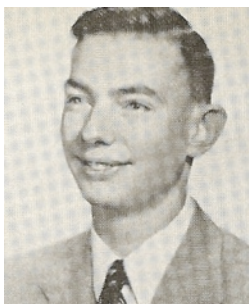


# ORANGE & BLACK

NO 7 WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS of 1954, SIOUX FALLS, SD 2009

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Dear JACK,

Here is a brief bio since I left WHS in 1954. *I majored in business and minored in political science at Northwestern U where I attended on a NROTC scholarship. After graduation and a brief 3 months at Athens, GA for supply corps school, I served on active duty in the US Navy from 1958-1961. Staying in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a Captain, Supply Corps, USNR(Ret) after 30 years total service.*

*My folks had moved to Austin, Texas where I received my Ph d. in American government with a minor in economics. My wife, Robin Anne West, and I were married in Austin on July 10, 1965. Following our time in Austin I taught government and public*

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## New Class "MASTER LIST" Now Available

### Only 7 Classmates Still Missing!

Literally hundreds of hours of work went into arriving at what I think might be the most complete and up to date Class "Master List" we have ever had. I would like to thank everyone who has helped find almost all of our missing classmates, but I especially want to thank Glenn Gulbranson and Carolyn Berry Christie. And of course I must thank Beverly Caesar Baartman for typing it and having it printed for us again .

Eight months ago at the beginning of a really thorough search there were about 100 classmates on our missing list. Today, I am very proud to say that there are only 7 classmates still on that list. We will never stop looking for these 7 classmates, but so far we have been unsuccessful in finding them. Any help you can offer in finding any of them would be greatly appreciated.

### *Do you know where any of these 7 people are?*

**Merlyn J. Christensen, John Frederickson, Maxine Frost,  
Karen M. Gulbranson, Cynthia A. Nold Johnson,  
Lavonne S. Omer Stockstad, Robert A. Young.**

## ORDER YOUR COPY OF THE "MASTER LIST"

It has taken me 5 years to collect the almost 180 classmate Email addresses that I now have on my computer. Now you can have them all for just \$10.00. Email addresses plus all other contact info and spouse names are included in the new Master List. If you would like to pick up a copy at the reunion for \$10.00 just Email Beverly Caesar Baartman at [hbbaartman80@gmail.com](mailto:hbbaartman80@gmail.com) and ask her to reserve a copy for you. If you are not attending the reunion you can send her a check for \$12.00 and she will mail you a copy. Beverly's address is 6509 E. Quartzite Dr. Sioux Falls, SD 57110

administration at various higher educational institutions including University of South Carolina, Georgia State University, East Texas State University in Texarkana where I headed the public administration program.

My son was born in Columbia S.C. in 1967 and my daughter was born in Atlanta. During the 1971-1972 I served as a Public Administration Fellow with U.S. Housing and Urban Development in the Office of Personnel. While teaching government at Univ. of South Carolina, I got the city and some 45 different groups to adopt the First Air Cavalry Division in South Vietnam, sending supplies to our troops including a cement mixer out of Charleston. ABC News taped a half hour story on the RSVP (Rally Support for Viet Nam Personnel) for showing on ABC.



**Dave giving "I Like Me" books to elementary school children.**

have taught at Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio College, Texas State University and St. Phillips College over the years and have sold insurance for New York Life Insurance and sold real estate for several real estate companies. Since June 2004 I have been one of the SCORE counselors, serving as chair of our 38 member volunteers providing business counseling to those in business and in non-profit companies, during 1906-1907. Have been active in rotary for the past 23 years and have served twice as an Assistant district governor. Currently I am an honorary member of the Mission Trail rotary Club of San Antonio. I have two children (Elizabeth, age 39, and John, age 42) and 6 grandchildren.

This should give you a little of my background. Now I am an Assistant Director for SCORE working to establish SCORE chapters in Laredo, Victoria, and San Angelo.

**End**

**This will be Dave's 1st WHS reunion. It will also be his 1st time in Sioux Falls in 55 years. Welcome!**



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Jack,

The biographies included in the O & B are really interesting. Washington High produced well educated kids who could step up into the next great challenge in their lives, college, service and all that which comes after. I realized after reading the articles I was really interested in what everyone was doing through the years.

I look back at high school with great fondness. It led me to Augustana College then a masters in Physics at Iowa State. After Iowa State I taught at the U of North Dakota for three years where I met my future wife. In 1964 I moved to U of Hartford, Hartford, Ct where I taught for four years while I attended graduate school at the University of Connecticut, completing my PhD in Physics at Uconn in 1970. They asked me to stay on as a faculty member so I settled in at Uconn for 21 years, retiring in 1991.

My wife, Joanne, and I were married in 1967, have one daughter and the three of

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**Robin and Dave at Rotary Xmas Party.**

Robin and I came to San Antonio in the summer of 1978. While in San Antonio, I



us moved to the Springfield, Missouri, area for retirement in the summer of 1991. We have a house on 80 acres outside the rural community of Seymour, MO. Our neighbors are black bear (a little too persistent!), deer, turkeys, cougars and armadillos. For most of the 18 years in this area I have been involved in volunteer work and started the Seymour Community Foundation in 1998. Joanne and I keep busy with our delightful 7 year old



***Ron and Joanne enjoying retirement in their rocking chars on their front porch with their granddaughter, Hannah. Isn't this what we all have worked 55 years for?***

granddaughter, Hannah and her mother, Heather and manage to stay active giving talks to rural communities about starting rural community Foundations.

All of this was possible because of the very solid basic education I received in Washington High and the lower grades in Sioux Falls. Hope to see you at the reunion.

**End**



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### Last Minute Reunion Addition

Joe Floyd and his son have been "working on a collection of pre and post war Fords" and they have generously offered us a tour of their collection. The tour is scheduled for 10 AM on Saturday. Address and directions will be provided at the Friday night dinner. The photos below are a sample of what you will see. Thanks Joe





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### Jim Adams Biographical S k e t c h

Except for a half dozen former classmates with whom I've kept in touch, I haven't seen my fellow HS graduates for 55+ years! I've never attended a Reunion and have lots of catching up to do. I've changed so much I'll have to wear a name tag. I've been pretty busy over the 55 years since graduating from Washington High. I bring here a brief synopsis of my past, especially after the misspent part of it.

I'm sure most of our fellow '54 alumni from Washington High would agree with me that our high school years were phenomenal, a period of newfound prosperity and freedom. High school kids everywhere were having a good time . . . it was the fabulous fifties! I took tremendous advantage of the freedom since I lacked a shred of maturity. It's amazing that I survived, but I don't regret a minute of it.

Not only did I survive WHS, but apparently learned some stuff, which pretty much allowed me to coast for the first year at the School of Mines, where I started college in the fall of 1954. Maturity had still not set in, so I marked time the first two years. Luckily I had an epiphany between my junior or senior years,

perhaps because I met a girl, or maybe it was just the caffeine. I finished Mines in 1958 and married Sherry in October of that year. After a brief job with Boeing and having fulfilled my military obligation with the US Army Chemical Corps, I went on to obtain a PhD in Engineering (mainly Physics) from the University of Washington (in Seattle.) It was in the fall of 1962 that



**Jim & Sherry's 50th anniversary 2008**

I finished, a year of significant demand for physicists and engineers. Sherry and I moved to Sacramento with our one-year-old daughter, Cynthia, where I joined Aerojet-General as a rocket scientist. Yup, I was a rocket scientist and had a wonderful eight years doing all kinds of mysterious stuff, much of which you will never read about. Most of what I did was in the realm of optical physics, not much to do with rockets.

We all know the saying . . . "it doesn't take a rocket scientist to . . ." Almost anything can be done without a rocket scientist, so . . . I left the aerospace industry in 1968 to join a multinational pharmaceutical company, Hoffmann La Roche,

moving the family from Sacramento to New Jersey. By that time we had two kids. I was hired as Principal Scientist, a member of a small nucleus of physical scientists (we weren't geeks or nerds) working to bring the pharmaceutical industry into the twentieth century by applying aerospace technology. It was a spectacular job. I grew a full beard, the only employee in this staid Swiss company to do so at the time. (I was filling a psychological need to grow hair somewhere above the neck.) At that time the company was minting money from the sales of Librium and Valium, both Roche developments. These drugs were the number one and number two drugs in



**Jim with SC Senator Strom Thurmond at a 1988 plant opening.**

the world in the early '70's, so our research budget at Roche was almost boundless. Along with our work on automation, Roche actually funded our study of urban transport in the early '70's; even with the oil embargo, however, urban areas weren't ready to embrace the idea of any transit except the automobile.

In the mid-'70's, Roche wanted me to take over

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Pharmaceutical Operations at their startup in Puerto Rico. When I came home with the news, Sherry said; "Send out your resume." She didn't warm to the idea of moving with two children to Puerto Rico. Imagine that! I left Roche to join the German Conglomerate Bayer AG, and soon became involved in developing the manufacturing and business of an affiliated U. S. company, a manufacturer of specialty chemicals used in pharmaceuticals, food and cosmetics. I learned German, mostly by osmosis, most of which I have now forgotten. ("Use it or lose it" is a truism.) The Germans were a delightful group to work with, not at all fitting the still popular American perception of the German culture. The one very accurate perception is that Germans drink a lot of beer. Beer is the National Food in Germany. And they are a joy to associate with, having a delightful, refreshing and inventive sense of humor. Meetings were intense and focused, but often hilarious, as we struggled in our own language to use an idiom in the other language. We thought globally and focused locally; we were successful.

In 1996, I retired after sixteen years as President and CEO of the company, which in that year had sales of over \$300 million and 1200 employees, the result of 7 successful acquisitions and 7 others that fell through. I thought that it was time to retire and the Board agreed. Sherry and I made plans to move to San Diego. Just about this time I was recruited by folks in the industry to manage an international trade association headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It was a fascinating idea so I spent the next two years

(1996-1998) as President of IFRA, which worked on mitigating cosmetic industry regulations being formulated by the European Union during that period. The EU was in its formative stages: the bureaucrats in Brussels and we business types were all learning together. It was cool to be able to speak German; however Geneva is in the French part of Switzerland and 98% of the residents speak better English than I do. I could read the menus.

urban transport, management, productivity and trade. Besides continuing to serve on a small number of corporate boards following retirement, I was involved in public speaking and consulting on organizational structure, business systems and planning until moving to the Hill Country of Texas. I was listed in *Who's Who in America* over a 25 year period, starting in 1980. Maybe I'm still listed, but I haven't looked at the publication for at least



***The Adams family on the San Diego coast in 2006. Far left is son Chris, daughter. Cvnthia. far rieht. Jim & Sherrv back row rieht.***

During my business career I served on numerous boards of directors and a stint on a congressional manufacturing task force; I received several awards for industrial achievement along the way. During my aerospace period and subsequently, I developed twenty-six patents and authored over 40 papers on thermodynamics, emission spectroscopy, signature recognition,

10 years.

Since 1998, I've been involved as a volunteer advising business startups and providing workshops and training sessions for small business clients. Initially I did this for SCORE San Diego, an organization operated under the auspices of the Small Business Administration. Presently I'm

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involved with the Business Accelerator, a group operated jointly between the Chamber of Commerce and Schreiner University in Kerrville,



**Jim & Sherry at the 1993 U S Open at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ where Sherry worked on the leader board.**

TX, where we now live. (We moved to Kerrville in 2006, to escape the increasing congestion of San Diego.)

Sherry and I have been married for 51 years and share an interest in art, travel, music, New York and volunteering. We have two children, Cynthia and Christopher, and three granddaughters, who live in Dubai and San Diego. Sherry and I have lived in Seattle; Anniston, Alabama; Sacramento, CA; New Jersey; Germany; Charleston, SC; San Diego and Kerrville, Texas.

I have realized, long before this, that I've been very lucky, with the luckiest part being born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, United States of America.

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**This will also be Jim's first WHS Reunion. I sincerely hope all of you 1st timers enjoy your weekend.**

## Summary of Reunion Activities.

**OFFICIAL Activities = "O" and UNOFFICIAL Activities = "U"**

- U - **Thursday 7 PM**; Dinner at Minerva's.
- U - **Friday 9:30 AM**; Breakfast, Holiday Inn City Centre.
- O - **Friday 4:30 PM**; Registration, Westward Ho Country Club.
- U - **Saturday 9:30 AM**; Breakfast, Holiday Inn City Centre.
- U - **Saturday 10 AM**; Tour of Joe Floyd's automobile collection.
- O - **Saturday 2 PM**; Tour of The Pavilion.
- O - **Saturday 7 PM**; Dance & Socializing, Holiday Inn City Centre.
- Note: You should have dinner before arriving at the dance.*
- U - **Sunday 10 AM**; Farewell Brunch, \$14.00 each, Holiday Inn.



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Jack, I came across some old stuff that I don't think I've looked at since we graduated. News clippings. Orange and Blacks, grad photos, etc. Recognize anyone in this pic? Keith



Line Coach Grant Heckenlively of Washington High School demonstrates a bit of line strategy to the 10 senior linemen on the Warrior squad, who will be playing their final game Friday night at Fort Dodge. Back row, left to right, are end Wayne Gustafson,

guard Steve Beckman, tackle Bob Amburn, center Paul Rogness, and end Ron Salem. Front row are guard Keith Morrill, end Hal Erickson, tackle Jack Phillips, guard Don Amundson and guard Jerry Nelson. —Photo by Herb Qualset

**Looking forward to seeing EVERYONE in Sioux Falls next weekend!**

# 104 Deceased Members of WFS 1954 Class

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\* Indicates the 1 name added since last update.



Shirley Albertus  
Robert Amburn  
Sonja Anderson  
Bonnie Assam  
Richard Bakke  
Steve Beckman  
Stewart Bellman  
Marcia Bishop  
Don Boyd  
Jerome Braa  
Robert Briggs  
Richard Byllesby  
Wesley Calhoun  
Ronald Carl  
Warren Clancey  
Shari Clayton  
Robert Crowe  
Clarence Curry  
Dwayne Danielson  
Elizabeth Darger  
Barbara Denbow  
Joan Determan  
Evangeline Dick  
Helen Eggers  
Peter Eide  
Richard Engel  
Kathryn Engen  
Dorothy Ennis  
John Enright  
Joy Erickson  
James Fjelseth  
Darwin Fletcher  
Mary Freeburn  
Barbara Getman  
Earl Getty  
Julie Gibson  
JoAnne Gill

Janice Gray  
Dorothy Grey  
Sharon Gunderson \*  
Leon Halstead  
Robert Hammers  
Marilyn Joy Hansen  
Don Harriman  
Shirley Hathway  
Lee Hayden  
Verlyn Helgersen  
Richard Hoier  
Joanne Hovdestad  
Lila Husby  
Ron Iossi  
Jackie Janisch  
Janice Johnke  
James Lancaster  
Evelyn Larson  
Paul Lindberg  
Marilyn Lundberg  
Merlyn MacArthur  
Mary Maxwell  
Kathryn McCahren  
Myrna McFarlane  
Neva Meyer  
James Moe  
James Morris  
Ann Nachel  
Robert Nason  
Melva Neuberger  
Beverly Ordal

James Palm  
Carolyn Palmer  
Ken Palmer  
Timmy Peaker  
Frank Peck  
Marylou Petrie  
Bayard Phillips  
Thomas Poulos  
Clarence Quigley  
Jerry Reedy  
Ernest Renner  
Fay Robb  
Ed Roberts  
Tom Robertson  
Paul Rogness  
Jerry Rohl  
Edith Rowlee  
Robert Sacre  
John Sears  
Constance Shank  
Pat Stoops  
Maurice Studer  
Darwin Sweeney  
Fred Sykes  
Wynn Tabbert  
John Tapken  
Stan Thoeke  
Glenda Thompson  
Lois Thorton  
Bill Timmerman  
Louie Tobiass  
Betty Lou Tuller  
Vance Turgeon  
Ron VanRegenmorter  
Dorothy Wallbaum  
Mary Williams (104)