

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

An Internet Publication Especially for the Classes of the 1950's Decade. Your Photos & Stories Are Both Requested & Encouraged. Please Send to Jack Phillips: jackmp@me.com

*On This, Our Most Sacred Holiday, We Remember
Our Beloved Lost Classmates.*

WHS Classes of 1950 to 1959.

*If we cherish their memories,
they will live forever in our hearts.*





107 Deceased Members of WFS 1950 Class



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* One addition since last update.

Kenneth Ackerman
Joe Adams
Eugene Adamson
Glenn Anderson
Virginia Anderson
Joe Artman
Fred Assam
Nancy Barber
Carol Barnes
Doris Benson
Roger Berdahl
Barbara Boyce
Albert Butler
Marvin Berry
Glenn Bertness
Bob Bissell
Leonard Blackburn
Joe Brown
Peggy Buck
Roger Carnahan
Robert Crampton
William Crampton
Darrell Carpenter
Virgil Carlson
Sterling Crandall
Mary Crusinberry *
Connie Dickenson
Gene Donovan
Betty E. Erickson
Donna Erickson
Jim Elmen
Dick Enright
Dick Emery
Don Falmoe
Darwin Fields
Erwin Fields
Barbara Fremming
Barbara Fritts
Arlene Foster
Bob Garrett
Marlene Glendenning



Gordon Graff
Sharon Graff
Millie Hackett
Barbara Hanger
Bob Hanish
Fred Heib
Preston Hippen
Audrey Hoover
Bill Jacomet
Jim Henry Johnson
Richard Johnson
Harold Jones
Marlene Kapp
Wally Krohn
Jim Kepford
Lane Kuper
Carmen Legg
Joanne Livingston
Darlene Luther
Gerald Morgan
Mickey McDowell
Frank Miller
Bob Minick
Marlow D. Neuberger
Don Peterson

Corrine Plagman
Dale Plooster
Dennis Plooster
George Poletes
Huge Ranny
Dena Rallis
Ron A. Richardson
DeVona Rothenbuehler
Lavonne Richards
Lou Roberts
Chad Rogers
Martin Rosebrock
Marlene Rumohr
Donna Satter
Richard Sarver
Miriam Schafersman
Jerry Scott
Jim Sherman
Charles Simpson
Vernon Skadsen
Jim Slocum
Pat Stanton
Sandra Stenson
Hallie Stephens
Marilyn Strass
Dick Swedeen
Joan Tabor
John Teeman
Ruth Thompson
Betty Thorstenson
Charles Thurston
Janice Timmerman
Douglas Tremere
Don Tunge
Robert T. Wagner *
Beverly Warner
Nancy West
Marjorie White
Jim Wilkerson
Janet Wizbach
Lawrence Youngren (107)



76 Deceased Members of WFS 1951 Class



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* Two additions since last update

Ellen Aggergaard
Donna Mae Allen
Kenneth Anderson
Roger Bakke
Bonnie Beck
Wanita Behymer
Dorothy Brasel
Lois Brown
Mary Lou Calkins
Mary Chaney
Roger Christensen
Fritz Clements
Gene Cowan
Jackie Cowman
Richard Dargen
Tom Darr
Mary Ann Davis
Leah Derscheid
Joyce Duff
Barbara Dunn
Claire Eichinger
Darold Erickson
Duane Floren
Russell Gaffney
Margaret Gildemeister
Donald Ginther
William Goebel *
Jerrould Greene
Doris Mae Groth
Robert Hersrud



Charles Hibbison
Dale Hintze
Richard Irvine
Barbara Jameson
Natalie Jensen
Dennis Johnson
Robert Jolivette
Richard "Dick" Kersten
Ken Kirkvold
Bill Kraft
Carol Larson
Robert "Bob" Larson
Carolee Leffert
June Lehman
Dan Lennon
Mary Lindekugel

Florence Lying
Arnold Martens
Patricia McCabe
Joan McGuire
Robert (Frank) Miller
Donna Murray
Sandra Murray
Robert Naylor
Joan Neuhermel
Patricial Nielsen
Bud Oistad
Kay Pasco
Richard Peterson
Helen Rallis
Dolores Runsberg
Frank Raymond
Gerald Schryver
Marlene Shelton
June Stene
Douglas Sugrue
Bill Townley
James Unzicker
Phyllis Wachendorf
Betty Walsh
Gerald Warren
Dwane Watson
LeOra Wikle
LaBelle Wilson
Barbara Zimmerman *
Margaret Zimmerman (76)

108 Deceased Members of WFS 1952 Class

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Updated December 23, 2011

* Three additions since last update.

Allen Alderson
 Ron Alexander
 June Anderson
 Laramie Askin
 Richard Assam
 Emmett Aus
 Jack Bauch
 Keith Bedford *
 Dick Benson
 Orlen Berg
 Suzanne Berry
 Dick Bills
 Enneth Bird
 Betty Buckley
 George Burke
 Carol Burtch
 Donna Buus
 Sylvia Carlson
 Francis Chase
 Delano Collins
 Terry Conahan
 Shirley Cords
 Chester Cunningham
 James De Vries
 Roger Dean
 Peggy Dornberger
 Barbara Downard
 Alyce Erickson
 Nona Farstead
 Gladys Fenster
 Michael Fider
 Darlene Fields
 Paul Fjelseth
 Patricia Fletcher
 Marlene Foss
 George Fredrickson
 Norma Fritts
 Denny Fuehrer
 Wayne Gabel
 Terrence Gelston



Harold Getty
 Art Goodsite
 Chris Graham
 Dennis Griffith
 Dorothy Hammers
 Kay Hanna
 Thomas Hill
 Barbara Hollmotz
 Dwight Hoover
 Roger Houck
 Don Irwin
 Jack Jennewine
 Ronald Johnson
 Jack Jones
 Sally Jones
 Dorothy Keller
 Neil Kelley
 Richard Kenney
 Harold Kirkegaard
 Dick Kittleson
 James Kolb
 Connie Kotz
 Gloria Kurth
 Selda Lacey
 Bill Legel
 Marya Leppik
 Alice Linton
 Wayne Malone *

Bob Manion *
 Jack McElrath
 Doug McKenzie
 Chuck Miller
 Frank Miller
 Barbara Miller
 Laurel Mitchell
 Jim Monick
 Mary Jean Mueller
 Donna Murray,
 Wylum Nelson
 Faye Nelson
 Jane Nelson
 Glen Olson
 Mary Ellen Otteson
 Betty Pederson
 Robert Peters
 Robert Phillips
 Parker Powell
 Lois Prince
 Jay Pryor
 Margaret Roskeland
 Bob Schmidt
 Mary Schoebotham
 Joan Scott
 John Scott
 Ona Mae Searls
 Helen Simpson
 Shirley Smith
 Nancy Sweet
 Gordon Swenson
 Janet Teeman
 Gordon Thorstenson
 Margie Timmerman
 Sharon Tradup
 Shirley Twedell
 Adele Van Loh
 Joe Waters
 Leora Wikel
 Mary Woods (108)



109 Deceased Members of WFS 1953 Class



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* Three additions since last update.

Dick Amundson
Florence Anderson
Bill Baker
Stanley Andrew Barbas
Dave Bates
Roger Beckstrom
Alan Benson
Glen Bethke
Keith Bissell
Jerry Borden
Johnnie Boyd
Rev. Ono Brandt
Rob Brenner
Bruce Bringgold
Phyllis Brooks
Theresa Burhenn
Jane Butler
Charlene Callanan
Wanda Carlson
Eldon Christensen
David Dalthorp
time Audrey Doorn
Dick Erickson
Mary Fokken
Norman Foster
Shirley Fredrickson
Coralie Frost
Eileen Gage
Harold Gerry
Maynard Getman
Blaine Gilcher
Carolyn Graff
Lavvonne Gunderson
Luanne Gunderson
Jim Hagen
Sylvan Hagen
Claude Hamilton
Shirley Handel
Sonja Hanson
Robert Hanvelt



Alvina Hartman
Herb Hawkey
Joyce Hayes *
Richard Hayne
John Heide
Jim Higgins
Marjorie Homandberg
Lanny Horr
Anton "Buz" Hyden
Doug Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
Earlene Jones
Mary Jordan
Donald Glenn Kasak
Jerry Kosier
Bob Lamb
Jerqle Leesch
Duane Leisinger
Janet Lee Lewis
Douglas Lind
Audrey Little
Dick Lokken
Kenneth Mehlhaff
Dick Millage
Bruce Miller *
Lee "Buzz" Mooney *
Ronald Neish
Melva Neuberger

Jack Neuroth
Maren Nielson
E.D. "Bud" Olson
Richard W. Olson
Colleen Ormseth
Lorna Otten
Bob Parker
Lorin Parks
Ed Pennock
Bayard Phillips
Edwina Pierce
Vernon Plucker
Loren Posey
Myrna Rasmussen
Dr. Marv Rimmerman
Robert Schriever
Bob Scott
Perron Shinneman
Lorraine Shipper
Bob Shrader
Carol Simmons
Ardyce Simpson
Geraldine Smelser
June Smitm
Connie South
William Stockstad
Beulah Straw
Kay Swenson
Fred Sykes
Donna Tracy
Wanda Troemel
Jerry Vandenberg
Duane Wardell
Jill Wear
Mildred Weber
Jack White
John Wiebe
Shirley Wiebers
Carl Wilson
Johnnie Winter
Leslie Young (109)

114 Deceased Members of WJCS 1954 Class

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* Two additions since last update.

Shirley Albertus
 Robert Amburn
 Sonja Anderson
 Bonnie Assam
 Richard Bakke
 Steve Beckman
 Stewart Bellman
 Marcia Bishop
 Don Boyd
 Jerome Braa
 Richard Briggs
 Robert Briggs
 Richard Byllesby
 Wesley Calhoun
 Ronald Carl
 Warren Clancey
 Shari Clayton
 Dale Colwill
 Robert Crowe
 Clarence Curry
 Richard Dahse
 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
 Robert Lee Goetschius
 Janis Graber *
 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
 Roger Malcomb
 Mary Maxwell
 Kathryn McCahren
 Myrna McFarlane
 Neva Meyer
 James Moe
 James Morris
 Ann Nachel

Robert Nason
 Melva Neuberger
 Beverly Ordal
 Sonya Oyan
 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
 Dick Ronken *
 Edith Rowlee
 Robert Sacre
 John Sears
 Constance Shank
 Pat Stoops
 Maurice Studer
 Darwin Sweeney
 Fred Sykes
 Wynn Tabbert
 John Tapken
 Stan Thoeke
 Glenda Thompson
 Joyce Thoreson
 Lois Thorton
 Bill Timmerman
 Louie Tobiass
 Betty Lou Tuller
 Vance Turgeon
 Ron VanRegenmorter
 Dorothy Wallbaum
 Mary Williams
 Robert A. Young (114)



80 Deceased Members of WFS 1955 Class



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Wallace Abraham *

Denny Adler

Dale Almont

Roger Axlund

Gary Bahr

Audrey Bakke

Kay Barnum

Beverly Barton

John Beardsley

Gloria Berg

Virgina Boekhoff

Edward Bourne

Marlene Brown

Barbara Bruce

Gene Bullis

Nile Berger

Dan Chesshir

Fanny Clark

Diane DeBoer

Julie Dinsmore

Blackie Craig

Richard Donnelly

Carolyn Downard

Buddy Edelen

Marie Erickson

Stephanie Fantle

Rena French

Dudley Graff

Gary Grav

Bill Grevios

Royal Grinderland

Dick Hanisch *



Richard Hansen

LeRoy Hanson

Connie Harding *

Beverly Harkema

Don Harriman

Raoul Hechenbothan

Carl Henning

Duane Herrick

Harriet Hilton

Jackie Hone *

Dick Hopewell

Melva Huemoeller

Kenny Ingalls

Jerry Iseman

Barbara Johnson

Gerald Jones

Charles Kepford

Lynne Kersten

Sally Knight

Darlene Larson *

Roger Larson

Wayne Larson

Jim Lease

Carol Lemke

June Lewis

Bob Martin

Everett Martinson

Stanley Martinson

Larry Millis

Valerie Minden

Ron Moon

Donald D. Paulson

Karen Peterson

LaVerle Peterson

Connie Rames

Rosalie Reaves

Rob Redfield

Voy Scheinost

Owen Smidt

Gail Smith

Jerry Smith

Stanley Stearns

Don Steensma

Bob Story

Ray Syverson

Harlan Terwee

Bob Trouten

Don Wood (80)



102 Deceased Members of WFS 1956 Class



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Darlene Alderson
Charles Anderson
Lannie Anderson
Rodney Anderson
Bill Armstrong
Joyce Ashley
Judy Assam
Rosalie Baldwin
John Bankson
Bob Bass
Don Bass
Karen Bird
Dennis Bissell
David Bork
Richard Boyd *
Carol Buker
Garlene Burdette
Elbertha Buus
Woody Caldwell
Roland Chambers
Beverly Chesterton
Joan Clark
Doug Cook
Mike Cox
John Crisp
John Dam
Ray Davis
Jim DeBoer
Karen Dibben
Phalyn Dobson
Audrey Eliason
Dennis Farstead
Loren Fenstermaker
Diane Foster
Sharon Fresvik
Dawn Gibson
Beverly Ginther
Sandra Gjovaag
Ken Gravelle



Roger Graves
Jerry Hagen
Jerome Halvorson
Marjorie Hanna
Bonita Harriman
Bonnie Henjum
Jerald Hisel
Roger Hofer
Bruce Iossi
Larry Jamison
Janice Jewell
Betty Jo Johnson
Rick Johnson
John Karnitis
Dennis Keenan
Judy Keller
Gene Kimmel
Janice Kirkvold
Beverly Kittelson
Dick Koenekamp
Don Knox
Dan Koons
Jeanne LaMonda
Dennis Larson

Howard Leapley
Loralei Letner
Sharon Loomis
Robert Lunderman
Roger Martin
Betty McLaughlin
Ron Neshiem *
Junette Neuroth
Gary Noteboom
Oscar Oberg
Jack O'Connor
Delores Pederson
Elaine Questad
Lynda Reid
Richard Robinson
Patty Rohlfs
Mike Rost
Orvald Roskeland
Bill Sadowski
Karl Schlicht
Rodney Sherman
Harris Simmons
Duane Smith
Albert Sona
Gary South
Bill Soward
Jim Stensland
Rosemary Stewart
Leonard Stoops
Ray Syverson
Janice Thorstenson
Gretchen Tyler
Janet Van Haute
Paul Wegner
Anita Williams
Barbara Wittrock
Leroy Wittrock
Mae Yesda
Kay Zuelke (102)



84 Deceased Members of WFS 1957 Class



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Jerry Adams *
Vernon Aker
Herb Auginbaugh
Lois Baker
Jerry Bauch
Larry Behmeyer
Carol Belfrage
Deanna Bendixen *
Bob Benney
Ralph Benson
Moreen Benson
Barbara Borst
Rodney Bouska
Shirley Boyum
Tom Brechwald
Donald Butts
Darryl Carman
Leonard Christian
Wanda Coffield
Renee Conger
Sharon Edmunds
Sam Fantle
Allen Fields
Ihla Fields
Shirley Fields
Helen Fisher
Laddie Freeman
Leland Fritz
David Merle Garritson
Ronald Gulbranson
Lee Gustafson
Jerry Hagen
Robin Harmer
Fred Hecker



Kathleen Hickenbotham OSB *
Sharon Hofkamp
Connie Horr
John Holst *
Janet Hrubetz
Vern Husman
Gary Inglis
Andrea Jackson
Kenneth "Joe" Johnson
Myron Kelley
Mary Klawiter *
David Larson
Halden Larson
Paul Lawrence
Robert J. Lemke
Janeen Madison

Jeanne Brekke Madsen
Ted May *
Joan Midden *
Philip Martin
Irvin M. Mears
Floyd Mellon
Jackie Myhre
Ronnie Miller
Marjorie Munson
David Peckham Olsen
Robert Dean Ostby
Katherine Ostlund
Carol Otelle
Dale Peterson
Stanley Peterson
Larry Prouty
Lorenz P. Rasse
Mary Ann Selig
Marlyse Seubert
Don Skaro
Mary Sneve
Wayne Snook
Jerry Snyder
Loye Steltz
Vaughn Thompson
Larry Torkelson
Ned Tweedt
Randall Wellbrock
Sandra Werts
Mary Wheeldon
Ronald A. White
Jerry Wickre
Shirley Wiswell
James Woltjer (84)



90 Deceased Members of WFS 1958 Class



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Marcia Aldrich
Richard Anderson
Bob Arnold
Keith Aspaas
William Backus
David Bane
Gerald Baysore
Robert Billman
Anthony Boekhoff
Rod Bouska
Jerry Brander
Deanna Brewer
Gary Burdette
Jean Clark
Kay Coffitt
Janet Common
Mary Cook
Ron Crain
Robert L. Dam
Dale Danielson *
Darryl Dawley
Dan Dinsmore
Shirley Doty
Judy Dreyer
Richard Eakes
Cliff Eggers
Timothy Flanagan
Barbara Foster
Judy Geegh
Gene Gerry
Molly Gleason
Nancy Glenn
Ron Gould
John Hanson
Sally Harkness



Marilyn Hartman
Joe Haugen
Gary Hawkey
Dick Houser
Judee Johnson
Steve Jorgenson
Bill King
Paul Kanuss
Tom Kohoutek
Leslee Kremer
Patricia Lane
Dianna Larson
Lauralee Larson
Judy Leighton
Harlan Lemohn
Dale Lokke
Jacque Mann
Dale Margeson
Ginger Mette
Pat Muller

Maddie Munson
Ronald Nelson
Julie O'Brien
Barb Olsen
Don Otten
Ray Pritchard
Tom Reid
Pam Reistroffer
Mary Rice
Bill Rober
John Rogers
Dennis Scheel
Mike Schirmer
Mary Seeman
James Seeman
Aileen Simpson
Greg Skaff
Dorothy Sona
Joyce Sona
Barbara St. Clair
Darla Stanga
Kathi Stegner
James Stewart
Phyllis Stofferahn
George Teeslink
Larry George Theis
Larry Todd
Stacy Unruh
Joy Wallace
Karron Wardell
Joyce Warren
Twyla Wells
Bob Westrup
Dale Willard
Keith Zuelke (90)



92 Deceased Members of WFS 1959 Class



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Lanny Adler
David Anderson
Marilyn Atwood
Mary Bahnson
Dik Bale
Martha Beckman
Judy Bendixen
Jane Berry
Janice Blackburn
Gary Bott
Ramona Bruining
Dave Burns
Jack Butts
Ardel Caldwell
Ella Carlson
Carol Clark
Mike Claseman
Shirley Cloud
Willis Cowill
Jerry Crider
Dave David
Joyce DeGroot
Shirley Denbow
Thad Dolan
Marie Dubray
Joyce Duimstra
Dave Eliason
Anne Fellows
Paul Fishback
Brad Forster
Gerald Fox
Jon Froemke
Jan Garness
Jack Gibson



Sue Haggard
Richard Hahn
Gary Hamilton
Mike Hart
Jim Haugse *
Harvey Hoek
Robert Honey
Jim Jensen
Steve Jorgensen
Pam Josten
Carol Keiner
Denis Kelly
Ken Kraft
Darwin Lafrenz
Bruce Lambertson
Dale Larson
Russell Lease
Les Letcher *
Bill Lobe
Judith Lundberg
Joanne Luschen
Don Luymes
Dennis McLaughlin
Shirley Melton

George Mickelson
Carol Millage
Sandy Miller
Rochelle Moulton
Ronald Nelson
Sharon Noteboom
Edith Ostrem
Donald Otten
Sandra Pekoske
Steve Perkins
Anita Prillwitz
Harriet Pulford
Leona Raile
Marlys Rensberger
Mike Rice
Larry Rieger
Karen Rietz
Sue Rohl
Judy Rohlffs
Gene Schmidt
Ken Sederstrom
Ted Sheldon
Darrell Sona
Bob Streich
Tom Taylor
Gloria Twedell
Shirley Uphoff
Johan Van DeWalle
Doug Varns
Ed Wheeler
Raymond Wittrock
Richard Wolfe
Marcia Wollum
Sheldon Zabel (92)

My Sincerest Thanks to all of you that have assisted me in keeping our class deceased lists as up to date as possible. There are just too many of you to thank here, but you know who you are. As of today, there are 964 classmates listed here, but sadly I fear that we most likely have lost more classmates than that. Especially in the classes' of '51, '55 and probably '57. So I am asking each of you, especially in those 3 classes, to help me maintain each class list in as up to date manner as possible. Thank you. Jack '54



In the last issue of the O&B I published a letter from **Audrey Aurit Tetrick '57** asking for help in finding **Virginia Turchen '56**. Here is the response I was happy to write Audrey.

Dear Audrey,

I am most happy to say that **Marilyn Rush Simmons '56** and **Perm Bedford Kielman '56** provided me with **Virginia Turchen Becker's '56** address for you. She now goes by "Ginny". Just to confirm that I did indeed have all of the correct contact info on her and that I did

have the correct Virginia Turchen, I called her this morning and we had a nice chat.

Her current address is, Virginia Turcheon Becker, 9907 Ontario St., Omaha, NE 68124. Her phone number is 402-393-9186 and her Email address is, ginnybecker1@gmail.com. Her husband's name is Marshall D. Becker. He did not attend WHS.

I hope you enjoy getting reacquainted.

Jack Phillips '54

On Apr 5, 2011, at 7:00 AM, JSunde@aol.com wrote:

I have been going to send you this and some other articles about Lawrence since I got back from Sun City and finally got around to it. Interestingly enough, please note that this article was presented by our own **Bob Berdahl '55** who was a year ahead of us at WHS and went on to become Chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley where Lawrence shined for many years. Bob Berdahl's father also attended the U of SD which I never realized and graduated with Ernie. John and Ernest Lawrence were born in Canton and I believe my dad either roomed with Lawrence in 1918-19 at the U of SD or they were very good friends, anyway, he often talked about him. Anyway as you will find these boys were the founding fathers of medical radiation, used there own mother as a guinea pig and extended her life for several years....There are tons of other article about Ernie and John also and another Canton lad I believe by the name of Tuve was also a physicist and collaborated with the boys along the way. All three Norwegians of course...

Anyway, read on if you are interested and if you want more just Google the boys...

Regards, Jon Sunde '56

[Lawrence Legacy](#)

Editors note: Thanks for sending this Jon. It is very impressive and very interesting. Jack

Dear Readers, please don't forget that for the Orange & Black to survive it needs your story and photos. Anything you would like to share with your classmates?

On Dec 12, 2011, at 7:56 AM, DErnst6190@aol.com wrote:

JACK, THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF THE GOOD MEMORIES. PERHAPS YOU COULD JOG A FEW RESPONSES FROM THE BAND. I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND WHERE THEY ARE LIVING. I AM CURRENTLY LIVING IN A LARGE RETIREMENT PLACE (WHO KNEW WE WOULD EVER BE THERE) IN FL CALLED "THE VILLAGES" AND WITH 80,000 POPULATION, I HAVE YET TO CROSS PATHS WITH ANYONE THAT I KNOW. AND!!!! WE DO HAVE A ND-SD CLUB AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE ALL FROM ND.

DIANE GOODWIN ERNST '57 Editors note: Would love to have some band stories. Bring them on.

On Dec 8, 2011, at 4:54 PM, Laurel wrote:

Hi Jack, How wonderful to receive the current issue, & of course, I was especially interested in all the great photos of the Class of '55 gang, taken at their summer event. I remember them all, & was glad to get to see many of them at a mini-class reunion held in California, where I live, in Sept., 2001, but haven't seen any of them since, so this issue really made my day, thanks to our special classmate, Mavis Larson Carl for providing these photos. Bless her heart! Nice to know you took in the special Michael Jackson show recently & enjoyed it so much. I'm sure it was spectacular! As I always say, keep up the very good work Jack, & I send best wishes to you & Debra for a very Merry Christmas & a healthy, happy & prosperous 2012! God Bless! Sincerely, **Laurel Hampel WHS Class of '55**

On Dec 11, 2011, at 7:05 AM, donna shearer wrote:

Dear Jack, I so enjoyed you articles on Bob Burns. Fred greatly admired Couch Burns. I never knew of his young adult life and achievements and honors and found all of that of great interest. Thanks for digging and honoring more people from the 50's.. I was talking with Terry Hansen Hecker, Fred's wife, last night and I was telling her about the WHS O&B #7-11 to F & 59 article about Bob Burns . After talking for while she mentioned that her dad was best friends with Bob Burns back in the good old days. Then I find out that Terry's dad, a farmer from the Sioux City area, was one of the best recognized athletes of his time. All I remember about Terry's dad was that he was about 6'3" , wore a 44 L sport coat and 34 inch waist. The ironic part of the story is that Fred broke one of Terry's dad's records.....we are thinking shot put. Terry, who has a true artist personality, is PC challenged and has no desire to improve her skills. However she said she would send me her e-mail address so I can give it to you for future O&B newsletters. Someone sent her a hard copy of the article you did on Arnie Baurer and Fred a short time ago.

And that brings me to thanking you for the article on Fred and his accomplishments. Sorry for the delay with the thanks as I had been looking forward to the article for some time.. I am a huge procrastinator. I have determined that at this age, 70 on Dec 10, that I don't have time to procrastinate anymore. The article was nicely done and thank you for honoring Fred.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas to you and you wife. **Donna Hecker Shearer '59**

On Dec 7, 2010, at 2:55 AM, JSunde@aol.com wrote:

Dear Jack: Heartiest Congratulations to Debra and You...! Wonderful... & Another great edition. Having been a Mark Twain I remember Veenker, Malcomb, Bednorz, Sweetman, Morstad etc etc.... and still see some on occasion but always fun to read about the past.

Regarding your future football issue, I am sure that Bob Burns will be a key feature in same and want to pass on a quick story I heard from fellow 56 classmate Mike Rost about 3 years ago. Mike as you probably know was a great tennis player at WHS and in later years and an MD in Sioux Falls prior to his passing from Cancer... Anyway Mike and I were having lunch and he told the story about having a son playing football at O'Gorman and being part of the Booster Club it was decided to try and hire Burns to come to O'Gorman.. At the time Bob Burns was living in Minneapolis and Mike made the trip to discuss the issue with Bob. As I recall Mike relating the story he straight out asked Bob how much money would it take to get you to come to O'Gorman.... Bob said I will get back to you. A few days later he called and said \$ 16,000.00 ... O'Gorman would only pay \$ 10K so the decision was made for the Booster club to pay the other 6K and the deal was closed. I thought this was very interesting and can get someone close to the transaction to verify these facts. I know a friend of Mikes that was on the Booster Club is still around and could provide more details. And of course the flip side is you may be well aware of all of this. **Jon Sunde "56**

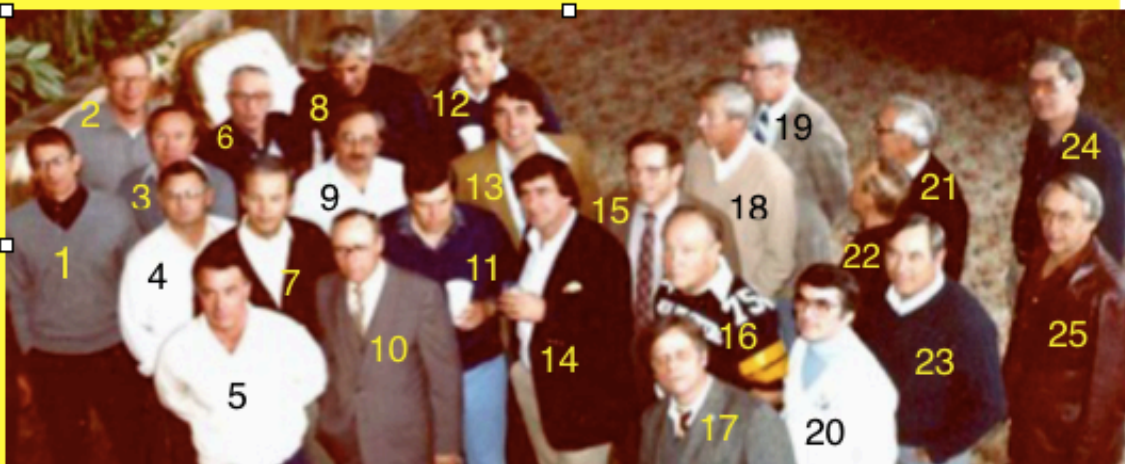
Editor's note: Dr. Michael C. Rost MD '56 passed away on December 1, 2008.

On Dec 8, 2011, at 1:55 PM, Don Noordsy wrote:

Hi Jack... Another great issue ! Especially enjoyed the article on Bob Burns.....he was quite a guy. I was unaware of his experiences in WW II.....he was quite a hero ! I can still remember my "Men's Health" class I had with him.....he really did not like to classroom teach, but we had a lot of fun!

i was looking at this picture you included in the article.....and it looks like there are a couple of people I recognize in it.....is that you in the camel colored sport coat in the center of the picture, sporting the big smile ? And it looks like Jim Luce, third from the left side, and in the same row as you.

And it might be Dick (or Bob) Baker in the second row, seventh from the left side with the black sweater or jacket. And I remember the person standing in front of you in the sport coat, but can't recall the name. Suspect you know most of the people...but those are the only ones I can attach a name to. Thanks, Don Noordsy '58



Editors note: Don, I don't know them all but here are the ones I think I know. 1. Jim Parker '55, #2 John Peckham, '52, #3 Jim Luce '57, #5 Jim Skaggs '53, #6 Don Renner '54, #7 Dick or Bob Baker '58, #8 Francis Chase '52, #10 Tom Robertson '53, 11 Bud Olson '54, #13 Jack Phillips '54, #14 George McKeon '54, #15 Keith Morrill '54, #16 Coach Burns, #17 Dick Hopewell '55, #18 Dick Erickson '51, #20 Pat Smith '54, #22 Jerry Nelson '54, #23 Ron Moon '55 and #25 Ken Noel '51. Can anyone identify #4, #9, #12, #19, #21 or #24? Kind of proud that of the 25 pictured, 7 are from the class of '54, the 1953 team.

On Dec 9, 2011, at 10:57 AM, spencer peterson wrote:

Jack: Nice write-up on Bob Burns. However, you say he joined the Marine Corp out of college and served with the 101st airborne. The 101st is an Army unit unless I am mistaken, and they for sure are the guys who jumped into Holland and France on D-Day. Also, I see you covered the 55 reunion party at my brother (and sister-in-law Vonda Fritz Peterson) Roger Peterson's place. I think those folks had a great time. Some good pictures. **Spencer Peterson '57**

Editor's response: Spencer, you are most observant and you are correct. The best explanation I have seen on how and why Coach Burns became part of the 101st Airborne Division was written by, Stu Whitney, the outstanding sports reporter for the Argus Leader.

Stu wrote: *"In 1942, the Army sent him to infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., to prepare him for World War II. There was a parachute school at that site, and Burns soon learned a trick. If he offered to undergo a physical exam to become a paratrooper, he would be permitted to miss a day of his regular drills.*

'Everyone told me that they never took anybody from Fort Benning,' he recalls. 'They always found something physically wrong with you - but you would still have that day off. Well I'll be damned if 15 of us don't go over there and I'm the only one who passes. I couldn't believe it. I felt like saying no.'

But Burns earned more money for the extra duty, and those early jumps were infrequent enough to seem tolerable. Still, he found himself fearing the friendly skies. 'I was scared to death,' says Burns, who continued boxing in the service and served as athletic coordinator. 'The only way I could have been more scared is if I was bigger. I always hit like a sack of s _ _ _, you know? I never came down gracefully like you see some guys do it.'

Burns ultimately moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., as a lieutenant in the 502nd Parachute Infantry - which would function as part of the 101st Airborne Division."

On Dec 8, 2011, at 4:39 PM, Glenn Anderson wrote:

Jack, I am guessing there are a million Bob Burns stories out there. I have a personal one which has carried me through numerous situations where some humility was needed. I played football my freshman and sophomore year. Unless one was extremely talented, we never saw Bob Burns, the head coach. We were coached by some talented assistants. I played tackle. One day towards the end of my sophomore year, we were lined up on the field one afternoon by position played. We soon found out the purpose of this was that we were to run wind sprints by position in front of HEAD COACH BOB BURNS. This was the first time he had ventured down to our end of the field in the two years. We all knew this was an important "show." When I leapt off the line with the tackles, running full steam, eyes intense and mostly closed. At the finish line I heard that unforgettable gravelly voice of Burns say to me, "hey kid, what's your name?" Man, I thought this was going to be like the movies and I was on to bigger and better things. I answered, "Anderson, coach!" He looked at me intently and said, "Anderson, you are the slowest son of a bitch I have ever seen!" I finished out the season and the next year took up journalism and became the Sports Editor my senior year. I have found that my involvement in journalism as something that has stood me well over the years and vastly more important than the two years in football. So, in the end, Bob Burns was an important mentor (or anti-mentor) for me. He was one of a kind. **Glenn Anderson, class of 1957.**

Ed. note: Glenn, Thanks for sharing that funny story. That was the Burns we all knew and loved.

On Dec 8, 2011, at 4:01 PM, Jim Koons wrote:

Dear Jack: Once again you did a great job. Bob B. and Bob B. were two of the people I remember like it was yesterday. Both were people that I have always admired. THEY WERE ONE OF A KIND. Jim Koons '55.

On Dec 10, 2011, at 6:26 PM, Vicki Brubaker wrote:

Jack - Thank you for sharing such a wonderful O & B edition of "everything"..... You truly do a great job in sharing these wonderful moments with all of us. I look at the faces and sincerely believe it was all just yesterday!! It was wasn't it?

Please note that all these "kids" from the 50's looked so squeaky clean and presented such a wholesome look and outlook as well of what their lives would be or could be. And most of them did exactly as they set out to do. No pot, no dope, no bullying, and no hurting anyone, at least not intentionally. A simple life with a beautiful outlook that life is good and always will be! I'm sincerely very proud to have been a part of this 50's era. Go Warriors!. Veenker, I love your pictures! Keep up the great work Jack. **Vicki Brubaker 59'**

On Dec 9, 2011, at 10:34 AM, Donald Brown wrote:

Hello, Jack. That was another great issue of the O&B Newsletter. I think I was only vaguely aware of Burns' war record. Bergie having been my classmate from kindergarten on (and in the same homeroom at WHS), I was much more aware of his record. He was always quite the guy. My earliest memory of him is his asking me to make him a little airplane out of clay. That was probably in the first grade, and we guys were putting on aerial battles with the Germans and Japanese.

Below is a photo of a very large mural (16 x 80 feet) that Gary Hartenhoff ('54) painted for the city of Luverne, MN. He painted it in pieces in his studio in Sioux Falls. It was installed about a month ago. His daughter, a successful artist herself), and (I think) a granddaughter helped him meet the deadline. I wonder if it can be seen from space.... Cheers, **Don Brown '53**



Be sure to visit Gary Hartenhoff's Art Gallery at 420 East 8th St. in Sioux Falls. Call 605-553-0744 for Gallery hours. Or visit his web site at www.garyhartenhoff.com. It's beautiful.

*To close this issue of the Orange & Black honoring our
Deceased Classmates I would like to sincerely wish each of you a
Very Merry Christmas
and invite you to enjoy a warm taste of our home town in the
beautiful, "Winter Wonderland", in Sioux Falls', Falls Park.*



And to all a good night!

