

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade. Photos and Stories Requested!

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**ONE NEW PATRON
WELCOME & THANK YOU!**



**Judy Stevens '61
WHS Senior Photo**

	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF, OR, IN MEMORY OF:
1	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	Dec.28, 2020 Dale '56 & Camille '61 donated an additional \$1,000 making their total PATRON contribution \$2,000.. Thank you Dale & Cammy!
2	Terry Bradley '57, Tillamook, Or.	Feb. 2, 2020	\$100.00	Siblings: Linda Bradley Benson '54, deceased, Nita Bradley Bale '49, Olive Bradley Beckett '48 deceased and Bill Bradley '46 deceased
3	Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
4	Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
5	Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
6	Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	Mar. 11, 2020	\$108.00	On Sept. 18, 2020 Stuart increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Stuart!
7	Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$58.00	On July 2, 2020 Jim increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Jim!
8	Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
9	Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	On April 25, 2020 Royce increased his Parton Donation. Thanks Royce!
10	Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
11	Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
12	Dr. Elliot Miller, '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
13	Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
14	Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
15	Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
16	James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
17	Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
18	Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
19	Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
20	Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
21	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Nov. 21, 2020 Dr. Jim Brown donated an additional \$100.00 making their total PATRON contribution \$200.00. Thank you Jim!
22	Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	
23	Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
24	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	April 15, 2020	\$50.00	On 5-12-21 Judy Stevens donated an additional \$50.00 making her total PATRON contribution \$100.00 Thank you Judy.
25	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield, Hills, MI	April 14, 2020	\$158.00	Dec.14, 2020 Ken Eisenbraun '58 donated an additional \$158.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$316.00. Thank you Ken.

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26	Mary Taylor Herrick '56 Cleveland, OH	April 15, 2020	\$500.00	
27	Roger '55 & Vonda Fritz '56 Peterson Sioux Falls, SD	April 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
28	Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thoeke '56 Gibson Reno, NV	April 18, 2020	\$50.00	Nov. 21, 2020 Mike and Carla donated an additional \$100.00 making their total PATRON contribution \$150.00.
29	Roger '55 & Permella Bedford '56 Kielman Peoria, AZ	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
30	Merlyn "Chris" Christensen '54 Hudson, NH	April 21, 2020	\$100.00	
31	Dick Jensen '55 Naperville, IL	April 22, 2020	\$100.00	
32	Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
33	Walt Leyse '50 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
34	Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons Gold Canyon, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$50.00	
35	Terry Robinson '57 Peoria, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$57.00	
36	Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl Portland, OR	May 1, 2020	\$100.00	
37	Sharon Frank Johnson '53 Sioux Falls, SD	May 8, 2020	\$50.00	
38	Gene Bushnell '56 Rapid City, SD	May 8, 2020	\$100.00	
39	Terry Feay '56	May 12, 2020	\$60.00	
40	Dennis York '55 Rapid City, SD	May 12, 2020	\$100.00	
41	WHS Class of '54	May 14, 2020	\$300.00	
42	Dick Sweetman '54 Sioux Falls, SD	May 15, 2020	\$100.00	
43	Warner '54 & Karen Gurley '54 Brown Scottsdale, AZ	May 20, 2020	\$100.00	
44	Ronald Larson '59 Sioux Falls, SD	May 23, 2020	\$100.00	
45	Dr. Glenn Gravelle '58 Centennial, CO	May 26, 2020	\$158.00	
46	Dave '56 & Barbara Lease '55 Quigley Green Valley, AZ	May 13, 2020	\$100.00	
47	Wayne Gustafson '54 Rapid City, SD & Surprise, AZ	May 29, 2020	\$250.00	
48	Sherrill Wilcox Pohl '52 Amarillo, TX	June 9, 2020	\$25.00	
49	Marlene Rance '61 Sioux Falls, SD	June 11, 2020	\$100.00	
50	Lloyd '56 & Bernita Hagen '59 Greiner Loveland, CO	June 12, 2020	\$115.00	

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51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	On January 27, 2021 Rudy donated an additional \$100.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$200.00
52	Patricia O'Rielly Miller '59 Chicago, IL	June 12, 2020	\$500.00	
53	Dennis Luce '54 Rapid City, SD	June 16, 2020	\$100.00	
54	Jody Syverson Vanderploeg '54 Okoboji, IA	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
55	Vincent Keenan '59 Sioux Falls, SD	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
56	Barbara James Bymes '57 Overland Park, KS	June 30, 2020	\$100.00	
57	Hal Erickson '54 Surprise, AZ	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
58	Dick Wold '53 Sioux Falls, SD	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
59	Doug Olson '56 Avon, Ohio	July 2, 2020	\$100.00	On March 6., 2021 Doug donated an additional \$100.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$200.00
60	Roger Teigen '56 Norman, OK	July 7, 2020	\$250.00	
61	Tom '58 & Linda McCahren '59 Graham Sioux Falls, SD	July 12, 2020	\$200.00	
62	Dixie Utesch Tilden '58 Montevideo, MN	July 15, 2020	\$200.00	
63	Dean Mann '50 Sioux Falls, SD	July 20, 2020	\$50.00	
64	Andy Weber '52 Houston, TX	July 24, 2020	\$100.00	Sister, Mildred "Millie" Weber Edwards '53 - Deceased
65	Romain Oliver Nelsen '53 Davis, CA	July 24, 2929	\$100.00	
66	Anonymous Patron Sioux Falls, SD	July 30, 2020	\$100.00	
67	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	August 1, 2020	\$100.00 ++	April 8,2021 Mary increased her Patron contribution significantly. Amount of increase private.
68	Wally Boersma '54 Marshall, TX	August 1, 2020	\$50.00	
69	John Hedland '58 Anchorage, AK	August 4, 2020	\$100.00	
70	Gary '57 & Kathy Rea '58 Conradi Sioux Falls, SD	August 4, 2020	200.00	
71	Mavis Larson Carl '55 Sioux Falls, SD	August 5, 2020	\$120.00	Husband, Ronald Carl '54, deceased; Sister, Shirley Larson Wermers '54; Brothers, Dale Larson '58; & Lyle Larson '61; Dear friend, Mary Lou Jewett '55 deceased.
72	Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54 Bloomington, MN?	August 8, 2020	\$100.00	
73	Deane Grav '58 Sun Lakes, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$25.00	
74	Bob Zimmerman '54 deceased & Connie Hammit '54 Zimmerman, Mesa, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Bob Zimmerman '54, by Jack Phillips '54.
75	Kent Morstad '54 deceased & Judy Morstad. Sioux Falls, SD	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Kent Morstad '54, by Jack Phillips '54

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76	Robert Miller '57 Sun City West, AZ	August 26, 2020	\$100.00	
77	Joe Floyd '54 Sioux Falls, SD	August 31, 2020	\$50.00	
78	Debra Phillips Las Vegas, NV	Sept. 7, 2020	\$100.00	Donated by Jack Phillips '54, in appreciation of the ever increasing time my wife Debra spends working on the WHS O&B.
79	Sharon Johnson '54 Frank & Bill Frank '52 Wayzata, MN	Sept. 7 2020	\$100.00	Our dear friend, Arthur "Bud" Olson '54 deceased.
80	Gary Robertson '58 Dove Canyon, CA	Sept. 11, 2020	\$102.50	
81	Jane Shingledecker Miller '54 Dillon Beach, CA	Sept. 26, 2020	\$5,000.00	
82	Mike '58 & Bunny Aikens Howes '58 Sioux Falls, SD	Oct. 12, 2020	\$327.00	Also for brothers, Tom Howes '53 and Dick Howes '51 deceased, and their respective wives, Joyce McFarland Howes '54 and Donna Kranz Howes '53. \$327.00 for the total number of their WHS class years.
83	Lee Lane '58 Manchester, MO	Oct 19, 2020	\$300.00	In memory of Lee's deceased sisters, Jane Lane '55 and Janet Lane '56, and Lee's deceased friend, Dick O'Connor '58.
84	Col. (Dr.) Joyce Wait Teters '57 Twentynine Palms, CA	Nov. 4, 2020	\$100.00	
85	Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thoeke '56 Gibson Reno, NV	Nov. 21, 2020	\$50 + \$100 = \$150.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #28, was \$50 on page #2 dated 4-18-20
86	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	Nov. 21, 2020	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #21, was \$100 on page #1 dated 4-11-20
87	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield Hills, MI	Dec. 14, 2020	\$158.00 + \$158.00= \$316.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #25, was \$158 on page #1 dated 4-14-20
88	Jane Winnett '54 Dallas, TX	Dec. 14, 2020	\$100.00	
89	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson Peterson '61 Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 28, 2020	\$1,000.00	Original contribution, PATRON #1, was \$1,000 on page #1 dated 12-27-19
90	LaDell Swiden '57 Madison, SD	Dec. 30, 2020	\$100.00	
91	Georgia Severson Johnson '56 Sioux Falls, SD	Dec. 30, 2020	\$75.00	
92	Sam '52 & Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52 Omaha, NE	Jan. 4, 2021	\$100.00	
93	Jim Redfield '50 San Diego, CA & sister, Jean Redfield Kracht '54 Sioux Falls, Sd.	Jan. 8, 2021	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
94	Anita Robinson Bierman '56 Sioux Falls, SD	Jan. 15, 2021	\$100.00	
95	Rudi Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	Jan. 27, 2021	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #51, was \$100 on page #3 dated 6-15-20
96	Wanda Shelp Chinnery '55 Lees Summit, MO	March 4, 2021	\$100.00	
97	Douglas Olson '56 Avon, OH	March 6, 2021	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #59, was \$100 on page #3 dated 7-2-20
98	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	April 8, 2021	2nd amount private	On August 1, 2020 donated \$100. 2nd donation amount private.
99	John Hisel '57 Aberdeen, SD	May 4, 2021	\$100.00	
100	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	May 12, 2021	\$50.00 + \$50.00 = \$100.00	Original contribution, PATRON #24, was \$50.00 on page 1 dated 4-15-20



**Judy Stevens '61
WHS Senior Photo**

Jack,
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
THAT YOU DO.
I WAS INTERESTED IN YOUR
ARTICLE ABOUT THE AIR-
BASE. I LIVED THERE UNTIL
I WAS ABOUT 8 YEARS OLD.
DO YOU HAVE THAT ARTICLE
IN A FILE THAT I COULD COPY?
THANK YOU! Judy Stevens

On May 21, 2021, at 2:03 PM, Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com> wrote:

Dear Judy,

First of all thank you for your second Patron donation. That is so nice of you and I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support.

I was going to call you to thank you and ask the following questions but I don't have a phone number for you. I would appreciate you sending it to me if you don't mind.

1st question is in your most recent card you asked if I, "have that article in a file"? I'm not sure what you are thinking of. All that I printed in my last O&B was a paragraph that Walt Leye '50 wrote in his memoirs to his children. Are you referring to something else on the air base?

2nd question, I ALWAYS FEEL BAD when I don't have any personal information to print on a new Patron and that was the case when you sent your first donation way back in April of 2020. I am now hoping you will send me something personal on yourself along with at least one recent photo that I can include in the O&B when I acknowledge and thank you again.

Sincerely,
Jack



**Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo**



**Thanks to Don Noordsy '58
for these two funnies.**



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo &
Ex Teacher & Coach

On May 29, 2021, at 7:17 AM, **Jeffrey Herbert '74**
<herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72TXVvmhfPo>

Re: a wonderful Memorial Day Edition----here is a walk
through of our beloved building in '92 via You Tube
Jeff Herbert "74



Mick Zerr
WHS Retired
Faculty Member

To watch this priceless final video tour of our old Alma Marta just double click on the link above. It is 1 hour, 31 minutes long and was wonderfully directed by Mick Zerr. It was shot in 1992, the last year of classes in WHS.

In May of 1992,
students and staff of Washington High
School in downtown Sioux Falls were preparing to
end the final year of the school. The next year
the new building miles away would take over
as a new Washington High.

Students and staff, in order
to preserve the heritage of the original
school, decided to video tape every room and
memorable location in the building. The
students went from classroom to classroom,
bathroom to locker, and, using borrowed,
inferior video equipment, completed their
task.

Years later, Dale Hart, chairman of the
English
Department for many years, had the
district's AV
department do a condensed version of the
video, using superior equipment.
Here are both of the videos, with the
original
one first.

Mick Zerr
WHS Instructor 1967-2009

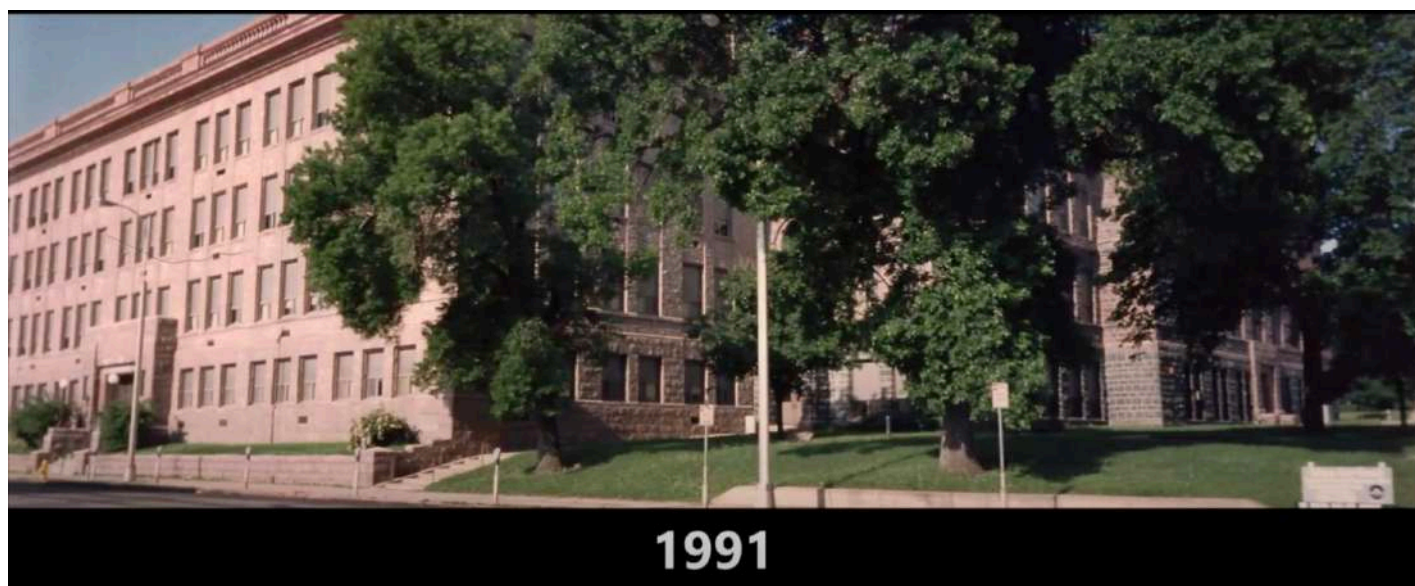
MEMORIES 1992

A Video of the Last School year of old WHS











Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

Subject: Is your garage long enough?
They just don't make continental kits
anymore....

**Thanks to Carl Turco '58 for
these beautiful cars with
continental kits. Truly a
thing of the past.**







Peggy Servold '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 18, 2021, **Peggy Servold kTeslow '57** @sio.midco.net wrote:

Greetings from hot South Dakota. Hope all is well with you and your bride, Jack.
Peggy Servold Teslow '57

It took three minutes for the TV to warm up?

Nobody owned a purebred dog?

When a quarter was a decent allowance?

You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny?

Your Mom wore nylons that came in two peces?

You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time? And you didn't pay for air? And, you got trading-stamps to boot?

Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box?


It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?


They threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed...and they did it!

When a 57 Chevy was everyone's dream car...to cruise, peel out, lay rubber or watch submarine races, and people went steady?

Lying on your back in the grass with your friends and saying things like, 'That cloud looks like a...'?

Playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game? 


Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a complete stranger? 

And with all our progress, don't you just wish, just once, you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace, and share it with the children of today. 

When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited the student at home?

Basically we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we survived because their love was greater than the threat.

...as well as summers filled with bike rides, Hula Hoops, and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.

Didn't that feel good, just to go back and say, 'Yeah, I remember that'? 

Send this on to someone who can still remember Howdy Doody and The Peanut Gallery, the Lone Ranger, The Shadow knows, Nellie Bell, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk

Candy cigarettes

Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside


Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles. Coffee shops with Table Side Jukeboxes. Blackjack, Clove and

Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers. 


Newsreels before the movie 

Telephone numbers with a word prefix..(Yukon 2-601). Party lines. 

Peashooters.

Hi-Fi's & 45 RPM records and 78 RPM records! 

Green Stamps

Mimeograph paper. 


Do You Remember a Time When... Decisions were made by going 'eeny-meeny-miney-moe'?


Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, 'Do Over!'?

'Race issue' meant arguing about who ran the fastest

Catching The Fireflies Could Happily Occupy An Entire Evening? 


It wasn't odd to have two or three 'Best Friends'

Having a Weapon in School meant being caught with a Slingshot? 

Saturday morning cartoons weren't 30-minute commercials for action figures? 

'Oly-oly-oxen-free' made perfect sense? 


Spinning around, getting dizzy, and falling down was cause for giggles? 

The Worst Embarrassment was being picked last for a team? 

War was a card game

Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle? 

Taking drugs meant orange - flavored chewable aspirin?

Water balloons were the ultimate weapon? 

If you can remember most or all of these, Then You Have Lived! Pass this on to anyone who may need a break from their 'Grown-Up' Life. I Double-Dog-Dare-Ya!

Letters to the



&B



Elsie O'Connor Beck '50
WHS Senior Photo

On May 28, 2021, at 7:24 PM, Elsie Beck <az.popeye6@cox.net> wrote:
Dear Jack,

Thank you so much for sending on all the tributes to our Washington High School heroes. They are so well deserved. My parents always had several of the service men who were stationed in Sioux Falls every Sunday for dinner. I have fond memories of that. God bless America!! 🇺🇸 🇺🇸

Elsie O'Connor Beck 1950 On May 29, 2021, at 8:30 AM, Jane



Loren Little '59
WHS Senior Photo

On May 28, 2021, **Loren Little '59**, tpts1@aol.com wrote:
Again - the Memorial Day Military Edition, so very well done.
Please know how appreciated you are.
Loren Little '59



Jane Ackerman '55
WHS Senior Photo

May 29, 2021, **Jane Ackerman '55** <letmebefree.ackerman6@gmail.com> wrote:

Another Orange and Black. We had/have so many wonderful classmates who gave their all and yes, your article made me cry for all the loss of these giving people. Freedom is not free! My brother Don died in WWII and my brother Jack died from the Korean War. It was sad watching my parents bury 2 of their 4 sons. May all this day remember what it has taken for us to have freedom because it is not free! **Jane Ackerman '55**



Jayne JJ Anderson '53
WHS Senior Photo

On May 29, 2021, **JJ Alma Johnson '53** <jayne_johnson35@yahoo.com> wrote:
Hi Jack, Many thanks for that wonderful tribute to our military. Even though I may or may not know those who have given their lives it's always a crying time for me. My heart goes out to the many families. I loved the poem. I have visited Arlington cemetery three time and it's just so emotional, especially the changing of the guards. The last visit I made we asked the tour guide why some of the grave markers were smaller than others? He said those were slaves who fought in the Civil War. Can you imagine what General Lee's reaction would be, after all its was his land. Oh, well the past is just that we must live the best life we can for today. Enjoy and have a safe weekend my best to Debra. **jj Anderson Johnson '53**



Mary Taylor '56
WHS Senior Photo

On May 29, 2021, **Mary Taylor Herrick '56** <marytherrick@yahoo.com> wrote:

Robert Whiting,

An elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane.

At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport

In his carry on.

**"You
Have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked
Sarcastically.**

Mr. Whiting

**Admitted that he had been to France
Previously.**

**"Then
You should know enough to have your passport ready."**

The American said,

"The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

**"Impossible..
Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France !"**

The American senior

**Gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he
Quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in
1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen
To show a passport to."**

**You
Could have heard a pin drop.**



Jim Ward '53
WHS Senior Photo

On May 29, 2021, **Jim Ward '53** <jcward1956@gmail.com> wrote:
Jack, congratulations on another great Memorial Day issue. You've done it again! You mentioned tears and I thought of the video that I am forwarding herewith. It is a great Memorial Day tribute of a different sort. I hope you enjoy it. I did – tears and all.

Jim Ward '53

PS I did my own thing for Memorial Day. I only knew one person who died on active duty. His name was Don G Whitman and he was married to a 1930s WHS grad (and a person who worked for the school district in SF for years) - (**Helen worked as secretary to Ben Rossow, assistant principal.**) whose name was **Helen Leyse, (1935), Walt Leyse' (1950)** older sister (Walt was WHS '51) (1950). I don't think Don graduated from WHS. (**Don was from Aberdeen, SD**) He was from a small SD town the name of which escapes me for the moment. Don and Helen were married in SF in 1939 – I was the ring-bearer in their wedding. He was a lieutenant in the US Army and was sent to the Philippines. He was in an artillery unit when the Japanese invaded. He was captured, survived the Bataan Death March and was interned in Cabanatuan. Later in the War, he was on one of the Hell Ships on which the Japanese transported POWs to Japan. It was tragically sunk by the US Navy – the Japanese did not mark such ships as transports for POWs. His body was never recovered. He is, however, memorialized on a huge wall at the US National Cemetery in Manila (also at the WWII Memorial in DC). I know this personally as I went to that cemetery to look for him (as I also looked in DC). I am now living in staged-living place for seniors in San Juan Capistrano. We recognize our military here and we have created a Memorial Day wall. I submitted Don's name to be placed on the wall. It is a very small thing that I have done but I am glad I did it.



Helen Leyse '35
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



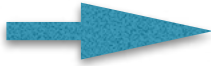
Helen Leyse Whitman '35
Ben Rossow Secretary
From 1950 Warrior
Deceased



Walt Leyse '50
WHS Senior Photo

**“If these scenes
don't make you feel
good or even bring a
tear' NOTHING will !”**

Click to View



**Jim, I have been moved to
watch this video 6 or 8 times
and it brings me to tears
each time. It is beautiful!
and so “America”!
Thank you, Jack**



**Gary Roddel '59
WHS Senior Photo**

On May 29, 2021, **Gary Roddel '59** <mgrod@charter.net> wrote:

Jack, another great Memorial Day issue. This was a note to my family,
To my children and grandchildren, reminiscing of years past.

Your Grand and Gr. Grandpa Dave was so proud to have served in the Marine Corps. We
were fortunate that he was **not** one of the near half million who didn't make it home from
WW2. He served on Guam in 1944 preparing to be one of the first to invade Japan, until
Japan surrendered just days before the invasion would have begun.

I will never forget years later, the time Dad was with us as we traveled from Winona over
to the U of Wisconsin, Eau Claire to hear the terrific jazz bands in which our son Tim was
involved for a Memorial Day concert. At one point it was announced that all active, former

servicemen and women, who were in attendance and were able, were invited to come back stage so they
could be recognized as their song was played. They were cued up with those in like services then marched
back into the auditorium as the band began to play their song.

Now, you must understand, David Roddel was in his 80's at the time, had a replacement knee, walked with a
cane and seldom walked without a limp. When the announcement came to leave their chairs and come
forward, Dad leaped out of his chair, stood at attention, thru his shoulders back with his head held high, was
again 6 ft. tall, then walked the length of that auditorium without a limp, to the rear stage door. When it was
time for the Marine Corps song to begin, he and his fellow brothers and sisters marched out in single file to
the continuous, thunderous applause of the audience.

It was one of those electric moments in life when the hair stands up on the back of your neck, tears came to
your eyes and you were proud of Dad's service and proud to be an America.

Grandpa Gary '59



Tom Anderson '54
WHS Senior Photo

On May 31, 2021, **Tom Anderson '54** <anderson.tom36@gmail.com> wrote:
Thank you Jack not only for once again completing the solemn task of updating the deceased list, but also for the additional data on class size etc.

Tom Anderson '54



Dean Mann '50
WHS Senior Photo

On May 31, 2021, Dean Mann '50 dlmann@sio.midco.net wrote:

Jack: What a great job you did on this years Memorial Day Newsletter. I can tell you spent a lot of time and thought on what you wrote I don't know how you find the time. As a retired army veteran, I really appreciated the Memorial Day newsletter as I am sure so many others did.

Dean Mann, Class of 1950



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo

On May 31, 2021, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Jack...Outstanding : we will never forget !!! Thank you so muc I'm seeing your work the morning after the PBS Memorial Day Program last nite.

I can only imagine how much work goes into a piece like this. You have the gift.
Jim Wylie '51



Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

On May 31, 2021, Carl Turco <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Hello Jack,

Thanks for printing the Memorial O&B. The poems were very sensitive, I enjoyed them

Thanks for all your efforts,

Carl Turco '58



On May 31, 2021, **JIM REDFIELD '50** <jimwred@cox.net> wrote:

Jack: Thanx again for your excellent work of keeping tab on our fellow classmates. I reviewed every name in my 1950 class (and more) & enjoyed every name listed, picturing each that I knew well, the circumstances surrounding each, with vivid images-of them clearly I in my 88 year old mind. What trip down memory lane, thanx to you & your efforts. I know the publication means so much to each of us as we relive those days, not knowing

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Jim Redfield '50
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then where we each would heading, doing what & where & with whom, inmost all cases. My personal career after graduating from the "U" took me to Seattle with Boeing, then to San Diego with Ryan Aeronautical & General Dynamic where I retired & have been here since. I joined the Navy Reserve while in high school with a bunch of my fellow students as you know, and retired after 31 years. Married Joan Connolly in 1966 & enjoyed our 51 year marriage until she passed in 2017. Stepson John watches over me now & tries to keep me out of trouble! I keep in contact with my sister, **Jean Ann Kracht '54**, whom you know, and her boys: Jeff, Tom & Mike regularly. I keep busy volunteering with the USS Midway Museum & have been since retirement. Involved in aircraft restoration & volunteer administration for 20 years now, but slowed down bit now.

Really admire you for what you do so professionally for us "oldies": keep it up as long as you are up to it, Jack.

Regards,

Jim Redfield -1950 grad



**Jean Redfield '54
WHS Senior Photo**



**Jim Redfield '50 and his sister, Jean Redfield Kracht '54
enjoying the 2010 All School Reunion in Sioux Falls.**



Dick Sweetman '54
WHS Senior Photo

On May 31, 2021, **Richard Sweetman '54** <rcsweetman@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Jack. This list always touches me deeply. So many wonderful people no longer with us.
You honor their memory in a most significant way. May they rest in peace.

I noticed **Bayard Phillips** in both the class of '53 and '54. Two people?

All is good here. Had a great day fishing on the river near Chamberlain today. Love those walleyes. The day was beautiful and the fish were biting.

Best wishes, **Dick Sweetman '54**

Hi Dick, So glad you are enjoying your 2nd home and the fishing on the Missouri River near Chamberlain. I am sure you know that I, along with probably 98% of my male readers and maybe an equal number of female readers are super envious! Surprisingly and thankfully, I have found several restaurants here in Las Vegas that serve Walleye entrees. Hmmm, great taste from home!

Your question and confusion about deceased names appearing on more than one class's deceased list is not new and has been brought up before, but in the case of Bayard Phillips it seems that you have discovered a major error on my part. In checking back through all of my records I am unable to find any reason for Bayard to ever have been listed as a member of the 1953 class. I think Bayard should only be listed as a member of the class of '54.

Of course I always regret any mistakes I make on any O&B publication, but I particularly regret any mistakes on a deceased list. So Dick, I really appreciate you catching this mistake. I have already removed Bayard's name from the '53 list. Thank you!

However, there have been a few instances in the decade of the fifties where a classmate has been intentionally listed in two different class years. An example of that is Fred Sykes. Fred is intentionally

listed in both the '53 and '54 deceased lists.

Without question Fred was originally a members of the 1953 class and his senior photo appears in the 1953 Warrior. But for some reason he did not graduate with the class of '53, but in fact graduated the next year with the class of '54. His senior photo is NOT repeated in the 1954 Warrior but his name only is listed with other '54 senior classmates in the, "Dodging The Issue" list.

Ten or more years ago when this situation first came up I did NOT feel I had the right to choose which class year I should put that person's name with. Classmates for the most part will remember them from one class year, but his lifetime records will forever indicate they graduated the following year. So not knowing which class year someone would use to search if Fred were still alive or not, I just felt it was safer to list him as deceased in both class years.

Again thanks for prompting me to check on Bayard Phillips. For those that might be wondering, Bayard and I were not related.

Jack Phillips



Bayard Phillips '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Fred Sykes '53/'54
WHS '53 Photo
Deceased





Don Brown '53
WHS Soph. Photo

On May 31, 2021, **Donald Brown '53** <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

I'm stunned, Jack. If I have said that before, it sure bears repeating. Your efforts will touch the hearts of all your readers.

I was reminded of having a co-worker in the early 50s, who had been a bomber pilot during WWII, telling me about his raids on Ploestie(sp?), Germany, where there were important manufacturers of ball bearings. The Germans were of course anxious to shoot down Allied bombers in the area. I enjoyed the stories but without their really making me think what a hero that guy was.

I served 2 years in the army, but happily in total peace time.

With many thanks,
Don Brown '53



Sandy Brix '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 17, 2021, **Sandy Brix Hembd '59** <sandyhembd@comcast.net> wrote:

This guy sounds like a real war hero. I don't remember ever reading about him in the O&B. ?

Thanks a ton for continuing this newsletter! It is so welcoming – especially during COVID. I think it has kept all of us in touch with Sioux Falls, our roots, and where we all came from. A true blessing.

Sandy Brix Hembd '59

WOMAN'S ASS SIZE STUDY

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses, the results were very interesting.

10% Of women think their ass is too skinny.

30% Of women think their ass is too fat.

60% Say they don't care, they love him, he is a good man and they wouldn't trade him for the world.

Friends

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. Days, months and years will pass until our contact becomes rare.

One day, our children will see our photos and ask: "Who are these people?"

And we will smile with invisible tears and say...

"It was with them that I had the best days of my life."



**We have
been so
fortunate to
have had
each other!**

