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55th Reunion Report

Dedicated to Sharon Gerry Kramer.



Some of our 74 classmates saying hello to Sharon Gerry Kramer at the Friday night dinner.



Sharon Gerry
Kramer

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Sharon Gerry Nelson's daughter, Pam Nelson, informed me last March that Sharon had suffered a "major stroke" in March of 2008 and is now living with her in McAllen, TX. Pam wrote me that

Sharon would be unable to attend our reunion, but would love hearing from her old classmates. At that time I forwarded you her address hoping everyone would write her.

Pam wrote again this past summer saying, "**Mom loves the 'Orange & Black' - she reads it several times**" and that Sharon is "**doing fine**", but has trouble with short term memory.

At the reunion we took this picture with "**Sharon**" spelled out to show her she was being thought of. Everyone signed a card and/or the letters being held in this photo and they will be sent to Sharon along with all 3 volumes of the 50's music CD, "**Precious Memories**". Please take a minute to send Sharon a card, or even an email.

A Very Special Thanks To Six Very Special People.



Nancy Holm Renner, Don Renner & Beverly Caesar Baartman accepting their well deserved plaques for their 55 years of tireless & devoted service to our class. We can never thank the 3 of them enough for all they have done for the WHS Class of 1954.



Roger Malcomb & Wayne Mitchell accepting "Thank You" plaques for co-chairmaning our 55th Reunion.

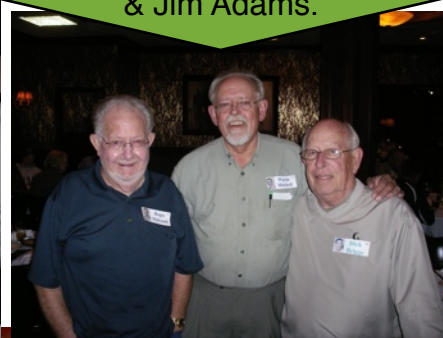


Dick Briggs was also extended great thanks for his service and hard work on the Reunion Committee.

Photos from the "Unofficial" Thursday night kickoff dinner at Minerva's

Special Thanks to the following for their photo contributions of the weekend.

Linda Bradley Benson, Bob Zimmerman, Betty Hodge, Harry Hoiland, Gary Norbraten & Jim Adams.







*See Friday and Saturday Reunion Photos In The Next
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**Only 6 Classmates Still On
Missing List.**

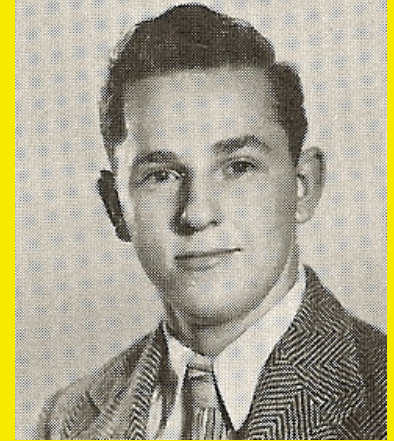
At Reunion time we had found all but 7 of our missing classmates. Through a lead at the reunion that Robert Young last lived in the Milwaukee area we were able to learn that he had died of a heart attack in 1987. So we must now add him to our deceased list, increasing that number to 105.

Here are the yearbook photos of the remaining 6 missing classmates.

Can you help us find them?



Merlyn J. Christensen



John Frederickson



Maxine Frost



Karen M. Gulbranson



Cynthia A. Nold Johnson



Lavonne S. Omer Stockstad



HAMBURGER INN

This photo taken during the reunion by Jim Adams of the world famous, well at least Sioux Falls famous, Hamburger Inn, got considerable Internet circulation among a lot of the guys immediately following our 55th Reunion.

The big question was, how much were their hamburgers when we were in high school? After much debate, it was agreed they were 10 cents, or 12 for a dollar. And boy they were good, especially when devoured with a Royal Crown Cola at the Idle Hour Pool Hall located right next door across the alley.

Boy those were the good old days!

NURSES' OXFORDS
White - Black - Brown Kid
AA to C
X RAY FITTED

\$3.45

\$3.45

LOUIS FELDMAN'S
FAMILY SHOE STORE
Paulton Bldg.—South of Gas Co.

Gary Norbratten sent in this old Feldman's Shoe Store ad showing their foot X-Ray machine and asked how many of you remember it. It certainly brought back old memories to me.



You all remember the great picture of Ron Veenker as the "Great White Hunter". Well the girls did not want to be outdone. Who can guess who this "Great White Huntress" is?



Our Texas Classmates headed home from the Reunion. The word is that South Dakota officials saw them to the state line. Don't forget to watch the Oklahoma/Texas game this Saturday on ABC at 12 noon EST.

WHS's 1953 Royalty

What A Great Homecoming!

Queen Sandy Sona and Marshal Wayne Gustafson with their Royal attendants.

by Sharon Moreen

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31st annual
ORANGE LETTER DAY
And then we beat Sioux
City Central 35 to 7.

The great Oklahoman, Will Rogers, observed that there are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.