

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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Class of '56

"Fabulous" 60th Reunion!

Held in Sioux Falls on Sept. 16, 17 & 18, 2016

A BIG thanks to Permella Bedford Kielman '56 for sending all photos and taking the time to identify all classmates in a manner that allowed them to just be copied and pasted. It was a such a huge help and saved so much time in getting this O&B out, I doubled her pay.



Permella Bedford
Kielman '56
WHS Senior



I. to r. Mary Taylor Herrick, Leora Capen Bass,
Permella Bedford Kielman. Kent Scribner. Wavne Boese.



Pic. 1 Midge Mavity Davis, Anita Robinson Bierman



**Pic. 2. Ruth Cartee Ewing,
Sharon Frerickson Farstead**



Pic. 3. (Standing) Leora Capen Bass, Jackie Sullivan Titus, Midge Mavity Davis, Anita Robinson Bierman, Carla Thaelke Gibson, Marilyn Rush Simmons. (Seated) Sandy Simpson Zweep, Betty Elmen Sass



Gene Bushnell, Marilyn Rush Simmons



Pic. 4. (Standing). Sandy Simpson Zweep, Mary Taylor Herrick, Midge Mavity Davis, Permella Bedford Kielman, Leora Capen Bass, Jackie Sullivan Titus (seated). Marilyn Rush Simmons, Carla Thaelke Gibson



**Left:
Leora Capen Bass, Permella Bedford Kielman, Joe Alick**



**Right:
David Paulson, Mary Taylor Herrick**



Ursula McManus Fendrich, Mary Taylor



Leora Capen Bass,
Permella Bedford Kielman



Bob Amundson, Wayne Boese



Sara Hart Blizzard '58
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks to Sara Hart Blizzard '58 and Don Noordsy '58
for sharing this wonderful article on Sioux Falls that
recently appeared in The Huffington Post:

**“Step Aside, San
Francisco:**

**“SF” Now Stands
for Sioux Falls,
South Dakota”**



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/anneli-rufus/step-aside-san-francisco-_b_8045476.html

**Just click on the above link to enjoy this really
wonderful story on our wonderful city!**

WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

Friday, October 21, 2016

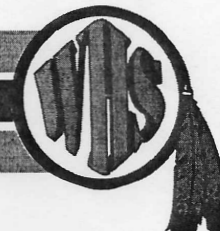
See information below for getting your tickets.
Congratulations to **Tom Line '59** for his induction!

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May 17, 2016

WHS ATHLETIC HALL-of-FAME

CLASS OF 2016 INDUCTEES

ATHLETES

Patrick O'Donnell

Justin Fries

Tom Line

Ryan McKnight

Jim Moreland

Ryan Routh

Carol Shade

CONTRIBUTOR

Hank Bayne

ADMINISTRATOR

Bill Hoff

COACH

John Odney

In 1995 Washington High School initiated an Athletic Hall-of-Fame with the expressed purpose to recognize athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors who have made an impact on the tradition of Washington High School Athletics. Washington High School has had a long and rich athletic tradition and the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame is giving us an opportunity to recognize deserving individuals and their accomplishments. ***The 2016 Hall-of-Fame Banquet will be held at the Washington Pavilion on Friday, October 21st.*** Please complete RSVP and make reservations by September 1st.

We have had outstanding attendance at all of our banquets. The warm response of the inductees and their families has been inspiring to all of us in attendance. An impressive display of past honorees adorns the wall in the Washington High School Commons.

We will continue to have annual expenses of approximately \$6000 to continue this excellent program. ***Plaque and pin costs have risen dramatically over the past few years, and this is an area we can use financial assistance.*** For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, we are asking you along with many former athletes, coaches, and friends of Washington High School to consider contributing to the Washington High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame. For those of you who have so generously contributed in the past, we, on behalf of the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame Committee, would like to send a special thank you for your financial contribution. We would hope that you would consider contributing again to this outstanding project. We can continue this program only through the contributions of individuals such as you who are interested in recognizing Washington High School's great athletic tradition.

Please make your contributions payable to the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame and mail to:

Nate Malchow, Activities Director
Washington High School
501 North Sycamore Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

On behalf of the entire WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame Committee, we thank you for your support.

Jenni Breum
Chairman

Jim Luce
Vice-Chairman

Nate Malchow
Activities Director

Again, congratulations to Tom Line '59 for his induction to the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame!

Tom is the only inductee this year from the decade of the '50s.

Here are the WHS years for the other Inductees.

Tom Line – '59

Ryan Routh – '05

Ryan McKnight – '06

Carol Shade – '78

John Odney – Coach '68-'89

Patrick O'Donnell - '89

Bill Hoff – Administrator '94-'06

Hank Bayne – SRO '95- 2015

Jim Moreland – '65

Justin Fries – '99



Letters to the & B



On Aug 16, 2016, **Jim Brown '56** <gidocjb@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Jack. I'm not sure how you found all that information especially about Lynn, my love for over 56 years. Thanks for all you do to keep us informed. Jim

Jim Brown '56

WHS Senior Photo

Now, Doctor Jim Brown



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 17, 2016, **Jim Redfield '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Well Jack, you've outdone yourself again for me. Your last issue reminded me so much of my days at Camp Tepeetonka where I spent more than one summer session as a kid.

I actually thought I saw myself in some pictures of those little dudes. I remember Barney Kramer, a debate coach at WHS & earlier a counselor at the camp. He taught us boat safety & seamanship & if we passed we got a "Gob Award" My class all flunked because, as we were going thru the drill, an announcement came over a nearby loudspeaker that the Japanese surrendered ending WWII & we all jumped up with joy & fell out of our canoes! Those were the great days! I'm still plugging along as a volunteer at the Midway Aircraft Carrier museum in San Diego.

Cheers,

On a Plumber's truck:
'We repair what your husband fixed.'

On another Plumber's truck:
'Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.'

On Aug 18, 2016, at 8:33 AM, **Lynn Girton '61** <lgirton@iglide.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, Enjoy your O & B newsletter. The letter from Don Brown mentioned the old airbase. Do you have any information on it or pictures? I lived on the airbase in the 40's, my younger sisters were surprised to hear about that – they lived there too. They had no idea about housing on an airbase. Thank you! Lynn Brown Girton, '61

Do any of you have any info or photos of housing on the airbase in the '40's? I will run them in the O&B if you do? Jack

On Aug 19, 2016, **Royce Adams '58**, Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Jack - Royce Adams here. I was going to open the memorial issue you sent and clicked on the wrong site, the one that reads "report spam". I hope that does not affect any of your mail to me or others. I am evidently not very up on computer savvy. Any way I went to the spam area on the computer and was able to return the issue to myself. I hope now all is well. Oh BTW, again, what a great service you are doing for all of us. AND I used the "brains" joke

in both ways
to my
numerous
friends,
democrat

and
republican (I have no
independent friends as they
are all married), and never had
any complaint. Everyone of
them laughed! Can you say
"there is always that 10%
-----"

Sending you a picture of my
garden in the back yard
(requires no mowing). Either I
am very talented in growing
things or I have very good soil
and "talent" does not enter into
it.

PS: The wife agrees with the
latter part of the last statement.

Royce Adams '58

Royce, Thanks for letting me know you didn't lose any friends (or subscribers), when you circulated the "brain" joke. It made me feel better and that maybe I'm not such a bad, insensitive person after all. I guess I will continue inserting my feeble jokes. Like this next one. Jack



On a Maternity Room door:
'Push. Push. Push.'



Sally Taylor '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 28, 2016, **Sally Taylor Bjorge '55** sbjorge@comcast.net wrote:
Hi Jack

Thank you for you work in bringing Russell's life and passing to our attention. I, too, remember him just as you have described.

Hope you and yours are well...

As for me...I spent a great week on a prayer retreat in the Poconos' mtn in northern Pa this June and a fun week on Chincoteague / Assateague Islands in August with my family. These are barrier islands off the coast of Va. Assateague is a national park with a very long sandy shore line, wild horses and a historic light house. The waterways in

between the islands are great for fishing, crabbing, watching porpoises and riding out a violent storm!

All of these experiences made for an interesting life this summer!

sally



On Aug 28, 2016, **Bunny Aikens Howes '58**

[<brabbitsd@aol.com>](mailto:brabbitsd@aol.com) wrote:

Jack, What about Roger Wilson, who was his brother, and in the class of 1957? His father was the leader of Wison Hi-Y.....this group and others also.

Perhaps you will receive more information on this also.

Bunny '58 and Mike '58 Howes

Dear Bunny and Mike, Thanks for letting me know that Russell Wilson '55 and Roger Wilson '57 were brothers. I did not know that when I published Russell's Sp Ed, #53-16 and that both were sons of Mr. Ashton Wilson, longtime and popular WHS woodworking instructor and Hi Y leader.



Russell Wilson '55
WHS Senior Photo



Roger Wilson '57
WHS Senior Photo



Mr. Ashton Wilson
WHS Woodworking Teacher

A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER

**"We will heel you;
We will save your sole;
We will even dye for you."**



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 29, 2016, at 6:34 AM, Don Noordsy <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:
Jack:

I remember Ashton Wilson wellbut not the sons as much. Ashton sure knew his woodworking, and he taught it well. I can remember his coming to Lowell Grade School when we had to take "Shop" there, and had to walk all the way from Emerson Grade School since Emerson did not have a shop. He was basically promoting his classes at WHS and hoping that we would take them the next year when we were freshmen at WHS.

The most fun about that Shop Course was walking from Emerson to Lowell and stopping at Alick's Grocery Store and stocking up on "treats" as nourishment for the long walk. Rich Alick was an Emerson classmate, and his father Joe owned the store but primarily ran the butcher shop at that time.....and I believe his oldest son Sam ran everything else. I know Joe Jr. was a couple of years ahead of us at WHS, and think Nafe was there then as well, but I am not sure on the timing. The daughter, Fatima, worked in the store on occasion too. It was truly a family operation.

Joe Sr. was always so good to my grandparents (on my mother's side) who lived 3 doors away from the store, to the east on 18th Street. They didn't have a lot of \$ as they had recently moved to town from their farm and still had a couple of kids living at home, or were living in town and getting meals there. Joe Sr. extended them credit and would often add extra product to the package he had already weighed and wouldn't charge them for it. I mentioned that to Rich one time and he said he knew his dad did that for the people who were struggling. You may know that Rich became a pharmacist, getting his education at SDSU, and he moved back to SF and opened a drug store next to the grocery store. Eventually, he needed more space and moved the drug store to the Northeast corner of 18th and Grange. Sioux Valley Hospital/Sanford bought up a lot of the property around there and expanded. The grocery store and the original drug store are both gone now, as is my grandparent's home. Great memories !

Don Noordsy, '58



Sam Alick '53
WHS Senior Photo



Nafe Alick '54
WHS Senior Photo



Joe Alick '56
WHS Senior Photo



Rich Alick '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 29, 2016, **WILSON, Roger K. (Rog)** '57 <wilson.roger@juno.com> wrote:

Roger K. (Rog) WILSON 770 578-1255 Cell 770 617-2333

Jack, thank you very much for such great coverage of Brother Russ and your notes on Doris and my father Ashton. It is wonderful to hear good things about Dad who passed away with us here in Marietta, Georgia, in 1999. Your recollection of Russell is right on and inspires me to earn similar thoughts.

<http://files.constantcontact.com/58ea91f1401/a21fd7f4-a196-428a-a61c-938a311f1289.pdf>

Thank you for going to all the trouble seeking details on Russell. Peggy suggested, as did Mark, that I get details to you, which I will. It is not a task that I welcomed, and I do see the value of such information that you put to good use.

Mark, Russ and I were very close. I have always said that he, as first born, paved my way for the experiences I would face some 18 months after he had tackled them. He gave me the inside scoop on what Dad and Mom, and others in the "village", *really* meant and wanted. He led me through the maze.

And, I do have a younger brother, A. Rhodes, WHS '68, US Military Academy grad, and currently a wealth management advisor in Pennsylvania. Jack maybe able to see him at age 7 in the O&B copy covering the WHS Royalty in '57. Do I recall that you may be in some of those pictures? It is tough to imagine a 66 year old kid brother. Rhodes' wife, Jana Janeli, is a WHS grad.

Thank you all for your suggestions-I am even more inspired to fill in some details.

Best to you and yours.

Rog ...



WHS 1956 Royalty: Photo from 1957 Warrior.

I to r, back row: Karen Grove, Cynthia Borgen, Sharon Trumm, Nancy Frank,
Queen Karen Osgood, Marshall Fred Hecker
Mark Line, John Simko, Jim Luce, Steve Spitznagel.

Attendants:

Front row: The two young ladies, unknown,
7 year old young man, Rhodes Wilson WHS Class of '68.



Glenn Anderson '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 29, 2016, **Glenn Anderson '57** <wlfsng914@aol.com> wrote:
Jack, thanks again for keeping us all informed. Just a word or two about Russell Wilson: though he was two years ahead in High School, Russell and I were debate partners one year. He was a terrific partner and we had some successes and of course failures too. Russ took me on as a snot-nosed kid partner for the topic of that year; "Should the United States have free trade agreements." We researched it and were prepared to debate either for or against. Even now it seems that topic is debated daily on Capital Hill and the media. This experience of being prepared with both sides of an argument has helped me come to some sound conclusions on actions in my life...far from having a bias and sticking with it though Hell or high water as seems to be the way American politics has gone. Anyway, Russell was a big, gentle bear of a guy and very bright and I was blessed to know him.

Glenn Anderson '57



Jane Ackerman '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 15, 2016, Jane Ackerman <letmebefree.ackerman6@gmail.com> wrote:

EDITORS RESPONSE: On September 15th Jane Ackerman '55, wrote to tell me that her sister, Larie Ackerman '53, had passed away. Unfortunately, at the time Debra and I were aboard a cruise ship and I didn't have access to the '53 yearbook for Larie's senior photo. I responded to Jane right away asking if she could scan Larie's senior photo and email it to me so I could get a Special Edition out on Larie from the ship and prior to her memorial service on the the 17th.

Jane immediately responded that she did not have the capability of scanning and asked that I go ahead and send out the Special Edition without a photo. Of course, I said I would and that I would run Larie's photo in the next O&B Newsletter. Larie's Special Edition went out from the ship on the same day, Sept. 15, 2016, and as promised, here is Larie's senior photo.

Again, Jane I offer my most sincere condolences to you and your entire family.

Jack



Larie Ackerman '53
WHS Senior Photo





Carla Thaelke '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 5, 2016, **Carla Gibson '56**

<carlagibsonc@aol.com> wrote:

Left to right: Warner '54 and Karen Gurley '54 Brown, Bud '54 and June Olson, Carla Thaelke '56 and Mike Gibson '56 having a great time on a river cruise in Bordeaux, France. Traveling with dear old friends is the best way to go! **Carla Thaelke '56**



Mike Gibson '56
WHS Senior Photo

Right:
Warner
Brown '54



Right:
Karen
Gurley
Brown '54



Right:
Bud
Olson '54





Chuck Munce '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 24, 2016, at 7:54 AM, Chuck Munce <k0sq@icloud.com> wrote:
Jack yep that's me 2nd page 3rd pic on the left , had a great time but did not find the snipe on the hunt 😊

Editor's note: Chuck is referring to the Camp Tepeetonga story in O&B issue, #7-16 that was mailed out on August 16, 2016. Don't feel bad Chuck, I didn't find the snipe on my first snipe hunt either. Jack



Dick Beatty '52
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 29, 2016, **Dick Beatty '52** <rdandeffie@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack.....thank you for your quick response.

I'll give you the cliffsnotes on my history page...I graduated Emerson grade school in 1948...WHS 1952...SDSM&T '52 to '55...

SD ANG as a navigator radar operator (back seat) while continuing studies in Journalism at SD State in Brookings, graduating in 1958. I worked on the Lead-Deadwood Pioneer Times until we got called up with my then Guard unit, an artillery outfit where I'm now officially a graduate of the Comanche County Canon Cockers College in Ft Sill OK, as a Captain...thank you bay of pigs.

I worked with the Argus Leader after getting out and finding that my job in the Hills had magically disappeared...started with Northwestern Bell in their Yellow Pages division '62 to '66...moved to Colorado Springs when wife at that time said move..start up company that I had been invited to join bellied up, so, back to yellow pages selling to little independent phone companies, territory, everything west of the Mississippi...divorced in 1970...then begins the long story, too long to go into right now, but eventually getting married again and winding up in Ft Worth.

God will shine on you for what you're doing...I can see it being a real pain at times...**Dick Beatty '52**

On Oct 4, 2016, at 7:10 AM, **Martha Pasco '61** <mjpasco@msn.com> wrote:

*Hi all once again I bring some bad news, 2 of our 1961 Classmates have died. The one I have an OB for is below and is **Jeff Holst** ('61). The other fella is **Paul Erick** ('61) who lives in Alexandria, MN. Arrangements for him are being handled by Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria. I don't like sending this information but feel you all would want to know.*

Martha (Tyler) Pasco '61

http://www.stygar.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1853991#.V_JiuZKG85M.hotmail

Ed. note: For those of you that attended Emerson, please see following email from Don Noordsy '58



On Oct 2, 2016, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack.....Jeff was WHS '61 but you might remember his mother, Marian Holst, from being a teacher at Emerson. She is mentioned in the obit as she had lived with Jeff in her later years.

She was my 7th and 8th grade homeroom teacher. Her husband, Ev, worked at Zip Feed with my Dad. Their son John was WHS '57 and passed away in 2011. **Don Noordsy '58**

Don Noordsy '58, WHS Senior Photo

Can You Believe,,,,, This Is Our Old WHS Auditorium?



MEET IN THE
HEART OF
AMERICA

Calling all meeting planners! See
what awaits you in Sioux Falls.

WELL IT IS!!! And isn't it beautiful!

As I think most of you know, our old WHS auditorium in the Washington Pavilion is now the, "Mary W. Sommervold Hall". Named after it's beautiful, always charming and gracious benefactor & our classmate, Mary Woods Sommervold from the WHS Class of 1952. As you can see above, the 'Hall' is featured in a beautiful new Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau presentation promoting Sioux Falls in its, "The Heart of America" campaign. The presentation is exceptionally well done and includes lots of great photos of our old home town. Just click on the link below and enjoy.

<http://visitsiouxfalls.com/>

Also, in case you missed it, "Money Magazine", in their October issue listed Sioux Falls as the 35th best "Small City", (population less than 300,000) in America to live. Its difficult for me to understand why it wasn't #1.



Mary Woods '52
WHS Senior Photo

**TO EACH OF YOU,
MY READERS.....**

**PLEASE SEND THE O&B “YOUR
STORY”, WITH PHOTOS, NOW!**

**THE O&B IS FOR YOU, AND ABOUT
YOU, AND CAN ONLY SURVIVE BY
MAINTAINING EVERYONE’S INTEREST.**

**NOTHING WILL MAINTAIN
EVERYONE’S INTEREST BETTER
THAN, “YOUR STORY”! ESPECIALLY,
IF YOU HAVE NEVER SUBMITTED
ANYTHING BEFORE. IT WILL HELP
PERPETUATE THE
ALUMNI O&B BETTER THAN
ANYTHING I CAN DO!**

THANK YOU, JACK

And Be Sure To Vote! (For the right candidate!)