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Happy

Valentines Day!



Happy Valentine's Day,

My sincere thanks to all of you that made such beautiful contributions to this special "Love Issue". I promised a specially recorded music CD of '50s love songs to those of you that submitted the best Valentine. But now because I found each story to be so full of love and so beautifully heart warming in their own way, there is no way I feel I can be so presumptuous as to pick a "best". So I am sending a Valentine music CD to everyone who shared their Valentine love story with all of us. I hope you all will enjoy your CD.

To the right is the play list for the CD I am making, but since I have to now make multiple copies, I am anticipating having to deal with licensing issues from ASCAP & BMI. As a result all of the CDs may not be identical.

I would enjoy hearing from all O&B subscribers letting me know what your favorite song is from this play list and your related memory with it. I would also like for you to let me know what your favorite three songs from the fifties are.

It is estimated that seventeen and a half million love songs have been written, and of course so very many of them came from our wonderful decade of the fifties. I find it impossible to name any one song as a far and above favorite, but I think if I had to choose just one song as my most single favorite it would have to be, "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing".

Sammy Fain and Paul Francis Webster wrote the song especially for the 1955 award winning movie and it won the 1956 Academy Award for "Best Original Song. It has been recorded by many artists, but the best selling version was by The Four Aces who also sang it in the movie. Debra and I chose it to be sung at our wedding.

2014 Valentine #1

1. Lost In The Fifties Tonight 1986 / Ronnie Milsap
2. Love Is A Many Splendored Thing. 1-5-1955 / Four Aces
3. Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup 1953 / Nat King Cole
4. Nevertheless. 1950 / Paul Weston
5. Stardust 1957 / Nat King Cole
6. In the Chapel In the Moonlight 1954 / Kitty Kallen
7. Three Coins In The Fountain - 1954 / Four Aces
8. Hold My Hand 1953 / Don Cornell
9. Tennessee Waltz 1-9-1950/51 / Patti Page
10. Secret Love 1-3-1953 / Doris Day
11. Unforgettable. 1951 / Nat King Cole
12. You Belong To Me. 1-5-1952 / Jo Stafford
13. Here In My Heart 1-2-1952 / Al Martino
14. Unchained Melody 1955 / Al Hibbler
15. Tenderly 1952 / Rosemary Clooney
16. Too Young 1-5-1951 / Nat King Cole
17. Non Dimenticar. - 1958 / Nat King Cole
18. Stranger In Paradise 1953 / Tony Bennett
19. Don't You Know - 1959 / Della Reese
20. My Prayer - 1-2-1956 / The Platters
21. Since I Don't Have You 1959 / Skyliners
22. Chances Are 1957 / Johnny Mathis
23. No Not Much - 1956 / The Four Lads
24. The Things We Did Last Summer 1958 / The Four Preps
25. Shangri-La 1957 / Four Aces
26. I'll Never Stop Loving You 1955 / Doris Day

Love Is A Splendored Thing - Lyrics

*Love is a many splendored thing
It's the April rose
That only grows in the early spring
Love is nature's way of giving
A reason to be living
The golden crown that makes a man a king
Once on a high and windy hill
In the morning mist
Two lovers kissed
And the world stood still
Then your fingers touched*

*My silent heart and taught it how to sing
Yes, true love's
A many splendored thing
Once on a high and windy hill
In the morning mist
Two lovers kissed
And the world stood still
Then your fingers touched
My silent heart and taught it how to sing
Yes, true love's
A many splendored thing*



On Jan 23, 2014, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <laufred@att.net> wrote:

Hello Jack & Debra too,

As for your Valentine issue, we expect to be out of town for awhile at that time, so it might be more difficult for me submit information in time for that, so I will attempt to do it now. For the record, Fred & I were married in Sioux Falls at the First Methodist Church on April 21, 1956, so we will have 58 years come this April. We actually met at the old Arkota Ballroom. They often had dances there mostly on Saturday nights, & sometimes even the popular big name groups of the day would play, such as the "Crew Cuts", which I remember well. Periodically a group of us "girls" would go there stag mostly for the music, & of course, hoping we would get a chance to dance a number or two. In those days, it was a place where popcorn & soft drinks were served.....as far as we knew anyway at that time. Word had it that some of the attendees would smuggle in flasks of alcohol to mix with the sodas, but our group had nothing to do with that. Our rule was never to drink alcohol in any form or leave with any guys, & we stuck to that. My husband, Fred



Laurel's Alternate Graduation Pic.



**Laurel Pierce '55
WHS Senior Photo**

was in the USAF at that time stationed at Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City, S.D. He & a buddy of his, also stationed there, were just passing through town on their way back to the base after having been on leave visiting relatives in Illinois, & happened to notice the bright lights of the Arkota beckoning. He was just past 20 yrs. at the time & I was just past 16 & a junior at WHS. That particular night, my good friend at the time, Gail Smith (later Pruitt & now deceased) had gone together to the dance, & Fred & his friend asked us to dance. Fred & I hit it off immediately but Gail & the other guy did not...quite the opposite...like the proverbial cats & dogs, although we know of many cats & dogs who co-exist very happily together. Those two did not & were even insulting to one another. Fred's friend asked him, I later learned, why they were "messaging" with these high school girls when there were so many older attractive women there. Fred has always said there was just something there that he could sense. So we danced, traded addresses & information, agreed to write to each other & left separately, with them being headed back to the base. Gail & I took a cab home as usual. Not long after, I received a long letter from Fred, which I answered promptly with an equally long letter, revealing more information about ourselves as time went along, with almost daily letters. The following summer, he was sent on a 90 day TDY to Japan, then in October of that year, he returned to visit me in Sioux Falls, met my family & during his few days of leave, we were actually able to have a couple of "official" dates. The correspondence continued, & I was eventually able to meet his family. In all, we knew each other about a year & a half before we married. I had graduated from WHS in June of 1955 & worked at the NW Security National Bank (across from the old Fantle's) as secretary to the Senior Vice President, John Voight, & Cashier, John Hinman, until my marriage in April of 1956. We honeymooned in Minneapolis for a few days after our wedding, then headed to Wichita Falls, Texas, (Shephard AFB) in Fred's old baby blue Plymouth, then a short time later to Abilene, Texas, where Fred was sent to the then brand new Dyess AFB. I got a job as a secretary & bookkeeper for an oil company during the months we were there. Then Fred was honorably discharged from the service in December of 1956 & we returned to Sioux Falls for the holidays, then drove on to his hometown of Champaign, Illinois, where we lived for the next twelve years. In 1969, we relocated to Sacramento, Ca., where we lived for the next twenty years, then to our present area in Northern, Ca., in 1988 after Fred retired from Prudential Insurance Company, & where we have lived ever since.



Laurel & Fred were married in the First Methodist Church in Sioux Falls on April 21, 1956.



Fred & Laurel on their 50th Anniversary cruise to Alaska.

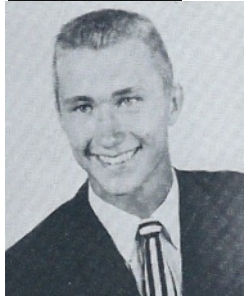
So, as far as romance goes, it was mainly one of correspondence between us back & forth for over a year & a half, only actually having been together for a few days at a time during all that time, & those times were very few. Of course, we were both very young & in hindsight, I would not recommend such a courtship as having a great chance of working out over the long haul, but in our case, it has worked out very happily. We have our differences, he is an avid fan of most all sports & I am not, he is outgoing & friendly to everyone & I am more reserved. He is more impulsive about making decisions & I am more to hang back & overthink things & in our case we would have missed out on some great opportunities & deals, including our homes, by not acting more quickly on his hunches had he not convinced me to go along, & also we would have many less friends because I am not aggressive about making friends, whereas he is. So we tend to balance each other out. Fred's parents, both now deceased, were the most wonderful people, always did welcome me into the family with open arms, & we considered them not only our parents, but our best friends & would rather spend time with them than anyone else, most friends included. So, this is our story & we are fortunate to be healthy with no major problems of any kind & look forward to many more years together, God willing. We have three adult children, two sons & one daughter, ranging in ages of 54, 51 & 46, one daughter-in-law & one son-in-law. Sadly, no grandchildren for us however, but we do have a variety of the four legged kind, cats & dogs, & at least they can't talk back, although at times, it would seem they do! I will try to "scare" up one of our wedding pictures to send & also the one we had taken while on an Alaskan cruise, which was a gift from our children for our 50th anniversary almost eight years ago. I will forward them separately when I manage to dig them out. Thanks!

With all good wishes to you & all the WHS grads & O & B readers! May your good efforts in producing this newsletter continue for many many years to come. Please keep up the good work & God Bless you for it!

In appreciation for all you do,

Laurel Pierce Hampel
WHS Class of 1955

On Jan 30, 2014, at 12:08 PM, **Dale Peterson**



Dale Peterson '56
WHS Senior Photo

'56 <dale1228@nwi.net> wrote:

Greetings Jack,

After all these years, I am back to homemade cards. That's what you do when you have limited computer skills. We have always admire your phenomenal desk top publishing abilities, Jack. Not exactly sure of what you had in mind, but my wife, Camille loved it. We celebrated our 50th 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 3rd 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.

Thanks for all you do to enrich the lives of the "50's folks" Jack, you do amazing work.

Dale T. Peterson '56 (Editor's Note: Its now, "Doctor" 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



Dale & Camille's wedding

On Jan 31, 2014, **Jane Ackerman '55** <letmebefree.ackerman6@gmail.com> wrote:



In Feb. of 2012 Denny York's family put a request in the newspaper to send Denny birthday cards for his 75th birthday. I didn't know Denny and Bev very well in school but I sent a card wishing him well. Three days later I got a call and a request for a date. That was the beginning of a friendship. We have traveled all over the United States and enjoyed so many things such as the outdoor amphitheater in

Medora, N.D. where they cook steaks on pitchforks! I introduced Denny to Nascar when we went to the Daytona 500. SanAntonio was beautiful as well as Yellowstone and our foot washing in Yellowstone Lake! The quarter horse races in Ruidoso, New Mexico were beautiful to see. I can't forget to mention the trip to Cody, Wyoming where we viewed the largest gun collection in the world. We have taken many other trips and had so much fun. With good health we hope to make some trips in Denny's new 5th wheel (which is beautiful). Here's wishing you all good health and happiness. **Jane Ackerman '55**



Jane Ackerman '55
WHS Senior Photo



Denny York '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 1, 2014, at 7:13 AM, **Jane Ackerman '55** <letmebefree.ackerman6@gmail.com> wrote:

The one of us in the jeff Gordon shirts was taken in Dayton at the nascar race. the other was at the quarter horse races at Ruidoso downs in new mexico. the single photo of denny - he was wading in Yellowstone lake on our way to old faithful. thank u so much. as soon as I get this shoulder healed up we will be on the road again. we have really had a lot of fun. maybe we'll hit las vegas and stop for a toddie. **Jane Ackerman '55**



Top, Denny and Jane at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico.
Bottom, Denny & Jane at a NASCAR race in Dayton.

**The 2015 All School Reunion
still needs committee members.**
Contact Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57
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On Feb 3, 2014, **Nancy Schneiderman Cummings '56** jonacum@sio.midco.net wrote:

I met this hunk June 12, 1955 on West Ave, he was pulling a car to race at Hussets Speedway and asked how to get there, which was his line. I was with Bonita Harriman, we were walking home after a meeting at our church and she said Nancy knows how to get there. next thing I knew they had jumped out of the car and I was behind the wheel driving them to Hussets, which Kenny had known all the time how to get there.



Nancy Schneiderman 56
WHS Senior Photo

John was home on his leave from Fort Bliss, Texas but was buddies with Kenny Gagdon a driver from Sioux City, Iowa. That was the fastest weekend, John picked me up after night church and we went to the races and the next day took my sister and brother out for ice cream with us. For me it was Love at first sight and he told me the night before he left some of him too. He had to leave the next day and we wrote back and forth and I received a letter June 12th 1956 asking me to marry him and I said yes. My folks were on vacation so I went ahead and made the arrangements and they were shocked when they arrived home.

We got our small wedding at the 1st Christian Church on 13th & Duluth August 12, 1956 , 2:00 Pm 103 degrees. when he kissed me he tasted like fish. We were lucky his buddy signed out for him because they were going to cancel his leave like they did in May when he was arranging to come home for my graduation. I had made my dress for the dance and when the leave was canceled I just hung it up and said it will be my Wedding dress and it was.



Nancy Schneiderman '56 and John Cummings on their wedding day.

We were Blessed with 4 children 3 girls and one son, which we lost in 99. We enjoyed camping with the family and more so after they went off to do their thing. John would fish and I would sketch and bake fresh pizza & cinnamon rolls while they did his their thing. Later we would do wood carving while camping and went to work shops, I still did sketching, making 1" scale miniatures. knitting and still walking up to MacDonald's for an ice cream cone.

We loved sitting on our decks carving and listening to music, watching Raven Industries Balloons fly over our house, That is what John did when he got out of the Army went to work for Raven and worked for them 43 years which he retired from. We loved watching the sunrises and sunsets , we both enjoying the natural beauty that the Lord had made. We added on to our 25 x 25 block house we found in June of 1960 and started to add on a bedroom in 1961, with the help of his dad. When I wanted to know how to make something work he would make it up or explain too me on the big item so I could make it to scale for my Western town in 1" scale, I have in our home. John fixed sewing machines for Ravens and I got to teach him a few things on mending witch he liked to do his own. He was a good Mechanic and fixed cars motors on small appliances, loved hunting, Carpenter, fishing and just sitting and Drink start right after Christmas working on gifts for the kids and grand kids, but now there are to ing Coffee. I loved to can what ever we got from our garden and still can some things. We had fun doing nothing together, but started to carve together

at Active Generations about 15 years ago, and he created a lot of great things, we used to many I can't handle it alone.

There are 11 Grand children and 11 3/4 great grandchildren. I still go to the Center and carve with the friends we made there and they helped me get through him having to leave. Was so great full the church excepted the I" scale I did of our Statuary from the 50's when we were married for our 125 th Anniversary celebration. That helped a lot too.

I just hope and pray that others are as lucky as I was to have been Blessed with a man who was still a gentleman Great husband and father. Just a few days before I had to take him to Hospice he yelled out this is now Nancy's house/museum. He passed on Dec. 18, 2010. from a cancer that lasted 6 weeks and he was gone. I had him home up the last 3 days, for our union.

Nancy (Schneiderman '56) & John Cummings



John & Nancy Schneiderman '56 Cummings



On Feb 3, 2014, at 6:37 PM, **Jim Brown '56** <gidocjb@gmail.com> wrote:



Hi Jack. I have only had one Valentine in my life. I knew when I first saw her that she was the "one" that day. Fortunately for me we started dating and a year later she said "yes". We have been married 52 years now and I am still madly in love with Lynn Wright, who has shared my bed and my life together for 52 years. I have been blessed to have her in my life all this time. This picture was taken in the La Naranja restaurant in Puerto Vallarta, Mx. where we have spent many enjoyable winter days for the past 18 years.

Jim Brown, WHS class of 1956



**Jim Brown '56
WHS Senior Photo**



Lynn and Jim Brown

On Feb 4, 2014, at 5:40 AM, **Jim Brown '56** <gidocjb@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, I don't have access to my iphoto here in Mexico. I am using my mac air. Lynn was a beautiful bride, I can assure you that. I won the marriage lottery that day. Take care. I appreciate what you do. **JIM Brown '56**



Hi Jack...It might be fun to see all those who are coupled up at Valentine's Day. My graduating class is 1950. My husband, Norm Hines, graduated in 1949. We met in Balcony Study Hall during his Senior Year. We were introduced by Bob Harvey, class of 1949, at that time. I knew him and so did Norm. I thought Norm had a wonderful sense of humor and I guess he thought I was attractive, so one evening while I was working at the old Time Theater, located next to Weatherwax Men's Store, he had been playing pool at the pool hall just a block away. When it was about time for me to get off work, he showed up and asked if he could drive me home. I usually took the bus. Prior to that another fellow had come in and asked if he could drive me home and I didn't know what to say since I liked him, but not in that way. He was a friend of my brother's. I told him okay and he waited in the entry of the men's store, but Norm showed up just as I was checking out, so I went with him. I felt really bad walking past the other fellow, but I wasn't experienced in this sort of thing, so I didn't know what to do. My brother was really mad at me for awhile.



**Barbara Harding '50
WHS Senior Photo**



**Norm Hines '49
WHS Senior Photo
(A huge thank you
to Dean Mann '50
for providing me
Norm's photo.)**

Norm took me home from work several times after that. Our first date was to the Sioux Empire Fair and he wanted to go on the rides. I told him that I got sick on any of the rides, but he insisted we at least have a ride on the ferris wheel. Sure enough, I ended up throwing up during the ride and right on his new shoes! He took me home after that. I felt, well, there goes any more dates with Norm! And, the other guy as well. The next day, however, Norm phoned me to see if I was feeling better,

and apologized for talking me into the ride. So, I felt, well, he was at least concerned for my well being. I liked that. After that we went steady. He gave me his ID bracelet and when I was a senior, on my birthday March 28, 1950, he gave me a ring and we planned to marry the following July 28, 1950. That was the day of his 19th birthday. (He has never forgotten our anniversary.) This coming July we will have been married 64 years. I went to work for the federal government and he got a job with the post office so we have had good jobs and several nice retirement years. Made two month-long trips to Australia and New Zealand and the people were really friendly to us Yanks, several trips to Mexico, visited Hong Kong before it became a communist state. Really enjoyed our visit to Italy on the Island of Majorca and flew over to Morroco. Over the years our family grew. We had three beautiful and intelligent girls and they gave us five wonderful grandchildren, and they gave us 10 great grandchildren so far. It is really satisfying to see our family grow and know they are all doing well in each of their lives. Health wise Norm had a stroke a few years ago, but has made a great recovery and only has a slight limp. We both have some heart problems. I had a heart attack several years ago and later on had two by-passes in open heart surgery and, of course, Mr. Arther Itis, gives me problems as well. Had a few other problems but we have made it through them all and still get around and enjoy our friends and family.

We have moved five times in our married life, but this coming August we will have lived in our present location for



**Barbara & Norm Hines' Wedding Photo. They were
engaged on her birthday and married on his birthday.
Norm has never forgotten their anniversary.**

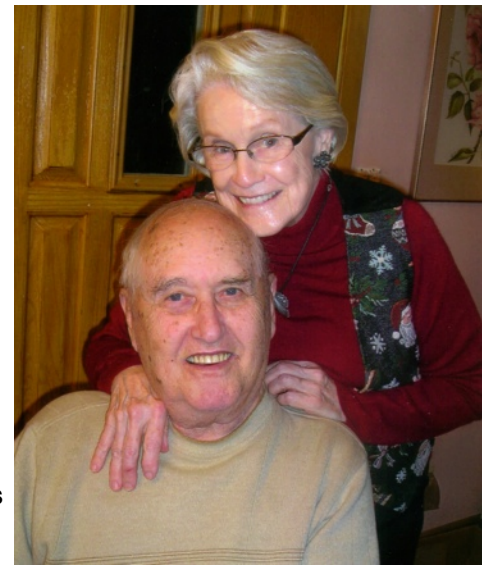
50 years! So many people said we were awfully young to get married, but I think the Good Lord knew what he was doing when we met and fell in love. And that love goes on and grows bigger every year.... and we still feel blessed on this coming Valentine's Day. Here is our photo..... We look forward to reading about other 1950 graduates' lives with the one they love!

Thanks for all the hours you put in and may you and your wife have a lovely Valentine's Day....

Barb Harding Hines '50



Right: Norm & Barb Hines



On Feb 6, 2014, at 11:59 AM, **Jim Redfield '50,**

jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: Another super edition of the O&B & can't wait to see who's still alive & kickin' & what they look like now.

Have before pix in other media but here's a fairly recent one of my bride & Valentine of 47 years, Joan, and this old geezer.

She was born in New York ,lived in Ireland for a time & then out to California. We have a son, Johnny, who lives here in San Diego & keeps his mom & pop goin'. I met Joan in San Diego when we were both in our 30's. She put up with me during my work with General Dynamics & USNR service, being the "good wife", mother, homemaker, plus a marathon runner & tennis player, We've both have slowed down considerably, of late, due to physical/medical

inhibitors common to octogenarians.

I am a product of WHS & graduated in 1950. Lettered in track the first year & gave it up for cars & girls; more successful with cars than girls! Worked part time at the Barrell, Sioux Brake & Equipment & McKean Buick. Went to the U, am an ΣAE. My sis, Jean Kracht, still lives in Sioux Falls with her family. I got a job at Boeing in Seattle, WN & then to San Diego & General Dynamics where I retired. Joined the US Naval Reserve in 1949 in Sioux Falls & retired in 1980 as a Commander. I now volunteer as a Sr. Advisor to the Volunteer Director of the USS Midway. Museum.

Joan & I have lived at the beach, at the same house overlooking the ocean where we married, & wouldn't leave for it the world!

Thanx Jack for what you do for all of us old Warriors & mates!

Jim Redfield '50



**Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo**



Jim & Joan were married December 28, 1966



Jim and Joan Redfield at home in San Diego, CA

On Feb 7, 2014, **Harold '58 & Grace Trautman Farrand '58**, <hgfarrand@hotmail.com>

wrote:

Jack, Here is an article and some pictures for your special addition. Let me know if you need any additional information. Harold doesn't know I am submitting this! Grace

Although we were not high school sweethearts, Harold Leroy Farrand and I, Grace (Trautman) Farrand both graduated in 1958.

In February 1960 a friend (Joyce Tornow '58) and I went to "The Cove" after a movie and Harold was there with a friend. He asked me to dance (he was a good dancer!) and while dancing asked me for a date the next Saturday night and I said yes! Well, that was almost the end of our time together as he called me the next day and wanted to get together – I was busy! He wouldn't take no for an answer and after 3 tries, I finally agreed. Later he told me if I would have said "no" again, he would have given up!! "But, I said, "We had a date for the next weekend!!" He also told me later in our courtship that he was thinking of sending me flowers for Valentine's Day but thought that might be too forward!!

We were engaged on May 17 of that year and married on September 3, 1960. He was working at Morrell's and I was working at Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.

After attending evening classes at both Augustana and Sioux Falls College for 3 years, he quit Morrell's and went to Augie full time, graduating in 1968. We moved to Pierre in 1969 with Standard Oil and moved several times before settling in Billings, Montana in 1979.

Both of us retired on September 1, 2000 and have done a lot of traveling these past 13 plus years. Celebrated our 50th anniversary in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and now spend 3 or 4 months in Texas during the winter. Our only child, Dale, was born on Grace's birthday in 1970.

He is now an Army Colonel and has three lovely daughters. We have enjoyed visiting them in the many states and Germany where they have lived.

Grace Trautman Farrand '58



Grace & Harold's wedding day.



Grace & Harold on Valentines Day in Texas 2012

On Feb 8, 2014, **Nancy Holm Renner '54 & Don Renner '54** drenner@sio.midco.net wrote:
Class Reunions- Love'em



At our 20th reunion I saw my old boyfriend from gradeschool & Highschool. He still looked "Good". We exchanged a few family details & that was that. A few months later I got a call , { I lived in Rapid City] And Don asked me out to dinner as he was to be in town. One thing lead to another & a year later we were married. It's been a great 38 years. Don taught me to hunt ducks, geese & deer, fish, boating at Lake madison, snowmobiling & motorcycling. Don became an instant Grandpa & four more Kids. I got another Son.



Nancy Holm '54
WHS Senior Photo



Don Renner '54
WHS Senior Photo



Nancy & Don at 2010 All School Reunion.

I have to tell you about our Wedding Day .Don called me at work on a Friday," Can you get off by 4? " He'd found a Justice of the Peace to marry us as it was Labor Day weekend. We were married on the 4th floor of the National Bank building. After the service he kissed me Good-bye & he went to coach Jr, Football, his son was on the team. Later we had a nice dinner. Isn't life interesting!!

Nancy [Holm] '54 & Don Renner '54

On Feb 12, 2014, at 7:29 AM, **Mike Rich '57**, (USAVAE) <Mike.Rich@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Jack: Here is a wedding photo of Queta and me taken on August 3, 1968. (I think) at my mother's home in Monterey Park, California. I flew out of Danang, RVN, on July 31st and we had two weeks to get married, move to San Francisco, find a place to live, find Queta a job and for me to start law school. We made it.

Here is a photo of Queta and me on September 14, 2013, ready to leave to run the 911 5K Race in Arlington, of which Queta came in second in the women over 70 division. The second photo is of her with her medal.

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Thanks, **Mike Rich '57**



Mike Rich '57
WHS Senior Photo



Queta & Mike Rich' Wedding Photo

See two more photos of Mike and Queta on next page.



Above: Cueta & Mike Ready To Run



Right: Cueta with her 2nd place medal.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Above left: While running this story on Mike I couldn't resist including this adorable fishing photo of Mike looking like Opie Taylor from the "Mayberry". Mike was the sometimes pesky little brother of my good friend, Tom Rich '54. I love comparing it with how handsome he was in his Marine uniform so full of medals just a few years later. Thanks for your service Mike.

On Feb 3, 2014, Laurice Houck '55 Iseminger <kmminger@sio.midco.net> wrote:



Laurice Houck '55
WHS Senior Photo

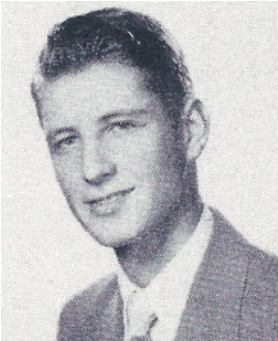
Jack, I would like to send you info about my Valentine but we will be on a cruise next week to the Western Caribbean so won't be able to send it. I really enjoy reading the Orange & Black. My brother, Roger Houck, was photographer during his years in high school at Washington. Unfortunately, he died in 1990 at age 56. He was a great man and I still miss him.

Laurice Houck Iseminger '55

Editor's Note: Laurice, we hope you are enjoying your Caribbean cruise. Of course you are welcome to send your Valentine to the Orange & Black when you return and it will gladly be published.

Your brother, Roger Houck '52, was two years ahead of me, but I remember him well as I am sure most everyone from the early 1950's do. I have no doubt I have used lots of Roger's photos in the O&B over the last five years.

I would like to also note that Laurice has another brother, Charles Houck '50, that attended WHS. Charles has been a subscriber to the O&B since July 5, 2010. That makes him one of the first to subscribe after the O&B expanded its coverage to the entire '50's decade. Thanks Charles and Laurice for being such loyal readers.
Jack Phillips



Roger Houck '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Charles Houck '50
WHS Senior Photo



On February 14, 2014, Jack M. Phillips '54, <jack@jackmphillips.com> wrote.



Jack Phillips '54
WHS Senior Photo

Debra, On this Valentines Day
I simply want to say that I truly feel *our*,
"Love is A Many Splendored Thing".
And, I'd like to borrow these words from another of my favorite songs.
*"Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup, I love you, yes I do.
I wish my French were good enough I'd tell you so much more.
But I hope that you compris all the things you mean to me.
Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup, I love you, yes I do".*
Jack



Left: Debra & Jack on their
wedding day, May 3, 2011



Right: Debra & Jack
On Caribbean Cruise
January, 2014



*Debra & I wish you all much
love & happiness on this Valentine's Day.*



Laurel Pierce Hampel '55 was the first to send in her Valentine for this issue, so she and Fred's CD was the first to be cut. Here is what the cover of her jewel CD case and her actual CD looks like. All of the other CDs are similarly personalized. The "Playlist" for each CD is inside the front cover. Most of the CD's were mailed yesterday. The remainder will be mailed out yet today so hopefully you will all have them by next week. I do hope you enjoy yours. Jack

