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& SALUTE TO THE  
W. H. S.**

**Orange & Black**

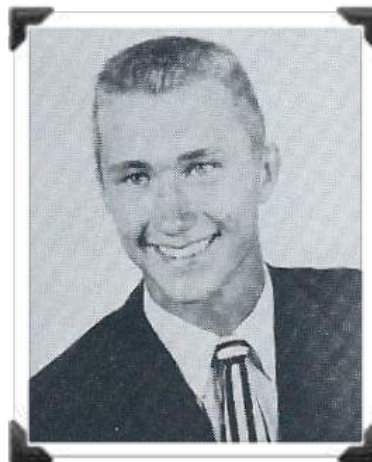
**PATRONS**

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**PATRONS AS OF 4-6-2020**

PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
Dale '56 & Camile Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	
Terry Bradley '57, Tillamook, Or.	Feb. 2, 2020	\$100.00	Linda Bradley Benson '54, deceased, Nita Bradley Bale '49, Olive Bradley Beckett '48 deceased and Bill Bradley '46 deceased
Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	March 11, 2020	\$50.00	
Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$25.00	
Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
Elliot Miller, MD '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	

# Photo Gallery of Our Generous Patrons



**Dale Peterson '56  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Camile Larson Peterson '61  
WHS Senior Photo**





**Terry Bradley '57**  
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**Linda Bradley Benson '54**  
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**Nita Bradley Bale '49**  
WHS Senior Photo

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Bradley '48

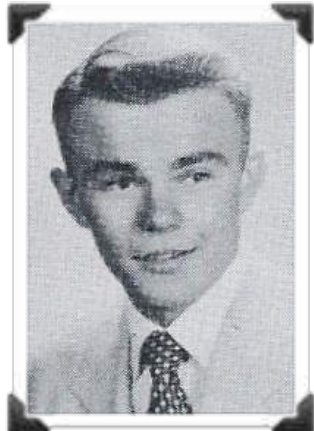
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Beckett '48**  
Deceased

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Bradley '46

**Bill Bradley '46**  
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**Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56**  
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**Jim Wylie '51**  
WHS Senior Photo



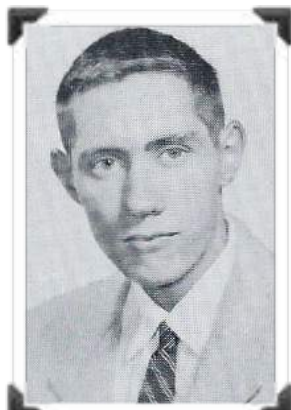
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**Patti Trish Wilder Swanhorst '59**  
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**Stuart VanMeveren '58**  
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**Jim Carlson '58**  
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**Royce Adams '58**  
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**Elliot Miller, MD '50**  
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**Gil Gjere '54**  
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**Mary Gjere '48**  
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**Glenn Gjere '46**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Helen Gjere '46**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



**Daryl Fritz '55**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Lois Bjerk Fritz '58**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**James Eastman '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Dear Readers,

Three months ago I had pretty much made up my mind that I needed to retire from publishing the O&B so I could concentrate full time on my business interests. but when the generous people above started stepping up to assist with the O&B expenses it truly inspired me to continue.

It's difficult to explain the feelings that changed my mind. It was not the money per se. It was the meaning, or sentiment behind the gifts that touched me more than any of you will ever know. It helped me realize more fully than ever before how much the O&B had come to mean to so many people. And now I pledge to each of you that I will continue to work hard and do my very best to make the O&B as enjoyable as I can for all of you.

Through all of this it has made me want to know more about each of these wonderful Patrons who have now altered my immediate life. To help me learn more about each of them I continue to make a special plea to each of them asking them to please submit something more personal about themselves not only for me, but also for all of my readers.

Below are a few stories on a few of our Patrons.

Jack Phillips '54



# The First Patrons

## Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson

Dale and Camille definitely started off the idea of O&B supporters contributing financial help to defray the fairly high expenses of the publication. The Peterson's did this simply by writing this powerful and certainly impressive letter.



Dale Peterson '56  
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 27, 2019, Dale Peterson '56 <dale1228@nwi.net> wrote:

Dear Jack,

Thank you for all the amazing information, joy and wonderful photos and stories you have shared with all of us who were students of the 50's at WHS. Your desire to stop your editorial roll is entirely understandable realizing it couldn't continue indefinitely. The fact remains that you still are at the top of your game and does it have to be now. The time you have put in and the quality of the work you turn out has been a gift of immense proportions and you have asked for nothing in return. The realization of your expenses should have dawned on

me before your last letter. We are putting a check for \$1,000 in the mail to you today at your address, 2261 Lauren Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89134. Should you choose to continue we will be glad to do this on an annual basis. I implore you, Jack, to put this letter in the next O&B, if there is one. Others, too, may feel a financial responsibility for our O&B that you have so capably published over the last half century.

You have my profound thanks and admiration,

Dale T. Peterson '56



Camille Larson '61  
WHS Senior Photo



Dear Jack  
Hopefully this gets to you this time.

These cards are made by poor women in the church at our mission in Haiti on treadle sewing machines.

I finished my surgical career in the operating room of our hospital there three years ago after yearly visits since 1986.

Time has gone too quickly but you know, I'm ready for the road ahead.

Please,  
Dale

I am hoping Dale & Camille will send more personal info. on their lives together. I would love to hear more about both Dale and Camille's lives since WHS.

I do have two more pictures of Dale and Camille that are two of my most favorite photos ever submitted to the O&B. They are the two photos on the right that they sent me on Jan. 30, 2014 for the Feb. 4, 2014 Valentines Day Issue when I was offering a "Love Songs" CD to O&B couples that would share their wedding pictures.

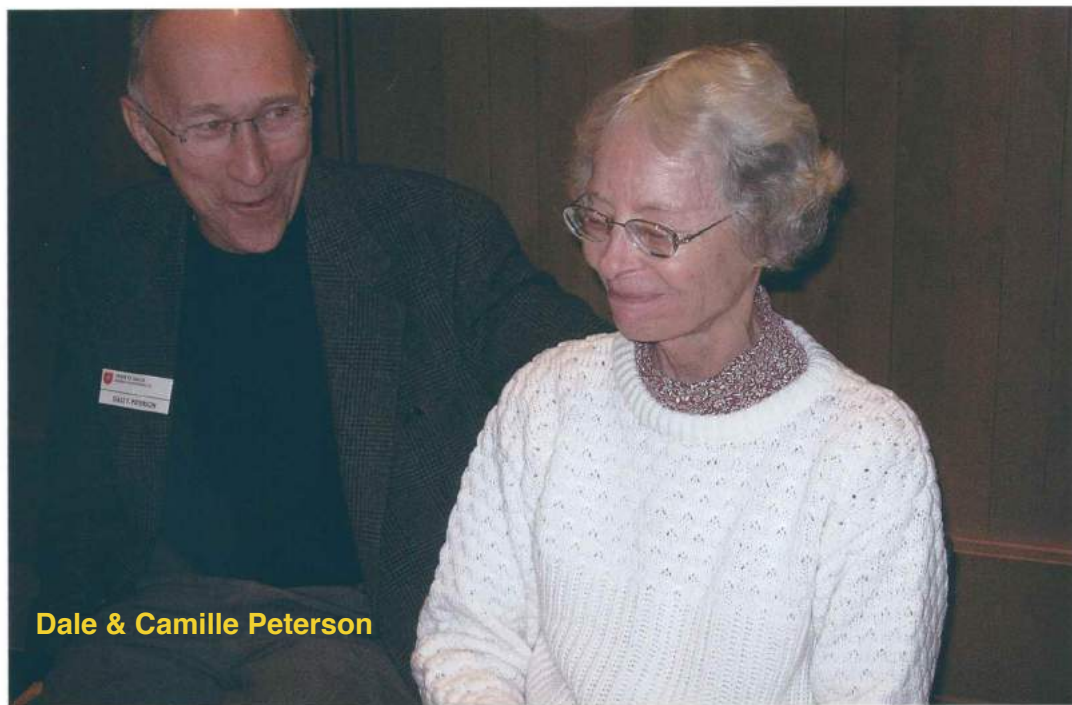
The following is what Dale wrote to me when he sent the photos in 2014.

*"We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary December 28, 2013 with family (3 children, 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren) and our many good friends here in Wenatchee and Seattle. Camille Larson graduated from WHS in 1961 and I graduated in 1956. We actually met in Chicago when I was a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at Northwestern Medical School and she was an undergrad at Northwestern in Evanston. We have had a blessed life, thanks be to God.*

**Dale Peterson '56"**

As you can see, Camille was such a beautiful bride and Dale was as handsome as ever. **And once again I thank them for their super generous \$1,000.00 donation to the O&B.**

**Jack**



**Dale & Camille Peterson**

*Temporal cares now vanquished as the mountain mist before the rising sun*

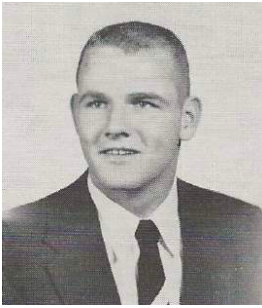
*You and I together here in this place in celebration of our life, our love*

*Still now and yet forever, my beautiful sweet valentine*





# Patron Terry Bradley '57



Terry Bradley '57  
WHS Senior Photo



Nita Bradley '49  
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 6, 2020, **terry bradley '57** <tb@kebetcoins.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

I must say that when I first read about your cockamamie idea that you were thinking of discontinuing publishing the O & B Newsletter next month, I thought "Jack would never REALLY do such a thing." However, now that March is almost here, I'm getting a little panicky!

On behalf of brother **William 'Bill' Bradley '46** (deceased); sisters **Nita Bradley Bale '49**, **Olive Bradley Beckett '48**, **Linda Bradley Benson '54** (deceased); and myself (still kicking), we are mailing you a contribution in hopes you can see your way to keeping up the GREAT work.

**Terry Bradley '57**



Linda Bradley '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

No Photos  
available for  
**Olive Bradley '48**  
or  
**Bill Bradley '46**  
Both Deceased

On Mar 12, 2020, **terry bradley** <tb@kebetcoins.com> wrote:

Jack, Wife's name is Kathryn Brownell Bradley, she attended high school in Vancouver, WA.

We live at 9790 S Prairie Rd, Tillamook, OR 97141

Have a safe trip,

**Terry Bradley '57**

# Patron, Stuart VanMeveren '58



Stuart VanMeveren '58  
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 11, 2020, **Stu VanMeveren '58** <vanmev@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, You don't know me but I want you to know how much I have enjoyed and valued your outstanding endeavor of publishing the Alumni Orange and Black for those of us who relished our time at WHS during the 50's. If I'm not mistaken, as I recall, a few years ago you previously considered retiring from this valuable contribution to our memories of the best time of our lives.....but, fortunately, changed your mind and continued on with enlightening us about our past good times. It's great to learn that you again will continue to publish the O & B. I always look forward to reading about those of us who graduated during the decade of the 50's as well as viewing the old photo's that are retrieved. I never like seeing the obits but It's good to learn about the lives of those who have passed on and it's always good to know those of us who are still vertical. I believe you did publish something I sent to you about four or five years ago. I am unable to retrieve it. It is somewhere lost in my computer or hiding in "the cloud". I don't

recall what I sent to you but if you have it in your archives and need some filler, go ahead and republish it. Thanks for continuing on.....a WHS O & B Patron check is in the mail. Stuart VanMeveren (1958)

On Apr 4, 2020, Stu VanMeveren <vanmev@comcast.net> wrote:

Thanks Jack for the update:

Here's something short:

After graduating from Jefferson and Emerson grade schools, and Washington HS in 1958, I went off to USD graduating in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration. I accepted employment with an insurance company for the next year and, after working with some lawyers as a claims adjuster, I decided to venture back to the University receiving my JD degree in 1966. Following graduation, I immediately moved to San Francisco to establish residency in California for the California Bar Exam. I was fortunate enough to pass the three day exam but an employment opportunity came up in Colorado so I moved to Fort Collins in 1967. Once I passed the Colorado Bar Exam I practiced law in Colorado for almost 50 years before retiring in the Phoenix area a few years ago. My wife Kathy and I are blessed with 5 children, 16 grand children and 3 great grand kids. We are now enjoying the desert which includes lots of golf and various outside activities.

Kindest regards,

**Stu VanMeveren '58**



On Apr 4, 2020, at **Stu VanMeveren '58** <vanmev@comcast.net> wrote:

Great! I met my wife Kathy when I moved to Colorado. She is a Colorado native. I will try to forward a photo to you.....stu

On Apr 4, 2020, **Stu VanMeveren '58** <vanmev@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, The second photo was taken in Prague....we were there for a few days as part of a Danube River Cruise. Highly recommended after we get over this craziness.....thanks again for all your work keeping the O & B going.....**Stuart VanMeveren '58**



# Patron

## Kipp Koester '55



**Kipp Koester '55**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

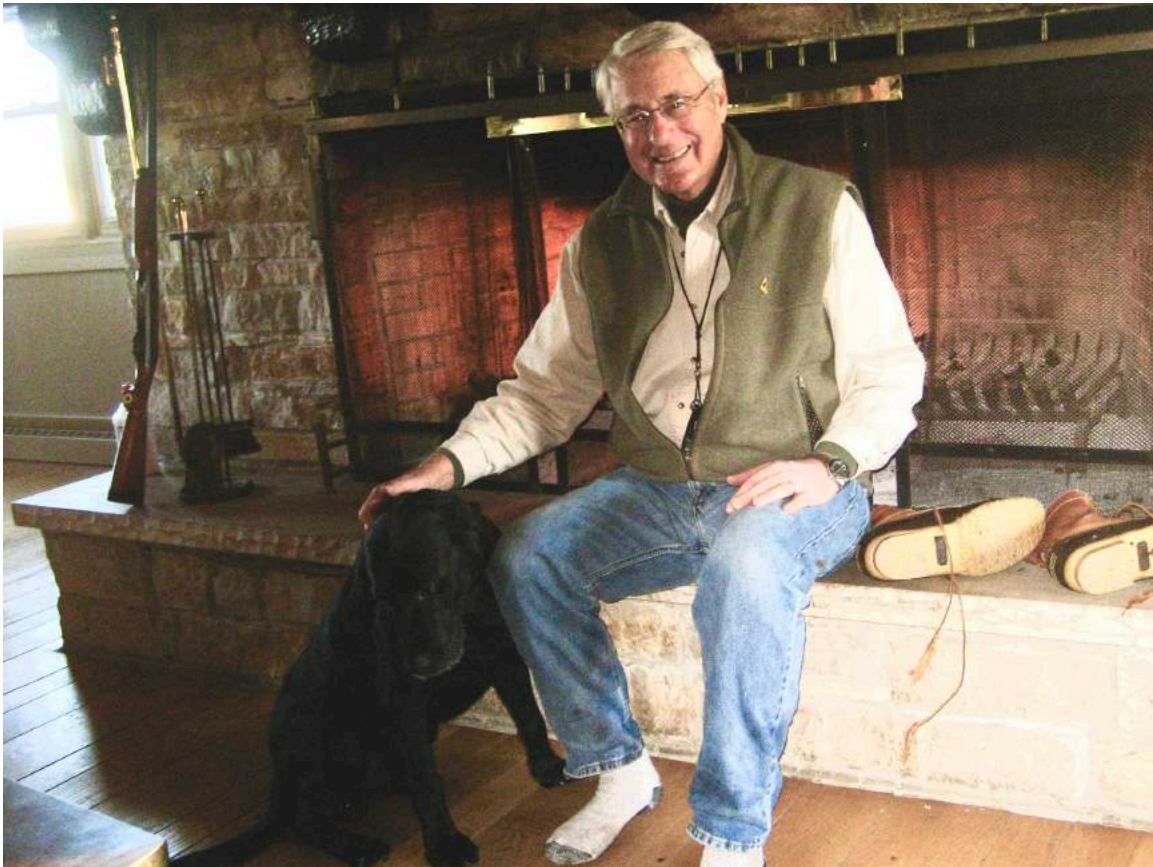
On Apr 4, 2020, at 5:16 PM, Kipp Koester <kkoester@wi.rr.com> wrote:  
Jack,

This note is in response for more info from your donors. I cannot ignore any request from you after the the many years of pleasure you have provided all of us with your O&B newsletter. I wish we could claim you in the Class of 55 but of course you are too OLD!

My bio can be divided into 30 year segments. The best of course was the first 30 year segment which included growing up in Sioux Falls and attending WHS. Off to Iowa State for a BS degree and then three years in the United States Marine Corps followed by an MBA from Wharton (before Trump). Next 30 was a wonderful career managing a private equity investment portfolio although headquartered in Wisconsin required extensive travel throughout US and Europe . Current 30 years includes retirement, winters in Naples FL and summers in Wisconsin where I am now hunkered down like everyone else while the country fights coronavirus.

I am now a full time caregiver for my wife who has respiratory and memory health issues is in a Memory Care facility only five minutes from our Wisconsin residence. Mary and I celebrated our 60th anniversary in December.

Like everyone else, Jack, I cannot thank you enough for the time and effort you dedicate to the O&B,  
**Kipp Koester '55**



**Kipp Koester '55 and his hunting dog.**



**Bob Berguin '53**  
WHS Senior Photo

**Editor's note:** I have considered **Bob Berguin '53** a truly good, & respected friend since we played WHS football together. As a side note, Bob is who



**Dick Wold '53**  
WHS Senior Photo

originally gave me the nickname, "Jelly Belly" when he saw me order jelly with my steak dinner at Stacy's Restaurant after a home football game. I was a junior and he was a senior.

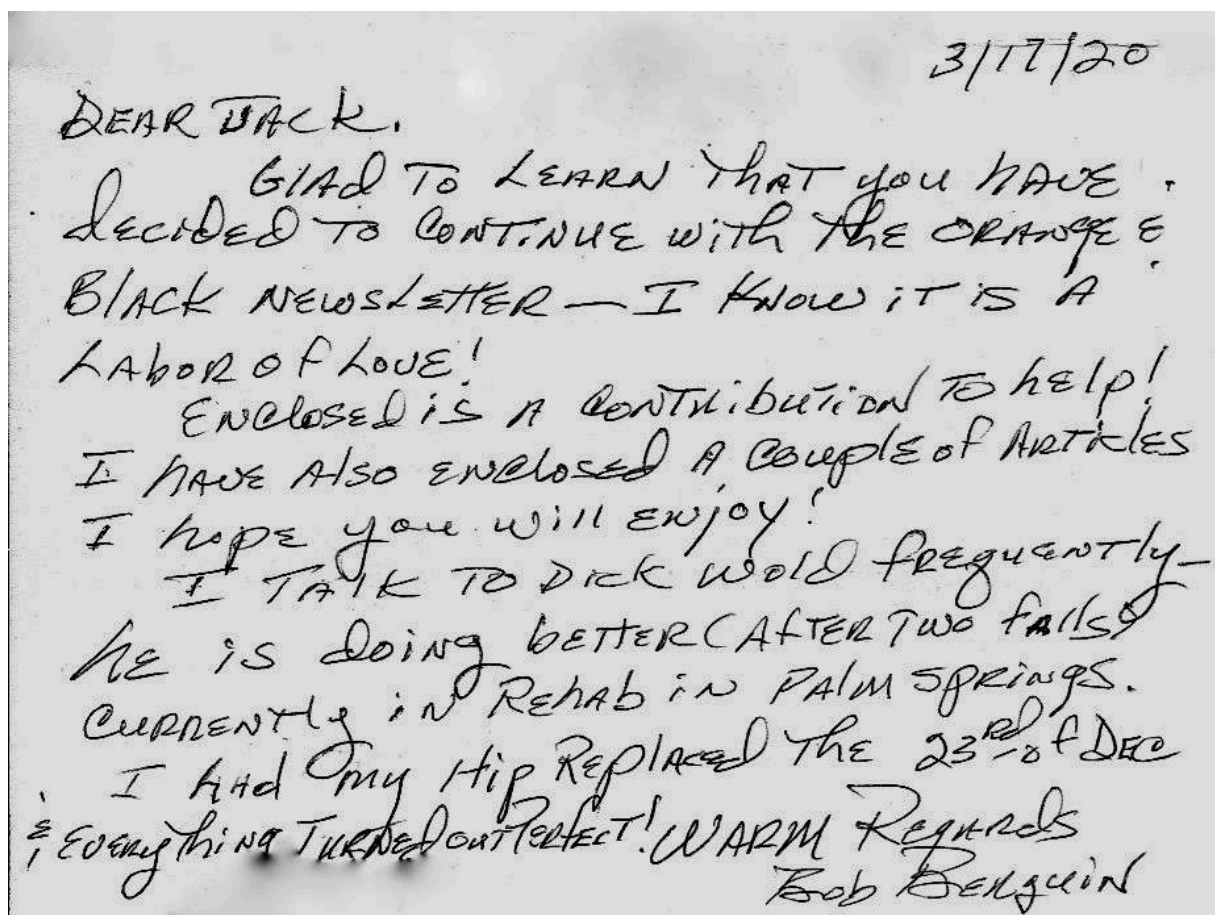
I respect Bob immensely for his seemingly endless depth of wonderful character traits. I would be happy to expand on those when I have more space. But for now, I have always found Bob to be a man that wants to do his share to support people, causes and projects that he believes in. This O&B is no exception. He was one of the first O&B subscribers to become a Patron with a most generous donation of \$152.00. (He included an extra \$2.00 bill for good luck.)

Bob knows how I am always asking, sometimes begging, my subscribers to submit stories to the O&B so he also submitted several stories for the O&B. My only disappointment was that this time I really wanted a personal story on Bob himself, but not surprisingly the only personal item was a photo of his 8th grade graduation from Hawthorne in 1949. I do thank Bob for the two stories below, Terry Woster's football story and his 1949 Hawthorne graduation photo. Since Bob won't talk about himself, I am now going to try providing some personal info on him for you.

I firmly believe that Bob was one of the most outstanding football players to ever take the field for WHS. The University of Nebraska obviously shared that opinion since Bob was a starter at center through out his entire college career at Nebraska.

Bob was married for 58 years to Peggy Mathers, his college sweetheart. They

## Patron Bob Berguin '53



**Roberta Berguin '50**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Beverly Berguin '56**  
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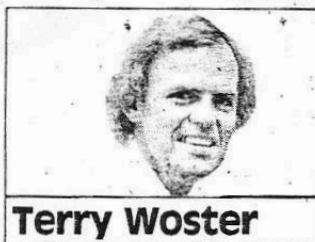
**Respectfully submitted by Jack Phillips '54**

## Hawthorne 1949 Graduating Class



Box 2  
Benjamin  
I have those  
1949 "GRADUATION  
DON WONG you will NOTICE  
BROWN BACK ROW  
ALSO DALE PAVLSON  
NEXT TO WHILLY  
ANDERSON  
Paulson  
Whillie

Pat Carol Betty Gwen Marlene Rhonda



# Long live old, brick fortress of Warriors

We stood around the sidewalk, trying to see through the cafe windows without appearing to be interested. It wasn't difficult to imagine what a bunch of Washington High football players would do to a guy if they didn't like him staring.

Still, I hope memories of old Washington High don't fade too quickly. They belong to us all.

Terry Woster is an *Argus* Leader staff writer.

# PATRON

## Dr. Elliot Miller '50



Elliot Miller '50  
WHS Senior Photo

Unfortunately I have never had the pleasure of personally meeting Dr. Miller, but I have had the pleasure of communicating with him many times by phone & emails. From our many conversations I have come to realize how attached and devoted he remains to WHS and his '50's classmates even after graduating 70 years ago.



Dr. Elliot Miller

He has in recent months contacted me numerous times concerning his considerable efforts to organize a 70th Class Reunion this summer for his WHS class of 1950. As it seems all reunion organizers learn it can frequently be a thankless and frustrating job. Dr. Miller has had the normal amount of frustrations and

difficulties to deal with but he also has a totally new and gigantic situation to contend with and that being that we are all in the midst of a world wide pandemic.. The last I heard he has had an encouraging number of positive responses but it just has not been possible to set a definite date that his classmates can plan on. Of course, both Dr. Miller and the O&B will keep you posted. For more info you can email Dr. Miller at [EVMILLER@MASSMED.ORG](mailto:EVMILLER@MASSMED.ORG)

In an effort to bring you more up to date on Dr. Miller and his life I will share the following with you:

Dr. Elliott V. Miller is an anesthesiologist in Topsham, Maine. He graduated from Harvard Medical School and is now retired. He had a younger brother that many of us new from the class of '53, Bruce "Choo Choo" Miller. I am sure everyone from the class of '53 and / or played football in 1950 to 1953 remember and liked Bruce a lot. Sadly Bruce is now deceased.



Bruce "Choo Choo" Miller '53  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

On Mar 4, 2017, **evmiller '50** <[evmiller@massmed.org](mailto:evmiller@massmed.org)> wrote:

Dear Jack,

You are most welcome. I am fortunate have generally good health. The arthritis is a major problem especially in the spine - - I have lost 7 inches in height. The brain still seems to work well. I enjoy working as a volunteer with now only two foundations. I go to Newfoundland every year to work on one - medical and education. Trying to learn watercolor which is a huge challenge. I have taught etymology courses on several occasions. It became a life long hobby after a special course in etymology in WHS. I can't remember the teacher's name, but I do remember the course well. I still have my HS text. Take good care of yourself. You only get one body issued for your lifetime.

Cordially, Elliott

On Mar 12, 2017, **evmiller '50** <[evmiller@massmed.org](mailto:evmiller@massmed.org)> wrote:

Dear Jack,

Thanks for your note. Indeed, you may print my letters. I am proud to be a member of the WHS class of 1950. There were many wonderful classmates who have achieved much in the USA for which I am very proud.

I was pleased to learn that you were a friend of my brother, **Bruce. Miller '53**. He did love playing football. I believe he was a fullback. He used to describe his pleasure in running into the opponents line and then run **over** the line. He died a tragic death from diffuse metastatic prostate cancer about 10 years ago. His tragic disease benefited me as a warning for a few years after his diagnosis, I developed prostate cancer having been on the lookout for it. I am now 22 years after the diagnosis but with two episodes of invasive treatments and doing well. Sometime, you might tell about yourself. You have been very generous to all of us fellow WHS alumni.

Cordially, Elliott

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# PATRON

## Gilbert Gjere '54

GIL GJERE 314 North Maple Street Viborg, South Dakota 57070

March 24, 2020

Mr. Jack Phillips  
2261 Lauren Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89134



**Gil Gjere '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Dear Jack

Per usual, I was very glad to receive your latest edition of The Alumni ORANGE & BLACK Newsletter. I read them religiously and commend you on the time you must expend in producing it for all the class of the 50's. I'm also elated you decided to continue producing them instead of retiring.

I was also pleased when I read your reply to Terry Bradley ('57) who contributed to the Patron's Club, and I immediately decided to send a contribution to ou on behalf of my Gjere siblings; brother, Glenn, and sister's Mary and Helen who where WHS graduates. The three of them graduated prior to our 1954 graduation date. I think Mary graduated about a year or so before my class, but I don't recall the years Glenn and Helen graduated. Both Glenn and Helen are now deceased. Mary will be 90 years old in May, and lives just across the alley from my house.

Sister Helen and our mother, Hilda, and I were very happy to come back to South Dakota in 2000 to live when our home (and about 80 other surrounding properties ) in our suburb of Milwaukee (WI) were bought by our suburb/county due to severe flooding of the Menominee River. Twice in 15 months, we had 5 feet of water in the basement. Since the affected area homes and businesses would be demolished in an effort to mitigate the flooding problem we all experienced, we had to find a new home. Instead of relocating in the Milwaukee area, we decided to move back here to South Dakota to be closer to Glenn and Mary: we decided on Viborg to be near Mary.

In memory of my brother Glenn and sisters Helen and Mary, I'm enclosing a check for \$250.00 to help to defray the costs you must experience in the production of the newsletter.

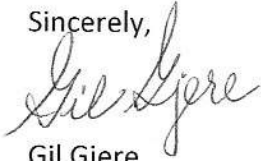
I frequently check our 1954 yearbook and reminisce about our high school years and classmates; it's SAD so many of our classmates are now deceased. I'll be 85 in a few months

and am in pretty good health; just getting older and stiffer. Mother passed away at 96 ½, so I might have her genes..... I hope!

I do miss Milwaukee where I was employed by the Milwaukee Public Schools; 21 years as a junior high/middle school teacher and other local school responsibilities not involved in classroom teaching. I was then appointed as a Middle School Learning Coordinator for my last 11 years of my 32 years of employment with MPS. My years with MPS were very fulfilling and rewarding in all respects. I was issued a Life License as a teacher, and a Life License as Supervisor/Coordinator/Director of Instruction (K-12) from the State of Wisconsin. After my 32 years with the system, I was able to retire in 1991 at age 55 with full retirement benefits from the school district and state retirement system.

Obviously, you won't be able to include ALL the above into a future newsletter, so please feel to edit it as you need or wish to do.

Sincerely,



Gil Gjere

(WHS '54 classmate)

GG:gg



**Mary Gjere '48, Gil Gjere '54,  
& Helen Gjere '46 Deceased**





# PATRON

## Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57

Marcia Blumberg '57  
WHS Senior Photo

... The Oleiskys

Dear Jack,

Enclosed is a check for you for the O & B. Thank you for all the time you put into keeping us all informed. You, Reg Teslow & John Simko are my only contacts to Sioux Falls as I have been away from there for so long.

Please do not publish the amount of this check but you can put my name in.

Your business must be very quiet now - as is everyone's. What is the name of your hotel?

Stay in & keep well. I was scheduled to have hip replacement surgery

This week but that is not going to happen - So until it does I am just struggling along. Not that I have anywhere to go anyway - my job is shut down & my Volunteering at a grade school is closed - so I just stay in the house.

Thanks again for all you do.

Marcia Oleisky  
(Blumberg) - class of  
1957.

The O&B will be hoping to receive a story from the remaining Patrons in the near future.

**For Now Everyone Please Stay Safe  
and Do As Our Health Officials Advise.**