



Frances Thorne (Bunny) Horne of Barrington Hills and Ernest Hemingway sit on the running board of Ernest's yellow Ford runabout in August 1928 at the Donnelley-family-owned Folly Ranch in Big Horn, Wyoming.



Bill Horne, eldest grandson of Frances Thorne (Bunny) Horne of Barrington Hills, and Mariel Hemingway, granddaughter of Ernest Hemingway, meet for the first time in Jacksonville, Florida in October 2021.

## Tales of Loss, Hope, and Friendship

TWO EARLY-TO-MID 20TH CENTURY FAMILIES WITH A SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP MEET UP IN THE THIRD GENERATION

MARIEL HEMINGWAY graced the cover of the July/August 2021 issue of *Quintessential Barrington* (kudos to photographer Linda Barrett for the excellent image), and she was featured in the article “Healthy Homes Make a Measurable Difference” with your interview with Healthy Living Expert Victoria Di Iorio, and a profile piece entitled “Mariel Hemingway’s Visit to Barrington”.

You also ran “The Hornes, the Hemingways, and Havana” in that QB issue which featured your interview with my aunt Luigi Mumford, and uncles Ben and Ted Horne, about their childhood recollections of growing up in Barrington Hills and memories of their parents’ (my grandparents’) Bill and Bunny Horne’s relationship with Ernest Hemingway. Recapping, my grandfather and Hemingway both volunteered to be American Red Cross ambulance drivers during WWI after the Army wouldn’t take them, and they were assigned to the same ambulance in Italy. After the war they lived together in Chicago and maintained a life-long friendship thereafter.

As that issue was going to print, I learned from a Vanderbilt college friend (Ann Mackey) that Mariel Hemingway was scheduled to be the keynote

speaker at the Jacksonville Women’s Network (JWN) 2021 Speaker’s Forum on October 7, 2021.


Her address was headlined, “Unstoppable: Sharing Her Family’s Story and Her Message of Hope,” and JWN’s invitation added, “Mariel will share her family story—from the suicides of her grandfather Ernest and her sister Margaux—to her own personal journey from depression to a life filled with purpose and passion.”

I was very interested to hear what she had to say, and to also meet with Mariel if possible. I thank and credit QB personally for introducing and connecting us and making that generation-skipping reuniting of members of the Horne and Hemingway families possible!

I flew to Jacksonville the morning of October 7, was a guest of honor at Ms. Mackey’s table during the luncheon (sitting with Mariel’s friend Melissa Yamaguchi), and had the pleasure of listening to Mariel’s wonderfully told story of loss and hope. Interestingly, much of what she said was discussed in her QB interview. At the conclusion of her talk she took questions from the group, and was generous with her time afterwards meeting with JWN members and taking photographs.

After her address, I met with Mariel privately

and shared some memories of the Horne – Hemingway relationship from my side of the ledger, and heard hers. I mentioned my grandparents were visiting the Hemingway’s in Cuba the day I was born (Easter Sunday, 1958), and showed her the telegram my mother received from Hemingway the day of her wedding (in those days Western Union called the recipient and read the telegram, and as the operator read Hemingway’s name her voice spiked!). I brought copies of the July/August QB issue for her (she loved the cover photo also) which she graciously signed; gave her a copy of a CD of my grandfather speaking to my Loyola Academy sophomore English class back in 1975 about his memories of Hemingway; gave her a copy of a Sheridan Wyoming Library book of Hemingway-related clippings that has him and my grandmother on the cover (same photograph as above).

Mariel’s a beautiful lady and has a remarkable story. It was a joy to meet her and keep our families’ special connection alive. 

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*Bill Horne grew up in Deerfield, visited his grandparents in Barrington Hills often, and now lives on the North Shore.*