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“Camp Alleghany was her home away from home. It was a place dear to her heart, and she made many lasting friendships there.”

January 6, 2011—Good afternoon. My name is Kitty Capito Farrar. I am truly honored to have been asked by Carrie’s children to speak in celebration of her life on behalf of the Camp Alleghany family.

My first recollection of Carrie, as I always called her, but Miss Carrie, Carrie Lee or Caroline to others, was in the summer of 1965 at Alleghany. I was peering down the steep dining hall steps into what was to me the most gigantic kitchen in the world. There was Carrie in a beautifully starched white dress and apron – clearly Daisy’s doings – with a tray of the most beautiful, golden dinner rolls I had ever seen. I grinned and waved as if I knew her. Carrie did not suffer fools gladly! In her typical fashion Carrie frowned at me, rolled her eyes, and disappeared into another room. I soon learned that hanging around the steps to and from the kitchen was bad form, and I would have to wait until I was old enough to be a hopper (Alleghany’s word for a server) before I had permission to enter the kitchen!

Fast-forward 3 years and there I was – a hopper! I was

now one of the few who could use those back stairs legitimately. I adored Carrie from the minute I saw her. In the beginning it was a bit of a challenge to know how to read

her – Should I be scared of her? Is she shy? [I knew this wasn’t the reason]. Does she think

I am just a brat??? I learned quickly that her bark was not followed by a bite.

On the morning she chased me around the kitchen with a spatula after catching me with my fingers in the sweet roll dough, I knew we would be friends forever. After that, I couldn’t wait to get up to the kitchen at breakfast just to see her – she had a way of making every day start cheerfully for me, as well as many other girls there at camp. I made excuses to stay longer in the kitchen, to watch her masterful hands at work in the bakery, to listen to her stories, and to learn about life from such a wise lady.

Our friendship grew stronger over the years and my admiration for her deepened. As it happened, I was lucky enough to attend college in Danville, Va., not too far away from Chatham Hall where Delaware and Carrie worked - Carrie perfecting her baking in the Chatham Hall kitchen and



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Dear friends, Cooper and Carrie



Carrie's beloved Delaware

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Delaware managing the stables. I visited them many times at both their Depot Street home and then at their new house. Wow, was she proud of that house! Delaware would entertain me with stories – endless stories – while Carrie would smile and correct him when he got carried away.

At times, my parents would drop by to say hello on their way home from visiting me, and they always left with their very own stash of Carrie's homemade sweet rolls. It was a special time in my life – we were there together, like a family.

Once Carrie was your friend, she was a friend for life. Her devotion to those she loved was unquestioned. Her faith in the Lord never wavered and her inner-strength was something to which we should all aspire. She was as tough as they come – a real fighter through many obstacles, whether family crisis, health crisis, or financial woes.

And as her health deteriorated in recent years, her spirit remained strong. She never gave up – and set an example for all to follow.

Throughout her association with Camp Alleghany her relationship with then-camp owner, the late Cooper Dawson, was a complex one. They were strong personalities

... both were stubborn, both liked being in control, and both wanted things done their way. They were proud, self-assured individuals and compromise came hard for them. They refused to back down when they thought they were right, and usually had good reasons. Yet as you watched

them argue the crisis of the day, you could also see the respect and love each had for the other. I remember Carrie told me one day that "Mr. Dawson always had a sense when things weren't going my way. I don't know how he knew, but my phone would ring and there he was on the other end offering help." The only time I ever saw Cooper Dawson cry was that day in 2002 when Carrie left camp. She was very ill, and he knew that his dear friend would never be back on his side of the river. He called her every day while she was hospitalized to tell her how much Camp Alleghany missed her.

Carrie spent 46 summers at Camp Alleghany, from 1956 until 2002. If you multiply the number of campers each summer by the 46 years of her participation you get a total of 20,700. Even if you allow for repeat campers, you realize that somewhere between 15,000 to 20,000 children, counselors, and staff, were lucky enough to have

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One very special memory I will always keep close to my heart is the summer we celebrated Carrie's 40th year at camp. The whole day was dedicated to her and the entire camp was involved. She was so surprised and overwhelmed. The young campers picked wildflowers for her, the older campers wrote poems, and the counselors made a make-shift throne for her to sit in while Mr. Dawson and his son and current owner, Sam Dawson, spoke and made her feel like

the queen she was. He presented her with a sterling silver necklace bearing the tree of life – a symbol worn by many of us at Alleghany. They embraced as the crowd cheered. It was truly a wonderful day, one I shall never forget.

Carrie is now at peace, and as she begins her new journey with the Lord, I challenge each and every one of us to try to emulate her distinct qualities of generosity, graciousness, forgiveness, love of family, and unquestioned faith in God. We will all miss her terribly but give thanks for the times we spent with her and the memories that will always be ours to keep.

A Word of Comfort from Carrie

*When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometime fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles*

*And won, at the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going.
I would not have you sad for one day.
But in the summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay,
And come in the shade of the evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a moment beside me
And remember only my best.*



Carrie's Yeast Roll Recipe *(3 dozen)*

6 cups flour (plain)
2 pkgs. Dry yeast
6 Tbsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs
2 cups warm water
½ cup milk
6 Tbsp. Crisco

Dissolve yeast in ¼ cup water and ¼ tsp. sugar. Sift sugar, flour and salt together. Add Crisco to consistency of corn meal. Combine yeast, eggs, milk, water and mix with mixer. Then, make a well in flour and pour in the yeast mixture. Knead for five minutes. Let rise 1 hour. Punch down and let it rise again. Roll out and cut into 3" squares. Place on greased cookie sheet. Let rise again. Cook at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

—Mini Campers of 2011—

Olivia—Richmond, VA
Jordan—Richmond, VA
Lindsey—Norfolk, VA
Sarah—Olney, MD
Sophie—Richmond, VA
Riley—Alexandria, VA
Eloise—Cincinnati, OH
Anna—Roanoke, VA
Elizabeth—Richmond, VA
Elizabeth—Roanoke, VA
Astri—Owings Mills, MD
Amanda—Charleston, WV
Kacey—Lexington, VA
Mary Ives—Alexandria, VA
Charlotte—Norfolk, VA
Catherine—Alexandria, VA
Sophie—Roanoke, VA

Madeline—Charleston, WV
Hailey—Norfolk, VA
Molly—Baltimore, MD
Lydia—Mechanicsville, VA
Isabelle—Richmond, VA
Ann—Charleston, WV
Gracie—Charlottesville, VA
Catherine—Washington, DC
Eliza—Alexandria, VA
Haley—Midlothian, VA
Catherine—Stevenson, MD
Campbell—Richmond, VA
Anna—Hamilton, OH
Gretchen—Richmond, VA
Sarah—Vienna, VA
Sadie—Chevy Chase, MD
Ava—Charleston, WV

Huntly—Chevy Chase, MD
Helen—Camano Island, WA
Violet—Alexandria, VA
Anna—Great Falls, VA
Katherine—Great Falls, VA
Mimi—Richmond, VA
Maggie—Fredericksburg, VA
Langley—Bethesda, MD
Abigail—Richmond, VA
Claire—Arlington, VA
Katherine—Charleston, WV
Maeve—Alexandria, VA
Sarah—Charlottesville, VA
Caroline—Norfolk, VA
Page—Richmond, VA



The Head Counselors had a busy and fun weekend in Fredericksburg planning for an exciting, action-filled summer at Alleghany!

Here is everyone ready to go out to dinner to celebrate all our hard work. From left: B.A., Head of Mini Camp; Ellen George, Upstart Mom; Sarah Powell, Head of Junior Camp with Mason, future Green Team boy; Taylor Fellows, JC Mom; Jess Elliott, Asst. Head of Junior Camp; and Monica Mitchell, JC of 2011 and Mason's babysitter. Liza Stace, our Head of Senior Camp, is studying abroad in Italy but joined us on Skype for the weekend!

—Full Term Juniors—

Lily—Roanoke, VA
Caroline—Manakin Sabot, VA
Paige—Toronto, Canada

Maria—Charlottesville, VA
Alexandra—Charlottesville, VA
Isabel—Winchester, VA

—1st Term Juniors—

Lauren—Fredericksburg, VA
Aly—Virginia Beach, VA
Elizabeth—Alexandria, VA
Ella—Clemson, SC
Mary Stewart—Roanoke, VA
Anna—Charleston, WV
Julia—Charleston, WV
Perrin L—Washington, DC
Gemma—Roanoke, VA
Lily—Roanoke, VA
Aleksey—Kernersville, NC
Elizabeth—Charlottesville, VA
Elizabeth—Roanoke, VA
Sarah—Estill Springs, TN
Christiana—Alexandria, VA
Mae—Charlottesville, VA
Lucy—Richmond, VA
Isabel—Arlington, VA
Hanna—Alexandria, VA
Madison—Tullahoma, TN
Caroline—Manakin Sabot, VA
Carolyn—Richmond, VA
Charlotte—Easton, CT
Amanda—Charlottesville, VA
Madeline—Spotsylvania, VA
Lauren—Miami, FL
Whitney—Chesapeake, VA
Madeline—Tokyo, Japan
Abigail—Charleston, WV
Caitlin—Virginia Beach, VA
Alison—Lynchburg, VA
Ansleigh—Roanoke, VA
Gracey—East Falmouth, MA
Hallie—Virginia Beach, VA
Jennifer—Baltimore, MD
Elizabeth—Exmore, VA
Elena—Madrid, Spain
Sinclair—Wilton, CT
Elizabeth—Lynchburg, VA
Jessica—Richmond, VA
Lilly—Charlottesville, VA
Bailey—Arlington, VA
Grace—Toronto, Canada
Paige—Toronto, Canada
Rebecca—Louisville, KY
Maria—Charlottesville, VA
Elizabeth—Bethesda, MD
Madeleine—Bethesda, MD
Marie Leighton—Wake Forest, NC

Elizabeth—Richmond, VA
Claire—Arlington, VA
Alexandra—Baltimore, MD
Grace—Charleston, WV
Anne-Marley—Onancock, VA
Paige—Easton, MD
Annalise—Washington, DC
Ava—Norfolk, VA
Sarah—Charles Town, WV
Sara—Nokesville, VA
Molly—Bethesda, MD
Fallon—Fredericksburg, VA
Eva—Onancock, VA
Lucy—Spotsylvania, VA
Ella—Wilton, CT
Tate—Wilton, CT
Anna—Washington, DC
Isabelle—Wilmington, DE
Georgia—Charlotte, NC
Catherine—Alexandria, VA
Mary Lang—Davidson, NC
Margaret—Bethesda, MD
Hannah—Beaumaris, Serbia
MacKenzie—Beaumaris, Serbia
Rebecca—Richmond, VA
Isabelle—Pacifica, CA
Isabel—Charlottesville, VA
Ann Carter—Charlottesville, VA
Hana—Alexandria, VA
Paige—Richmond, VA
Grace—Arlington, VA
Libby—McLean, VA
Courtney—Richmond, VA
Kaitlyn—Oakton, VA
Alexandra—Charlottesville, VA
Margaret—Charlottesville, VA
Ariana—Leesburg, VA
Frances—Austin, TX
Lillian—Austin, TX
Jillian—Lexington, VA
Eliza—Powhatan, VA
Mizia—Washington, DC
Isabel—Winchester, VA
Isabel—Lynchburg, VA
Sara—Onancock, VA
Isabel—Arlington, VA
Sofia—Washington D.C., DC
Annabelle—State College, PA
Helena—State College, PA

—2nd Term Juniors—

Mary—Richmond, VA
Abigail—Midlothian, VA
Morgan—Norfolk, VA
Morgan—Fredericksburg, VA
Olivia—Fredericksburg, VA
Brigid—Tega Cay, SC
Lily—Roanoke, VA
Charlotte—Alexandria, VA
Grayson—Alexandria, VA
Kiri—Nicholasville, KY
Jane Carter—Norfolk, VA
Virginia—Norfolk, VA
Bay—Fredericksburg, VA
Hayden—Charleston, WV
Lucy—Charlottesville, VA
Sophia—Norfolk, VA
Katie—Richmond, VA
Erin—Columbia, MD
Emmy—Richmond, VA
Lucy—Richmond, VA
Elaine—Baltimore, MD
Ann—Alexandria, VA
Caroline—Manakin Sabot, VA
Anna—Richmond, VA
Katherine—Norfolk, VA
Madeleine—Norfolk, VA
Noa—Burke, VA
Lillian—Norfolk, VA
Trudie—Richmond, VA
Eleanor—Alexandria, VA
Abigail—Alexandria, VA
Emily—Alexandria, VA
Molly—North Yarmouth, ME
Lakyn—Arrington, VA
Lindsay—Charleston, WV
Stewart—Richmond, VA
Sarah—Norfolk, VA
Charlotte—Richmond, VA
Alexis—San Antonio, TX
Madalyn—Olney, MD
Paige—Toronto, Canada
Lucy—Alexandria, VA
Leanne—Henrico, VA
Maria—Charlottesville, VA
Helen—Warrenton, VA
Isabel—Richmond, VA
Kelly—Columbia, MD
Antoinette—Richmond, VA
Carson—Norfolk, VA

Sally—Norfolk, VA
Julia—Henrico, VA
Meredith—Henrico, VA
Sarah—Richmond, VA
Holly—Lewisburg, WV
Sophia—Norfolk, VA
Karoline—Richmond, VA
Catherine—Richmond, VA
Catherine—Richmond, VA
Aurelia—Koenigstein i. Ts.,
Adrianna—Charleston, WV
Olivia—Richmond, VA
Susanna—Richmond, VA
Anna—Richmond, VA
Lily—Chesapeake, VA
Grace—Bronxville, NY
Caroline—Camano Island, WA
Bailee—Alexandria, VA
olivia—norfolk, VA
Megan—Mount Airy, MD
Sally—Bronxville, NY
Jackie—Raleigh, NC
Anne—Alexandria, VA
AURORA—Norfolk, VA
Vera—Norfolk, VA
Isabella—Lexington, VA
Grace—Maysville, KY
Jessica—Norfolk, VA
Elizabeth—Atlanta, GA
Anne Madison—Richmond, VA
Katherine—Charlottesville, VA
Caroline—Charleston, WV
Rachel—Richmond, VA
Alicia—Phoenix, MD
Eleanor—Richmond, VA
Nancy—Richmond, VA
Charlotte—Arlington, VA
Kennedy—Phoenix, MD
Alexandra—Charlottesville, VA
Margaret—Richmond, VA
Addison—Alexandria, VA
Sara—New Orleans, LA
Eleanor—Wilmington, DE
Camilla—Winston Salem, NC
Isabel—Winchester, VA
Rachel—Richmond, VA
Emily—Richmond, VA
Eliza—Alexandria, VA
Camille—Virginia Beach, VA

—Full Term Seniors—

Randall—Richmond, VA
Anna—Washington, DC
Alexandra—Charlottesville, VA
Sarah—Richmond, VA
Audrey—Va Beach, VA
Ellen—Va Beach, VA
Virginia—Richmond, VA
Emily—Charleston, WV
Paloma—Madrid, Spain
Margaret—New York, NY

Anna—Richmond, VA
Rachael—Nokesville, VA
Elizabeth—Lafayette, CA
Amanda—Johns Creek, GA
Alexandra—Damascus, MD
Sara—Midlothian, VA
Emily—Rydal, PA
Lillian—Winchester, VA
Margaux—Towson, MD



—1st Term Seniors—

Randall—Richmond, VA
Anna—Washington, DC
Miryam—Madrid, Spain
Hannah—Weston, CT
Adrienne—Alexandria, VA
Annie—Roanoke, VA
Julia—Charleston, WV
Cameron—Williamsburg, VA
Claire—Williamsburg, VA
Alexandra—Charlottesville, VA
Neale—Roanoke, VA
Sarah—Richmond, VA
Sydney—Raleigh, NC
Maeve—Charlottesville, VA
Mary Elizabeth—Norfolk, VA
Bridgett—Phoenixville, PA
Audrey—Va Beach, VA
Ellen—Va Beach, VA
Madeleine—Rolling Hills, CA
Claiborne—Charlottesville, VA
Peyton—Charlottesville, VA
Julia—Catonsville, MD
Madeline—Norfolk, VA
Courtney—Wynnewood, PA
McRae—Williamsburg, VA
Virginia—Richmond, VA
Emily—Charleston, WV
Emily—Mechanicsville, VA
Lily—Charlottesville, VA
Sarah—Miami, FL
Paloma—Madrid, Spain
Rebecca—Lutherville, MD
Margaret—Wheeling, WV
Margaret—New York, NY
Katherine—Arlington, VA
Caroline—Durham, NC
Caroline—Exmore, VA
Elizabeth—Williamsburg, VA
Elizabeth—Saint Johns, FL
Michelle—Bethesda, MD
Emma—Charlottesville, VA
Elizabeth—Charlottesville, VA
Vivian—Washington, DC

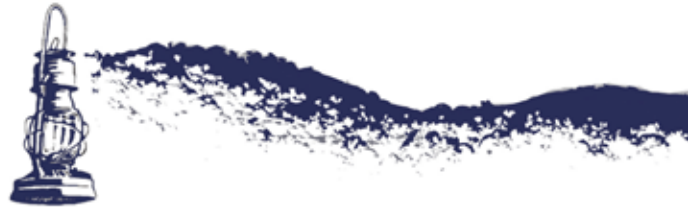
Jessica—Millersville, MD
Samantha—Charlottesville, VA
Kelly—Bethesda, MD
Grace—Roanoke, VA
Anna—Richmond, VA
Eleanor—Alexandria, VA
Rebecca—Easton, MD
Rachael—Nokesville, VA
Anne—Bethesda, MD
Maddox—Arlington, VA
Elizabeth—Lafayette, CA
Eleanor—Arlington, VA
Caitlin—Sterling, VA
Katherine—Owings Mills, MD
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Sara—Midlothian, VA
Caroline—Fredericksburg, VA
Katherine—Charlottesville, VA
Katherine—Mechanicsville, VA
Maggie—Fredericksburg, VA
Matilda—Lynchburg, VA
Emily—Rydal, PA
Nuria—Madrid, Spain
Allie—Manakin-Sabot, VA
Megan—Manakin-Sabot, VA
Whitley—Virginia Beach, VA
Emily—Bethesda, MD
Liza—Richmond, VA
Caroline B.—Richmond, VA
Sharon—Oviedo, FL
Payton—Richmond, VA
Laily—Leesburg, VA
Carmen—MADRID, Spain
Isabella—Petersburg, VA
Jane—Roanoke, VA
Lillian—Winchester, VA
Margaux—Towson, MD
Margaret—Bowling Green, KY

—2nd Term Seniors—

Randall—Richmond, VA
Anna—Washington, DC
Katherine—Fredericksburg, VA
Annalisa—Fredericksburg, VA
Caroline—Alexandria, VA
Alexandra—Charlottesville, VA
Eloise—Alexandria, VA
Sarah—Richmond, VA
Jenny—Midlothian, VA
Carley—Norfolk, VA
Margaret—Alexandria, VA
Elizabeth—Richmond, VA
Eleanor—Fredericksburg, VA
Natalie—Fredericksburg, VA
Audrey—Va Beach, VA
Caroline—Va Beach, VA
Ellen—Va Beach, VA
Carroll—New Canaan, CT
Madeline—Norfolk, VA
Claire—Baltimore, MD
Virginia—Richmond, VA
Emily—Charleston, WV
Annie—Fredericksburg, VA
Eliza—Richmond, VA
Paloma—Madrid, Spain
Madeleine—Alexandria, VA
Nicola—Koenigstein i. Ts., Spain
Ekaterina—Charlottesville, VA
Margaret—New York, NY
Rebel—Front Royal, VA
Anne Elise—Roanoke, VA
Caroline—Greensboro, NC
Gabriela—Fredericksburg, VA
Grace—Midlothian, VA
Myla—Falls Church, VA
Crawford—Alexandria, VA
Camilla—North Yarmouth, ME
Meghan—Vero Beach, FL
Katherine—Alexandria, VA
Minnie—San Antonio, TX
Virginia—Norfolk, VA
Maria—Madrid, Spain
Courtney—Wilmington, DE
Charlotte—Winchester, KY
Sarah—Charlotte, NC
Elizabeth—Oakton, VA
Anna—Richmond, VA
Rachael—Nokesville, VA
Rosie—Thomasville, GA
Fay—Koenigstein i. Ts., Spain
Elizabeth—Lafayette, CA
Ellen—Lafayette, CA
Aminta—Millwood, VA
Katherine—Glyndon, MD
Emily—Portsmouth, VA
Amanda—Johns Creek, GA
Sara—Mount Airy, MD
Charlotte—Bronxville, NY
Margaret Kelly—Summit, NJ
Alexandra—Damascus, MD
Jessica—Damascus, MD
Rebecca—Midlothian, VA
Carly—Damascus, MD
Mary—Damascus, MD
Anna—Maysville, KY
Sara—Midlothian, VA
Sarah—Atlanta, GA
Bridget—Havertown, PA
Emma—Charleston, WV
Sarah—Asheboro, NC
Emily—Rydal, PA
Maddie—Canton, OH
Elizabeth—Virginia Beach, VA
Madeline—Va Beach, VA
Lillian—Winchester, VA
Margaux—Towson, MD
Eleanor—Williamsburg, VA
Miranda—Washington, DC
Hope—Lynchburg, VA
Savannah—Virginia Beach, VA

*The Camp Alleghany family
extends sympathy to the family of Virginia “Ginny” Wolf.
Ginny, former Sr. Head Counselor
passed away in January of this year.
She was 79.*

CAMP ALLEGHANY



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION *TO UNITE, TO GIVE, TO ENRICH*

The Camp Alleghany Alumni Association is Here!

For the past two years a core group of cross-generational alumni and friends of Alleghany have worked to lay a foundation for what is now officially incorporated as the **Camp Alleghany Alumni Association** (CAAA). Giving voice to the hearts of alumni and friends around the world, CAAA charter board members are excited to launch the newest opportunity to stay connected, expand networks, and extend the Camp Alleghany experience to future generations of Alleghany campers.

The CAAA Mission Statement: *To support Camp Alleghany's mission by uniting, giving, and enriching alumni, friends, and campers through loyalty and stewardship.*

The CAAA exists because of the strong desires of both men and women who have been touched by their own 'Ghany experiences and whose lives have been enriched by the lifelong impact of unique bonds formed resultant of those Greenbrier River summers. Friends and family of alumni stand witness to the deep-rooted ties that bind us all because of the timeless community values and traditions instilled through our shared Alleghany spirit.

There is no more perfect time to initiate the CAAA than now! This will be Camp Alleghany's 90th summer of operation. Come celebrate with us, the family and friends of Camp Alleghany, the 90th summer festivities appropriately scheduled for Family Camp 2011 (special events planned throughout the week).

Please visit our new website, www.alleghanyalumni.com, for more information, and feel free to contact any of the Charter Board Members. We, like each of you, represent a unique section of Camp Alleghany's history. Join us as we help build an even broader and more vibrant future for "the camp we all love best!"

Beth Anne Clark-Thomas, Ph.D.
CAAA Board President

and

Julia Cadwallender
Samuel C. Dawson, III
Kitty *Capito* Farrar
Christopher Foster

Jeanette Foster
Taylor Kiland
Michelle *Kahn* Logan
Elizabeth *Dawson* Shreckhise



Ghany Get Together in New Orleans Celebrating Katie Claytor's Engagement

*Back row, left to right: Julia Rowe, Katie Durstock, M.R. Rowe, Ashley Morgan,
Anne Stewart Claytor, Jen Pierson*

Front row, left to right: Maria Tucker, Katie Claytor, Anne Randolph Day