burial will follow in Lafayette Memorial Park on Ramsey St. The family will receive friends at the church in the fireside room one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Mrs. Peele is survived by her daughter Theresa Peele Smith and husband Rev. J. Nickolas Smith of Fayetteville, sons David Peele and wife Rose of Raleigh and Larry Peele and wife Pamela Maroon of Cary, sister Leola Rollins of Charleston, West Virginia, brothers Robert King and wife Ruby of Cross Lanes, West Virginia and Earl King and wife Mary of Cross Lanes, West Virginia and 6 grandchildren Brian Peele, Keith Peele, Nicky Peele, Jessica Peele Wells, Michelle Barefoot, Ashley Maroon and 5 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The West Virginia Rosie the Riveters Project, c/o Thanks! Plain and Simple Inc. 5313 F Carleton Ct., Charleston, WV 25313.

Genealogical Line — Mabel was a 12th generation spouse to Lawrence through: **Howard Bruce¹² Peele** (Belton John¹¹, John J.¹⁰ Peelle, William "Bill"⁹, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Howard Bruce Peele (1924-1988) was my 2nd cousin.] (Photograph courtesy of David Peele and Theresa Smith.)



Mary Peele

Mary Wheeler Peele, 67, died Wednesday, December 19, 2012, in Raleigh. Mary was born in 1945 in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late Joe Louis Wheeler, Jr. and Bernardine M. Wheeler. Mary's father was in the Navy and she spent her childhood in Norfolk, Va., San Diego, Calif., and Honolulu, Hawaii. After graduating from Radford High School in Honolulu she moved to Wilson, N.C., where she attended Atlantic Christian College. She married the late Robert L. Peele of Rocky Mount in 1967, and moved to Raleigh in 1971. That same year she was hired at BB&T, where she would work for 39 years. She went back to school in her late 30's while raising two children and working full-time, earning a bachelor's degree from Atlantic Christian in 1985.

She later took a job with BB&T Insurance Services, eventually rising to become Treasurer of that company. Her dedication, tirelessness and good humor were an inspiration to her colleagues, who knew her affectionately as "Marge Pub."

Among the many things Mary loved were beach trips, her daily walks with friends, the Carolina Hurricanes, and spending time with her grandchildren. She will be remembered as a wonderful mother and grandmother, devoted sister and daughter, beloved friend and colleague, and for her boundless generosity towards all.

She is survived by her mother, Bernardine M. Wheeler of Raleigh; sister Patricia W. Shaw and husband Dennis of Raleigh; brother Michael W. Wheeler and wife Kay of Elm City; her sons Robert G. Peele and wife Sarah of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Christopher M. Peele and wife Beth of Cary; her grandsons Ayden and Owen and granddaughter Eliza.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, December 21 from 7:00-9:00pm at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 300 Saint Mary's Street in Raleigh. A memorial service and celebration of her life is being planned for January. Donations can be made in her memory to Hospice of Wake County, www.hospiceofwake.org.

Genealogical Line — Mary was a 13th generation spouse to Lawrence through: **Robert Lafayette¹³ Peele** (Luther Thomas¹², Lafayette¹¹, Stephen¹⁰, Josse "Josie"⁹ Peelle, Mathew⁸, Jesse⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Robert Lafayette Peele (1940-2008) was my 5th cousin once removed.]



Louis Peele

Louis Milo Peele, 62, of 15908 Joyce Lane, Laurel, Maryland, died Monday, December 24th, 2012, from a massive stroke in the MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. He was the husband of Mimie (Chen, Min) Peele who was formerly of Taipei, Taiwan.

Louis was the sole proprietor of Peele Enterprises which included Tuxedo repairs and Peele Transportation. He was a licensed commercial driver and drove a school bus for Howard County, MD.

Born in Prince George County, Louis was a lifelong resident of Prince George County. Louis was the son of Marvin B. Peele, Jr. and Mattie (nee Smith) Peele. Louis was an avid bowler and achieved a 300 game in March 2012 at the Brunswick Columbia Lanes, Md.

In addition, Louis was a deer hunter and has his perfect 10 point buck hanging in his den. Louis donated blood regularly and was a member of the Ten Gallon Club at National Institute of Health. Additionally, Louis was a member of the Sheep to Shawl Team known as the Wolves in Sheeps Clothing. Winning numerous blue and red ribbons for the beautiful shawls created from immediately sheered sheep (within a 3 hour time frame). Louis and his fellow team members were featured in a television special from the Howard County Fair Grounds Wool Festival.

Louis is a graduate of Prince George's Community College. Surviving with his wife are his parents Marvin B. Peele, Jr., and Mattie Smith Peele from Monroe, VA, sister Pam Peele-Messiah and Tony Messiah from Atlanta, GA, sister Diana Peele Burgess and David Burgess from Culpeper, VA, numerous nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Pre-deceasing Louis was his younger brother Leland Peele.

The family will receive friends at the Donaldson Funeral Home, P.A., 313 Talbott Avenue, Laurel, Maryland 20707 on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Funeral Services will be held in the funeral home chapel on Monday 11 AM. Interment Ft. Lincoln Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Company.

Genealogical Line -- 13th generation to Lawrence: **Louis Milo¹³ Peele** (Marvin Buford¹², Marvin Buford¹¹, George Robinson¹⁰, William "Bill"⁹ Peele, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Louis Milo Peele (1950-2012) was my nephew, son of my brother Marvin and Mattie Peele.]

I would like to add a couple of interesting notes about Louis and the circumstances around his death. He owned and operated a school bus, under a contract, driving children to and from school each day for Howard County, Maryland. He had taken the children to school and was at home watching television while waiting to go take them home after school. He was to leave on his route about 1 PM. God, in his infinite plans, took Louis while he was at home in between routes. He had his stroke just before departing for his regular run. Instead of having a medical emergency which could have involved a major wreck with children on board, God took Louis while he was at home and not driving, how fortunate for the children! God works wonders.

Louis was also a registered organ donor. His stroke was caused by a blockage of the carotid artery which prevented blood from returning from the brain back to the heart. As a result he had an brain aneurism which then caused the stroke. That happened on Wednesday, December 19th. He was basically unconscious for the remainder of his life until he died on the 24th of December. Doctors placed him on a heart-lung bypass machine to keep him alive. As a result of that, his organs were able to survive and were harvested for others to use and to live. I was told by his wife Mime that his heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, corona, and skin were harvested. Through his noble act, Louis lives on in the lives of many others. I sent the following email to Marvin and Mattie on Christmas Eve after our church services.

Marvin and Mattie,

Tonight at our 11 PM service, I asked the Pastor to pray for the soul of Louis and also for those fortunate people receiving presents from God this Christmas in the form of his heart, lungs, liver, kidneys and other parts of his body. What a blessed Christmas they are having because of Louis. They have been on the waiting list a long time and now they may see the light of God through your son.

Horace & Trish

Are you an organ donor? Think about the value of your body parts to others, become one today! I am already registered as a donor.

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