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**Welcome to the Family:
Ronan Finn Sorem**



By Bryce Sorem

The Birth of Ronan Finn Sorem and an Excited Big Brother, Kieran

It was a cold Saturday morning on January 27th that started with Kieran crying about something and then proceeded until Daddy Bryce gave in and took him to New Jersey's version of Family Fun Center, Humdinger's. There was much video game playing and batting cage enjoying, and even some stuffed animal winning. We were just sitting down for our luxurious lunch of pizza and chicken fingers when the call came from Mom to get the heck back home cause Kieran's little brother was coming!

I packed up our food and Kieran's newly won stuffed Luigi and Yoshi and darted back home. Once my lovely mother-in-law, Denise, was over to watch Kieran, Bridget and I headed to the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ.



Once we got admitted to the hospital it was only a matter of time until we were finally able to meet our newest addition to the Jersey Sorem family!

Bridget, being the rockstar mom and speed birthing champion, birthed all 9 pounds, 3 ounces and 21.5 inches of our baby son, Ronan, in what seemed to be a blur to me! (I'm sure time was a much different experience for my amazing wife). Ronan Finn Sorem was finally with us at last, and we could hear his cries of joy to finally be with Mommy!

Once things were settled and we got to enjoy the baby, it was time for Kieran to meet his little brother for the first time! I went and picked him up from the front entrance of the hospital and took a very excited little boy upstairs to meet his new best friend for life. As soon as he burst open the door to see Mommy, his first words were, "Where is my baby brother!?!?" We pointed to the other side of the room and the smile on Kieran's face could have lit up Time's Square! Ronan and Kieran were finally together, and our family of four was ready to begin!

We have all come a long way since January 27th but have appreciated all the kind words and being able to FaceTime with some of you since Ronan's birth. I'm sure we will see all of you soon enough and I promise to upload as many pictures as possible. Love to all the Riel Family from the Jersey Sorems!





Brothers are the Best!

News from 32 years ago:

Jason Becomes Student Class Treasurer!



Editor's note: These items were among the many documents sent to Frank Riel for the February 1992, RFNL newsletter. Although this was never published it was filed along with other items sent in that month. These items are now available at Riel.org and are attached to the past editions of the RFNL. Have some fun and see what never got published!

Carol Benesch

latest noteworthy news items from the Benesch household:

Jason becomes Green Schools Student Council Treasurer. I am sending a copy of his speech. John was his campaign manager. He gave his speech in front of the whole school & did a great job. He ran against 12 children & won! Look out world!!! Also thought you might like this news article just for your interest

JOHN: Remember this face
It belongs to Jase.

JASON: I'm no fool
I do well in school.

JOHN: In math he's an ace
He'll be no disgrace.

JASON: So be really cool
And follow this rule.

JOHN: In the treasurer's race
Put an X next to Jase.

JASON: Remember I'm itchin'
For the treasure's position.

JOHN: If you're looking for a jewel
Jason is your tool.

JASON: Let me state my case
Treasurer's my place

JOHN: So start a tradition
Vote Jason, it's your mission.

JASON:
&JOHN: Remember one more time
Our candidate's rhyme:
Remember this face
It belongs to Jase.
In the treasurer's race
Put an X next to Jase.
Remember this face
It belongs to Jase.

Carinda's Baby Shower



By Birdy Hartman-Hall



January 28th was a special day in San Diego for Brett and Carinda because we helped host a baby shower for their newest bundle of joy, due in March. Cleo, their first girl, was hailed into this shower with pink and gold. Carinda and her family team of Grandma Chris and brother Kendall came loaded with food and desserts. I was in charge of decorations and silly games.

Carinda surrounded herself with some of her best friends. After a lovely lunch of spiral sandwiches, fruits and salads, we gathered in the living room to play some games. My personal favorite was the true and false game about Carinda, Brett and Aro. I had an assortment of questions about this esteemed group so that we could see which friend really KNEW their friends. I asked questions like, "Carinda's favorite color was purple because of her love for Prince." (False). "Brett had a collection of He-man action figures as a child. (True). Aro calls his dad da da? (True). It was a lot of fun.



Next, we played a fast paced dice game where each player had to roll 5 dies in hopes of gambling their way into success. The first person to get rid of all of their hearts was the winner! And finally, because two kids add an extra dimension of juggling kids, we played a red solo cup game with some mini pickle balls. Who could bounce and land the most balls in 20 seconds? Cindy, an already seasoned mom of two was a huge contender! The games were unconventional but fun for this group of sweet friends.

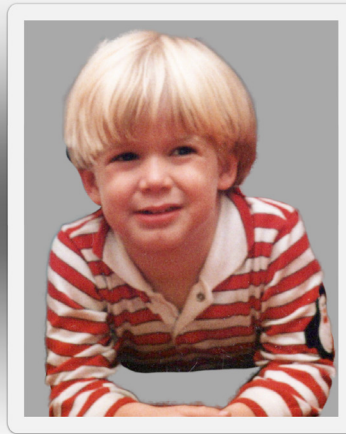


Congratulations to Brett and Carinda for their family. We loved all of these folks that came to help us celebrate this new event. Brett and Carinda truly were delighted by all the gifts they received and were so appreciative! We can't wait to read all about Cleo's birth in March! Cheers!

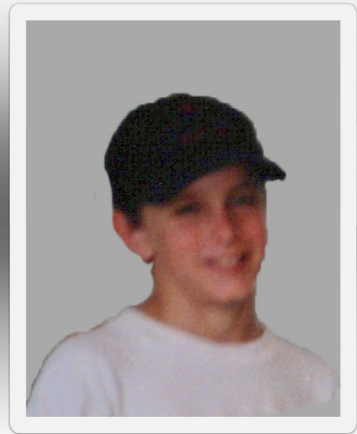




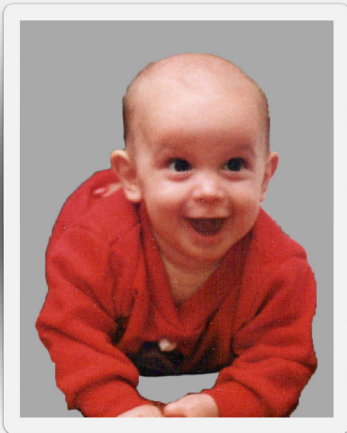
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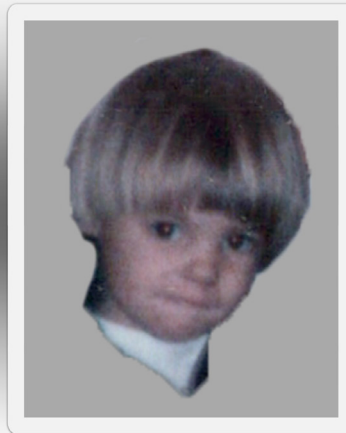
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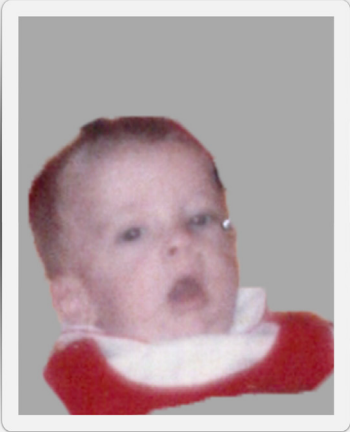


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NEW RFNL CONTEST

Do you know the grandchildren of Frank and Edith Riel??

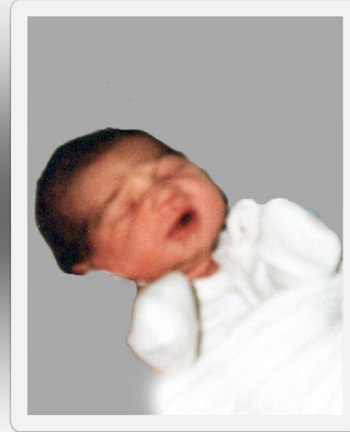
On this and the two following pages are pictures of much younger, Riel Grandchildren. Can you identify every one of them? If so, you and your spouse could win a dinner/drinks night out with Karla and I. Remember the RFNL dinner prize Grandpa Frank used to give away in the white elephant game during Riel Bowl? Well, this is sort of like that, but now you have to earn it. Continued next page....



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Photo I



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Photo J



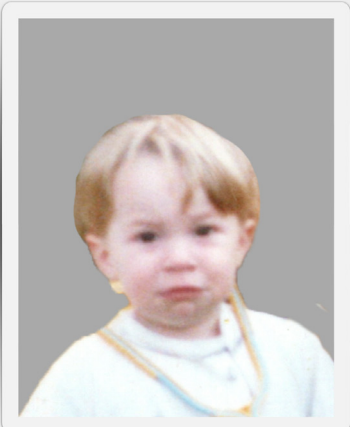
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Photo M



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Photo N

CONTEST RULES

There are eight spaces for you to write down the name of the person in the photo. Not all spaces will be used. The pictures have been taken out of the whole context of the original photo to make it a bit more challenging to figure out who it is. Some are easy, some are not. To be truthful I'm not 100% (more like 98%) sure I even have the right names myself. But that just means you will have to reason it out if there is indeed a mistake. Each of the 21 Grandchildren are pictured here and there are no duplicate names. I did not ask for pictures from anyone so as to make this fair. All of the photos come from Grandpa Frank's pictures. Once you have filled in the spaces below each picture move on to the next step. Continued next page...



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Photo T



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Photo U

Using the Photo ID (A through U) and the numbers below each space you will be able to fill in the secret phrase below. For example, the phrase starts with a single letter which can be found in Photo E, using the fourth letter. Entries must be submitted to me no later than March 1st. The results will be published in the March RFNL. In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff contest also published in March's edition of the RFNL

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____ T6 O3 N2 B2 ____ H5 C4 J4 S6 P4 F2 A6 _____!

FAMILY



I Went to Disneyland with my wife Samantha and son Avery Riel. Couldn't have asked for a better day. I think Avery had a lot of fun too. He got to meet his favorite character Winnie the Pooh!



SHORTS



The picture at the top is a photo of Edith Riel's Father when he was a young man. The photo to the left is a picture of Edith's brothers and sisters before she was born. From left to right is Romulus, Nicholas, Possibly Edith's mom's sister Aglaia or a nanny, Evriklia, little Byron, Xanthippi and Michael.. Cousin Michael shared the picture and guessed the date to be 1923 or 1924. Edith was born in 1925.