***Melvin John Whitmer***

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You have lived a long, distant life and I want to understand you America, but you are long and distant, shining like a star whose long extinguished light only reaches me in the cool, clear night. Is there are longing for the father or have we lost our way in metaphor. Named the grail, animated her. Set her ahead, behind, made matter mind.

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We recorded a birthday message at River Park Pool wishing Grandpa a happy birthday. His birthday party up north was really nice mom said. Around 40 people came. My cousins Caitlin and Courtney were there- reunited, in the words of my mom; not entirely clear on when the last time they had seen each other. They still looked quite identical in the photo- I have always had a hard time telling them apart. How many cousins do I have again….

Grandpa Whitmer (Grandma Shirley)- 18 Grandkids on Grandpas side; 24 Great grand kids

Grandma Dyer (Dick Dyer)

Debbie Hazel (Andonio Patterfritz)

Bob Hazel

Bobby

Taylor

?????

Patty

Karen Whitmer (Joe Bijarro; Larry Johnson)

Nina Madden (Pat Madden)

Jordan

Parker

Bella

Jody Bijarro

Larry Johnson (?????)

Teddy Johnson (Elizabeth)

Kennedy

Silas

M. Gary Whitmer (Mary Baker)

Hans Whitmer (Aimee Young)

Madine

Cecilia

Nicholas

Brigid

Maria

James

George

Aaron Whitmer (betsy birkey)

Esme

Helena

Elizabeth Chaignot (Adam Chaignot)

Gianna

Marielle

Adelaide

Madeline

Genevieve

Marcus James

Caleb Whitmer (Morgan Brownfield)

Emily Dytor (T.B. Dytor)

Imogen

Zelia

Daniel Whitmer (Jane Baker; Deb ????)

Jason Whitmer

?????

Adam Whitmer (???????)

Scarlet

Caitlin Whitmer

Courtney Whitmer

Annette Pickleman (Marc Pickleman)

Marc Pickleman

Holly Pickleman