

# THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK

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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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## Wonderful Responses To The O&B Memorial Day Military Issue.

## ROGER MICKELSON '54 LEADS A MOST HONORED MEMORIAL DAY



**ROGER MICKELSON**  
'54 WHS Senior Photo

On May 18, **Roger Mickelson '54** (Colonel, US Army, Retired), President of the Albuquerque Chapter of the Military Officers Association, presided at the 2013 Memorial service at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial to honor chapter members and spouses who had died over the last year. The ceremony included the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, address by Chaplain Chris LaPack, a rifle salute by the 47th New Mexico Regiment Honor Guard, a tear-jerking bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace by Mike Henry, and recognition of the departed with a reading of names and symbolic chiming of a loud bell. Major General Tom Taylor was an honored guest. Pics attached. Other folks in the pics include MGen Tom Taylor, Dolores Morgan, the 47th Regiment Honor Guard, and bagpiper Mike Henry. BTW, classmate **Jack Kittelson '54** is the SD State President of MOAA.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.







**Sheldon Songstad  
'56  
WHS Senior Photo**

Many thanks to **Sheldon Songstad '56** for sending this really great story. It is guaranteed to make each of us even more proud to be an American. And, if you are like me, it will be especially heartwarming to know how some parts of the world still feels about us.



On Jun 14, 2013, at 8:14 PM, Sheldon R. Songstad <[SRSongstad@msn.com](mailto:SRSongstad@msn.com)> wrote:

**From:** "Sheldon R. Songstad" <[srsongstad@msn.com](mailto:srsongstad@msn.com)>

**Date:** June 14, 2013, 9:48:45 PM CDT

"OUR MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATED IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC". Sad to say....they are more patriotic than we are.

This is an amazing story of remembrance. In the Czech Republic , the school children of the equivalent of fifth grade are each assigned one of the American and Canadian liberators buried there. Their grave is the student's responsibility for the year and they learn all there is to know of their own hero. Their surviving family is sent letters and they respond to the annual child who tends their loved one's grave.

No apology needed here! Have you ever wondered if anyone in Europe remembers America 's sacrifice in World War II? There is an answer in a small town in the Czech Republic . The town called Pilsen ( Plzen ).

Every 5 years, Pilsen conducts the Liberation Celebration of the City of Pilsen in the Czech Republic . May 6th, 2010, marked the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Pilsen by General George Patton's 3rd Army. Pilsen is the town that every American should visit. Because they love America and the American Soldier.

Even 65 years later... by the thousands, the citizens of Pilsen came to say thank you. Lining the streets of Pilsen for miles. From the large crowds, to quiet reflective moments, including this American family's private time to honor and remember their American hero.

Below is the crash site of Lt. Virgil P. Kirkham, the last recorded American USAAF pilot killed in Europe during WWII. It was Lt. Kirkham's 82nd mission and one that he volunteered to go on.

At the time, this 20-year-old pilot's P-47 Thunderbolt plane was shot down, a young 14-year-old Czech girl, Zdenka Sladkova, was so moved by his sacrifice she made a vow to care for him and his memory.

For 65 straight years, Zdenka, now 79-years-old, took on the responsibility to care for Virgil's crash site and memorial near her home. On May 4th, she was recognized by the Mayor of

Zdenka's home town of Trhanova , Czech Republic , for her sacrifice and extraordinary effort to honor this American hero.

Another chapter in this important story... the Czech people are teaching their children about America 's sacrifice for their freedom. American Soldiers, young and old, are the Rock Stars these children and their parents want autographs from. Yes, Rock Stars! As they patiently waited for his autograph, the respect this little Czech boy and his



**Lt. Kirkham's crash  
site and memorial.**



**Above: Zdenka Sladkova being  
recognized by the Major of  
Trhanova for 65 years of caring  
for Lt. Kirkham's crash site.**

father have for our troops serving today was heartwarming and inspirational.

The Brian LaViolette Foundation established The Scholarship of Honor in tribute to General George S. Patton and the American Soldier, past and present. Each year, a different military hero will be honored in tribute to General Patton's memory and their mission to liberate Europe . This award will be presented to a graduating senior who will be entering the military or a form of community service such as fireman, policeman, teaching or nursing -- a cause greater than self. The student will be from 1 of the 5 high schools in Pilsen , Czech Republic .

The first award was presented in May 2011 in honor of Lt. Virgil Kirkham, that young 20-year-old P-47 pilot killed 65 years ago in the final days of WWII. Presenting Virgil's award will be someone who knows the true meaning of service and sacrifice... someone who looks a lot like Virgil. Marion Kirkham, Virgil's brother, who himself served during WWII in the United States Army Air Corps!!!

In closing... Here is what the city of Pilsen thinks of General Patton's grandson. George Patton Waters (another Rock Star!) we're proud to say, serves on Brian's Foundation board. And it's front page news over there not buried in the middle of the social section.

Brigadier General Miroslav Zizka, 1st Deputy Chief of Staff, Ministry of Defense, Czech Armed Forces.

End.



## AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...its over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

Author unknown.

Thanks to Harry Hoiland '54 for sending, "AND THEN IT IS WINTER". I guess we all can relate to it more than we like.





## **DELIGHTFUL STORY FROM DICK SMITH '56**

*Hi Jack – Thanks for all the time and effort you put into the Orange & Black newsletter. Would you kindly add me to your distribution list? [d-smith@worldpath.net](mailto:d-smith@worldpath.net)*

*As a way of introduction . . . I was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD, and graduated from Washington HS in 1956.*



**1956**



**2002**



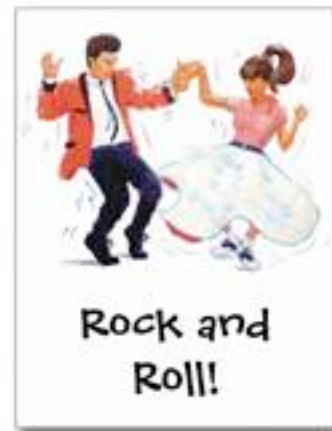
**2012**

*In High School I belonged to the Science Club, HiY, and went to Boys State. Worked summers at the Town & Country Drive In making malts, flipping burgers, putting together chicken and shrimp baskets, ran the cash register, and gave the carhops a bad time. Also worked a summer at the Hubert's Drive In across from the Starlite outdoor movie place. My sister Mavis worked there also as a carhop. I dated Dawn Menace who was a year older than me, but I thought she was super cute (and she was). Dated Cheryl Halquist who was also very cute. Tried to get Lois Engman interested but I think she had her heart set on John Borman (who she ended up getting married to). Also dated Sharon Jensen ('57) who I still think about to this very day.*

*I bought my first car, a 1947 Ford, with \$250 I earned working at the Drive In.*



*I remember the feeling of total FREEDOM of owning my own car and being able to come and go as I pleased. There were many a winter evening when the windows were all fogged over from the heavy breathing inside. God that was great. Remember the 3.2 beer . . . Hamms, Blatz, & Grain Belt. Remember the stock car races out a Huset Speedway?*



***I loved to dance to rock n roll music.***

***A good friend of mine was Tom Savage. I knew all the kids at First Lutheran Church. Played basketball with Johnny Johnson and the guys at the YMCA.***

***After HS I went to the University of SD for a couple of years, then went into the Navy to attend their great electronics schools and traveled all over the Far East and Orient. Attended the School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City . . . hated calculus so transferred to SD State University in Brookings where I graduated with a BSci in psychology in 1967 . . . moved to Minneapolis with my wife, Arlene, and our baby . . . went to work selling medical diagnostics . . . promoted to Division Sales Manager in 1977 and did that for 17 years (loved it) . . . was transferred to New Hampshire in 1992 and retired from the corporate world in 2000 . . . was an expert in diabetes by then and continued to speak to diabetes groups all over New England (and still do to this day). Was asked by a diabetes supply company to do diabetes seminars for them and then to call on physicians and certified diabetes educators to get referrals – which I did for 5 years.***

***Today I have 2 online virtual franchises that I love doing and earn a nice monthly income from.***

***Arlene and I are both 74 now, in peak health, very happy, have 2 dogs and chickens, live on a small mountain here in New Hampshire on 4 wooded acres. We are blessed with a daughter and a grandchild. Life is good.***

***To see photos and learn more, go to [www.facebook.com/dick.smith3](http://www.facebook.com/dick.smith3)***

***My Best to All,  
Dick Smith '56***



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# 2013 WHS ATHLETIC HALL of FAME BANQUET

## Sept. 28, 2013 at the Pavilion.

On Apr 4, 2013, at 5:33 AM, Herbert, Jeffrey C '74 wrote:

Jack...another wonderful ORANGE AND BLACK---just a note, the WHS Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Sept. 28th at the Pavilion (we are coming home) this year---I will send a list of inductees also---if anyone is interested, have them contact Kevin Kennedy, 605-367-7970---- thanks, Jeff...



Jeff Herbert '74  
and current  
WHS Instructor.



Hal Erickson '54  
Football & Basketball



### WHS ATHLETIC HALL-of-FAME

#### ATHLETES

Hal Erickson '54  
Paul Clare '55  
Tom Clayton  
Joslyn Johnson  
Ryan Johnson  
JJ Heyden

#### ADMINISTRATOR

Carla Midden

#### COACH

Sue Cronkhite

#### CONTRIBUTOR

Chuck Davis



Paul Clare '55  
Basketball



This is such a great event. Call Kevin Kennedy to get your tickets now.  
Congratulations to Hal Erickson '54, football & basketball, and  
Paul Clare '55, basketball, from the '50's decade.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Shirley Adams '54  
WHS Senior Photos

On Feb 1, 2013, at 8:05 PM, **SHIRLEY ADAMS HARRIMAN '54** <[buttebuddy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buttebuddy@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Now you know what I look like with silver hair!

In Feb. 2013, Shirley Adams Harriman '54, who lives in Palmdale, CA recently celebrated her 20-year service mark at Disney Corporate Travel West.



### Dating Ad For Seniors. Found In A Florida Newspaper

I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.



On Dec 9, 2012, at 7:11 PM, **Tom Little '61**, [thomasleelittle@comcast.net](mailto:thomasleelittle@comcast.net) wrote:



**Tom Little '61**  
WHS Junior Photo

Jack, If possible, please send me any future issues of your newsletter (putting me on your e-mail list?). I really enjoyed both the Arnie Bauer & Fred Hecker articles. As a junior high school kid I remember seeing Hecker around town and being scared crapless of him--he was just such a huge icon (not that he was nasty). I remember Arnie from high school but strangely don't believe I had him as either a coach or teacher. I was a starting football halfback (undefeated '60 team) and ran track but don't remember coming into "official" contact with him. I was a terrible basketball player. I did, however, hang out at his niece's house (Sherri Bauer) probably a lot more than I should have. I still play hockey and have played quite a bit (a lot) at the LVIC (West Flamingo) and Fiesta Rancho ice facilities in Las Vegas. Hope to catch you some time in L.V.

**THANKS a bunch. Tom Little '61** Ed.Note: Dr. Tom Little EdD is Loren Little's '59 brother. Tom and his wife, Lynda, (No WHS) reside in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

On Apr 5, 2013, at 10:12 AM,

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

Jack, Thanks for #1-13. It was so interesting and fun to read. I have the following announcement that I would like included in your next O & B.

The Pacific Northwest Class of 1956 is organizing a luncheon reunion on September 9, 2013, for all PNW 1956 classmates, spouses and other WHS graduates if they wisht to attend. We will be meeting at noon in the Bahama Breezes Restaurant in the NW corner of the Southcenter Mall parking lot. The mall is just off of I-5 in Tukwila, WA, which is just south of Seattle. By August 26th I would like a count of those planning to attend, but I will send another reminder before then.

Two years ago the Class of '56 had 16 people attend our NW reunion. We could not remember all the words to the school song so if anyone can remember them, please send them on.

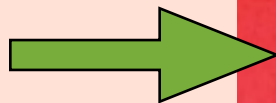
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**Pat Jorgensen '56**  
WHS Senior Photo



**WHS Fight Song Lyrics**  
**Courtesy of the O&B.**

Note; The lyrics, "Onward Sioux Falls" had to be changed in 1965 when Sioux Falls acquired it's 2nd high school.



**Washington High School**  
**Fight/School Songs**

*Original - 1920*  
*Onward Sioux Falls*

*Onward Sioux Falls, Onward Sioux Falls*  
*You're the best of all,*  
*All the happy days we've spent here,*  
*We will oft recall.*  
*For you colors Black and Orange,*  
*We will gladly die,*  
*And we will fight, fight, fight,*  
*For Sioux Falls High.*

*New version in 1965*  
*WHS School Song*

*Onward Warriors, Onward Warriors\*-*  
*You're the best of all,*  
*All the happy days we've spent here,*  
*We will oft recall.*  
*For you colors Black and Orange,*  
*We will gladly die,*  
*And we will fight, fight, fight,*  
*For Washington High.*

*\* 1930 was the first year the name "Warriors" appeared as the nickname for the Washington High School athletic teams.*



On Apr 13, 2013, at 7:56 AM, **Judith Sonnichsen Schmuck '57**

<[judith3180@hotmail.com](mailto:judith3180@hotmail.com)> wrote:

It is with great sadness that we mourn Solvig Stene who died in a house fire yesterday in Sioux Falls. She attended Mark Twain Grade School, Washington High, and Augustana College. She has been a piano teacher there for 50 years.

She was a dear friend of my sister, Jeanne Sonnichsen. She was the organist at her wedding. My youngest daughter, Jaymee, remembers her being a judge at piano contests at Augustana College. I am sure you will be getting her obituary soon.

**Judy Sonnichsen Schmuck '57**

**Judy Sonnichsen '57**  
WHS Senior Photo

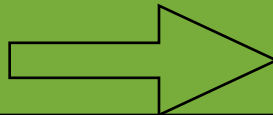
On Apr 13, 2013, at 8:25 AM, **Margie Rossow Nelsen '59** <[margienelsen@mchsi.com](mailto:margienelsen@mchsi.com)> wrote:

Hi Jack, Thanks for the latest edition of the Orange & Black Newsletter. Loved the snow and ice pictures from Sioux Falls in April. I hope that the clean-up goes well and that everyone has power back. We didn't get the ice in Minnesota but we did get the snow and it keeps coming...another one or two inches every night. I

appreciate your herculean efforts in putting together these wonderful newsletters. How great it is for all of us to have new information regarding Washington graduates. Thanks so much. I am sorry that I wasn't able to help you find a "lost" member of our class when you called. Did you ever find her?

With much appreciation,  
**Margie Rossow Nelsen, '59**

Margie included this photo taken on 4-11-13 of her backyard in St. Peter, Minnesota.



**Margie Rossow '59**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Dick Sweetman '54**  
WSH Senior Photo

On Apr 13, 2013, at 8:37 AM, **Dick Sweetman '54** [6053600501@vzwpix.com](mailto:6053600501@vzwpix.com) wrote:

Jack. Mick McCahren suggested we list our grade school. I hate to brag but must admit that I went to Mark Twain, which I know everyone agrees was a cut above the others. (Did I say that right Mick?)

I was saddened to learn about Merrey Lynn Skarda. She was in my clarinet section in the band and sat next to her pal Elaine Nelson. I have great memories of those two bright, fun, and talented gals. May she rest in peace.

**Dick Sweetman '54**



On Apr 13, 2013, at 9:09 AM,  
**Joe Floyd '54**  
<[jfloyd@sio.midco.net](mailto:jfloyd@sio.midco.net)> wrote:

**Jack:** After a few computer glitches the O & B came through nicely. I enjoyed the comments from old friends. I thought you would enjoy two pictures of Bill Kulander and me with the new Storm Chaser car. Probably not too good for cursing Phillips Ave, but would do well in keeping Schmitte, the cop off, your tail.  
**Joe Floyd '54**

**Joe,** All of us have always loved your great toys and have appreciated you sharing them with us. All of your friends hope that you will always stay young and fun. But, you and Bill be safe in this one. Jack



**Bill Kulander '59**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Joe Floyd '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 13, 2013, at 11:07 AM, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58** <[sara.j.blizzard@att.net](mailto:sara.j.blizzard@att.net)> wrote:  
Hi Jack, I don't know if you are interested in this or not but I think it might be of interest to many, especially the class of '59. **Sandy Brix Hembd '59**, who had a note in the latest O&B is a good friend of

ours---she was in my brother's class and her husband was in mine at SD State. We spent our early married years in Minneapolis since the guys were all at Honeywell. We've all spent time in other parts of the country at various times but have kept in touch over the years with a Round Robin which ran for over 40 years, and with "Round Robin Rabbit Reunions" (The entire group has its basis at SD State although many of us are WHS people too) Anyway, Jim and Sandy have worked for over ten years to develop Glory Community, a housing/work situation for mentally handicapped adults.

Their twin sons, Mike and Mark have Down's Syndrome. It has all been accomplished with donations as they are taking no local, state or federal money. They want a Christian Community for the people who live there. The first of five homes opened last

Oct. It has been hard work on their part to raise this money. I think if you called Sandy and talked to either she or Jim you could come up with a wonderful article about their journey through the maze of fund raising, regulations, etc., etc., etc. You can go to [glorycommunity.com](http://glorycommunity.com) and see their site, pictures etc. I know they are going to be on vacation for a few weeks now but they will return and you can talk to them.

Thanks, **Sara Hart Blizzard, '58**



**Sara Hart Blizzard '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Sandy Brix Hembd '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

## Another Dating Ad For Seniors. Found In A Florida Newspaper

Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5 '4' (used to be 5'6"), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.



On Apr 16, 2013, at 5:56 PM, **DONALD KLINEFELTER '54** <[dosy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dosy@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:



**Don Klinefelter '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Hi Jack, Don here. I read in one of the O&B Issues recently that it was mentioned of possibly sending pictures of classes in grade schools in Sioux Falls so I am sending you a picture of the grade school I graduated from in an old country school outside of Sioux Falls. You are familiar with the area as the "Tank Farm" west of Sioux Falls as you told me you worked there in a very interesting conversation I had with you on the phone one time.

#### **OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT 10**

Oaks School was a country school situated next to Highway 16 west of Sioux Falls and bordered the tank farm on the west end. When this picture was taken and I attended this country school there was no tank farm. On the east side was Fredricksons corner or gas station. I remember many ex- G-Is from WW-2 working at the tank farm digging ditches and whatnot as the tank farm was being constructed. We had one teacher that taught all eight grades in one room which was later divided by a curtain about the time I was in 7th grade and another teacher was hired to teach the first four grades. My two brothers and two sisters also graduated from that country school. I hope some of my High School Alumni will recognize the names and possibly recognize them in the picture.

#### **PICTURE LEFT TO RIGHT**

Row 1 Rodney Hansen, Neil Jungeman, LaVonne Klinefelter,, Darlis Lucas, David Klinefelter, Betty Anne Hansen, Janice DeYoung, Julie Dinsmore

Row 2 Roger Jungeman- Standing just behind Rodney and Neil

Darrel Lucas- Just behind LaVonne

Top row Edwin Lucas - On post, Janelle Jungeman, Joan Hansen, Mary Tennant, Miriam Jungeman, Don Klinefelter, Ben Newcomb, David Dinsmore, Bob Newcomb, Bob Dannenbring (on post).

I'm guessing this picture to be 1947 with snow on the ground.

Jack,  
if this is not of interest for the O&B you won't hurt my feelings at all. Thank you again for the hard work it is to do the O&B.

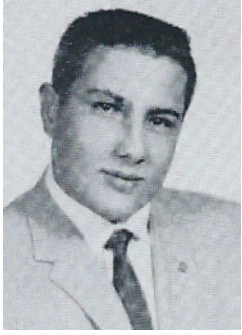
**Don**  
**Klinefelter**  
**'54**



Don, Great picture. Thanks so much for sending it. So many names people will recall.  
Jack



On Apr 17, 2013, at 12:14 PM, **Robert A. Miller '57** <[ramiller27@pie.midco.net](mailto:ramiller27@pie.midco.net)> wrote:



Jack, Like you, I attended Emerson Grade School. And, wasn't Miss Linter the principal? My memory is of a large, silver-haired lady that we all feared and respected. I definitely remember her office had a rolltop desk and hanging on the wall was a large paddle with holes in it. I am totally convinced she never used it on anyone, but all of us were convinced that she would. Others from the class of '57 that immediately come to mind for being in my grade at Emerson were Terry Robinson, Byron Hall, Loren Little and Dennis Heidebrink.

Thanks again for all you do for the O & B !! **Bob Miller '57**



**Bob Miller '57, WHS Senior Photo**

On Apr 25, 2013, at 9:11 AM, **P. F. Tornow '53** <[PFT372@sio.midco.net](mailto:PFT372@sio.midco.net)> wrote:



**Percy Tornow '53  
WHS Senior Photo**

Jack: Would you happen to have an email address for Deloris Kish (maiden name), who I believe would have been a graduate along about 1951-54? If you have it, would it be possible to send to me or....is that something you cannot give out? I made contact with her about 10-13 years ago but somehow lost whatever I had whether it was an email address or a telephone number. At that time, she was in Sioux Falls. Regardless, any help you may be able to give would be appreciated.

Thanks, **Percy Tornow 1953**

Editor's response:

Hi Percy, I don't have her in my subscription list, but I checked my yearbooks for the years you said. I found a "Del Loris Kich" (different spelling), in your class yearbook of 1953. I would think that is pretty certainly her.

I have purchased several "people search" sites and put her name in them and seached first just South Dakota and found nothing. Then I tried the entire country and still found nothing. Of course having just a maiden name doesn't help much if she has married which is most likely. Do you have a married name for her and do you have any other cities or states she might be living in?

Then as a last effort I checked my deceased list for the class of '53 and good news, she wasn't listed there. Sorry I wasn't more help.

Jack



**Del Loris Kich '53  
WHS Senior Photo**

**Do you know where  
she is today?**

**As a last resort in helping Percy locate Del Loris Kich '53 we are  
asking if any of you readers have any information on her whereabouts?**

On May 7, 2013, at 6:58 AM, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57** <[marlysanna@aol.com](mailto:marlysanna@aol.com)> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Here is the name & thank you note  
from the 2013 scholarship winner:  
Alex Thomason - going to attend the  
University of SD.

Thanks, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman  
'57**



**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57  
WHS Senior Photo**

Dear Ms. Marlys,

April 17, 2013

I was very surprised and grateful  
to find out today that I was awarded  
the 2013 Washington High Alumni  
Scholarship. This award will come in  
handy for my tuition this fall at the  
University of South Dakota.

With appreciation,  
alex Thomason



On Apr 27, 2013, at 7:51 AM, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57** [pwolset@sio.midco.net](mailto:pwolset@sio.midco.net) wrote:

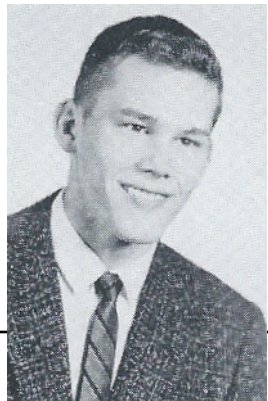
Now this is so interesting..... The book "Gone With The Wind" was published in 1936, and I have the first edition. Margaret Mitchell stored the sheets of the book in her closet for years and years before someone convinced her to let them read it, and that, my friends, is the rest of the story.

This photo was taken in the 40's in downtown Sioux Falls, Phillips Avenue. It was for the first showing of "Gone With The Wind". Amazing isn't it? **Peggy Servold Teslow '57**



On May 22, 2013, at 2:50 PM, **Paul Anderson '58** [guypithecus@hush.com](mailto:guypithecus@hush.com) wrote:

Jack, **Cork Moreaux, class of '57**, is my good friend going back to South Sioux Grade School (which I understand is now a car dealership). He has never had a computer and doesn't seemed inclined to ever have one. So, I've been printing out copies of the Orange and Black and mailing them to him. The other day, he asked me to let you know how much he appreciates and looks forward to keeping up with news of the 50's WHS alum. So, Cork says Thank You!



**Paul Anderson '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

He had a lot of WHS & Cathedral acquaintances from the late fifties. If anybody wants to contact Cork, he's retired to Florida. His address is 200 S.E. Rosewood Circle, Lake City, FL, 32025. Phone: 386-758-0090.

**Paul Anderson '58**



**Cork Moreaux '57**  
WHS Senior Photo



On Apr 30, 2013, at 6:51 PM, **Ron Nelson '55** <[nels99@sio.midco.net](mailto:nels99@sio.midco.net)> wrote:

Jack—On April 20, 2013 a few of the members of the Class of 55 gathered at the Royal Fork Restaurant in Sioux Falls. Some were snow birds who had just returned to the roost—Jervin and Dolly Wait from Hawaii—Derald and Karen Espeland from Texas and Butch and Sally Linton from Texas. Two or three times a year, the locals of the Class of 55 get together for a meal in a restaurant or a summer time picnic.



**Ron Nelson '55**  
WHS Senior Photo

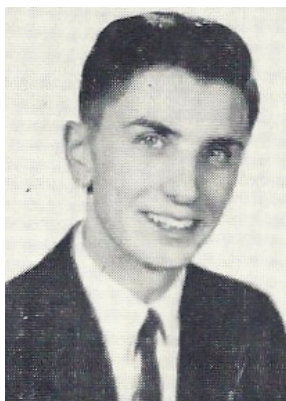


Front row L to R—Ron Nelson, Mavis (Lubbinge) Teslow, Lois (Ross) DeVries, Jane Ackerman, Sally (Lambert) Linton, Dolly (Tague) Wait.  
Back row L To R—Butch Linton, George Olson,

Stan Cadwell, Denny York, Dorothy (Renner) Hack, Jervin Wait, Jeanne (Sweet)

Simunek, Karen (Johnson) Espeland, Derald Espeland, Joyce (Portice) Graff.

Submitted by **Ron Nelson '55'**



**Doug Aldrich '57**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 25, 2013, at 4:30 AM, **Doug Aldrich '57**

<[doug.aldrich@comcast.net](mailto:doug.aldrich@comcast.net)> wrote:

Jack,

What a wonderful issue! I knew Sam Fantle since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Mark Twain. He and Whitey Axlund are both on the wall at the AF Academy that I've seen. Thank you so much for reminding us about their sacrifices. My father was KIA with Patton's Army in WW II. He is buried in the military cemetery in St Avold, France, and I've been there twice. It's a most moving experience.

**Doug Aldrich '57**

### Editor's Note on Frances Line's '51 passing:

After the O&B published the Special Edition on Francis' passing, **Darrell Modica '54** wrote the O&B for more information. The O&B referred Darrell letter to Francis' brother, **Mark Line '57**, and the following exchange followed.



Frances '51

Deceased



Darrell '54



Mark '57

On May 16, 2013, at 3:41 PM, **Darrell Modica '54**

<[darmar2@live.com](mailto:darmar2@live.com)> wrote:

Hi Jack, I didn't know Frances Line but I think I remember RQ Line. Was he a cattle buyer or something like that. If it is the same family, did they live on 7th and Wiswall place. We lived on 20th st West of Mckenan Hosp so played down there across from Roy Bahnson. Just wondering if you knew or remember. **Darrell Modica '54**

On May 21, 2013, at 7:33 AM, **Mark Line '57** <[linesk@earthlink.net](mailto:linesk@earthlink.net)> wrote:

Darrell, You are right on all accounts. R.Q. (Pete) Line is our father and he owned at stockyards buying business in this same name. I think Don Modica was close to Francis who was called Franny and Francie. We all went to Longfellow Grade School where our mother was the music teacher.

At Frances funeral was Walt Leyse who I believe lived near you. He mentioned Don's name as we talked about the neighborhood.

I can't quite remember why we were acquainted other than the Longfellow connection but I remember the Monica name very well. Maybe we had some connection when I was in Sioux Falls, following college in '62 and '63. I left in '64 and only have been back to visit.

It was nice to hear from you, Darrell, and thanks for asking about our family.

Best regards, **Mark Line'57**

On May 21, 2013, at 7:40 AM, **Mark Line '57** <[linesk@earthlink.net](mailto:linesk@earthlink.net)> wrote:

Jack, Thanks for forwarding Darrell's inquiry to me. I included you on my response.

And thank you for the poem and kind words. The weekend went very well with mostly celebrating my sister's life. Her husband will take time to adjusting but was so grateful for their life together. In all, it was very uplifting.

I am back in SD starting June 6 when the Boys of "57 gather again at Pete Hegg's Hunting ranch. I have made these annual trips more of an exploration opportunity so this year, John Simko, and I are going to the Rosebud Reservation and the Bad Lands to see what we can find. Mostly looking for historical sites.

Keep Las Vegas solvent. We plan to be there next fall.

**Mark Line '57**

On May 21, 2013, at 8:28 PM, **Darrell Modica '54** <[darmar2@live.com](mailto:darmar2@live.com)> wrote:

Thanks for the reply Mark. Our family lived on 20th st across from Longfellow. Sister Jean is 82, Don 80 and I am 76, we all went to Longfellow. Walt Leyse lived on 21st. St. and were good friends. At the time you lived on Wiswall, Roy Bahnson (Rex and Boyd) live across from you ( I spent a lot of time at that house). As I remember, your Dad was a fun guy and your mom might have taught our daughter Kim at Edison Jr. Hi. in the last 60's. You might remember Don as he was a vice president of Home Federal when Lee Engen was the president. So much for the history lesson, sorry about the loss of your sister.

In Christ's love, **Darrell Modica '54**

### Another Dating Ad For Seniors. Found In A Florida Newspaper

Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband, looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, Fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.



On May 23, 2013, at 9:46 PM, **Dale Peterson '56** <[dale1228@nwi.net](mailto:dale1228@nwi.net)> wrote:  
Jack, I see and others have pointed out that my death is accounted for in the list for graduates in 1957. I graduated in 1956 and remember no one with a similar name at the high school at the time. It's an old canard, but I fear reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated. Thanks for the good work you do,

**Dale Peterson '56**

**Dale Peterson '56'**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Editors Response:** On May 23, 2013, at 11:46 PM,

Hi Dale, Thanks for writing. Many times every week, in fact almost every day, I am so thankful I have a copy of each WHS yearbook from 1950 thru 1960. They frequently solve so many mysteries/questions, and they frequently prevent me from worrying myself sick over possible mistakes in publishing the O&B. I especially worry about making mistakes in trying to maintain the deceased lists. I consider maintaining each deceased list almost like a scared trust and I strive so hard to avoid making any mistakes. So when I received your nice letter tonight, this certainly became one of those many, many times when I am so thankful for our old yearbooks.

I found you in the '56 yearbook and I remember you very well. But just to let you know, there is also a "Dale Peterson" in the '57 yearbook. I did not know him, but his picture is definitely not you. His name is spelled exactly the same as yours.

In checking my old records, I have had the "1957", Dale Peterson, on my deceased list for the class of '57 since early 2010 when I first started trying to cover all 10 class years of the fifties decade. That means his name was given to me by representatives from the class of '57, so I have no record of when he died or how long he has been listed on the class of '57's deceased list before it was given to me.

Dale, needless to say, I am sorry for the confusion. I am just glad you are still with us. And, I am glad your letter was so very easy to find the answer to. Problems like this can sometimes take hours and hours of research time to solve the mystery and find the answer.

**Jack Phillips '54**



**Dale Peterson '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**

On May 26, 2013, at 4:01 PM, **Dale Peterson** wrote:

No need to apologize, Jack. You do a fantastic job and I didn't mean to cause you so much angst. No real confusion and I am always happy to report to the inquiry that came that "reports of my death are greatly exaggerated" and now I am able to add there was a Dale Peterson '57.

With grateful appreciation for all that you do

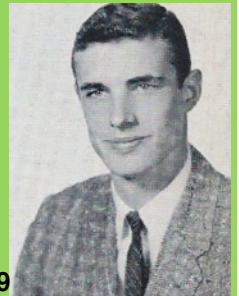
Dale

On May 24, 2013, at 6:04 AM, **Shirley Kittelson Bock '59** <[shirleybock0@gmail.com](mailto:shirleybock0@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Jack: Would you do me a big favor and put another one of my classmates on your Orange & Black List - He is a good friend of my mine and graduated in 1959 - I have sent him your O & B news letter - thought he would contact you, but keeps asking me to sign him up - his email address is [JohnBealsr@aol.com](mailto:JohnBealsr@aol.com) - Thank you so much - he will enjoy getting it - I did not send him this one!! I am getting them again and truly look forward to all!! **Shirley Kittelson Bock '59**



**Shirley Kittelson '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**John Beal '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On May 24, 2013, at 6:53 AM, [jonacum@sio.midco.net](mailto:jonacum@sio.midco.net) wrote:

Thank You, Jack for the up date. A few of our class get together at the Local VFW once a month and we are trying to keep up on who have left us. It is sad to see who have passed on but your notification does bring back some fun memories we spent with these too.



**Nancy Schneiderman '56**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On May 6, 2013, at 3:55 PM, **Del Dvoracek '58** <[deldvoracek@gmail.com](mailto:deldvoracek@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi, Jack, info on me.



**Del Dvoracek '58**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Delray K. Dvoracek or "Del" during my high school years in SF, graduated in 1958. 2826 Southgate Drive, Fargo, ND, 58102. Wife: Verlene J. Nelson of Colman, just north of SF. For many years she was the head of English as a Foreign Language specialist in Fargo, retired a few years after me.

I have two sons, Kamron and Kent. Over the years I published 10 novels and have written a few more. They are all located on KINDLE (internet) if you know what that is. My Western novels are under the pseudonym, Kent Kamron (my sons, of course). All other novels are under my real name, Delray K. Dvoracek.

Other info: Had horses for several years, was bucked off five times, rode a Honda Aspencade for years, got a license to fly single-engine aircraft, traveled to several countries.

I had a local program, Madd Frank Spooky Movies on television, from 1985 to 97 or so. Did over 300 episodes during that time.

Learned Russian in the Air Force, landed in or visited in over 25 foreign country and listened in to the Soviet Union for over four years, spent three years in Frankfurt, Germany, where I accumulated over 1500 flying hours in a C-130, listening to the Russians. On occasion I spent a few missions listening to the East Germans, since I studied German on my own. This was from 1960 to 63. Ended up with a Masters and PhD. (abd), in German, taught both languages at the college level in Moorhead, MN, for six years in Fargo, ND, where my wife and I reside.

I started an Advertising Agency in 1976, closed it out when I retired at age 66. How much of this stuff you want, I don't know. Take what you want and throw the rest away.

Kenny Eisenbraun, still buddies today, graduated with me from WHS, don't know if he gets the O&B. Look him up.

**Del Dvoracek '58**



**Del Dvoracek '58 & Verlene**



**Del & Verlene with sons Kamron & Kent.**



**Julie Olson '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On May 24, 2013, at 2:20 PM, **Julie Olson Bramkamp '53** <[jbramkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbramkamp@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Jack: I just put out the flags in the holder on my porch; The VFW puts flags on the graves of those veterans buried in the cemeteries up the street; my husband's grave is one of them. Thank you for the roll of names of those who have died who were friends both at Mark Twain and at WHS. In fact, Mary Jordan and I were "best friends" from the age of three. Anyway....thank you for the WHS newsletters which I always enjoy.

Regards, **Julie Olson Bramkamp '53**



On May 25, 2013, at 1:05 PM, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <[laufred@att.net](mailto:laufred@att.net)> wrote:



**Laurel Pierce '55**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Hi Jack, The two very special O&B issues just received & I could not wait to get back to you with my comments about them. They are both so well done & beautiful, though very sad at the same time. The Military issue is so very touching & such a wonderful tribute to those lost. I only knew two of them, Roger Axlund & Sam Fantle, mainly through his sister, Stephanie who was in my class & now also deceased. This memory has nothing to do with either of them personally, but the department store owned by their family, Fantle's was very near WHS as you will probably remember & a favorite haunt of all the teen-age girls. I remember my proudest purchases there were two Jantzen sweater/skirt outfits, one in green, the other in beige. Remember those? They were all the rage in feminine attire at that time, & of very good quality & lasted forever. They were expensive too, but the self-esteem gained while wearing them was well worth the price. While not important in any sense of the word, when I hear the name "Fantle" it takes me back to that time & feeling. Also, my Mother, rest her soul,

sewed my wedding gown herself & purchased the special lace at Fantle's.

I got a little side-tracked there, but my main purpose of writing you is to shower praises on you for the wonderful job you have done in creating these very special issues of the O&B, I am happy to say they both came in just fine so I am now assured that the technical problems we experienced recently have been resolved. Thank you for that & for the wonderful O&B issues. All of us "readers" can only hope you will keep up the considerable effort & the excellent work on our behalf for a long time to come. Reading the Memorial issues reinforces how fortunate I feel to still be here & healthy & able to read them. I am scheduled for cataract surgery next month, so expect to be able to read them even easier after that!

With Appreciation & God Bless,

**Laurel Pierce Hampel '55**

ps: I feel I got an excellent education at WHS & feel that we grew up at possibly the best time of all in history, to have had that education & experience, especially in view of all the problems in many of the schools today. Times were so different then, weren't they? Better in my opinion in many many ways.

On May 24, 2013, at 7:22 AM, **James Wylie '51** <[jimwylie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimwylie@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Good morning Jack,.

At the risk of repeating myself, thanks for your efforts.

As I review the update lists, and look at my class 1951, you can add Monte Irwin, my brother-in-law.

As I scan the list I can see their faces and recall who they were then and the memories I have.....takes me back; good folks and great times and Blessed indeed as we now know in spades looking back and having been here and there to compare with others in this country and indeed this now little world.



**Jim Wylie '51**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Monte Irwin '51**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**

Blessings, **Jim Wylie '51**

On May 25, 2013, at 2:14 PM, **JOHN KITTELSON '54** <[kittelso@prodigy.net](mailto:kittelso@prodigy.net)> wrote:

Jack, Richard Gould was in WHS Class of 1956. Would you put him on your mailing list: [askfsd@yahoo.com](mailto:askfsd@yahoo.com)

By the way, I was commissioned in the Air Force, presented my "Wings", completed combat crew training and standing alert in loaded fighters but couldn't buy a drink in a bar or get car insurance because I was still 20 years old and not 21. Maybe Don Knutson isn't the youngest.

**Jack Kittelson '54**



**Jack Kittelson '54 WHS Senior Photo**

On May 25, 2013, at 10:57 AM, **Jim Carlson '58** wrote, Re: **Bob Moberly '58** not deceased.

Jack, I was not able to get a hold of **Bob Moberly [1958]** So called Bob's sister Dorothy Ellis. Bob is taking treatment for cancer but far from deceased. He is planning a trip to SD In Oct for USD reunion. IF able a trip to Africa in January. Hope this clears up the miss information.

**Jim A Carlson '58**



**Jim Carlson '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jim,

Bob himself wrote me yesterday morning to let me know that I had mistakenly added him to the '58 deceased list. I had questioned the person that originally sent me the news of his passing, but they assured me he had passed away.

Of course I feel really bad and totally embarrassed for the mistake and I wrote Bob yesterday telling him so. I also wrote the informant that provided me the mistaken information.

I appreciate you writing.

**Jack M. Phillips '54**



**Bob Moberly '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 26, 2013, at 12:34 PM, **Dean Mann '50** wrote:

Jack: I should have explained myself. You have a **Nancy Barber '50** listed on the 1950 deceased list. The only Nancy Barber I know from 1950 is alive, and her name is **Nancy Coleman**. Were there two?  
**Dean Mann '50**

Editor's Response: On May 26, 2013, at 6:27 PM,  
**Jack Phillips '54** <[jack@jackmphilips.com](mailto:jack@jackmphilips.com)> wrote:

Dear Dean, Thanks for the explanation. I tried calling you so I could explain better over the phone, but I discovered I don't have any contact info on you other than your email address. Would you please send me your address, phone number, your spouse's first name and if she attended WHS, I would like her maiden name and her class year. Thank you.

Now to the subject of **Nancy Barber Coleman '50**: I am so glad you notified me that she is still alive. Maintaining the 10 deceased lists from the '50s error free is terribly important to me and it bothers me greatly when I publish something that is incorrect. So I really do thank you for writing me about Nancy.

I have gone back in my records checking how her name got on the '50's deceased list in the first place. I found that her name was on the very first list I was first given for your class of '50 way back in April 2010. I have no way to know how her name got on that original list, or how long it had been on it prior to it being sent to me. Dean, you should be proud of yourself for catching this huge mistake. Her name was first published by me in May of 2010 and repeatedly published twice a year ever since (For a total of 7 times now in the O&B), and who knows how long it had appeared on the, original "1950 Class Deceased List", before I received it in 2010?

Regardless of all of that, I am just so glad you finally caught it and I will proceed to correct my list right now. Just so you know, I have already called **Barbara Harding Hines '50** notifying her that you caught the mistake. Of course, I have no way of knowing what she will do with the information. I don't even know if anyone in your class still maintains a deceased list, or ever publishes it if they do.

Again, thank you so much for writing me so I can correct my list.

**Jack M. Phillips '54**



**Dean Mann '50**  
WHS Senior  
Photo



**Nancy Barber  
Coleman '50**  
WHS Senior Pic



**Barbara Harding  
Hines '50**  
WHS Senior Pic.



On May 27, 2013, at 11:28 AM, **Dorothea Edgington '56** <[dorothea@goldenwest.net](mailto:dorothea@goldenwest.net)> wrote:



**Dorothea Edgington '56**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

I particularly appreciated receiving your updated lists of those who have passed and of those associated with the military. Gene Kimmel was my first "true love" when we were in the primary grades and lived very close to one another (he on West Ave. and I on Glendale before my family moved to west 21st St.)! Whitey Axlund attended Jefferson with me and although he was a year ahead of me in school, we were friends because we sometimes walked home together. He was a great guy! I remember the details of Whitey's death, but I was confused about Gene's; I was sure he had died in a race car accident.

Also, I wanted to point out that in the Class of '53, the first name of my cousin was incorrect. His last name was LEESCH and his first name should be JERALD or JERRY.

Thank you for your continued service to us WHS Warriors!

Dorothea Edgington '56

On May 25, 2013, at 7:02 PM, Paula Jackson <[heypaulaj@gmail.com](mailto:heypaulaj@gmail.com)> wrote:



**Carol Capen '54**

Hi Jack, My mother is **Carol Capen Reistroffer '54**. I get your O & B for her on my email. I forwarded your latest issue to her brother **Donald Capen '61**..also an alumni of Washington High but not till 1961. He enjoyed the read as he still resides in the same home they grew up in Sioux Falls (S. Center). Actually, the house just recently suffered some damage from the big ice storm. see attached pic. Anyhow, could you please add him to your distribution list. Thanks for doing what you do.

Best Regards,  
Paula Jackson

**Don Capen '61** email is [uncledonc@hotmail.com](mailto:uncledonc@hotmail.com)



**Editor's note: With 19 pages, this edition has just become the longest O&B edition ever, surpassing the previous longest of 18 pages. I still have a large number of 'Letters to the Editor' to publish, but out of concern that you will grow bored, I am ending this edition here, with the intention of publishing another edition very soon that will include all of your letters that are not in this issue. But please remember, The Orange & Black is always needing YOUR story with photos.**