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JOHNNY CARL HARTLEY

Lawrence & Mina’s fifth-born (b. 1950)

Written by John Hartley

I am Johnny (John) Carl Hartley. Son of William and Mina Hartley. I was born in a cabin on Grandma’s (Mintia Hartley Breedlove) farm outside of Ava, MO, on June 26, 1950. I am the middle child of nine children. Four older brothers, Michael (1945), Edward (1946), Dayton (1947) and Virgil (1948) were all born in California. My four younger siblings were all born in Wichita, KS—Susan (1952), Stephen (1957), Richard (1960) and Barbara (1962).

We moved from Ava, MO, to Wichita, KS, when I was around six months old (late 1950 or early 1951). Dad went to work for Boeing in Wichita.

Childhood Memories in Ava and Wichita

My brothers and sisters and I have lots of fond memories from when we were growing up. Those memories often included our aunts and uncles plus all their kids. We had lots of family get-togethers on weekends and holidays. We enjoyed our trips to Ava to visit Grandma Hartley.

I remember playing basketball and baseball with James and Kenneth (Aunt Kiree’s boys) after they moved from Ava to Wichita when I was about seven.

We spent a lot of time with Aunt Verda and Uncle Eldon and their three boys, Raymond, Jerry, and Gary. Aunt Dochia and Uncle Bill and their children Sue and Joe were always fun to go see or for them to come to our house.

My Dad, Uncle Eldon, Uncle Bill, and us kids would go hunting for rabbits. We used to have epic rabbit hunts; it was not uncommon to get thirty or forty rabbits. We needed the rabbit meat to help feed all of us.

I remember watching Dad, Uncle Eldon, Uncle Bill, and Larry Masters (cousin Sue’s husband) playing penny ante poker at family get-togethers. Life growing up with eight siblings and all the cousins and aunts and uncles and Grandma was a lot of fun. We had lots of great memories.

Our trips to Ava to visit Grandma Hartley, and every-

one were always a lot of fun. We had a car load with mom and dad and all of us kids. My memories of Grandma's house was when she lived across from the school, and Aunt Kiree (and Iris Ann) lived on the other side of the school. Down the street from Grandma's house towards the town square was a place that sold ice cream (a favorite spot for us kids). A little farther down the street was a hardware store that had pretty much everything. The Ava town square was a neat place to visit with old timers playing dominoes at the courthouse and visiting the Hartley Shoe Store. I can remember coming into Ava, and going by the Rawlings Sporting Goods factory. I remember the smell of fire wood being burned in the winter.

Grandma was such a nice and warm person. I remember her front porch and swing. I remember her Pekingese dog. Grandma was an exceptional cook, great fried chicken, great dumplings, and sumptuous homemade biscuits, and homemade jellies and jams. I really wish I would have had memories of her still on the farm. I loved Grandma.

My Adult Life

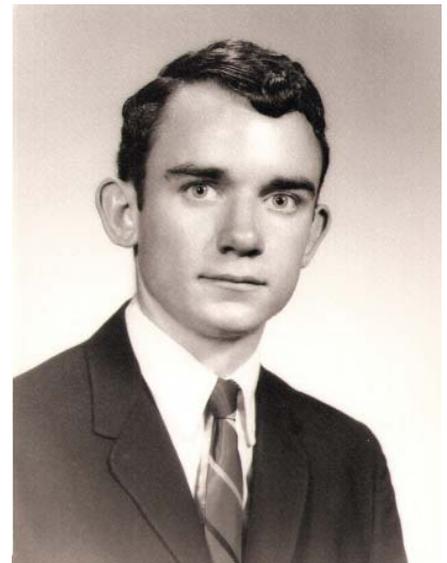
After graduating from Mulvane (KS) High School in 1968, I attended Wichita State University for one semester. Then in February, 1969, I joined the United States Navy. I worked as an Engineman in the Navy, and attained the rank of E-5



Above, John & Marilyn at their 1978 wedding with John's Parents, Lawrence & Mina Hartley.

John's Life in a Nutshell

- Born in western Douglas County, MO (near Arden) in 1950
- Grew up in Wichita area.
- Graduated Mulvane KS High School
- Attended Wichita State University
- Served in U.S. Navy
- Married Marilyn May in 1978,
- Worked in Wichita aircraft plants for 32 years.
- Four children:
 - Katie
 - Jacob
 - Laura
 - Amelia
- Five grandchildren
- Lives in Wichita, KS



John's 1968 high school graduation photo.



Above, early 1970s—John Hartley with his mother, Mina (Bindseil) Hartley at the Hartley home west of Mulvane, KS

(Petty Officer 2nd Class). I was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, and in Key West, Florida.

Two years in a row my ship, the Howard W. Gilmore AS16 (submarine tender) went from Key West to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras (that was a fun time).

When I got discharged from the Navy in December, 1972, my ship was in the shipyards in Mobile, Alabama.

After I got out of the Navy, I went back to school at Wichita State for a couple of years. I worked part time at Sedgwick County Equipment as a mechanic (repairing farm equipment). It was during this time that I met Marilyn. She had come in to help with inventory.

It would be several years later before Marilyn and I met up again, and it was a short engagement and has been a very blessed marriage. On November 11,

1978, I married the girl of my dreams, Marilyn Elizabeth May in Conway Springs, KS. Marilyn was teaching school at the time, and she was from another large family—her parents, Nick and Zita, had sixteen children--nine girls and seven boys. Marilyn has a twin sister named Carolyn.

In January of 1981, I went to work at Boeing Aircraft, as a maintenance mechanic—I kept the machines operating on which Boeing built the airplane parts. I worked at Boeing for 25 years; then it sold out the Boeing Wichita operation, and the company became Spirit Aerosystems.

The company had the same management and people, just a new name on the front of the building. I worked at Spirit for seven years making a total of 32 years at Boeing/Spirit.

I retired on February 28th 2013. Now Marilyn and I enjoy traveling and baby sitting the grandkids. Retirement is great (some days I even ask Marilyn what day of the week it is).



At left, 1978—Lawrence and Mina (Bindseil) Hartley dancing at the wedding reception for their son, John Hartley & his new bride, Marilyn (May) Hartley

John and Marilyn's Family

Marilyn and I are blessed with four children and five grandchildren (as of November, 2014). Our children and grandchildren are as follows:

- **Katie Marie Hartley** born July 19th 1979 in Wichita, KS

- **Jacob William Hartley** born August 28th 1980 in Wichita, KS. Jacob has been blessed with four children.

Braxton Nicholas

Hartley born September 8, 2006,
in Phoenix, Arizona

Twin girls *Ruby Elaine Hartley* and

Lucy Elizabeth Hartley born

October 20, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona

McEwan Johnny Hartley born December 27, 2010,
in Phoenix, Arizona

- **Laura Elizabeth Hartley** born July 11, 1982, in Wichita, KS

- **Amelia Ann Hartley** (Kirk) born February 13, 1986, in Wichita. Her child is Colton Eugene Kirk born September 19, 2012, in Topeka, KS

Our daughter, Amelia, married Jordan Dee Kirk on June 6, 2009, in Schulte, KS. Their first child, Colton Eugene Kirk, born on September 19, 2012, in Topeka, KS, weighed only one pound nine ounces, and spent 152 days in the hospital before he was able to come home. Yes, he is our "Miracle Baby."



Above, John & Marilyn with their grandchildren—Ruby, Lucy, McEwan, Braxton and Colton. The photo was taken August 17, 2014, in front of T-Rex Cafe in Kansas City



Above, John and Marilyn with their children (l-r): Laura, Amelia, Katie, and Jacob. The photo was taken June 18, 2011



Above, L-R: Back Row—
Laura, Amelia, Jordan, Jacob,
Marilyn, Johnny and Katie

Front Row—Braxton, Lucy,
Colton, McEwan, Ruby

Photo was taken August
16, 2014 at Union Station in
Kansas City, MO

More About Our Children

All our children (Katie, Jacob, Laura, and Amelia) attended Saint Peter's Catholic School in Schulte, KS. They all graduated from the eighth grade at Saint Peter's. They all attended and graduated from Goddard High School. During their high school years, at different times, they were able to travel to Europe with school groups. Katie, Jacob, and Laura went with Kansas Ambassadors of Music. Amelia went with EF Educational Tours. It was quite an experience for them.

Katie Hartley—Katie played basketball her freshman year of high school. She was known as “The Gunner”, she was a good shooter and not afraid to jack up a shot. Katie has an excellent singing voice and was part of the Madrigals Choir group. She is also an excellent piano player. After graduating from high school, she enrolled at Wichita State University. After one semester, she decided she wanted to be a little farther from home, so she enrolled at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. She really enjoyed school at Kansas State. She enjoyed K-State sports and all the social activities.

While at K-State, Katie worked at Pizza Hut. She graduated from K-State in May of 2002, with a degree in Public Relations and a secondary degree in International Studies. She

currently lives in Overland Park, KS and works for Accurate Background. Her job with Accurate requires a lot of traveling, which she really enjoys. Katie has seen a lot of the United States and the world. In August of 2013, Katie traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, to assemble re-furbished playground equipment for Kids Around The World (a charity her company supported). She enjoys her nieces and nephews. She also enjoys attending K-State football games and hanging out with friends. Katie is much like her grandfather, William Lawrence Hartley, she never met a stranger. She is a very caring and friendly girl.

Jacob Hartley—Jacob was a member of the choir in high school and was in several theatrical performances. He was a leading character in *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. Jacob was also *The Lunchroom Lady* in a talent contest. His performance was truly hilarious. After graduating from high school, Jacob got a job at Cessna Aircraft. He worked for Cessna for 3 ½ years, the last 2 ½ years as an inspector. During a company-wide lay off, Jacob was laid off from Cessna. Embracing the opportunity, he decided to pursue his dream to become a chef. He enrolled at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Scottsdale, Arizona.

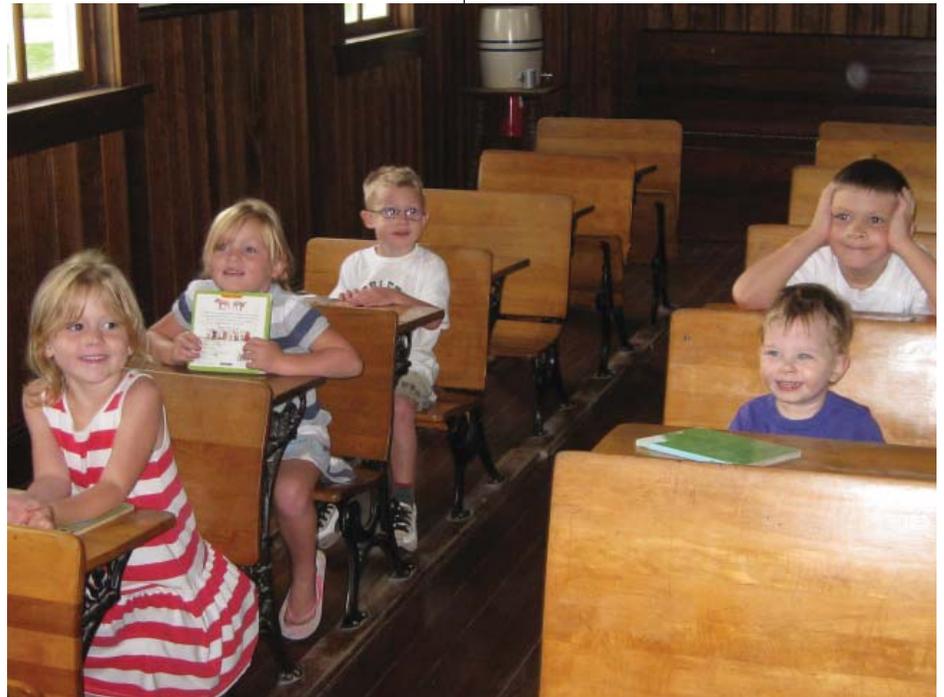
Jacob graduated from Le Cordon Bleu in January 2005. Jacob's four children were born in Phoenix, Arizona (Braxton 2006, twins Ruby & Lucy 2009, and McEwan 2010). After graduating from chef school, Jacob worked as an executive chef at a very nice restaurant in Phoenix called *The Cowboy* and at *AJ's*. In the winter of 2013, Jacob and his family moved back to Wichita. He is currently the head chef for *Blue Moon Catering* in Wichita. Jacob enjoys hunting and cooking and hanging out with his friends and family. He is a very good dad for his children, very patient and loving. Jacob is a hard worker and very well organized with his job.

Laura Hartley—Laura was a manager for the high school football team. Her senior year she was the editor of the school yearbook. Laura was also a page at the state capitol in Topeka, KS. After graduating from

“School is in Session”

Photo taken August 15, 2014 at the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead in Kansas City

Left side—Ruby, Lucy and McEwan
Right side—Colton and Braxton



Marilyn and I are extremely proud of our children. We have been truly blessed.

***John Hartley
2014***

high school, Laura decided to follow her older sister (Katie), and enrolled at Kansas State University.

Laura worked at the Derby Dining Center (the K-State cafeteria) while going to school. In the summer of 2003 she was a counselor at Camp Echo Lake (an all girl's camp) in New York. During the summer of 2005, Laura worked as an intern at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home located in Abilene, KS. Laura graduated from K-State in December 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. She now has her Master's degree in History from Wichita State.

Laura currently lives in Wichita. She is the co-director of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in Wichita, KS. She is very active with community activities (Girls On The Run and various charity fundraisers). Laura enjoys K-State football and Wichita State basketball and she is a big movie buff. She enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews and all the family. Laura is a hard worker and very conscientious about her work. Laura is a very loving and caring daughter.

Amelia (Hartley) Kirk—Amelia was a member of the Girl's Ensemble in high school and co-editor of the high school yearbook her senior year. After graduating from high school, she decided to follow her older sisters, Katie and Laura, to Kansas State University. While at K-State she also worked at the Derby Dining Center (the K-State cafeteria). Amelia graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis on Math. In June of 2009, Amelia married Jordan Dee Kirk at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Schulte, KS. Amelia and Jordan currently live in Manhattan, KS. On September 19th 2012, their first son Colton Eugene, was born. Colton was two months early and spent the first 152 days of his life in the hospital. He is now a very healthy and happy little boy. Amelia runs an in-home day care and Jordan works for a utility company in Manhattan.

Colton is their number one enjoyment. Their "Miracle Baby" came into the world at one pound nine ounces. Amelia and Jordan enjoy K-State sports. Jordan is a Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Braves fan. Amelia and Jordan also enjoy family and friends and their dog, Kirley. Amelia is a meticulous house keeper and a super mom to Colton. Jordan and Amelia are really great parents. Amelia is a very loving and caring girl.

More Photos from the Lawrence Hartley Family

At right, ca 1990—
back row, Richard,
Johnny, Michael,
Dayton & Virgil
Seated: Stephen,
Barbara, Mina, Susan,
and Edward
seated on floor



At left, 1955—L-R:
Susan, Johnny, Virgil,
Edward, Michael and
Dayton with their Uncle
Alvin Bindseil, brother of
Mina (Bindseil) Hartley.