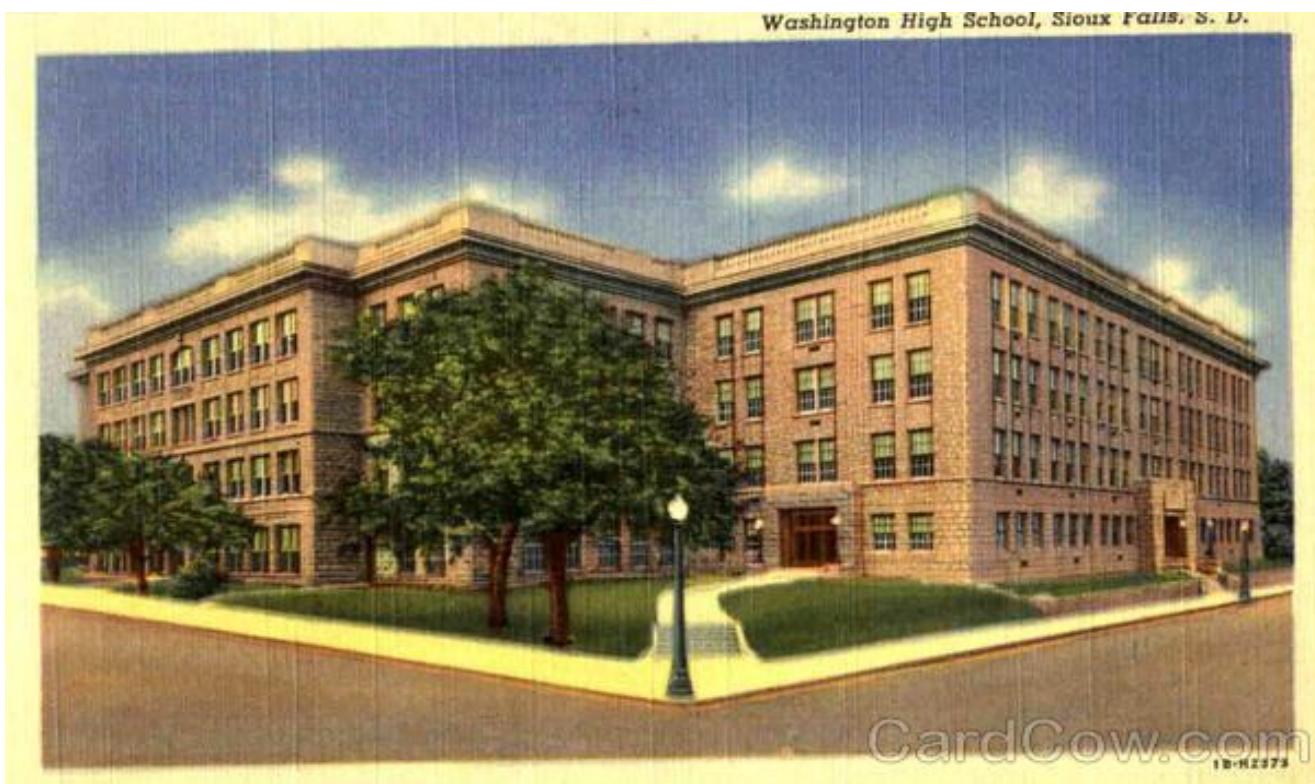


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Jack & Debra Phillips

# Letters to the O & B



**Wayne & Sally Boese <[drwboese@gmail.com](mailto:drwboese@gmail.com)> wrote on November 11, 2025**

Hi Debra,

We always look forward to the latest edition of the Newsletter, with a mix of anticipation and also sadness, as more names pile up on the deceased list.

Thanks especially for the really clever George Carlin routine on STUFF.

How appropriate!!

All best wishes.

Wayne Boese Class '56

Sally Keiser Boese Class '61

**Editor's Note: Thank you, Wayne & Sally the O & B Staff are happy to hear this!**

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**Glenn Anderson <[wlfsg914@aol.com](mailto:wlfsg914@aol.com)> wrote on November 11, 2025**

Thank you, thank you .....13 Thank yous

Glenn Anderson, Class '57

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**Thomas Little [thomasleelittle@comcast.net](mailto:thomasleelittle@comcast.net) wrote on November 11, 2025**

Subject: Black and Blue

To whom,

Loved it--fun reading.

My compliments to that Freshman class (Sophomores too?) did a pretty darn good job... for "youngsters".

Take care!

Tom Little, Class '61

(Brother to Loren and Deb)

(family supper partner occasionally at our home at 2000 S. Lyndale to the honorable William Lobe)

**Double R Rudisill/Miller** [richrudy@live.com](mailto:richrudy@live.com) wrote on November 12, 2025

*To all who keep this coming, many thanks.  
Memories are made of this. But will we still love ya. tomorrow???  
Of course we will. Keep the good times a-rollin.....*

*Harold Rudy RUDISILL '56.....  
(yeah 86) and still "breathin". (thats a song too!!)*

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**Beverly Baartman** <[hbbaartman80@gmail.com](mailto:hbbaartman80@gmail.com)> wrote on November 12, 2025

**Thanks so much for continuing The Orange and Black newsletter.**  
It was a love of Jack Phillips. I am from the class of '54 and getting to be a golden oldie.  
I have kept a list of classmates for many years and a list of deceased as far as I am able to get the info. I just have to mention that I have no record of James Waldner or Charla Smith. I see on your list you have her as class of '54 as well as in class of '57. I have no recollection of her either.

Reunions are past and our Girls of '54 luncheons have dwindled down to 3 to 6 of us.

Thanks so much for all you do.

**Beverly Caesar Baartman Class '54**

**Editor's Note: Thanks for notifying the O & B of the duplication.**  
Charla Smith was in the Class of '57.

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**Kathie Noyes** <[kackymarie@aol.com](mailto:kackymarie@aol.com)> wrote on November 12, 2025

**Thank you again for this wonderful newsletter.**  
I had been wondering why I hadn't been getting them till the last one when I realized that Jack had died. I'm so happy that someone is carrying this on.

**Kathie Noyes** Brave Class '59

**Editor's Note: An archive of all Jack's Newsletters and all O&B issues since his passing in November of 2023, can be found by going to [www.whsalumninews.com](http://www.whsalumninews.com)**

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## **This Was Me**

**If you were born between 1930 and 1946, you are part of an extraordinarily rare group today, only 1% of your generation remains. At ages 77 to 93, you carry a living piece of history.**

**Here's what makes your generation so remarkable:**

**You were born into resilience. Your early years were shaped by the Great Depression, and you witnessed a world at war. You learned to save, reuse, and make do nothing was ever wasted.**

**You knew life's simple pleasures. Milk was delivered to your door, and everyday life revolved around basics. Discipline came from parents and teachers alike, leaving little room for excuses.**

**Your imagination was your playground. Without televisions, you invented worlds from radio shows and stories. Families gathered around the radio for news and entertainment, sparking creativity and connection.**

**You experienced technology's infancy. Phones were shared, calculators were hand-cranked, and typewriters captured your thoughts. Newspapers were your window to the world.**

**Your childhood felt secure. After WWII, life promised hope and opportunity no terrorism, no internet, no climate debates. It was a golden age of optimism, innovation, and growth.**

**You are the last generation to remember a world where:**

- Black-and-white TVs were revolutionary.**
- Highways were simple roads, not expressways.**
- Shopping meant strolling downtown stores.**
- Polio was a terrifying threat.**

**While your parents rebuilt their lives, you grew up in a time of possibility, peace, and progress a world the likes of which may never return.**

**If you are over 77, take pride in your journey. You are among the fortunate 1% who can truly say: "I lived through the best of times."**



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### **Did You Know?**

**Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD, has a history dating back to 1879 when high school classes first began, eventually moving to a new building in 1908 and being renamed from Sioux Falls High School. The original 1908 building was the site of the Washington Pavilion today and served as a high school until 1992 when the new high school building was completed.**

- **Early history:** High school classes started in Sioux Falls in 1879, with 20 students in the first year. The school was named Irving School in 1885 before being renamed Washington High School.
- **1908 building:** The 1908 building was the first dedicated high school building for the district and was renamed Washington High School upon its completion. Three hundred twenty-eight students moved into the new building on February 14, 1908.
- **Later years and new building:** In 1992, the 1908 building closed, and Washington High School moved to a new building. The old building was renovated to become the Washington Pavilion, which opened in 1999.
- **Current Washington High School:** Today's Washington High School is a separate, modern facility located at 501 N. Sycamore Ave. It is a public-school serving grades 9-12 in Sioux Falls.

## Who Remembers this?

Here is some Sioux Falls History!

Cool 1935 fan (antique air conditioner), from Dairy Maid ice cream shop, at 501 So Phillips Ave. where KELO TV is now. Owner was Algot S. Jacobson (Helen) home was at 814 So Main Ave.



This started me thinking about Fenn Brothers, ice cream, candy and milk.

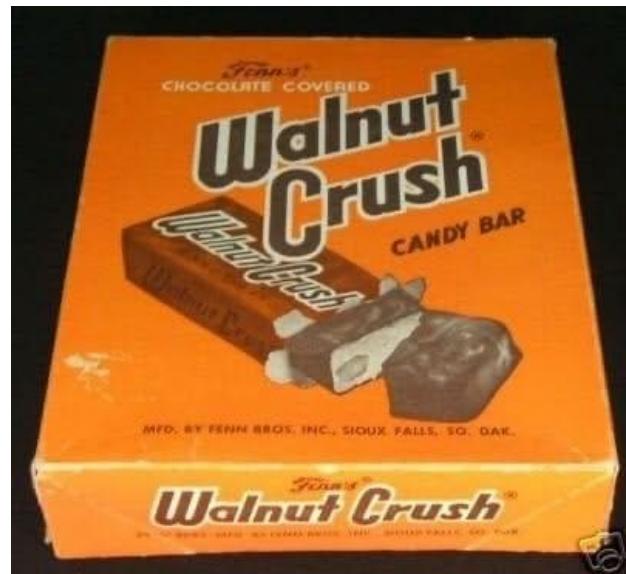
loved butter brickle ice cream and Walnut Crush candy bars.

For more on Fenn's checkout the Facebook site. Fenn's Remembered Group.

Some other good history face book sites are:  
You know you're from Sioux Falls/Brandon if  
Barrell Drive in Sioux Falls  
grew up in Sioux Falls, SD in the 50s-60s  
South Dakota Rock and Roll revisited

Have a great 2026,

Jim A. Carlson  
Class of '58



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# **TIMMY'S CHRISTMAS LETTER**

**Dear Santa,**

**How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope everyone, from the reindeer to the elves, is fine. I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a Nintendo Switch 2 with Mario Kart World and an iPhone 17 Pro for Christmas. I hope you remember that come Christmas Day.**

**Merry Christmas,  
Timmy Jones**

**Dear Timmy,**

**Thank you for your letter. Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves are all fine and thank you for asking about them. Santa is a little worried about all the time you spend playing video games and texting. Santa wouldn't want you to get fat. Since you have indeed been a good boy, I think I'll bring you something you can go outside and play with.**

**Merry Christmas,  
Santa Claus**

**Mr. Claus,**

**Seeing that I have fulfilled the "naughty vs. nice" contract, set by you I might add, I feel confident that you can see your way clear to granting me what I have asked for. I certainly, wouldn't want to turn this joyous season into one of litigation. Also, don't you think that a jibe at my weight coming from an overweight man who goes out once a year is a bit trite?**

**Respectfully,  
Tim Jones**

**Mr. Jones,**

**While I have acknowledged you have met the "nice" criteria, need I remind you that your Christmas list is a request and in no way is it a guarantee of services provided. Should you wish to pursue legal action, well that is your right. Please know, however, that my attorneys have been on retainer ever since the Burgermeister Meisterburger incident and will be more than happy to take you on in open court. Additionally, the exercise I alluded to will not only improve your health, but also improve your social skills and potentially help clear up a complexion that looks like the bottom of the Burger King fry bin most days.**

**Very Truly Yours,  
S Claus**

**Now look here Fat Man,**

**I told you what I want and I expect you to bring it. I was attempting to be polite about this but you brought my looks and my friends into this. Now you are just disrespectin me. I'm about to tweet my boys and we're gonna be waiting for your fat ass and I'm taking my game console, my game, my phone, and whatever else I want. WHATEVER I WANT, MAN!**

**T-Bone**

**Listen Pizza Face,**

**Seriously??? You think a dude that breaks into every house in the world on one night and never gets caught sweats a skinny g-banger wannabe? "He sees you when you're sleeping; He knows when you're awake". Sound familiar, genius? You know what kind of resources I have at my disposal. I got you wired, Jack. I go all around the world and see ways to hurt people that if I described them right now, you'd throw up your Totino's Pizza Roll all over the carpet of your mom's basement. You're not getting what you asked for! Chew on that, Petunia.**

**S Clizzy**

**Dear Santa,**

**Bring me whatever you see fit. I'll appreciate anything.**

**Timmy**

**Timmy,**

**That's what I thought, you little brat.**

**Santa**



# *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



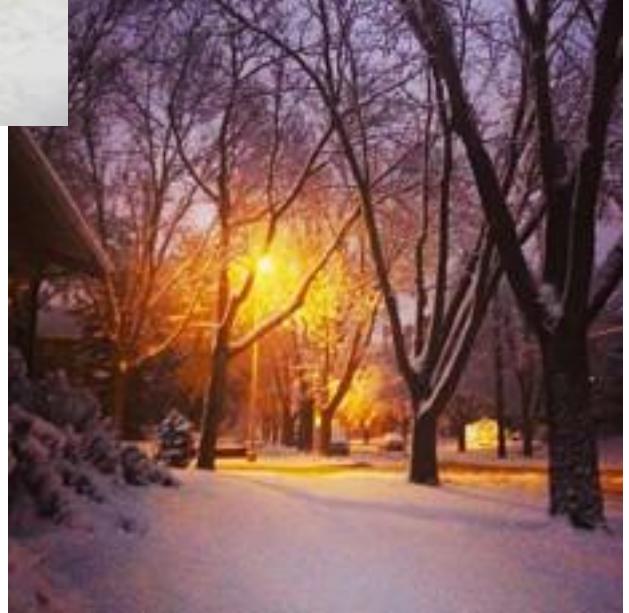
Some Winter  
Memories,  
Were Not  
Much Fun,



And Others Were,



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



Simply  
Because  
It Will  
Always  
Be Home!



Our Old Auditorium



Now Meet the New Auditorium!



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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.

