

Thursday, July 8, 2010: Barb's immediate family arrives



I picked up Kim, Dave and Ryder at the KC airport in the morning. Kenny and Andrea arrived from Enid late the Wednesday night. We played with Ryder while Kim and Dave napped.

Brooke worked all day, Kris slept all day since he worked all night Wednesday. Austin was at daycare.

We met at Grandma and Grandpa's for the traditional Kim/Kris/Kenny Grandma meal: beef brisket, broccoli with cheese sauce, macaroni with cheese sauce, fruit salad, and cake. Yum...



I headed home to help Mom in the afternoon. Kris brought Austin from day care when he (Kris) got up -- Gilligan checked out the car seat to see who was in it.

Kenny was kind of tired after working on Kris' yard for him. Wow. Brothers. ;-)



Brooke arrived from work and greeted her baby Austin, I greeted Kim and Dave's baby Ryder when they arrived. (As if I hadn't played with him a good part of the day!)



Dinner was the first meeting of the cousins...

Both were tired and it was cranky time; but the important thing was that everyone had arrived safely.

Once upon a time I was sitting at that table with 3 little ones, all within 5 years of each other...



Daddy Dave says: "Hey Ryder, let's take an up close look at what cousin Austin looks like! This is your cousin!"

Austin says: "I had a hard day and just got my mommy."

Mommy says: "Let's see how long before his cranky time kicks in..."



Grandpa's favorite view of a family meal. Only problem is he's not in it and Dave is hiding behind Kim. Glad my hair is behaving.

Babies are doing well!



Great Grandma says goodnight to Ryder

Friday, July 9, 2010: The Neubert-Jones Clan arrives and it's Play Day for the Jones Cousins



My brother Jim, wife Diana, son Trevor all flew in around noon and we went by the church to see that arrangements were in order. Brandon and his girlfriend drove down from Omaha where her parents live, and we all gathered at Kris and Brooke's for an evening of fun. Quiet day of shopping and preparations for the party on Sunday.

Saturday, July 10, 2010: The party before the party – Kris and Brooke host cousins who have arrived



The youngest set of cousins play while the next set of cousins prepare to host up to 21 through the afternoon and evening.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, and lively games of Korn Hole kept everyone busy. The Baxters from Colorado joined us as well as the Belchers from Liberty, KS.

It was Overall Day for the littlest cousins.



Grandma Barb: "See! I TOLD you they had the same feet! They both have the same big toes and spaces between their other toes and chubby little (ok, big) feet."



Ryder: What are they doing to us? And who are all of them? I've never seen so many people!

Austin: Hey dude, relax. It's gonna be like this for life. See your hand there? You have a thumb tucked in it. if you pull it out and stick it in your mouth like me... well... dude... it kinda tastes, well, familiar. And feels good. Kinda makes that scary tummy ache go away.



4 Generations!



Kim, Ryder, Barb and Austin

Sunday, July 11, 2010: Mom's 80th Birthday Party – 46 Family Gather at Countryside Christian to Celebrate !



Uncle Kenny and Aunt Andrea ready for church... today is Ralph Lauren day for the cousins.



Great Grandpa Gerry, Birthday Girl Virginia, Ryder and Austin... it's been a long day!



Norma, George, Virginia

Older sister Helen not able to attend – resides in nursing home in Tallequah OK.



My brother Jim Jones's family:

Brandon and Keelin
Diana, Jim and Trevor

I couldn't find one of Mom, Dad, Jim, me and our families...



Barb Jones's family:

Back row – Kenny Shuman, Barb, Brooke Shuman, Dave Smith

Middle Row – Andrea Shuman, Kris and Austin Shuman, Kim and Ryder Smith

Front Row – Gerry and Virginia Jones



Wow, we all got in ONE PICTURE!!

I count 42...



Virginia's Birthday cake



Bye.. bye.. Ryder



I love you Ryder...

I hope it's not long before I see you again...



That's all for now... we had a pretty great time together, didn't we, Austin? Yep, we sure did, Ryder!