

**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD**  
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!  
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**The series of stories from Myron Lee and  
The Caddies will continue next issue.**

## **Class of '59 55th Reunion**



**Donna Hecker '54  
WHS Senior Photo**

the lounge in the Holiday City Inn downtown. It was so good to have the time to find out what every one has been doing for the last five years. Chairman, John Hegg did a wonderful job of organizing the event with the assistance of several board members, Shirley Kittleson Bock, Mary Lou Weisler Jorgenson, Connie Henline Nelson and Dody Mundt Hopkins. The volunteer photographers were Donna Hecker Shearer of Houston and Shirley Kittleson Bock of Sioux Falls.

I had some special times with many of the group of which I hadn't conversed with for years. To note, Carole Smith from Longfellow grade school, is a writer and has several published pieces. One I was particularly interested in was on the subject of "Matthew" which I am going to order from Amazon. Since we were classmates since 3rd grade, it was fun to remember with Alan Lewis about his extended time of special studies at the Principle's Office in Longfellow grade school. Several ladies are Master Gardeners, Lana Kullendar and Sue Manderschied Beck. That is a favorite of mine as I designed and sold landscaping in Houston for a time.

After the happy hour, the group split up to go to various places to have dinner. We retired early Friday night so we would have the energy to visit all the fun events going on in Sioux Falls and surrounding area. A large amount of classmates went to the "Sculpture Walk" along Main and Phillips. Also there was a "Sidewalk Arts" on the streets of downtown with over 200 vendors selling arts, crafts and food from 9:00am to 5:00pm. And we can not return to Sioux Falls with out going to the fabulous "Falls Park" with all of it's improvements. I went and bought the T-shirt. Actually I bought 4 T-shirts so I am now complete. In addition to the "Falls Park" improvements is the 18 mile bike path circling Sioux Falls and along the downtown river

Fun, Fun, Fun at WHS reunion, Class of 1959 on Sept. 5-7, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota It was such a great reunion with about 100 classmates attending out of a class of about 650 students. With the advent of a whole school reunion next year, we thought this was a pretty good turn out.

Our first night, Friday, September 9-5-14, we congregated for a happy hour at

walk. So many things to do, not enough time. A visit to the Washington Pavilion certainly brings back fond memories. But especially interesting is a trip to the Old courthouse Museum on 6th Street.

One more Saturday event was an Old Automobile Collection Tour at Joe Floyd's Garage in Harrisburg, S. Dak. There were many Oldies but Goodies shown there including two Ford Drag racing sedans powered by flathead V-8 engines. Drool, drool say the mature hot rodders. The tour was hosted by Bill Kullander and Craig Floyd. Some of the muscle automobiles from the '50s and 60's were also featured. There are 41 vehicles in the collection.

This brings us up to the Saturday evening gathering on the 3rd floor of Cherapa Place between 6th and 8th located in downtown Sioux Falls. The hearty buffet with fabulous hor d' oeuvres was equivalent to a full course meal along with the wine and beer cash bar. And you should have seen the sweets bar...incredible. Aside from the wonderful surrounding and food, several people joined us who had not been at the Holiday City Inn DT on Friday night. It was so good to see Haskell and Julie Bee, Maggie Christopherson, Judith Hiatt, George Peterson with his wife, Gunna, and Steve Eggars. Our photos featured the 4 majorettes, Shirley Kittleson, Judy McDougall, Jody Madland and Becky Crevelt, from WHS and a group of ladies who all shared the first name, Mary. Please see photos to find the Mary photos.

Breakfast was Sunday morning at the Hilton Garden Inn downtown or other various places to congregate one last time. But one last time to congregate was enough, so a whole bunch of Sioux Falls ladies met on Monday morning for coffee. I'm sorry I missed it. Shirley Bock has that photo. I thoroughly enjoyed taking photographs and sharing our fun times with the readers of the WHS Orange and Black web letter which is sent out by Jack Phillips. He has done a fabulous job and more and more people want to receive this news letter. Congratulations, Jack, on your induction into the WHS Hall of Fame for "Special Contributions" to the school. If there are any errors made in this edition of the newsletter, I take full responsibility for any mistakes. So please contact me, not Jack, to complain. Great to see everyone, fondly Donna Hecker Shearer (Hecks) as I was called by some.

**Note: Blue name tags, Class of '59; Red - Guests**



chairman, John Hegg & board member, Mary Lou Weisler Jorgenson



Deana Kneebone Helgenson



Connie Henline, woops with Frank Hecker here on his 50th reunion, and Shirley Kittleson Bock



left: Mary lou Jorgenson, Connie Nelson, Donna Mary shearer and Shirley Bock working on hiding their double chins.



Dody Hopkins, Connie Nelson and Anne Feurerhelm Haaland



**Mary Kelly,  
Leone Sundby  
and Linda  
Aksland  
Roozenboom**



**Connie  
Henline  
Nelson and  
Dick friess**



**Carole Smith Ryden, Bill Pay '45, Karen  
Brende, Mary Casperson '58**



**Maxine Jewett**



**Gary Peterson**



**Mary Lou Savold, Shirley Bock, Sue French, Judy McDougal,  
Donna Hecker, In back, Mike Savold and Linda McCahren Graham**



**Donna Hecker Shearer and Shirley Bock**

# Class of '59 60th Reunion



The MARYS: Mary Savedra Van Horn, Mary Ellen Bergdahl, Mary Jane Coval, Mary Lee Wickstrum, , Mary Westphal, Donna mary Hecker, and side view of Mary Lou Savold.



Glen Staatfield and Caren Sederstrum Staatfield



Above: Judy Drew, Jody Madland, and Don Drew



Right: Sue Manderscheid Beck, Becky Crevelt Nicholls, Dick Beck, Bill Kullendar and Lana Kullendar. with Boyd Hopkins and Bob Swanhorst in the back ground.



Doug Yarrow, Jim Larsen and Gary Hobart



Bob and Trish Wilder Swanhorst



Linda McCahren Graham and Dody Mundt Hopkins.



**Pattie keep ritter and Bill Ritter**



**Bea Barck**



**Shirley Kittelson &  
Myron Lee Wachendorf**



**chairmen John Hegg, Becky Crevelt  
Nichols and Dick Nichols**



**Elaine Meyer Winkel and Ron winkel**



**Gwen Moon Noonan and  
Collen Hendricks Booth**



**Donna Hecker Shearer and  
Bernita Hagen Greiner**



**Dody and Boyd Hopkins**

**Jim Hausman, Gary Roddel,  
Ron Nelson and Jerry Jencks**



**George Peterson and Gunna Peterson**



**Chuck Munce &  
Dale Johnson**



**Dody Mundt Hopkins, Steve Eggars, Shirley  
Kittleson Bock and Donna Hecker shearer**



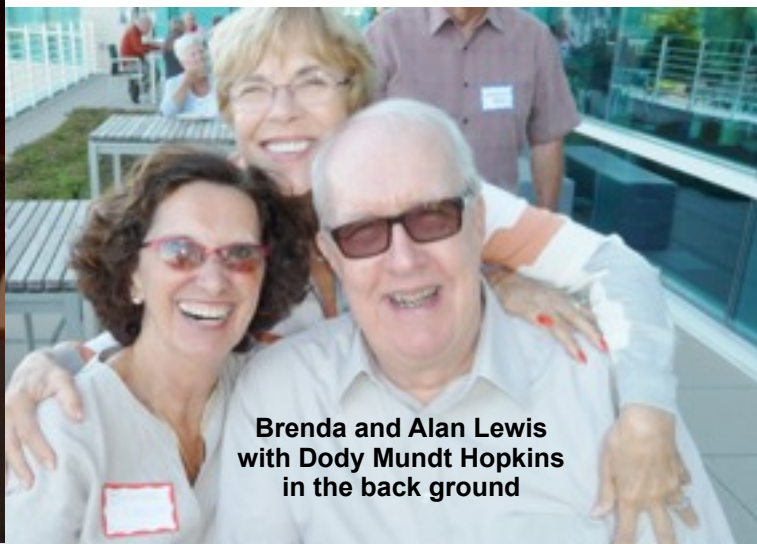
**Lana an bill  
Kullande**



**Judy Hiatt**



**Brenda and Alan Lewis  
with Dody Mundt Hopkins  
in the back ground**





**Julie Johnson Bee, Haskell Bee, Mike Savold  
and Mary Lou Edhe Savold**



**Connie Henline Nelson, Carole Wachendorf  
and Myron Lee Wachendorf**



**Jerry Jencks and Maxine Jewett**



**Donna Hecker and Sue Muilenberg French**



**Tom Graham and Sue  
Muilenberg french**



**Gary Hobart, Mary Ellen Bergdahl, Harold  
Best and Sue Muilenberg French**



**THREE Majorettes: Shirley Kittleson Bock ,  
Jody Madland Brye, Becky Crevelt Nichols**



**Margaret (Maggie) Christopherson**



**Judy McDougal Malmberg and  
Tom Malmberg**



**Jim Hausman &  
Gary Roddel**

**Editor's Thank You:** A huge thank you to Donna Hecker Shearer of Houston and Shirley Kittelson Bock of Sioux Falls for sending me these great photos of their Class of '59's, 55th Reunion. I am flying to Sioux Falls today for my Class of '54's, 60th Reunion and was concerned about having an overwhelming number of photos from both reunions for just one O&B Newsletter, when I returned. But, because of both Donna and Shirley sending me their photos in a manner that I could pretty much just copy and paste I am able to publish their 55th Reunion photos before I leave for my reunion. Thank you ladies! You made this job so much easier! Shirley, since you live in Sioux Falls I would love for you to come help me and Betty Hodge '49, take take photos of my reunion. Jack



## **To The Class of '54 YOUR LAST REMINDER!**

**There Is Less Than 48 Hours Before Our 60th Reunion Begins**

**Sept. 19, 20 & 21, 2014**

**It is not too late to register and attend.  
See Lots of Old and Dear Friends.**

**You Will Be So Very Welcome,  
And We'll All Be So Very Glad You Came!**





**Lorraine Norman**  
Beloved WHS Teacher  
1960 Warrior Photo

## The O&B Regrets To Announce The Passing Of **Lorraine Norman** June 5, 1923 - August 21, 2014



Lorraine A. Norman, longtime educator in the English Department of Washington Senior High School in Sioux Falls, died August 21, 2014, at Bethesda Nursing Home, Beresford, SD. She was 91.

Lorraine A. Norman was born June 5, 1923, in Centerville, SD, to Ed and Martha (Hansen) Norman. She graduated from high school at Beresford, SD in 1941, and attended Augustana College where she received her BA degree.

Lorraine taught school in Canton, SD for a period of time before beginning her life-long teaching career in the English Department at Washington Senior High School. During the summer months, Lorraine earned her MA degree through the University of Minnesota. For several years, she pursued and taught summer school at many regional colleges and universities.

Lorraine taught English, Journalism, Mass Media, and was the faculty advisor of the WSHS newsletter, The Orange and Black. She was a mentor to many students and adults alike, and enjoyed seeing them succeed. Lorraine retired from teaching in 1984. Gifted at developing a special bond with her students, Lorraine was often honored and humbled to receive visits and words of thanks from her former students.

Active in her community, Lorraine loved to entertain. For years, she enjoyed hosting dinners, coffee parties and having company after special events. She blessed many people with her gift of hospitality, and those attending always came away feeling special. A lifelong member of Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church of Beresford, SD, she was also active with Central Baptist Church, SDEA, NEA, Journalism Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Phi Delta Kappa, Augustana Fellows, and the Annie Talent Society. Lorraine loved poetry and artwork, and in her free time enjoyed refinishing furniture and spending time compiling the Norman family history. Blessed with a spirit of compassion, Lorraine was a gracious lady with a servant heart who loved the Lord, and served Him her whole life.

Grateful for having shared her life are her sister, Berniece Thissell, Beresford, SD; nieces and nephews, Norman Hovda, Nancy (Ed) Wick, Dan (Carol) Thissell, Lois Fitzgerald, Jane (Wayne) Smith, Peter (Doreen) Fahlberg, John (Sandy) Fahlberg; and a host of friends, grand-nieces and nephews, and great- grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a twin sister who was stillborn; two sisters, Leona and her husband, Thor Hovda, Maurine and her husband Wes Fahlberg; brother-in-law, Donald Thissell; and her dear friend, Signie Johnson.

Funeral Services celebrating Lorraine's life will begin 10:00 am Monday August 25, 2014, at the Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church, Beresford, SD. Open visitation for the public will take place from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Sunday at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls.



On Aug 28, 2014, at 2:58 PM, **Georgia Severson Johnson '56**, [Gjtn7odsf@aol.com](mailto:Gjtn7odsf@aol.com) wrote:

Jack, The last address that we had for Karen Running Holum was in 2011.

Karen Running Holum  
2029 Rosemount Av NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
202-265-2302

Hope this helps. It is getting more and more difficult to keep up with everyone due to retirements and down-sizing.

**Georgia Severson Johnson '56**  
WHS Senior Photo





On Aug 28, 2014, Ms Gail Norbraten <[gnorbraten@yahoo.com](mailto:gnorbraten@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Thanks Jack! I got an email from Peter Johnson who had her email address. Amazing what you can find out through the O&B!

**Gail Norbraten '57**

Ed, Note: In regard to her search for Karen Running Holum '56



On Aug 28, 2014, at 5:00 PM, **Lolita Johnson Larson '52**,

<[llarson34@sio.midco.net](mailto:llarson34@sio.midco.net)> wrote:

Jack – Kay Moi Schrader '54 is looking for Walt Bernard. I talked to him at a Whittier reunion years ago. At that time he was living at 1807 18th Street, Harlan, IA 51537.

According to a white pages search just now, he is still at that address.

**Lolita Johnson Larson '52**

WHS Senior Photo



On Aug 29, 2014, **Carl Turco '58** <[mmparadise@suddenlink.net](mailto:mmparadise@suddenlink.net)> wrote:

Hello Jack, Again, what a great job ,with this latest edition, of the O&B. I don't know where you find the time, to do what you do.

The article of Loren Little is just a reminder, of how great we are ,in the eyes of our Creator. Jack, do you have an e-mail address for Loren? If my memory serves me, in 1953, 54 and 55, we lived at 710 west 37th Street between Duluth and Norton. I believe Loren lived on the South West corner of 37th & Norton. Jerry Jenks lived just across the street (37th) S/W corner of Norton. Jim Luce lived 2 doors south of Loren on Norton. The Green Boys lived 6 houses South on Norton, on the west side of the street.

If you have any connection to Loren, I would appreciate it. Find out if a Bridge (Structures)Engineer(me) has any Thing in common with an MD from the 50's?

Thanks Jack, **Carl Turco "58** The O&B provided Carl with Loren's contact info.



**Loren Little '59**

WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 29, 2014, at 3:55 PM, [tpts1@aol.com](mailto:tpts1@aol.com) wrote:

I lived 1700 block 18 St 1950- 1955, then moved to 2000 S Lyndale. Used to hang out with Jerry J. sometimes. You guys lived out where you could still hunt pheasants !.  
Loren Little



**Doug Aldrich '57**

WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 7, 2014, **Doug Aldrich '57** <[doug.aldrich@comcast.net](mailto:doug.aldrich@comcast.net)> wrote:

Jack, Dave was a long-time friend through our activities together at Our Saviors' Luther League, Sunday School and Choir. While we hadn't seen each other for a number of years, we happened to be in Rapid City a few years ago, and here Dave was, a guest choir director at Trinity Lutheran, my wife's church back then. His sister and brother were there too, for a joyful reunion, despite his health bouts. We shared a lot of conversations during those high school years, and I always found Dave was just like in the obit: thoughtful, caring, talented and interesting. God's blessings to all.

**Doug Aldrich '57** Ed. Note: In Reference to Special Edition on the passing of David Blegen '57

On Sep 4, 2014, at 8:02 AM, Royce Adams '58 [Litljump@aol.com](mailto:Litljump@aol.com) wrote:

Another great job - the latest O&B. The articles are interesting and the letters also. Since I am very much like the cartoon you included, the kid talking to grandma, I called upon my son to download the O&B because I still can't make it work for me. Reminds me of a time when I was sub-teaching at an elementary school. I was in the third grade room and was asked by the other teacher to work with three students with their "chrome books". That is a small lap top and had their math lessons on it. After a few minutes of examining that "chrome book" I finally gave up and had the third grade kids show me how to turn it on! I was, however, able to do the math.

Thanks for the O&B's, keep 'em coming!

Royce Adams '58



Royce Adams '58  
WHS Senior Photo



On Sep 4, 2014, at 8:06 AM,

[Litljump@aol.com](mailto:Litljump@aol.com) wrote:

Jack, one of the many plants and flowers I have in the back yard garden. These are called Elephant Ears. "The more I grow, the less I mow!"

Royce Adams '58



On Sep 10, 2014, Alan Lathrop <[a-lath@umn.edu](mailto:a-lath@umn.edu)> wrote:

There are two more names you can add to the list of deceased members of the WHS class of 1957:

John Flocken (died in Omaha in 2009)

David Blegen (died in Sioux Falls in 2014)

Ed. Note: See Special Edition on David

Alan Lathrop '57  
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks. Alan Lathrop (Class of '57)



John Flocken '57  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

On Sep 14, 2014, at 9:03 AM, Alan Lathrop <[a-lath@umn.edu](mailto:a-lath@umn.edu)> wrote:

Jack-- forgot to include my wife's name in the previous message. It is Peggy. She is not from Sioux Falls. I essentially left Sioux Falls in 1961 and have only returned for visits. The last one was in 2007. The city has changed a lot and, except for the old central core, I don't recognize it.

By the way: do you keep any information on teachers and administrators? Most likely, most, if not all, from our days at WHS are gone now.

Thanks again for your efforts to record the history of the high school.

Al Lathrop '57

On Sep 15, 2014, at 8:41 AM, Alan Lathrop <[a-lath@umn.edu](mailto:a-lath@umn.edu)> wrote:

I had Bob Burns for a health class and then he followed me to Augustana where he became the football coach. Also had Lorraine Norman. I knew that Arnie Bauer had passed away, as well as Homer Thurston, a biology teacher. Annie Kleinsasser, another English teacher, died about seven or eight years ago. She was tough as nails and I didn't really appreciate her until after going into college and then realizing all that she had taught us.

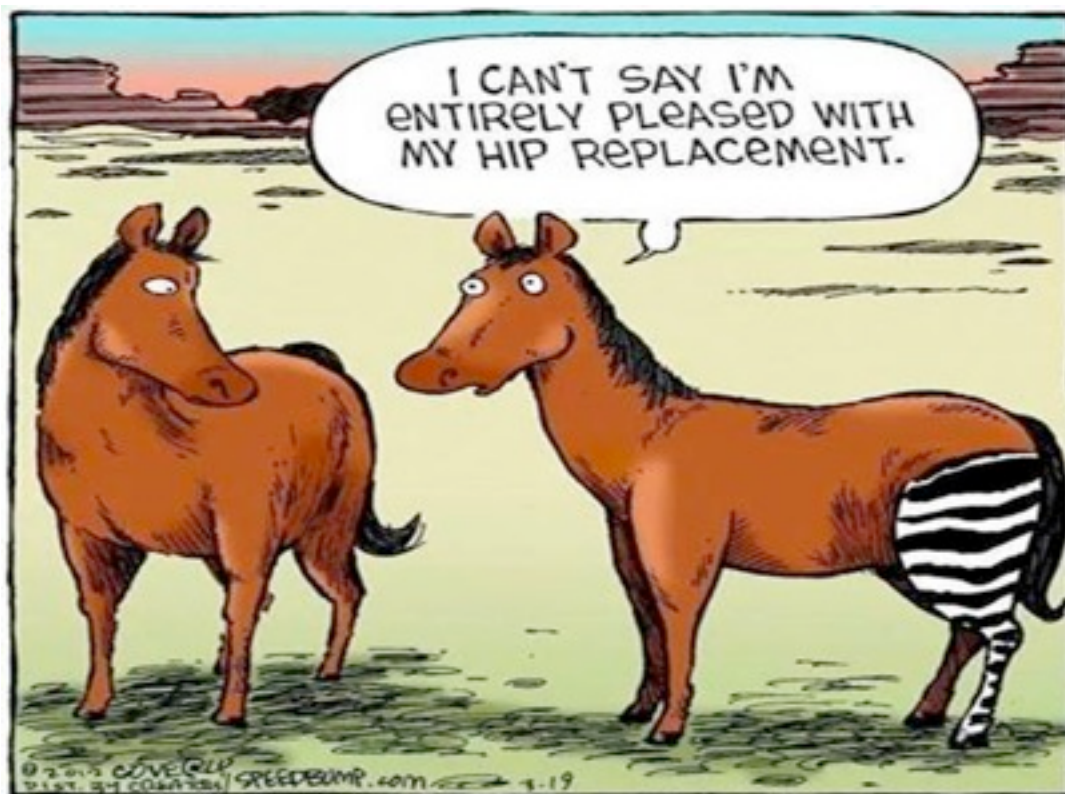
Thanks again.

Al Lathrop '57



Obituary of Interest  
**Charles Fusfield WHS '40**  
**Owner of Fusfield's Store For Women**  
Passed Away On August 12, 2014

Charles Walter Fusfield died gracefully at 92 years of age on August 12, 2014 in beautiful Northern California, completing a "delightful" life. Charles was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1922 and graduated from Washington High School in 1940. He married Marilyn Smith Fusfield in Sioux Falls and their three children, Jan, Laurie and Bill were also all Washington High graduates. In 1955, Charles and Marilyn worked with renowned architect Edwin Lundie to build a beautiful family home at 42 Riverview Heights in Sioux Falls. They filled their home with Marilyn's paintings. Charles was an active part of the Sioux Falls community until the late 1970s. He owned and operated a familiar Sioux Falls "landmark" of earlier years, Fusfield's Store for Women on Phillips Avenue. He was on the board of directors of the Great Plains Zoo, and active in the South Dakota AAA. Charles was the fond uncle of Sioux Falls residents Mary Speier Mairose and Susie Speier Wingler. To view his full life tribute, including his years in Sioux Falls, as well as the decades thereafter, please go to our Santa Rosa paper at: [www.pressdemocrat.com/news/obits/](http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/obits/). Click on the 'browse more' link at the top of the name list, and then, enter Charles's name in the search box on the right. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/argusleader/obituary.aspx?n=charles-fusfield&pid=172442325#sthash.B816FqQm.dpuf>



**The Annual WHS  
Athlete Hall of Fame  
Banquet and  
Induction Ceremony  
Is Only 23 Days Away  
Get Your Tickets Now  
October 11, 2014**

***It's A Grand Event  
You Don't Want  
To Miss!  
Mike & I Hope To See You There.***

**October 11, 2014  
WHS Athletic Hall of Fame  
Banquet and Induction**

This years Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday evening, October 11, 2014 in Sioux Falls at the Washington Pavilion. More information will be forthcoming. The 2014 inductees from our decade of the fifties are Mike Gibson '56, in the, "Athlete" category, and Jack Phillips '54, in the, "Contributor" category. This is a most prestigious event. Make plans now to attend.



Mike Gibson '56  
WHS Senior Photo  
"Athlete"



Jack Phillips '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
"Contributor"