

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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Merry Christmas

From Your
Orange & Black,
With Lots of Love and
A Few Reminders of Home
At This Blessed Time of Year.



“I’ll Be Home for Christmas... If Only In My Dreams.”
“Christmas Eve Will Find Me Where The Love Light Gleams.”



Falls Park in Sioux Falls letting you know you are in Winter Wonderland



And Of Course, Our Beautiful Falls Park Frozen Majestically



Some Winter
Memories,
Were Not
Much Fun,

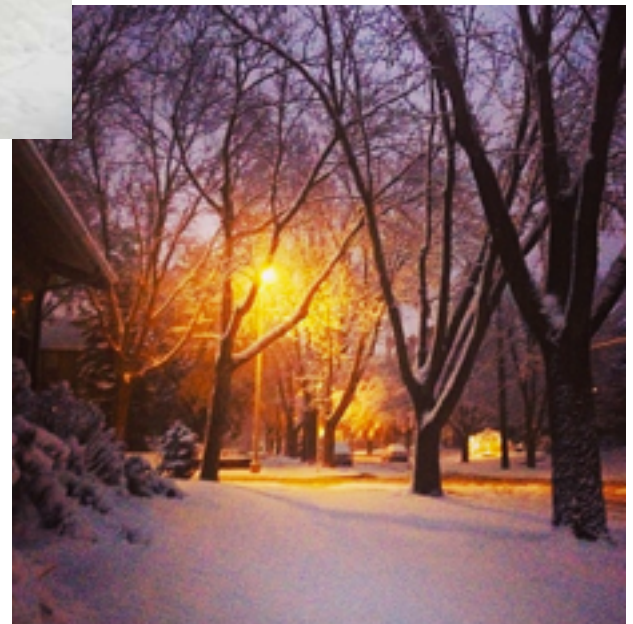


But Sioux Falls Was,
& Still Is,
Always Beautiful,

And Others Were,




Simply
Because
It Will
Always
Be Home!



Our Old Auditorium



Now Meet The New Auditorium!



We should all remember that;
Hope ends when you stop believing,
Love ends when you stop caring,
Friendship ends when you stop sharing,
And Life ends when you stop dreaming.
And we should forget yesterday - it has
already forgotten you.
Don't sweat tomorrow - you haven't
even met.

Instead, open your eyes and
your heart to God's truly
precious gift - today.

Some Trivia Fun For Christmas.

Do You Remember These? I do and I bet you do too.

But see if your kids, grand kids or great grand kids can guess.

(If you should need some help, I will be available all day Christmas Day at jack@jackmphillips.com or 702-735-4111. (Please don't call before 10 AM PDT unless it's an emergency and you are really stumped.)



WHAT'S THE CONNECTION
BETWEEN THESE TWO OBJECTS?



WHAT ARE THESE?



Who is this?



Name of Dog - Name of Boy



What high school class is this?



What is the connection between these two objects?



Who is this?



What is the round button on floorboard?





When asked how they managed to stay together for 65 years, the woman replied, "We were born in a time where if something was broke, you fixed it...

...Not throw it away."



Poor Millie, that was one heck of a hot flash!



Letters to the & B



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 22, 2014, at 9:15 PM, **Jim Redfield '50**,
jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Thanks Jack. It's tough to see all those familiar names as I look back on those memorable days, envision how they looked in my minds eye & remember all the fun, heartaches, the dances, crazy pranks & just plain enjoyment of those years at WHS. This issue is always a tearful trip but thank you so much for what you do. My biggest shock was to hear of Bob Beck's (of "The Barrel" fame) passing who was one of my "best buds" back in the day.

Best to you & yours,
Jim Redfield, Class of '50



Bob Beck '50
WHS Senior Photo



Tom Rich '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 23, 2014, **Thomas L. Rich '54** <tl.rich@rcn.com> wrote:

Still alive and kicking Jack. Moved from Manhattan and on my way to the Caribbean eventually. You can find me at the moment at 1465 Legion Club Road, Unit A, PO Box 305, Faith NC 28041. My cell phone is my telephone at 917-250-5268. My email address is now tl.rich@rcn.com. I have a ton of work in North Carolina and the states around this area as well as a venture in Puerto Rico. My intention is to build a house on a mountain top in Saint Lucia in the Caribbean and live happily ever after there.

Tom Rich '54

On Dec 19, 2014, at 7:11 AM, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thanks for the news. Many names and events proximate to my time '51.

Copy that on the new notation formula. I am a fan of CQI--Continuous Quality Improvement (and it's cousin TQM--Total Quality Management).

In the '90s our health system and all the other national leader systems picked up on the Demming (and his students) impact of "The Quality Movement" and indeed the leaders have fused it with their M O by whatever name.

To show the non fad nature of the move, I tell only my trusted friends, "My first conversion was to Christ; the second was to CQI.

Thanks for your continued MISSION for the WHS Clan !

Christmas Blessings and all things good in '15.

Jim Wylie '51



On Dec 23, 2014, at 1:25 PM, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Again this year I have slowly gone through this exhibit of those we went to school with in the wonderful '50s,

And again this year my heart is heavy as a million thoughts of people and events as I knew them and experienced them rush across the screen of my mind

It's as though it had not occurred to me that they would die.....at all.....so soon, or so it seems.

We all "moved on" and in a thousand different directions.

Having learned by experience and theory in the clinical world the value--the importance--of sadness--- "grief work" (ie Westberg, Ross, et al)--- my soul doth rally and grief turns to thanksgiving for all that was and now is and then of course, what will yet be.

And again sincere thanks to you Jack for this powerful work. Do you know the phrase "Blessed to be a Blessing"? Yes indeed.

In true grief we always find humor...so may I add how pleased I was to note that my name did not occur in the Class of 51 list.

Jim Wylie '51



On Dec 20, 2014, **Suzanne Coughlin '69** <suecoughlin8@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Jack,

I really enjoy receiving the newsletters about the classes of the '50's, especially the photos. Styles have changed! Is anyone reporting the the '60's? I graduated in 1969 and would love to hear from anyone in the sixties.

Keep up the good work!

Suzanne (Houghton) Coughlin

WSHS class of 1969

Editors Response: Sorry Suzanne, but I am not aware of anyone doing a newsletter of any sort for the classes of the 60's. However, you, as are any WHS Alumni, always welcome to write "Letters To The Editor" at any time and pertaining to any class year and I will be glad to print them. Of course I would always encourage, and appreciate, receiving scanned WHS Senior Photos with any Letter To The Editor. Sadly the only yearbook I have after 1959 is the 1960 yearbook. If anyone wants to send me a Christmas present that is what I would like, any WHS yearbook after 1960.

Speaking of receiving wonderful presents and yearbooks, please see the next "Letter To The Editor" from Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers '59.

Merry Christmas Suzanne

Jack Phillips '54

Wonderful O&B Christmas present from Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers

'59.

Dec 12, 2014, **Mary Gayle McDowell '59** & Emmet Rogers

<temmemg@sio.midco.net> wrote:



I am a 1959 graduate of Washington High School and would greatly appreciate being on your newsletter e-mail list. Lee Lane has e-mailed my husband and I several copies and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. You are to be commended for your effort and commitment to this project. I do have in my possession copies of the 1930 and 1935 Orange and Black yearbooks that belonged to my parents. I would be happy to donate them if

needed. **Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers**, class of 1959. My home address is 4700 South Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. E-mail temmemg@sio.midco.net....Thank you. **Mary Gayle**



John McDowell '31
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 14, 2014, **Mary Gayle McDowell '59** & Emmet Rogers
<temmemg@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your hasty response to my e-mail. However I need to make some corrections. I only have two yearbooks. One from **1931 when my father, John McDowell**, graduated. I mistakenly thought it was 1930. The other yearbook is **1935 when my mother, Jeanne Gibson**, graduated. And thank you to your wife for her suggestion to mail them via the Post Office. I will get them in the mail this week. I am looking forward to receiving the newsletter. Thank you for your time and efforts. My information: **Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers**, attended St. Mary Grade School in Sioux Falls, graduated from WHS in 1959, married to Emmet Rogers who graduated from Cathedral High School in 1958. My address is 4700 South Minnesota, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 and my phone number is 605-941-2191. **Mary Gayle**



Jeanne Gibson '35
WHS Senior Photo

Editor's Note: Dear Mary Gayle, I just can't tell you how much I appreciate the WHS 1931 and 1935 Yearbooks. I am truly excited at receiving them and have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. There are so many wonderful and interesting things in both yearbooks that I want to pass on to my readers but there just isn't enough room or time to do it justice in this issue. I will definitely continue reading them and write a complete story on your Mom and Dad, as well as WHS for an upcoming issue.

Mary Gayle just became an O&B subscriber and I warmly welcome both she and her husband, Emmet Rogers who graduated from Cathedral in 1958.

Jack Phillips '54



Jim Koons '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 24, 2014, at 10:10 AM, **Jim Koons '55**

<jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com> wrote:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS:

Thanks for the list of WHS deceased. Unfortunately the list keeps getting longer. I noted a few new names from my Class of 1955. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT I DIDN'T SEE MY NAME. TIME MARCHES ON!

PATTY AND I WISH YOU AND YOURS MANY MORE HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Jim Koons '55. jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com

Thanks my friend. Debra and I wish you and Patty a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year too.
Jack



Mavis Larson '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 20, 2014, at 3:01 PM, MCarl47071@aol.com wrote:
Hi Jack. I am passing on **Jane's (Ackerman '55)** latest update on **Denny York '55**. Denny got sick at Jane's house right after thanksgiving. Has been doctoring at the VA here in sf and now he is at Sanford. Jane has been an angel. **Mavis Larson Carl '55**

-----Original Message-----

From: letmebefree.ackerman6@gmail.com
To: Maviis Carl
Sent: Fri, Dec 19, 2014 11:55 pm
Subject: Re: DENNY

He was at the VA and was transferred to Sanford. Has blockage from a previous old heart surgery. Also, clot in left leg. Pumping him full of stuff. Also had some fluid in his lungs so is having another test for that today - Saturday. I did call his daughters, Juli and DeVee and they came from Rapid. Juli left for home already yesterday. DeVee will stay until Christmas when her husband Kevin will come. Denny is in good spirits, had no pain, just got really dizzy and disoriented and couldn't walk alone. His stint surgery is Monday. He was scheduled to see 4 docs at the VA on Monday also so they will have to be cancelled. He is still in chronic kidney failure. Monday they were to do a CT of the kidneys to see if the pus and infection had drained out. He still has the large kidney stone and it will probably stay there until all this other stuff is taken care of.

Plan is for him to return to my house when he is discharged. I have no idea when that will be. I feel so bad for him. **Jane Ackerman '55**



Jane Ackerman '55
WHS Senior Photo



Denny York '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Fri, Dec 19, 2014 at 2:58 PM, <mcarl47071@aol.com> wrote:
HI JANE. I know you have your hands full. Just hope you can let Sheila and I know how Denny is and if we can help. **Mavis Larson Carl '55**



Mary Westphal '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 24, 2014, at 10:30 AM, **Mary Westphal Dvorkin '59** <mrwkd@sbcglobal.net> wrote:
Glenda Westphal Gelston - Class of 1956
Did not find her listed in this year. Possibly overlooked?
Just wanted to keep you informed.
Thanks and really appreciate receiving your e-mails on a regular basis

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Mary Westphal Dvorkin '59



Glenda Westphal '56
WHS Senior Photo

Editors Note: I have written Mary apologizing for leaving Glenda's name off of the '56 Deceased List that just went out on 12-22-14. It was strictly my mistake and Mary assured me that she understood completely. A Special Edition did go out on Brenda on July 7, 2014 and her name has now been added to the class of '56's Deceased List. As always, I sincerely appreciate letters like Mary's letting me know of a mistake.



Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 24, 2014, **Carl Turco '58** <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Dear Jack & Debra, Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you, and your Families. Just a "thank you", for all you do, for the WHS Alumni. It is a demanding and dedicated job, that you do so well. It keeps us informed, of happenings, that we would never know about, because we are so scattered about the USA. Keep sending, and I will continue to enjoy every issue.

Sincerely, **Carl Turco '58**

Thank you Carl. Debra and I wish you and Marlene a wonderful holiday season too. jack



And A Healthy & Happy New Year!