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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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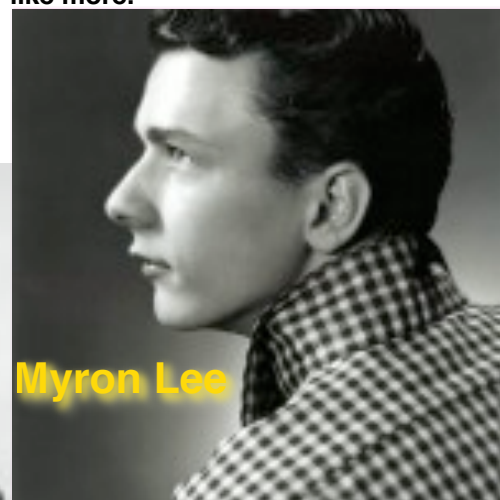
MYRON LEE AND THE CADDIES "THE EARLY YEARS" by Myron Lee Wachendorf WHS Class of 1959



In 1956, when I was a freshman at Washington High School,

chords. When I was a junior in 1958 I had a little three piece combo with myself on piano, **Greg Hall '58** on drums (also a WHS student) and a string bass player. One of the places we played was on Saturday morning for the KELO television show *Tomorrows Stars* featuring Gwen Gustad. The music we played was the old standards and with Rock N Roll sweeping the nation I knew I had to make a change if I was to have any chance of making a living in the

Editors Note: With some persuasion Myron Lee agreed to submit this story on "The Early Years" of Myron Lee and The Caddies. I am hoping this will just be the first of a series of stories from Myron on the exciting rise to national fame and popularity of Myron Lee and The Caddies. While working with Myron on this first story I have learned what a nice guy he is and wish to thank him so much for sharing his exciting success story with all of us. Please let the O&B know if you enjoy this story and would like more.



Myron Lee

Myron Lee
Wachendorf '59
WHS Senior Photo

exciting new things were happening with music as Rock and Roll was born the year before when the movie *Blackboard Jungle* came out and the opening song was *Rock Around the Clock*. My Dad was a piano player and had a band in the 1940s and by the time I was five years old he was teaching me piano



music business. I knew exactly what I wanted to be and do. I wanted to be a Rock N Roll singer in a Rock N Roll band. Life was much simpler in those days and I went down to the Sioux Falls Music Store and bought a Silvertone guitar and

amplifier for \$150.00 hard earned paper route money.

By late 1958, the band Myron Lee and the Caddies was born with **Barry Andrews '58** on sax, **Dick Davies '59** on drums (both classmates), Jerry Haacke on bass, Curt Powell on lead guitar and myself on rhythm guitar and singer. I had learned to play a few a few simple chords on the guitar to get started. We had to join the musicians union in those days and I saw an ad in their monthly magazine one day from Hep Records in Minneapolis that would record two songs and supply 400 (45 RPM records) for \$400.00. I had the money saved and on a chilly November Saturday in 1958 we recorded two songs I had written: "Homicide" and "Ah C'mon Baby". We were so excited the day those records arrived by Greyhound Bus and we got busy and mailed copies to a lot of Midwest radio stations. Our Top 40 station in Sioux Falls was KIHQ-1270 on the Dial and they had our record on rotation playing every half hour 24 hours a day. All of a sudden everyone who listened to that station was hearing our name within a fifty-mile radius of Sioux Falls.

The phone started ringing and people wanted to book us and during the summer of 1958 we played a lot of dates at a place called *The Stardust Club* east of Sioux Falls where Washington High is now located. A lot of my under-aged classmates would sneak in to hear us. My mother had signed some kind of a legal document so my band could be in there to work since we were all

underage. *The Stardust Club* was a summer place so that fall I had an offer for us to play every Wednesday night for Johnny White at the *Club Cabana*. By now I was a senior at WHS and I wrote a song called "Rona Baby" which we recorded in Minneapolis again. This record took off in cities all over the Midwest and I was approached by a man named Jimmy Thomas, who had been in the big band business for years, who became our booking agent. I had a part-time summer job as a caddy at the Minnehaha Country Club and that is where the name "The Caddies" came from. When Jimmy became our booker, he wanted me to add the Myron Lee to it.

Since I was too young, my mother signed a five year contract with Jimmy and we were off to the races. He knew all the best spots to play and knew all the ballroom operators. In May of 1959, my senior year, we left to go on a Midwest tour and I was a credit short and never graduated from WHS. Many years later, at a class reunion, Governor **George Mickelson '59**, who as a classmate, presented me with an honorary high school diploma. Things happened fast and before too long we were working with many of the big names in Rock N Roll all over North America. It all started while day dreaming in class at WHS and ended up being a 35 year career.



To the right:
Greg Hall '58
WHS Senior Photo
Member of Myron's
first 3 piece combo.



To the right:
Barry Andrews '59
WHS Senior Photo
Sax player in first
Myron Lee & The
Caddies band.



To the right:
Dick Davie '59
WHS Senior Photo
Drummer in the first
Myron Lee & The
Caddies band.



To the right:
**SD Governor,
George Mickelson '59**
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased.



**THE O&B
Needs your story,
even if you are not a
Rock Star!**

**Your classmates would like to
here about you. ANYTHING!
Your life story, or any part of it.**

**And the success of
The ORANGE & BLACK
Depends on stories from
YOU!**

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE
SOMETHING NOW!**

PRESTON E. SMITH'S '63, STORY



Preston Smith '63
WHS Senior Photo

Jack, Here is the info on me

Preston E. Smith.... went to grade school and my freshman year of high school in Alexandria, S.D. then moved to Sioux Falls in the summer of 1960, We lived at 1911 S. Willow. I enrolled that fall as a sophomore at WSHS, and my homeroom was 218, with Mr. Lemohn as my homeroom teacher. My junior year our homeroom was changed to 226, still with Mr. Lemohn. Graduating in June of 1963. In the fall of 1963, enrolled at Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minneapolis, Minnesota, did finish my freshman year, and that was the end of my college days. Came back to Sioux Falls in the summer of 1964, and got a job at J.C. Penney's in the



Preston, Oct. 2013

men's department, transferred to Spencer, Iowa as a Department Manager, then in the fall of 1966, was transferred to Dayton, Ohio as a buyer But in the fall of 1967, I became a Deputy Sheriff, Montgomery County, Ohio (Dayton) I have been divorced the last 25 yrs. Retired 4 yrs. ago , and came back to Sioux Falls, What a Great Town Yet!!!!

Preston's story continued in 2nd email:

I left the Sheriff's Office (SO) Oct. 25th of 1975, in good standing. AJ told me, "you will be back in law enforcement in a month."

I came back to South Dakota, got a job, and applied to the Los Angeles SO, in LA, Calif. in November, 1975. I was notified in April of 1977 to report to the courthouse downtown on Temple St. for testing on a certain day. So I flew to LA to start testing to become a LASO Officer. This test was a week-long test and tests were given every day. If you failed any part, you were notified, and didn't show up for the next test!

I took my first test along with 450 other people thinking, "Boy! I've got a chance, because they were only testing for 387 positions." Then I found out that there were another 9 testing sites going at the same time in LA with 450 at each one! Well, I made it through the entire week and was notified that I had placed 167 out of 4500. They would notify me, via letter, when the next academy would start; within 6 to 8 weeks.

So, I jetted back to Dayton, stayed with Ron Casey, my old roommate, and rode with him one night. It was the same old stuff. Plus, I had a reputation on the streets and wasn't sure I would be able to maintain it! So, I applied to General Motors (GM) in Moraine. They wanted ex-officers and I was accepted in April of 1977.

I left GM in the fall of 1992. I learned of a technology that NO ONE knew anything about in 1989, and started a company called Buckeye Radiant Barrier. Then, Clark E. Beck, PE, a Science Engineer from Wright Pat Air Force Base, called me and said he wanted to meet with me. During our meeting he told me that he was one of a few engineers in the US that had worked on the Top Secret material for NASA and the government. He congratulated me for bringing Radiant Barrier from NASA to the civilian market. I knew what this technology could do to save energy!!!

Later, NASA called me, and flew me to John C. Stennis NASA Center in Mississippi. They wanted to know how much I knew about Radiant Barriers. So, I told them what I knew about the barrier and what I planned to do with it. I wanted to help mankind!

I founded two more companies, Quantum Energy and Tech 2000, and my product was called "Energy Q." Finding Radiant Barrier took me around the world. I even spent four weeks in Russia, speaking to their engineers in Moscow!! But in all of my endeavors, I have always missed my friends from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and there's not a day that goes by I don't miss them and the job!!! They were Great People, Great Times!

I was featured three times in the NASA Spin-Off Book in 1992, 1995, and 1997.

I became a member of The Dayton Engineer's Club in 1991.

I was inducted into The U.S. Space Foundation Technology Hall of Fame by NASA. I was 1 of 9 inducted in 1996.

I was inducted into the Marquis Who's Who in Science and Engineering, 3rd Edition, 1996/1997.

I become one of the original members of The Board of Directors of the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

I was a Board of Director's Member for "Automania". It's the largest FREE car show in the Midwest and it's in my hometown, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 2010.

Preston E. Smith '63; 612 E.13th St. #103 Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104 605-351-6020 Cell prestonesmith@midco.net

The Browns '54, Host McKeon '54, Party in Phoenix.

Warner & Karen Gurley Brown both '54, hosted a wonderful & fun party for classmate, George McKeon '54 of Seattle, WA. The party was at Brown's home in Mesa, AZ on Saturday evening, February 15, 2014.



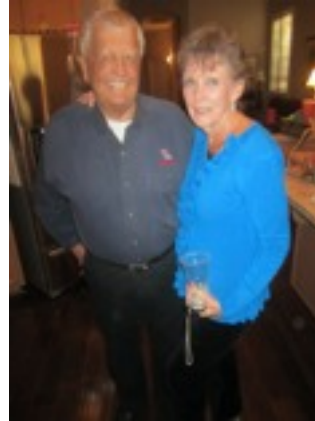
The Perfect Hosts!
Warner & Karen



Mary Lee Posz Altman '54 & George McKeon '54



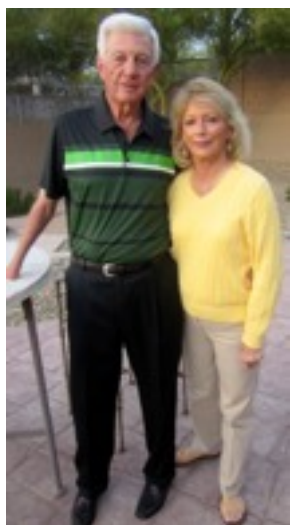
**Bob Zimmerman '54
Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54**



**Tom Howes '53
Joyce McFarland Howes '54**



**Carla Thaelke Gibson '56
Mike Gibson '56**



**Wayne Gustafson '54
and Beverly Kaiser**



**Jack Phillips '54
Debra Phillips**



Bud Olson '54, Beverly Kaiser, June Olson



**Marilyn Rush Simmons '56
and Tom Graham '58**



**Tom Graham '58
Linda McCahren Graham '59**



**Joyce McFarland Howes '54, Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54, Bob Berguin '53
and Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54**



Tom Simmons '55, George McKeon '54



**left:
June Olson,
Bev Kaiser,
Warner Brown '54
& Debra Phillips**

**right:
Wayne Gustafson
trying to convince
Connie, Lorraine
and Joyce that his
monogram sweater
still fits.**



2015 ALL SCHOOL REUNION EDITORIAL

I know it is over a year away, but if we are going to have a 2015 All School Reunion, time for the planning is growing short. Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57 still needs volunteers to help organize it. I spoke to Mavis Larson Carl '55, last week and I was so pleased when she told me she had volunteered to help. But I know more volunteers are needed.

Living in Las Vegas precludes me from being an active member of the committee, so what I am about to say is just my own personal opinion and not that of anyone on the committee. The numbers from past All School Reunions have shown that the classes of the fifties have been the largest decade in attendance. Members of the forties and the sixties decades have been next in attendance numbers.

Past Reunion records also show that very few of the younger Alumni from the more recent WHS graduating classes attend at all. Many of the younger classes have not had a single member attend. Yet, past committees have had to work with the given responsibility of equally expending its energy and promotional resources trying to appeal and attract ALL classes. Even

though more recent All School Reunion Committees knew full well that the largest number of attendees were going to be from the fifties decade.

As a result of these attendance numbers, it has been suggested that perhaps we should just organize a reunion for the fifties and let each other decade do the same if they wish. There is some merit to this idea for logistical reasons, but I think a more realistic solution would be a sort of compromise.

My suggestion is that we, the members of the fifties decade, organize a Reunion Committee to primarily concentrate its efforts toward organizing a Reunion for the classes of the fifties, BUT ALWAYS making it known that every other class year and every Alumni from any class is enthusiastically welcome. This would limit the committees promotional and organizational efforts to Alumni of the fifties decade where the greatest results are realized. Not only will Alumni from the fifties decade be most likely to attend, they will also be the easiest and most economical group to reach. I say that partly because of this publication, the O&B, that already reaches a large number of them on a regular basis.

It is terribly time consuming and expensive trying to obtain up to date mailing lists for every class that ever attended WHS and then send out

mailings to them. In fact it has proven impossible to obtain class lists from many classes simply because some classes no longer even maintains their class records in any updated and current fashion.

Over the past few months I have asked a lot of you if you would like there to be another All School Reunion. Almost everyone I have spoken to said, yes, they would, and yes, they would attend. I really feel strongly that if we can just get a committee organized and make it happen it will be well attended and enjoyed. But, I fear the entire concept will soon die if more volunteers don't come forward to help put it together.

So, one more time, I ask each of you that live in the Sioux Falls area to seriously consider calling Marlys Ahrendt Hohman at 605-271-9084 and volunteering to serve on the committee. I think it will be an involvement you will enjoy and be glad you helped make it happen.

As with all editorials, your opinion, either pro or con, is eagerly sought.

Jack M. Phillips, WHS Class of '54.

ps: I just spoke with Marlys and we have agreed that this will be the last mailing I will send out on promoting a 2015 All School Reunion if we don't get a substantial amount of interest from you. So, this will be your last chance to make it happen!

Its REUNION SEASON For '54 & '59 CLASSES!



1954



1954

CLASS OF '54 - 60TH REUNION

Sept. 19, 20 & 21, 2014

1. Reunion Headquarters: Holiday Inn, 8th & Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls, SD (Register at Holiday Inn 2 - 4 pm or Washington Pavilion 4 – 6 pm)
2. Activities:
 - Friday: 4pm Washington Pavilion tour (Don Erickson)
5pm Washington Pavilion 3rd floor reception bar
Champagne & hor d'oeuvres
Dinner: everyone on their own.
 - Saturday: Breakfast at Holiday Inn Rest Terrace 8 – 10 am (no host)
Lunch & Dinner at Holiday Inn Falls West Room
11:30 lunch with a trip back to the early 1950s in Sioux Falls
2:00 – 4:00 Tour of Joe Floyds large collection of 1936 cars
5:30 Reception & Dinner with special entertainment
 - Sunday: Brunch at Holiday Inn Falls West Room
9:30-11:00 Bonnie Assam Luke Memorial Brunch
3. Costs:
 - Meal package: \$90 per person
 - Meals bought separately:

Friday reception:	\$20
Saturday lunch:	\$25
Saturday dinner:	\$40
Sunday Brunch:	\$25

Mail your response and check (made out to: WHS Class of 1954) to:
J. Kittelson, 3201 West 33rd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

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1. Rooms:

We have reserved 32 rooms and the Presidential Suite on the Concierge floor of the Holiday Inn. All rooms have King size beds with appropriate amenities such as coffee maker, hair dryer, iron & board, etc. The floor has Secure entry and reserved for nights of Sept 19 & 20, 2014

\$104 Concierge level Kings (32 rooms)...normally \$130 to \$140
rooms other than 9th floor....\$104

For **early arrivals & late departures**: Nights of Sept 17, 18 and 21:

.....10 rooms reserved on Concierge Level King \$129 per night

Reservations: Your responsibility:

(1)Reservations number 605-339-2000

(2)Identify yourself as Washington High School Class of 1954 and you want a room on the Concierge (9th) floor.

Please note that there are 3 other events going on at the hotel that weekend and other than our reserved rooms, the hotel is close to being sold out **so make your reservations as soon as possible**. If you have problems or questions, call John (Jack) Kittelson at 605-334-3345.

The Presidential Suite and reception area on Concierge Floor will be available for socializing.

Attached is a Registration Form. Please complete this and return with your check immediately.



Our 60th Reunion should be one of our best ever! Over 150 reservations have already been made! Your reservation form is in blue on the next page. Print it, send it in and we will see you in Sioux Falls in Sept.

WHS Class of 1954
60TH Year Reunion Registration
September 19 (Fri), 20 (Sat), 21 (Sun), 2014

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Subject: Our 60th Class Reunion: September 19(Fri), 20(Sat), 21(Sun) 2014

1. Reunion Headquarters: Holiday Inn, 8th & Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls, SD (Register at Holiday Inn 2 - 4 pm or Washington Pavilion 4 – 6 pm)

2. Activities: **Attending:** **Yes** **No**

- Friday: 4pm Washington Pavilion tour _____ _____

5pm Washington Pavilion Reception _____ _____

- Saturday: Lunch & Dinner Holiday Inn Falls West Room

11:30 lunch _____ _____

2-4pm: Joe Floyd's collection of classic cars _____ _____

2-4pm: Bus tour of Sioux Falls (cost to be det.) _____ _____

5:30pm: Reception & Dinner _____ _____

- Sunday: Brunch at Holiday Inn Falls West Room

9:30-11am: Bonnie Assam Luke Memorial Brunch _____ _____

3. Costs:

- **Reunion package: \$90 per person** x _____ persons = \$ _____

- **Meals bought separately:**

- Friday reception: \$20 x _____ persons = \$ _____

- Saturday lunch: \$25 x _____ persons = \$ _____

- Saturday dinner: \$40 x _____ persons = \$ _____

- Sunday Brunch: \$25 x _____ persons = \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Mail your response and check (made out to: WHS Class of 1954) to:

John Kittelson, 3201 West 33rd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105



CLASS OF '59 - 55TH REUNION

Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 2014

**BECAUSE THE 50TH WAS SO GREAT,
WE ARE GOING TO TRY ANOTHER
THE 55TH WHS CLASS OF 1959 CLASS REUNION.**

WHEN: September 5, 6, and 7, 2014

WHAT: **Friday, September 5th**, Informal gathering in the Lounge at
Holiday Inn City Center, downtown, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6th, Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres gathering, 3RD floor,
Cherapa Building, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., downtown at 300 Cherapa Place. (Screen
and projector available for viewing your DVD's)

Sunday, September 7th, Informal breakfast at downtown Hilton Garden Inn
starting at 7:30 a.m.

WHAT ELSE: September 6th is also the Sidewalk Arts Festival downtown from 9:00 to
5:00 and the German Fest at Falls Park starting at 1:00 p.m. for those interested.

HOTELS IN BEST LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Holiday Inn City Centre or
Country Inn and Suites. (Make own reservation!)

Cost: \$20.00 per person..includes Saturday night event only! (Can be paid at the event)

Registration is required by July 1st, 2014!!

*Include name, number of guests, email address and which reunion events attending
by calling, mailing or emailing Shirley Kittelson Bock*

6615 S. Tomar Rd., Sioux Falls, 57108
605-290-3345 shirleybock0@gmail.com

Letters to the & B

Editors Note: Letters to the O&B have been held due to the special Valentine issue.



Bill Rathburn '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 21, 2013, at 8:21 AM, **Bill Rathburn, '58** BRCOLORADO@aol.com wrote:

Jack -- Thank you for the latest issue of the Orange & Black. While I was trying to find a photo of my dad's service station and garage (Gib and Andy's) which was kitty-corner across Main and 12th from the southeast entrance of Washington High I came across the photo below. I suspect it may bring back a few for some of us who attended WHS in the '50's. I'm not sure what the copyright restrictions are for photos found on the Internet but even if it can't be published I wanted to share it with you. Thanks again,

Bill Rathburn '58

PS: I can send it as an attached jpeg file if wanted.

South on Phillips Ave. Sioux Falls. So. Dakota (Aug. 30, 1958)
(Charles W. Cushman Photograph Collection)

Editors note: Thanks Bill. Great photo! Hope you find the picture of your Dad's service station. Would love to run it. Jack



Thanks to Carol Banks Rothenbuehler '57 for sending the same photograph of Phillips Ave.

On Jan 3, 2014, at 4:01 PM, **Barbara James Byrnes '57** <barb55@kc.rr.com> wrote:

Jane Bates Plunkett Obituary - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sanluisobispo/obituary.aspx?pid=166196933#sthash.YXAT2xm6.dpuf>



Barbara James '57
WHS Senior Photo

Jack: I'm not really too good with the computer so would you please go to **Jane Bates Plunkett '57** Obituary. She and I both went to Longfellow Grade School and Washington High School. Growing up we lived close to each other. In fact, in the mornings my father would drive us to the high school. We graduated in 1957. I just learned of Jane's passing from her husband through Christmas card exchanges.

Thanks for all your newsletters. I've lost touch with many people and will try to send you some info on myself one of these days.

Barbara James Byrnes '57

10101 W 97th Ter Overland Park, Ks 66212 Barb55@kc.rr.com



Jane Bates '57
WHS Senior Photo,
Deceased



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

A huge special thanks from the O&B to, **Royce Adams '58**, for donating his two bound collections of original O&B Newspapers from the years of '55/'56 and '56/'57. I will be running selected old stories from this collection in future issues. The "Dance Band" story below appeared 12-9-55, and the "Cheerleaders" story appeared 10-30-55.

Newly Organized Dance Band Features Local WHS Talent

Because George E. Rogers offered to loan a collection of dance band music to a group of local WHS boys, and because these boys thought it would offer them a lot of fun, they have recently organized their own small dance band.

Although this group is still too new to have decided upon a name for themselves, already they have filled engagements at the Barrell party and at the Moose Lodge. This group was recently admitted to the union.



In the front row from left to right are Pete Hegg, Ronnie Beck, John Rogers and Terry Robinson. In the back row is Dick Robinson.

Turchen, Thaelke to Head "A" Squad Cheerleaders

Carla Thaelke and Virginia Turchen, new co-head cheerleaders will lead the A and B squads in cheers and songs at the OLB talent show, October 14.

The A pep squad, including Mary Taylor, Nancy Aikens, Mary Peckham, Virge, Judy Assam and Carla, plan to do actions to "Mr. Touch-down" and a take off on "Ya Gotta be a Football Hero".

"Betty Coed" and "Buckle Down Woonsocket, Buckle Down" are being done by the B-squad consisting of Cynthia Borgen, Danette Currie, Thelma Downard, Joan Wylie, Sally Cross and Karen Grove.

The pep band, under the direction of Ardeen Foss will accompany them.

Marjorie Evensen, cheerleader adviser, picked the co-head cheerleaders.



Kneeling are co-head cheerleaders Carla Thaelke and Virginia Turchen. Standing in the back row with faces beaming over the honor of being photographed with Coach Bob Burns, center, are Judy Assam, Nan Aikens, Mary Taylor and Mary Peckham.



AP Photo/Dirk Lammers

Deep freeze across the U.S.

The waterfalls at Falls Park sit frozen with just a trickle of water flowing underneath, Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, in Sioux Falls, S.D. The city and surrounding areas were under a wind chill advisory Sunday afternoon with wind chills levels expected to dip as low as 55 degrees below zero. (AP Photo/Dirk Lammers)



The above photo of Sioux Fall's frozen falls comes from Carl Turco '58. Thanks Carl.

Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 23, 2014, at 10:27 AM, **Jim Koons '55** <jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com> wrote:

Howdy:

Sounds like you had a great vacation. I got a chuckle out of your pictures, especially the one of the Barrell Drive Inn. I do not believe one can find a \$0.60 Super Burger these days.

HAVE A GOOD ONE!

Jim Koons '55

jfkpmk37@xpressweb.com



Jim Koons '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 10, 2014, **Cookie Fisher Aslin '54, Attended Cathedral** aslin5303@aol.com wrote:

First of all i want to thank you for the news letter. I really enjoy getting all the news from Sioux Falls . I have recognized some of the names.. I was a good friend of Linda Bradley when we were in High School was so sorry to hear her passing she was such a cute girl and the first to get the poodle hair cut lol. I was wondering if you could find a dear friend of mine she lives in Las Vegas and went to WHS . She lived across the street from us u may remember her too her name was Kathleen Kirby. She married Larry McKenzie. If you find her would u mind e-mailing her address and maybe her phone number . I would love to contact her if possible. Hope you r having a good year. The weather here in Dubuque so cold and so much snow. I would be in Fi. if not for having back surgery and now trying to get back in shape . Hell getting older Jack., but the we really dont have a choice do we . Sincerely, **Cookie Fisher Aslin (Attended Cathedral, '54)**

On Feb 15, 2014, at 6:58 PM, aslin5303@aol.com wrote:

Hi Jack Thank you for trying to find her for me,She called me a few yrs.ago but i lost her phone number. I think they also live in Or. they have 2 places. I think Kathleen was sent away to boarding school her last yr of high school. Her parents were very wealthy people and would spend anything to help Kathleen to prepare for a good life. They we great people. I am sure you delivered papers to her house too. I do want to thank you again for the e-mails that come from you love hearing about what. is going on in Sioux Falls and fun still being able to recognize the names of some of the kids we ran around with. You are doing such a good job . Sincerely Cookie Aslin and see if anyone knows how to reach her.

In a message dated 2/21/2014 10:57:23 A.M. Central Standard Time, jackmp@me.com writes:

Hi Cookie,

Debra and I were in Phoenix this past week to attend a party at Karen Gurley Brown and her husband, Warner's home. I asked everyone at the party if they knew anything about Kathleen and boy did I get lucky. The hostess, Karen, said yes she knows her and keeps in touch on a pretty regular basis. I told her you were trying to get in touch with Kathleen and asked her to send me Kathleen's phone number.

Here, in blue, is what I received from Karen. I hope you are able to reach Kathleen. It sounds like she is in serious condition health wise and I am sure she will be thrilled to talk to you.

Jack

Jack, would you forward this information to Cookie - I think it's so ironic that she would be wanting to contact Kathleen now. I guess we all have ESP. Kathy and I usually talk about every 2 months, but I hadn't heard and Larry wrote me at Christmas and told me both of them had taken a fall and Kathy thought she had a broken hip bone. I had tried to call Kathy a couple of times and last week I made a more determined effort and finally got to talk to her.

When they X-rayed for a broken hip bone, they found it wasn't broken, but that she had stage 4 cancer throughout her body. She's having radiation now to keep it from getting worse. She's bedridden and can't walk I guess. She sounds in good spirits though.

Tell Cookie to call her at 541-826-7153 (her cell phone by her bed) - call sometime during late afternoon or early evening and lots of times she doesn't answer - but just keep trying. If Cookie needs to call me - our phone is 480/654-9609. Tell her also, Joey - (Kathleen's cousin - I think Cookie knows who I'm talking about) - lives in Omaha too - I believe it's under Joey Pedersen if she wants to call her.

Please tell Cookie regards from us - I haven't seen her in years. I told Kathleen that Cookie was trying to contact her, so she's expecting a call.

Thanks for doing all this Jack and thanks again for coming this last weekend.

kb (Karen Gurley Brown '54)



**Karen Gurley
Brown '54
WHS Senior Photo**

On Feb 24, 2014, at 2:05 PM, aslin5303@aol.com wrote:

Dear Jack, I guess you did luck out but i am the lucky one thanks to you. I knew Karen when we were in high school probably because of Kathleen they were such good friends. I am so sorry to hear of my special and good friend Kathleen. The minute i read your e-mail I called her but she didn't answer like Karen said she probably wouldn't but I do intend on trying till i get her. You sure have the connections Jack with the Sioux Falls people. How much fun is that talking about the good old days and they were great. We grew up in the right time. Thank You so much Jack looking forward hearing from you again., Sincerely Cookie

On Jan 23, 2014, at 2:48 PM, **Jim Redfield '50**, jimwred@cox.net wrote:



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

Jack: Hope you two enjoyed your cruise! The latest O&B issue was a real kick as Bob Beck, Dick's older brother, was one of my best friends & he managed the Barrell for the owner on nites & weekends. I worked there as well, washing dishes to support my old 1929 Chevy, etc. Most of the car hops went to WHS or Augustana & we all knew each other. Both the owner, Lloyd ????? (manager) and Bob are featured in the photos. Those were the days! Bob is still back there now, but lives in Worthington MN I believe - - he has a Face book account. Thanks again for what you do; it helps us old turkeys get thru the day with a few laughs & fond remembrances. I'm still in San Diego & volunteering for the 13th year on the USS Midway Museum.

Cheers,

Jim Redfield Class of '50

On Jan 27, 2014, at 6:34 PM, **William Lobe '59** <bill@wclobe.com> wrote:

Jack,

Glad you're both back safely. Personally, I'd never set foot on one of those commercial cruise ship liners!

Recently received a link to music from a friend in Nashville, regarding Bladensburg High School, I think, in Maryland. I thought you might want to touch base with the developer of this site,

<http://www.1959bhsmustangs.com/VideoJukebox.htm>.

Trust you and others will enjoy the music,

Bill Lobe '59

Ed. Note: Bill thanks for this really great link. Also see Glenn Anderson's '57, letter, pg. 15. Jack



Bill Lobe '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 5, 2014, at 1:33 PM, Litljump@aol.com wrote:

I am sending a picture of our wild but tame squirrel. Her name was Squirrely and was with us for 8 years! Each spring she'd have her babies and bring them around to have us see them. Then after a while, when they had grown to "adulthood, she'd force them off on their own and the cycle would begin all over.

We cant remember how we got her so fearless of us but she was very tame. She would climb up my leg to my belt line just to receive her cookie. Often I could pet her. She would come to our front door and scratch the glass to get our attention.

Today Squirrely died. She died of old age and we found her at the base of her tree where she lived in a large knot hole. It was her home through all the 8 years.

It is like losing one of our cats. She was very special. It isn't often a person can have a wild creature be so much a part of your life.

Dee and Me

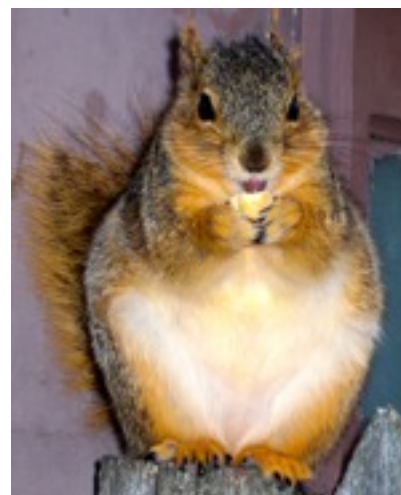
Ed. Note: Dear Royce and Dee, Our sincere condolences. Thanks for sharing your touching story. I would say, "Squirrely", was lucky to have you both as his guardian landlord. Jack



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo



Deanna Frerk Adams '61
WHS Junior Photo



Squirrely Adams

On Feb 14, 2014, at 6:15 PM, **Glenn Anderson '57** <wlfsg914@aol.com> wrote:

Jack, after reading your current newsletter, it occurred to me that this might be something your "subscribers" might enjoy. I have found it very entertaining. And again, thanks for your work on our behalf.

Glenn Anderson, '57

COOLEST JUKE BOX EVER

All you senior citizens should enjoy this. You have to check it out... might be worth saving. Be warned, you can spend hours and hours and hours here.

<http://www.1959bhsmustangs.com/VideoJukebox.htm>



Glenn Anderson '57
WHS Senior Photo

Ed Note: This is the same great fifties music link that Bill Lobe '59 sent in his letter above on page 14. Thanks to you too Glenn, for telling us about it. It is really is a fun site to spend some time on. Jack

On Feb 12, 2014, at 9:24 AM, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58** <sara.j.blizzard@att.net> wrote:

To: Jack Phillips/O&B

Subject: Kathleen Hanson Peterson

Hi Jack,

I don't think I have seen Kathy's obit in the O&B. She was in the class of '56.

I didn't know Kathy in HS at all but years later when I met her I knew her instantly. I remember seeing her come out of a class room and smiling at me every day when we changed classes. I was new to WHS from Cathedral as a sophomore and anyone who smiled at me won my heart as I was really having trouble adjusting. In the end we learned my dad had known her dad somehow and I had seen her other than between classes but I will NEVER forget that wonderful

smile that was so warm and made me feel OK.

I don't remember actually when I "re-met" her but her husband Bob and my husband met through work. Bob P. is a SDS of Mines grad who went to school with my Bob's brother. We went to dinner with them one night when I was with Bob on a business trip. My Bob had told me that Bob P's wife graduated from WHS but other than that I went in blind. The minute I saw her I knew her. She was so surprised and shocked. We had a grand time with them and they came to Fla. Several times when Bob came for business. Several times they had their children with and we had them here at the house. We have kept track since through Christmas letters. Kathy had terrible RA but she never stopped doing. She always worked with animals at shelters, put together wonderful Christmas letters with pictures of the family and all their friends. They moved to NC several years ago and she got into acting with a local theater and loved it.

I was so anxious to open their card this year and see what she had been up to but my heart sank as I saw it was an obit notice. She was a gentle loving soul who passed as she and Bob were watching TV and she was memorizing lines for her next appearance on stage. Bob said she went quietly and nothing the EMTs did could revive her.

I am going to have my Bob scan the obit and e-mail it to you. **Sara Hart Blizzard, '58**

Ed. Note: Sara, a "Special Edition" was not sent out on Kathy because she passed away on Nov. 12, 2013 and I was not aware of her passing until I received your email on Feb. 12, 2014. The O&B has a policy for 5 years now that a "Special Edition" will be sent out on any WHS Alumni only if I can get it mailed prior to the time of the funeral or memorial service. If that deadline is not met, then I only list the deceased in the following publication of the "Master Deceased List" for each class. The lists for each class of the fifties is published twice a year, on Memorial Day and at Christmas. Her name has already been added to the deceased list for her class of '56.

Sara, I sincerely thank you for letting me know of Kathy's passing. This is a good example of how badly I need everyone's help maintaining the master deceased lists for all 10 WHS class's from 1950 thru 1959. Jack



Sara Hart '58
WHS Senior Photo



Kathy Hanson '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

Responses To Valentine Day Issue

On Feb 15, 2014, at 10:08 AM, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <laufred@att.net> wrote:

Hello Jack,

Please excuse me for not responding to your request for verification of my mailing address earlier. Fred & I have been out of town all of this previous week house & pet sitting for our daughter & son-in-law & I did not check telephone messages until we returned home late last evening. I will be very appreciative of receiving the CD from you, & thank you so much in advance. You do have the correct address for me: P.O. Box 193, Tehama, Ca. 96090-0193. Tehama is one of the smallest incorporated cities in Ca., with less than 500 residents. It is located right on the Sacramento river about 30 miles north of Chico, Ca., & 10 miles south of Red Bluff, Ca. It's kind of like going back in time here as we have the river on one side of us & an agricultural field on the other, but we do have neighbors on both sides of us, so it is like living in a city in the country if you can imagine that. The town is similar to some of the smaller ones back in the mid-west, & they blow the whistle at noon every day. Kind of quaint but a great place to live after having lived in Sacramento for twenty years with that rat race down there! If you check a map, you just might be able to pinpoint Tehama on it, but it is certainly not a focal point, but a wonderful place to live for retired people especially. We don't have house to house mail delivery, thus the P. O. Box address. I'm not sure how much population a town must have to qualify for house to house mail delivery, but apparently Tehama does not have enough.

Thank you for your call & also for your wonderful work with the O & B, & your considerable efforts in putting the CD together. I will let you know when it arrives.

Here's hoping you & Debra had a special & wonderful Valentine's Day yesterday, & thanks again for everything!
Sincerely, **Laurel Pierce Hampel WHS Class of '55**

On Feb 15, 2014, at 12:06 PM, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <laufred@att.net> wrote:

Hi Again Jack, I seem to be on a roll here this morning with e-mails to you & here I go again since I have just now read your great Valentine's Day issue of the O & B. What great work! It was such interesting reading, so very well & nicely done, & I was very touched by your sentimental remarks about your dear wife, Debra. She is a beauty! I would like to know her secrets if she has any about how she stays so slim & great looking, but then you both look wonderful & very happy & we are happy for you both! We are proud to have been the "first" to submit our story & just can't wait now to receive the CD of all the wonderful & special music. You are so right, that music was outstanding in the 50's. I think your favorite that you mentioned is a very special one & I love it too, but as for my favorite from your list if I have to pick one, which is difficult as you know, would be "Unchained Melody", I think because I learned to play it on the piano back in those days of lessons, & it is one I have played many times since, though certainly not recently. Maybe now, since I feel more motivated at the moment because of the playlist you published, I will go back & try to play it again, though I really haven't touched the piano in years. I feel like I just play well enough to frustrate myself, but the old songs I learned back then are easier to negotiate than learning anything new is. Two more favorites would be "My Prayer" & "Shangri-La", but I could go on & on listing many many more as favorites also as I'm sure most folks could. What a great, generous & wonderful idea you came up with for this very special CD & want you to know how very much we look forward to receiving & playing it (over & over again I'm sure). Again, we thank you so very much! You are a real treasure to all of the 1050's WHS classes, & we will treasure the CD I am sure & will let you know when it arrives.

As a side note, as a result of this special O & B issue for Valentine's Day, I received an e-mail from Wally Boersma, who graduated in your class, updating me on his life & sharing some photos. He said he had seen my entry in the O & B, (a rather long & winding one I admit...& I do tend to ramble on), which prompted him to get in touch. Our Mother's were very good friends for many years, & of course, both are deceased now. I knew Wally & his sisters, who are older than he, when I was in high school & before that actually, so I was happy to hear from him again after all this time. So, you see, this is just one small instance of all the good you are doing & the good feelings you are creating due to your efforts in publishing the O & B. We commend you! And we commend Debra also, as we realize the time you spend on this project is probably time you could otherwise spend with her alone, so thanks Jack & Debra too!

If you are in luck, this will be the last e-mail you will receive from me today, but just felt so enthusiastic after reading the most recent O & B issue, just had to let you know right away & without delay. Mucho thanks!

Laurel Pierce Hampel '55

On Feb 25, 2014, at 12:39 AM, Fred & Laurel Pierce '55 Hampel <laufred@att.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, We just can't tell you how wonderful it was to receive our special CD of the awesome music today! It really made our day a lot brighter too, as just this morning we learned of the passing of one of Fred's cousins at age 73, living for the past few years in Kentucky. He had been in ill health for sometime, but even so, it is still a big loss & he, along with Fred & two other male cousins were raised in Illinois more like brothers than cousins. So this had been kind of a "down" day with our hearts very heavy, tempered with some good memories too of the departed one & his family. Then the CD arrived in the mail & hearing it immediately lifted our spirits, so we thank you so very much! Words cannot amply express how very much we appreciate this great effort of yours, & it is so very well done & so special to us. It is just wonderful to have all these great songs of the 50's on one CD, which we know we will play over & over again & enjoy so much every time! We are immensely impressed with your artistic talent in creating such a beautiful CD complete with the cover so nicely personalized for us! Just fabulous, & just saying "thank you" does not adequately express how very much we do appreciate it! But for lack of a better expression, we say THANK YOU, THANK YOU & THANK YOU!!!! I really appreciated receiving your comments also, Jack, & thank you for those also.

With our very best wishes to you & Debra, & with deep gratitude, we are....

Fred & Laurel Hampel (Laurel Pierce Hampel '55)

On Feb 17, 2014, at 8:12 PM, Dale Peterson '56 <dale1228@nwi.net> wrote:



Dale Peterson '56
WHS Senior Photo

Kudos, Jack, it was fantastic getting the Valentine Issue and hearing about the folks of the 50's. The love songs you chose were great. One conspicuous absence was Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender" for which you may have your reasons and I can think of a few myself, but it was big in the late 50's. They were all fabulous songs and we surely agree on "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing" and "My Prayer" and "Unchained Melody" would follow. Your art work on the Valentine and CD was beautiful as is your new wife, congratulations! Mega thanks for all you do, it is greatly appreciated by all.

Blessings and peace,

Dale

On Feb 19, 2014, at 9:35 PM, Dale Peterson '56 <dale1228@nwi.net> wrote:

Good evening, Jack, Your beautiful CD arrived and even though it was in a bubble envelope, it was damaged with the outer case cracked and broken. The CD itself did not appear to be damaged but did not play well and some songs not at all. I notice too, that Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender" got on my list along with another favorite, Jonnie Ray's "Please Mr. Sun" I had a candle light dinner prepared when I found out the CD was not going to play. I mention this to prevail on your generosity to send me another CD, if possible, and in hopes the US Postal Service can do a better job in getting it to us. I must admit we have a candle light dinner every evening and I do cooking. The Love Songs of the 50's would surely be pleasant listening to any evening. Regardless, Jack, it was a fantastic Valentine focus and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Blessings,

Dale Peterson '56



Nancy Holm '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 20, 2014, at 11:20 AM, Nancy Holm Renner '54 <drenner@sio.midco.net> wrote:

HI! THANKS FOR THE CD I'M LISTENING TO IT RIGHT NOW. DECIDED TO TELL YOU MY FAVORITE HUNTING STORY. IT HAS TO DO WITH PIC OF DON & I. I'M HOLDING THE 2 GEESE. WE WERE HUNTING IN A PIT NEAR PIRRE WITH TWO FRIENDS. THE TWO FRIENDS WERE ON LOOKOUT. SAID GET READY TWO ARE COMING IN. DON SHOT FIRST & MISSED [HE USUALLY NEVER MISSED] I SHOT ONCE-TWICE & GOT THEM BOTH. THE REST OF THE HUNT THEY CALLED ME THE "PIT HOG". I HAD BRAGGING RIGHTS!!

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOU DO! NANCY, (Holm Renner '54)



Don & "Pit Hog" Renner '54



On Feb 19, 2014, at 5:56 AM, **Rich, Mike '57** (USAVAE)

<Mike.Rich@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Jack: I can't begin to tell you how much Queta appreciated the CD. It came in the mail yesterday, which just happened to be her birthday. She was overwhelmed!

Thank you and Debra so much! **Mike Rich '57**

Mike Rich '57, WHS Senior Photo



Jim Brown '56

WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 26, 2014, at 5:43 PM, **Dr. Jlm Brown '56** <gidocjb@gmail.com> wrote:

You did it again, Jack. You are amazing. We just got back from Puerto Vallarta and found your CD of the 50's music in our mail. Those were the good old days of slow dancing with our bodies held close to each other. I don't think the youth now days have any concept of that. Too bad. Lynn has her studio downstairs and it has a nice smooth wood floor. One of these days I am going to set up a table down there, a bottle of wine, candles and dance with Lynn to the music you sent. Thanks for the gift and thanks for bringing the 50's back to us. **Jim Brown '56**



On Mar 4, 2014, **Jane Ackerman '55**

<letmebefree.ackerman6@gmail.com> wrote:

Both Denny and I want to thank you for the wonderful 50's music. I can't believe what you did for all of us. Pictures and music was wonderful. Thank you again. **Jane Ackerman '55**

Jane Ackerman '55, WHS Senior Photo



Denny York '55, WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 17, 2014, **Harold and Grace Farrand '58** <hgfarrand@hotmail.com> wrote:

Thanks so much for the great CD, Jack! We are still in Texas, so it had to be forwarded from Billings.

An interesting note about the article I sent for the Valentine publication - since we aren't home, I did not have any wedding pictures handy. My friend scanned a picture that she had and e-mailed it to me, but she couldn't get it to come through large enough to work. So, I checked our local newspaper online and brought up the picture I had sent them when we had our 50th anniversary three years ago, downloaded it from their website and sent it with the article. Although it was a bit blurry, thought it turned out good for all the miles it had traveled!

Thanks again for all your work sending these publications.

Grace Trautman Farrand '58



Grace Trautman '58
WHS Senior Photo



Harold Farrand '58
WHS Senior Photo



End of Valentine Letters



On Feb 15, 2014, at 3:03 PM, **Charles L. Houck '50** <clh@rkymtnhi.com> wrote:

Jack, Thank you for your nice note about me being a loyal reader. I indeed enjoy reading your issues of *Orange and Black*. But I must write that it is always jarring to read the obituary of a classmate.

I do get back to Sioux Falls at least once a year to visit my sister Laurice Houck '55 Iseminger and her husband Kenneth, and often twice a year. Otherwise my wife (Barbara Ann Schrooten Houck) of close to fifty-eight years and I reside in Muncie, Indiana, the spring and fall months, and in Grand County, Colorado, the summer and winter months. These are the best months for both places.

Muncie, Indiana, is the home of Ball State University, known nationally because of David Letterman. I taught language and linguistics in the English Department and the Anthropology Department for twenty-eight years (1966-1994). Barbara taught English and remedial reading in middle school. No, I never had Dave in any of my classes.

Right now, we are in Grand County, enjoying our accumulative 124 inches of snow. I run/jog each morning for an hour plus on plowed county or national forest roads or groomed snowmobile trails. My wife rides one or the other of her two horses. Once in a while, I ride with her. In the summer I also cycle and Barbara does competitive trail rides. Since we live at 8600 plus feet, it's a good workout for me and the horses. I am currently training for a half-marathon the 23rd of March in Paso Robles, California. Maybe a nice bottle of wine to celebrate finishing it.

In Muncie, we both cycle at least an hour four times a week, weather permitting. I also add swimming to my training regimen.

Other than all the above physical activity, I have been trying to get my Leeds, England, field records and recordings ready to be archived at the British Museum Library. Barbara paints, both oils and water colors, and has sold a number of them through auctions and a gallery in Muncie.

We have two sons, one daughter-in-law, one grandson and one granddaughter, both still in high school. All live in the Denver area.

Thank you, Jack, for producing a well-wrought publication.

Warmest regards,

Charles L Houck '50



On Feb 17, 2014, **Dr. Wayne Boese '56** <drwboese@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for this information, Jack. I knew Don for a few years as a Hi-Y type and later as someone who played Men's League Basketball at the Y.

Take care. Hope the New year is going well.

Wayne Boese, Class of 1956

Wayne Boese '56, WHS Senior Photo



On Mar 5, 2014, at 11:50 AM, **Keith Hill '50** <kwhill@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack...

Bernice Rikansrud died on 2-22-14 at the age of 99! She was an English teacher at WHS thru the 1949 school year. Her obit is also available from Miller Funeral Home.

Keith Hill '50

Keith Hill '50, WHS Senior Photo.

Editor's Note: Over the past several months many of you have invited me to join you on Facebook, LinkedIn, etc. I do appreciate your invitation, but I do not join in on any of those sites. I am sorry, but I just don't have time. My wife, Debra, did sign me up for Facebook, but I don't ever use it. I hope you understand. Jack

On Feb 18, 2014, at 6:47 AM, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo

Jack.....**Colleen Calhoun Gravelle '58** is the widow of **Kenneth Gravelle '56** (deceased) WHS'56, and the sister-in-law of **Glenn Gravelle, WHS '58**. Not sure if you do anything in circumstances like this, but I wanted to let you know and respond to Mike's request.

Don Noordsy '58

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Howes '58 <oilmansf@gmail.com>

Subject: Colleen (Calhoun) Gravelle

Date: February 18, 2014 at 9:29:57 AM EST

To: Donald Noordsy

<heythere63@comcast.net>

Don, I see that Colleen Calhoun passed away. Would you notify Jack Phillips (if he hasn't received notice yet) please as you communicate with him regularly. Her sister Linda is married to Diz Dean and she was married to Lefty Gravelle's brother Ken. (Who is deceased). She has had Alzheimers for a number of years. Diz is an old friend (and long-time customer) from Lincoln grade school and WHS.

Mike Howes '58



Mike Howes '58
WHS Senior



Colleen Calhoun '58
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Linda Calhoun Dean '60
WHS Junior Photo

On Feb 19, 2014, **Linda Calhoun Dean '60 & Darrold Dean '58** dldean2@q.com wrote:

Colleen Calhoun Gravelle, 73, died in Christ, Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Naperville, IL.

She was born April 24, 1940, to Marvin and Arvilla Calhoun. The family moved to Sioux Falls in 1950 and she attended Hawthorne Grade School and Washington High School graduating in 1958.

She married **Kenneth Gravelle (class of**

1956) on August 11, 1958 at Sioux Falls and their three children were born there.

Ken's job with Sears took them to Chicago, IL and Louisville, KY before they retired at Hilton Head Island, SC. He died there in November 1999.

She is survived by her three children: Kevin Gravelle, Louisville, KY. Kent Gravelle, Atlanta, GA, and Kelly Cassity, Naperville, IL; six grandchildren: Alexander, Benjamin and Clinton Gravelle, Matthew and Kathleen Cassity, Spencer Gravelle and one great granddaughter Emma; two sisters Lee Ann Quigley, Plymouth, MN, and Linda Dean, Sioux Falls, SD.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, two brothers **Wesley '54** and Wayne Calhoun.

Linda Calhoun Dean '60 and Darrold Dean '58

On Feb 20, 2014, at 2:15 PM, **Linda Calhoun Dean '60** dldean2@q.com wrote:



Darrold Dean '58
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack, Thank you for your kind letter and condolences. There will be a Memorial Service for Colleen at Hilton Head, SC, in the summer so her ashes can be placed next to her husband, Ken.

Since you knew my brother-in-law **Clarence Quigley '54** you may have known my brother **Wesley Calhoun '54**, they were good friends, also in the class of 1954.

Sincerely,

Linda Calhoun Dean '60



Glenn Gravelle '58
WHS Senior Photo



Ken Gravelle '56
WHS Senior
Photo Deceased



Wesley Calhoun '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Clarence Quigley '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

END OF LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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 is Mike Gibson '56, "Athlete", and Jack Phillips '54, "Contributor". This is a most prestigious event. Make plans now to attend.



Mike Gibson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Jack Phillips '54
WHS Senior Photo

Orange & Black Delivery Problems!

Over the last two months I have received a much larger than normal number of calls and emails from subscribers about not receiving the O&B. This is huge concern of mine and I assure you I am devoting a great deal of time trying to trace and solve the problem.

I have spent considerable time on the phone with GoDaddy.com, the company I use to mail each O&B mailing through. Their system provides me with reports on each one of my mailings and I can always tell if your mailing is "Bounced", "Opened", "Unopened" or if you "Unsubscribe". I don't think I have ever had any one intentionally "Unsubscribe". By accident yes, but they were immediately, "Resubscribed".

"Bounced" means that the mailing did not reach you as there was a problem, usually with the address and can usually be easily fixed.

However what seems to have been happening recently, the Go Daddy reports are saying the mailing has been sent and delivered, but it remains "Unopened". But my subscribers are saying they have not received the mailing. Go Daddy says that all they can do is deliver the mailing and if it does not show as "Bounced", or "Unsubscribed", it was in fact delivered and they can not do anything about it if your mail server has chosen for whatever reason, that they can't or won't deliver it to your computer.

I am told that every mail server has "filters" that determines if there is a problem with the mailing and then sometimes sends it to your "junk or spam box". But it seems that they also have the power to just delete it and neither you nor I never know you didn't receive it.

When I pressed Go Daddy for a solution to this problem they gave me the following suggestions. They say that there is nothing more either they nor I can do to solve the problem, it is going to require you to help solve it. Their main suggestion is for you to contact your mail server and ask them why you are not receiving mail from my email address of jack@jackmphilips.com. You should tell them that you were receiving mail from that address in the past and you know that you are still being sent emails from that address, but you are not receiving them and WHY?

A second suggestion Go Daddy made was to make sure my address of jack@jackmphilips.com is in fact entered into you "Contact List", or your "Address Book". That should tell your computer that you do wish to receive mail from that address.

Unfortunately, I don't know who all is having this problem and this mailing probably won't reach those that are having the problem. So I can only ask that you forward this explanation on to anyone that you might know is not receiving the O&B.

Any one that has questions on this issue may certainly feel free to contact me for more help. My phone number is 702-735-4111.

Jack Phillips '54