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## Gardner Family Reunion - 2023



If you are the first who can name every single person in this picture correctly and send the list to your editor, Paul Gardner, you will win \$100! *Hint:* Raymond Gardner's family is very well represented here. Think of his son, Stephen. Special thanks for the success of the reunion go to Cousin Raylene Ludgate who provided the entertainment, her husband,

Mike, who took most of the wonderful pictures you see here. (More pictures are on the web at [www.gardnernews.org](http://www.gardnernews.org).) Thank you, also, to Cousin Sharon Gardner who managed the nightmare of the name badges, and to everyone who prepared the delicious food. We're all very grateful to our hosts, *The NorthWoods Stewardship Center*.

# The “Original Gang of Ten’s” Families Represented at the 2023 Gardner Family Reunion



Aunt Elizabeth is represented by the whole Vasko family: Cousin Teresa, Cynthia, JJ, John, and Will

Uncle Adelbert is represented by Cousins Becky Beaudoin and Adele Dusablon



Uncle Earl is represented by his son, your editor Paul Gardner



Uncle Raymond is represented by a large contingent from his family. To find out who they all are, contact his son, Stephen Gardner



Aunt Nita is represented by Makenzie Parenteau, Adam Ames, Cristian Ibica, Alicia Parenteau, Kylee Ibica, Cousin Rod Ames, Jackie Patenaude, Richard Patenaude



Aunt Beulah is represented by Calvin Hosford, Megan Hosford, Cole Hosford, Cousin Sheryl Hosford, Cousin Sharon Manchester, Aunt Beulah, C.J. Manchester, Donna Griffes, Cousin Len Griffes, Cousin Jay Griffes



# “Table Hopping” at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center During the 2023 Gardner Family Reunion

## TABLE NO. 1

Eddie Parsons holding one of the twins (Logan or Madelyn); Cousin Gloria Parsons holding one of the twins (Madelyn or Logan); John Vasko (Cousin Teresa Vasko’s husband) and Robyn Demand (Cousin Gloria Parsons’ daughter)



## TABLE NO. 2

Cynthia Clark (Cousin Teresa Vasko’s daughter); Cousin Teresa Vasko; Cousin Adele Dusablon (Uncle Adelbert’s daughter); Mike Ludgate (Cousin Raylene’s husband)



## TABLE NO. 3

Cousin Rod Ames' family; Alicia Parenteau (Cousin Rod's daughter); Adam Ames (Cousin Rod's son); Kylee Ibica (Alicia's daughter); Makenzie Parenteau (Alicia's daughter); Cristian Ibica (Kylee's husband); Jackie Patenaude (Cousin Rod's daughter)



## TABLE NO. 4

Sharon Manchester (Aunt Beulah's daughter); Aunt Beulah; Jay Griffes (Aunt Beulah's son); Cousin Becky Beaudoin (Uncle Adelbert's daughter)



## TABLE NO. 5

Cole Hosford (Cousin Sheryl's son); Megan Ludgate Eaton (Cousin Raylene's daughter) Brooks Eaton (Megan's husband) Calvin Hosford (Cousin Sheryl's son); Megan Hosford (Cousin Sheryl Hosford's daughter); Sheryl Hosford





# "Table Hopping" at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center During the 2023 Gardner Family Reunion (continued)

## TABLE NO. 6

J.J. Vasko (Cousin Teresa's son); Cousin Stephen Gardner (Uncle Raymond's son)



## TABLE NO. 7

Uncle Raymond; Cousin Raylene Ludgate (Uncle Raymond's daughter)



## TABLE NO. 8

Eva Parsons (holding one of the twins); Eddie Parsons (Cousin Gloria's son) Cousin Gloria Parsons (holding one of the twins); Taylor Demand (Cousin Gloria's granddaughter); Robyn Demand (Cousin Gloria's daughter)



# “Head ‘em up; Mooooove ‘em on!” Over 3,000 Cows Find a New Home.

**D**o you remember the wonderful Frankie Laine singing the theme song to the 1950's TV show Rawhide that made Clint Eastwood a star? Those lyrics are still

buzzing around in my head:

“Move ‘em on, head ‘em up,  
head ‘em up, move ‘em on,  
move ‘em on, head ‘em up,  
Rawhide. Cut ‘em out, ride  
‘em in, ride ‘em in, cut ‘em  
out, cut ‘em out, ride ‘em in,  
Rawhidel”

Fast forward some 70 years later and ponder those lyrics as the 2023 version of the cattle roundup took place at the Ansonia Dairy in Bakersfield, CA of which Miguel Gonzalo (Cousin Jean's husband) has been foreman for over 42 years!

Because Miguel's bosses made the decision to close the dairy around last May, the over 3,000 cows had to be moved and integrated into other local dairy farm herds. This was accomplished by holding an auction and loading the cows onto big semi-trucks that pulled in and out of the dairy several times a day until all the cows were gone.

The auction officials depended heavily on Miguel's help in grouping the cows together for

each bidding and evacuation because he is so familiar with each and every cow. The actual auction took place in a tent set up on the property where Jean and Miguel reside.



Perhaps you're wondering what's the next chapter for Jean and Miguel now that the dairy is no longer in operation. Well, Miguel has decided to retire, and Miguel, Jean, and Teresa will be renting the same property that has been their home throughout these many years and for practically all of Teresa's life.

That means you can still visit them at their



**Miguel and Jean Gonzalo**

home in Lamont/Bakersfield as if nothing at all has changed. And don't forget the standing invitation you have to come to their home in Spain! So far Cousin Ruth Metcalf and 2nd Cousin Megan Ludgate Eaton have accepted their invitation and have made the trip to Posada de Valdeon.

So, let's round up some people and “head ‘em up and move ‘em on” to pay a visit to Jean and Miguel either in Bakersfield or in Spain – and maybe even both places!



## **“Head ‘em up; Moooooove ‘em on!” Over 3,000 Cows Find a New Home (continued).**



**Miguel's Last Day of Milking**



**Cow Trucks Arriving and Departing From the Dairy**



**Miguel Sitting Alone in the Auction Tent**



**Left: Beautiful Sunset at the Ansonea Dairy; Top: Now Empty Outbuildings at the Ansonea Dairy**



# A “Full Circle” Moment for the Cove Family

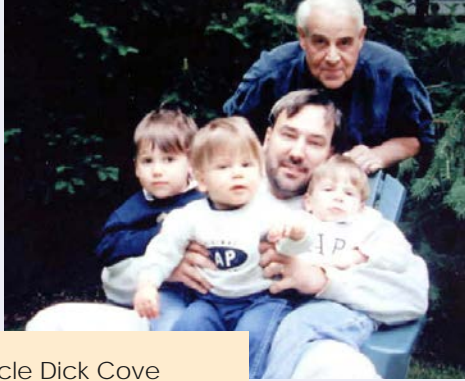


**Left: Aunt Elinor and Uncle Dick Cove**

**Right: Cousin Chris Cove, Newly Minted Doctor, Alex, and Proud Mom, Lisa**



**Right: Three Generations of the Coves - Uncle Dick, Cousin Chris, and Future Doctor Little Alex (furthest to the left in picture)**



**A**unt Elinor and Uncle Dick Cove were ecstatic beyond measure when their son, Cousin Chris Cove, realized his ambition to become a doctor after attending and graduating from The Renaissance School of Medicine. Cousin Chris is always mindful and often expresses his gratitude for the great support his parents afforded him as he achieved his dream. But who could have foreseen this latest development!?

In a “full circle moment,” Uncle Dick’s and Aunt Elinor’s grandson, Alex Cove, accomplished the exact identical goal by attending the same graduate school and becoming a doctor this past spring. In fact, Alex’s dad, Chris, participated in Alex’s matriculation by performing the investiture/hooding ceremony held in Stony Brook, New York. The pictures say it all!

Both Uncle Dick and Aunt Elinor have passed on, but this full circle event is in large part due to the legacy of parental love and caring that they bestowed upon their children - Cousins Chris and Nancy. If they’re truly “up there” looking down, I’m sure the sun is shining a little brighter because of their beaming smiles of pride and joy for their grandson, Alex.

What is “full circle” anyway?

The phrase, “to come full circle” has long been a spiritual concept. According to Spiritism, the perpetual re-creation and continuous developments of life unfold in

**Right: Cousin Chris Cove “hooding” his son, Alex, as a brand-new doctor at Stony Brook University**



stages (birth, death and rebirth). These stages are part of a never-ending progression.

The idea of “coming full circle” has its roots in Native American culture. In this culture, it was believed that all things continued to grow and evolve over time—even when they appeared to be at rest or in decline. The same was true for people: they too had periods of growth and periods of rest. When someone died, their spirit would go on to the next stage in its evolution; however, the person’s body would remain on earth as a physical reminder that life continued on after death.

Here’s a little bit about the RSOM, part of Stony Brook University:

The Renaissance School of Medi-

cine (RSOM) is the graduate medical school of Stony Brook University located in the hamlet of Stony Brook, New York on Long Island. Founded in 1971. RSOM is consistently ranked the top public medical school in New York according to U.S. News & World Report. RSOM is one of the five Health Sciences schools under the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system.

RSOM conducts \$90 million in funded medical research annually, with NIH awards to RSOM faculty and research centers exceeding \$42 million. Stony Brook University Hospital, RSOM’s main clinical training site, is ranked the No. 10 best hospital in New York State.

Let’s raise a glass to toast a new dynasty of Cove doctors!