

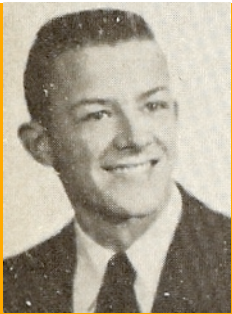
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THE **ORANGE** & BLACK HONORS THREE SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES!



**CLASS of 1953, CONGRATULATIONS,
YOU GRADUATED 60 YEARS AGO!**

**CLASS of 1958, CONGRATULATIONS,
YOU GRADUATED 55 YEARS AGO!**



Warner Brown '54
WHS Senior Pic.



Karen Gurley '54
WHS Senior Pic.

Warner Brown '54, submitted the following short piece about his recent NASCAR driving experience. When I spoke to him by phone he was as excited about it as if he had just received a new pony for Christmas.

Warner and **Karen Gurley Brown '54** are enjoying their retirement in Mesa, AZ. They have three fine handsome grown sons that they are rightly very proud of.

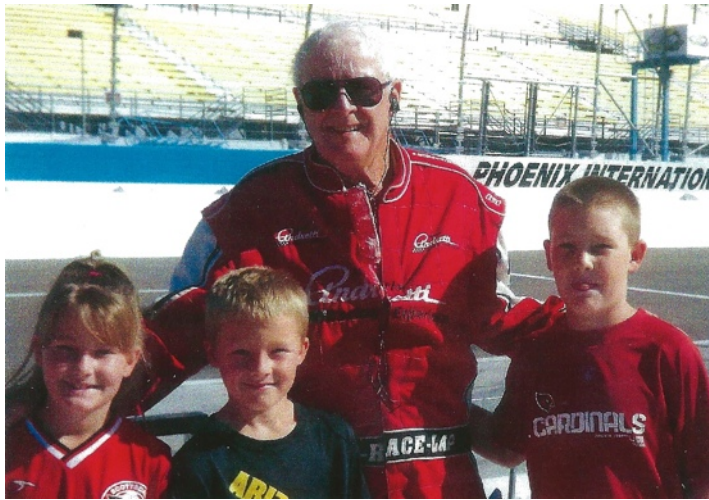
Shortly after Warner graduated from the University of SD he began a distinguished 22 year career with the United States Secret Service.

In just the third issue of the O&B, on July 8, 2009, Warner allowed me to publish a story on his absolutely fascinating and intriguing career

with the Secret Service. Since the number of O&B subscribers has increased by about 1,400% since Warner's story appeared I am running it again following his NASCAR adventure for all of you who missed it. O&B Editor

Jack,

In April 2013, I participated in the Nascar Experience, a Christmas gift from my son and daughter-in law. The Nascar Experience takes place at the Phoenix International Raceway, a 1 mile racetrack, which hosts a Nascar race twice a year in phoenix.



After a one hour drivers meeting, we were all assigned a race car to drive a few laps. All the cars are real Nascars with high horsepower and RPM limits. The track is one mile with a front stretch of 1179 feet and the dogleg backstretch at 1551 feet. So you are constantly accelerating



and decelerating but I was in continuous radio contact with a track spotter to go and slow. The turns 1 and 2 are banked at 10-12 degrees and turns 3 and 4 are at 8-9 degrees. My top speed was at 120-25. I drove 8 laps. Not bad for a 76 year old.

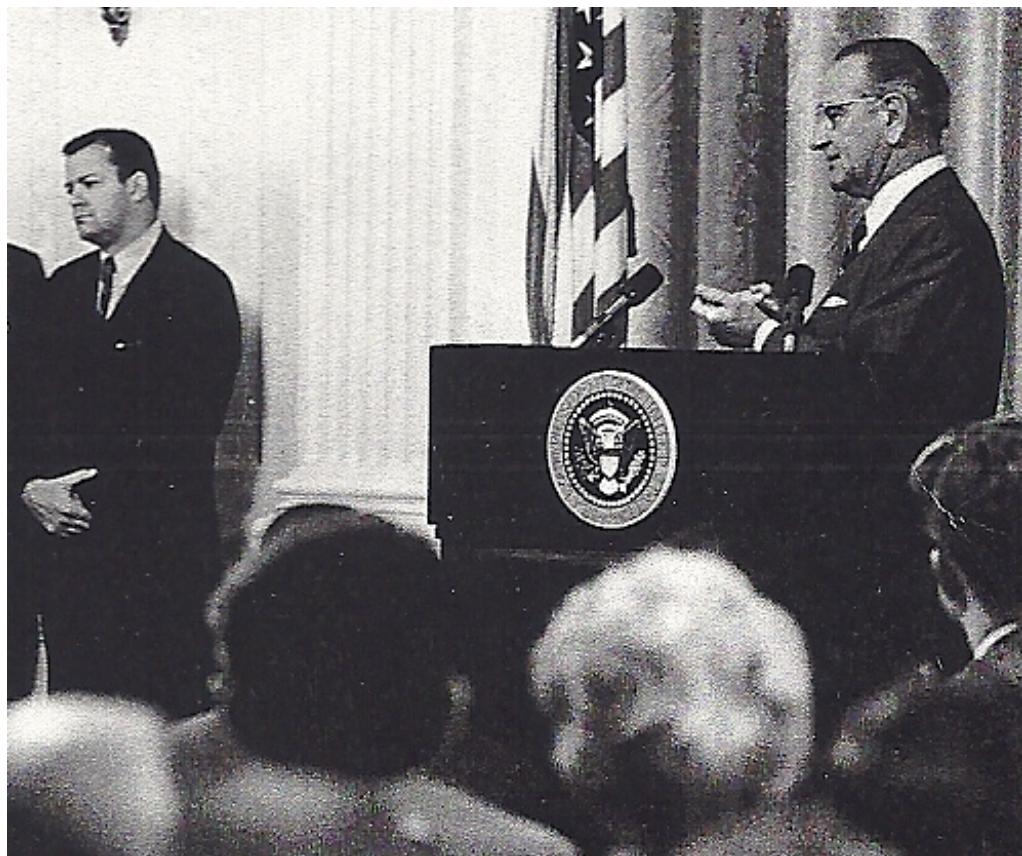
Also, **Karen**, my son and daughter in law and grandchildren were watching from Pit Row. Great Time !!!!

Next stop may be a parachute jump.
Warner Brown '54

Warner Brown '54 U S. Secret Service Agent, Retired.

Reprinted from O&B
Issue #3, July 8, 2009.

After graduating from South Dakota University in 1960, I worked with my Dad in a small oil distributing company in Sioux Falls. I was interested in federal law enforcement and after passing the entrance exam and extensive background check, I entered the U.S. Secret Service in 1965 in the Oklahoma City field office. The USSS has field offices in every major U.S. city. It was then a division of the Treasury Department and created in 1865 to suppress the counterfeiting of our currency. Subsequently, protection



Warner Brown (left) working 1967 President Lydon B. Johnson press conference in White House East Room.

of the President and Vice President



President Richard Nixon, at left with U.S. Secret Service Agent Warner Brown, on right (with ear plug) providing security in Paris in February, 1969.

became the primary responsibility of USSS. This was later extended to former Presidents and their spouses, visiting heads of state and serious candidates for the U.S. presidency. Additional duties of the USSS field offices are investigations of forged US Treasure checks, bonds and other security obligations of the United States. During my first year, I worked criminal cases with senior agents and attended 3 six week training schools. From 1966-1970, I was assigned to the Presidential Protection Division at the White House during the administrations of Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

In 1970, I was transferred to the Dallas field office and in 1974; I became resident agent of the Lubbock, Texas office. During my 8 years in Texas, I worked criminal investigations and many times was temporarily assigned to protective



Agent Warner Brown pictured in sun glasses between the President & Pat Nixon on Guam trip for 1969 splashdown of astronauts return from the moon.

details of the President, Vice President, foreign dignitaries and presidential candidates during election campaigns. In 1978, I was reassigned to the former President



Agent Brown (2nd from right) providing crowd control for President Nixon on 1969 Guam trip.

Ford Protective Division in California as Assistant Agent in charge and traveled extensively with him for seven years. In 1986, I was transferred to our Los Angeles field office as Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge. It is the second largest field office in the US Secret Service and is comprised of several investigative units. I was in charge of one of the squads until my retirement in 1987.

In 22 years with the Secret Service, I traveled in physical protection and conducted advance surveys for our protectees both domestically and in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia and South America. In total, I worked about twelve years in protection and ten years in criminal investigation.

Needless to say, we had incredible experiences over 22 years. At the time, I didn't give it a lot of thought as we all did what we were trained for but now I realize it was a crucial and sometime turbulent time in our history. Through it all, my wife Karen, (Gurley) and I raised 3 great sons and she carried on taking good care of us all. I have many former agent friends throughout the U.S. and I'm especially proud and privileged to have been a part of the US Secret Service.

After retiring on a Friday, I started the following Monday in 1987, to embark on an 11 year career with Master Card International concerning credit card



Karen, Warner & my wife, Debra, enjoying the Strip on one of their visits to us here in Las Vegas.

fraud. Previously, I had some experiences in card fraud as the Secret Service added a new federal jurisdiction regarding credit card fraud in 1984. I retired from Master Card International in 1998 as Vice President of Security and Risk Management in San Ramon, California. It was a great company to be associated with and I have been fortunate to have had two great careers.

End of Warner Brown story.

On May 27, 2013, at 6:44 PM, **Sharon Johnson Frank '54**

[<shrnfrank@gmail.com>](mailto:shrnfrank@gmail.com) wrote:



Sharon Johnson
'54

Dear Jack,

Now we know how fleeting the years,
How many times my heart stopped
With memories and a sense of our youth
While reading the names on a device
Not imaged in those golden days
With gratitude for the friendships
Forged walking up and down those marble steps.
Sharon Johnson Frank '54

OBTAIN OLD WHS YEARBOOKS FREE!

On Jun 2, 2013, at 9:39 PM, Michael Zerr [<sfwhshc@gmail.com>](mailto:sfwhshc@gmail.com) wrote:

Jack, could you put this in your next issue?

Thanks,

Mick Zerr WHS 1967-2009

For those of you, or your parents or siblings, who graduated from old WHS, we have a surplus of old WHS yearbooks for many of the years after 1950. . If you would like one, (They are free) contact Bob Caselli at recfancy@sio.midco.net. Out of town folks need to pay postage only.

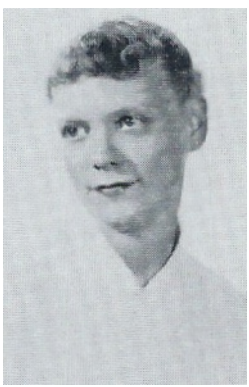
From the Washington High School Historical Committee:

www.sfwhshc.org

Mick Zerr, Chairman sfwhshc@gmail.com

Editor's note: What a great opportunity! I have already obtained 4 yearbooks from the 40's and one to replace my own 1954 yearbook which I have worn out. Yes, you can now expect to be hearing a bit about WHS in the fabulous forties and the war years. I have now also ordered one book from each class of the 60's. Haven't heard yet what years they have available from the 60's, but I am hoping to obtain the entire '60's decade. I ordered them through Mr. Bob Caselli and he has provided absolutely wonderful help and service. Thanks Bob.

Jack



Sara Hart Blizzard '58
WHS Senior Photo

Class of '58 - 55th Reunion

From Sara Hart Blizzard '58 - whs58_reunion@att.net

DATE: Friday and Saturday, September 6/7, 2013

PLACE: Sioux Falls Convention Center---same place as last time for both nights

PRICE: \$80.00 PER PERSON. If you sent in \$30.00 please deduct that from the total.

Evening Plans: Party. Practically everyone who has commented has told me NO ENTERTAINMENT. Therefore, we will have no entertainment. It will be heavy appetizers on Friday night and a dinner buffet on Sat. night. I had wonderful help from the SFCC people and I think we have a good menu. Of course, it did take a trip to Sioux

Falls to get it arranged!!!!!!!

HOTELS: THE SHERATON SIOUX FALLS, as you probably remember, is connected to the Sioux Falls Convention Center which makes it really convenient. If you wish to make reservations there call 1-605-331-0100. The rate is \$94.00 per night BUT you must ask for the block of rooms slated for the WHS Class of '58 Reunion and you must make a reservation NOT LATER than August 1, 2013.

Another Place: Some time ago Carolyn McClain sent me information on Sleeping Rooms at Good Samaritan Society. She was staying there this past summer and said it was a lovely place to be. Single room is \$55.00 plus tax. Double is \$65.00 plus tax. "Hotel-like amenities include private baths, side chairs, queen beds, individual climate control, cable TV, direct-dial phones and wireless Internet access. Even such comfortable touches as a hair dryer, iron and ironing board and continental breakfast are offered." It is located at 4800 W. 57th St. Sioux Falls, SD, Phone: 1-605-3800. It is a no alcohol, no smoking facility. I know there are other hotels----just haven't a listing here to give you. If anyone needs further information, I will do my best to get it to you.

Sara Hart Blizzard '58

Note: Deadline for reservations is August 8.
(But, earlier RSVPs helps facilitate planning.)

Checks are to be made payable to "Sara Blizzard/WHS 58 Reunion". Her reunion email address is, whs58_Reunion@att.net

Note: There are lots of members of the '58 class NOT on the O&B mailing list so please pass this reunion information on. And, please invite them to join the O&B subscriber's list by just sending their email address to jackmp@me.com ITS FREE!

Reunions Are About Memories - So is the Orange & Black!

WHS '57 / '58 OLD ROYALTY.



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Marshall Willard Bishop

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Bunny Aikens



Bob Baker



Tom Muilenburg



Barb Baker



Jan Campbell



Rich Alick



Gary Peterson



Mary Thornburg

CLASS OF '56 LUNCHEON



Pat Jorgensen '56
WHS Senior Photo

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 wish 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.

Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56

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Letters to the O&B

On May 19, 2013, at 10:41 AM, **Thomas D Anderson '54** <anderson.tom36@gmail.com> wrote:



Tom Anderson '54
WHS Senior Photo

Hi Jack, It was good to hear from you. I'm sorry I have not responded sooner. I did read your email soon after you sent it but because we have had out of town guests I did not have the time to sit down and do justice to a response. Please forgive me for taking so long.

First I must thank you for all you do for the 1950's Washington High School graduates. You do a fantastic job and it is obvious it takes a tremendous effort on your part to accomplish not only the Orange and Black but the obituary notices and other special email you send out. Many thanks for doing all that.

Now for what the Tom Anderson's have been up to: Much to the surprise of our family and friends we decided two years ago to leave Kentucky and return to South Dakota. After a trip to Sioux Falls to assess the housing situation, we found a townhome under construction that met our needs. We put the unit under contract and returned to Lexington to put our condo on the market. The condo sold quickly, in fact so quick that we had to rent an apartment while they completed our Sioux Falls home. Although we loved Kentucky we had no family there and since our return to Sioux Falls we have enjoyed being close to family members. Our home is near 69th and Cliff Ave and is in an association with the dues taking care of the snow removal and yard work. We also have a club house with both an indoor and outdoor pool, exercise room, and a meeting room with full kitchen. We have found our neighbors to be fantastic people and enjoy many activities with them as well as old friends and relatives. We are not sorry we made the move.

We did spend a couple months in Florida the winter before last, but this past winter we made a trip to the Galapagos Islands with Lindblad Expeditions (National Geographic). It was a fantastic experience!

As I am sure you are aware Sioux Falls has grown tremendously and is a city to be proud of.

I hope all is well with you and your lovely wife.

Tom Anderson '54

On May 25, 2013, at 6:07 AM, **Lanny V Stricherz CHS '59** <lannys9@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Duane O'Connel, CHS 1960 just sent me the list of O&B deceased lists of the 1950's. I just heard recently that Jim Lesney WHS '59 had died. I guess it was in the O Gorman Reunknigher, since Jim was our class president at CHS in our freshman year before transferring to WHS. Thought you might want to know.

Lanny Stricherz CHS '59 Editors note: Dear Lanny, sorry, but since you attended Cathedral High School I have no source for your senior photo, but thank you for writing. Jack

Editors Note: On May 23, 2013, **Bucky Heyer**, a very popular **1955** graduate of Cathedral High School passed away. Bucky, also always had a great many friends from WHS. Both, **Glen Jamtgaard '55** glenjamtgaard@yahoo.com, and **Jon Sunde '56** JSunde@aol.com wrote to inform the O&B of Bucky's passing

On May 30, 2013, at 5:22 PM, **Jon Sunde '56** JSunde@aol.com wrote:

Jack: You've probably seen this. Anyway, If ever an honorary degree from WHS was in order it should go to Buck..He spent more time around WHS than anywhere I think. Saw him a couple of years ago when he attended Glen J's luncheon at MCC. **Jon Sunde '56**

RAYMOND JOHN "BUCKY" HEYER, 75, of Marion, SD, passed away in his home on Thursday, May 23, 2013. He was born in St. Paul, MN to Mary Charlotte and Jack Heyer. Bucky was raised on the east side of Sioux Falls where he enjoyed playing baseball and eventually attended Cathedral High School.



Bucky Heyer '55
Cathedral Senior Photo
Bucky's Photo Courtesy
Duane O'Connell
Cathedral '60

At Cathedral, he was named class president as well as played first string basketball and baseball. From there, he attended college at the University of South Dakota where he earned a B.A. in political science, played first string baseball and basketball and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. While in college, Bucky bought his first business: Tiki Liquor. Tiki Liquor was only the start of his long list of business achievements. In 1967, he opened the Mocamba Club, whose opening act was The Big Thing (now known as Chicago). He later built the state's number one bar and restaurant, The Fireside Lounge, located in the old Western Mall. But his accomplishments weren't limited to the alcohol/bar industry.



During his decades as an entrepreneur, he created "Deals on Wheels" magazine; organized the group that later went on to develop the Empire East Mall; served as the only auctioneer in Maui, Hawaii; created a women's line of clothing called Bucky's Calamity Jeans; and created/owned Tea Realty, which was responsible for bringing millions of dollars in business to Tea, SD by way of new restaurants, grocery, hardware and drug stores. Professional honors and distinctions earned include serving in the Marine Corp, being honorably discharged from the Army where he served in Germany; being elected president of the Retail Liquor Association; being appointed State Director of Alcohol; receiving a Key Man license from the South Dakota Gaming Commission; and graduating from Reich World Wide College of Auctioneering from which he earned the designation of "Colonel".

Bucky's favorite pastimes were playing poker, giving his cat, Dipper, rubdowns, fishing, flying, sports, debating politics and taking long walks with his dogs on their beautiful acreage. He had a deep appreciation for wildlife, good food and telling jokes. And he will be remembered for his lively stories told around the poker table and his many commercial contributions to the Greater Sioux Falls area.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Heyer; his daughter, Jill Freeze of Ellensburg, WA; his grandson, Christopher Freeze of Bellingham, WA; his granddaughter, Samantha Freeze of Ellensburg, WA; his mother, Mary Charlotte Heyer; his sisters, Rose Dougherty, Marsha Heyer and Greta Carter; and his brother, Stuart Heyer. Bucky was preceded in death by his father and sister, Jeannie Johnson.

In lieu of a traditional service, it was Bucky's wishes that he be cremated and then scattered along his acreage driveway along with the ashes of his dogs, Pretty Girl and Sausage.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting <http://www.hofmeisterjones.com>

Editor's Note of Thanks: A few months ago, **Duane O'Connell, Cathedral HS '60**, wrote requesting I add him to the O&B mailing list. I told him I had other subscribers from Cathedral and would be most happy to add his name. He was most appreciative and we exchanged a few pleasant emails. During that exchange of emails Duane kindly offered his help to me if I ever needed anything done in Sioux Falls. I sincerely thanked him for his offer and told him I would keep his offer in mind. Continued next page.

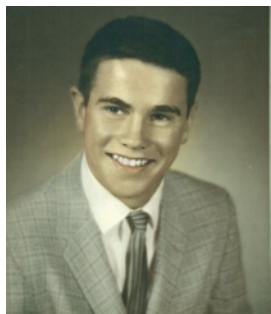
At the time of his kind offer I really couldn't imagine my ever needing his help with anything in Sioux Falls, but then with **Bucky Hyer's** passing there was something I needed help with. I wanted to publish Bucky's obituary in the same manner I publish WHS obituaries, that is, with his senior photo. Unfortunately, I didn't have access to any Cathedral yearbooks, but then I remembered Duane's offer of help.

I called Duane and told him what I needed and he didn't even question my request. He just asked, "Will tomorrow be soon enough?" Sure enough, in less than 24 hours Duane located a 1955 Cathedral Yearbook, went to Kinko's to have Bucky's photo scanned and emailed it to me, thus allowing me to publish Bucky's obituary in its entirety. Thank you so very much Duane.

After all of Duane's help I wanted to know more about him and requested he send me a story and photo of him self. I am most happy to print Duane's story below. I am also very honored to print below his story the Military Memorial on Duane's older brother, **Gene O'Connell CHS '49**.

On May 29, 2013, at 1:09 PM, **Duane O'Connell CHS '60** oconnellduane17@gmail.com wrote:

Hi Jack, yes that is my Senior photo in 1960. Six years behind you. I don't think we've met but your Dad spoke of you often and he was very proud of you I may add. My friend in the other photo is Barb Matson and she is originally from the East Iron Range of No. Minnesota. I grew up in the North End (Sioux Falls all my life) I worked at Morrell's for 23 yrs. (laborer) and when we had a strike in '87 I figured it was time to move on so I went to work at McKennan Hospital where I cleaned the operating rooms for 20 yrs. I retired in 08.



**Duane O'Connell '60
CHS Senior Photo**

I was single until I was 33. Us Irish Micks like to stay home with our Mother's as long as we can! lol. I was married for 15 years and divorced in 91. I met Barb in 93 and in Oct. it will be 20 yrs. She has been good for me. She had been married for almost 25 yrs. so neither one of us want to do that again. She is only 63 and is still working as a Med Aid at a nursing home

here. I come from a family of 9 kids. I am the youngest and the only one surviving. I had Twin brothers who were the next to me in age by 9 yrs. they were Jim and Joe and graduated from CHS in '52. I had a brother Gene who was killed in the Navy in '53. Sixty years next week! He was 23 when he died and worked at the Argus before entering the Navy. I was a last chance baby as my Mother was 45 and my Father was 49. Mom lived to be 93 and my Dad was only 61.

I will send you the memorial (Korean War) of Gene. I was about to turn 10 when he died but we were very close. After 60 years I still feel I'm close with him.

Jack, it would be nice to meet and that leads me to the year of '14 which would be your 60th Class Reunion correct? I hope to be here. Many years ago (60-61 era) I played softball with Pat Smith. I really liked the guy. I remember giving him a ride out to the Ramkota from Nusier Salem's pub in 74 to his 20 year reunion! He probably would not remember me now. It's crazy how I remember that stuff. I couldn't remember what the nuns taught me!!!

I did not think Bucky's pic was very clear Jack, I hope you can brighten it up a bit. Keep up the good stuff you are doing and keep in touch. (anytime) Wow, I have rattled!

The best to you,

Duane O'Connell CHS '60



Duane O'Connell CHS '60 & Barb Matson

In Memory of
U.S. Naval Seaman
Eugene Francis O'Connell

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Minnehaha County

January 28, 1930 – June 9, 1953

Died of Injuries while Serving Aboard the *USS Lipon*, Yokosuka, Japan



Eugene “Gene” Francis O’Connell was born on January 28, 1930, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to John J. O’Connell and Marie H. O’Connell. Eugene had eight siblings; his brothers were Ralph, John Jr., Joseph, James, Duane, and his sisters were Lucille, Ruth, and Helen. He lived in Sioux Falls all of his life, where he attended schools and graduated from Sioux Falls Cathedral High School in 1949. Eugene is remembered as being quiet, strong and handsome with “movie star looks.” He loved to help people and was a friend to all who knew him. He was also interested and enjoyed all types of sports, including baseball, where he once pitched a one-hit game in a local league game in Sioux Falls. Before he entered the service, he worked for the *Argus Leader* in Sioux Falls while a member of the Naval Reserve.

Eugene was activated and trained in San Diego, and was then assigned duty to the *USS Uvalde*. Although he shipped out for duty overseas in the fall of 1950, he returned to the States every three or four months as the *USS Uvalde* returned for supplies. His last letter home was dated April 28 [1953], and was written home with stationery from the *USS Uvalde*. It read, in part:

We arrived yesterday, was very happy to get your letter. Most happy to hear Dad's X ray shows improvement.

About 10 minutes before we left Oakland, we had a fire on the ship. It wasn't big at all. But we had a big send off with about 6 fire trucks there. It was quite warm all the way across. The best trip we have had yet. We are in Yokosuka now, we are leaving for [unreadable] tomorrow....

At some point prior to his death, Seaman O'Connell was transferred to duty aboard the *USS Lipon*, a tugboat. At Christmas-time of 1952, Seaman O'Connell was home on leave for the last time.

On June 8, 1953, while working on the *USS Lipon* near Yokosuka, Japan, Seaman Eugene O'Connell fell about 25 feet into a concrete drainage area and suffered a fractured skull and severe neck injuries. According to his family, he lived until the next day and died on June 9, 1953, in a Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, the same day his family was informed of his death by a telegram. He was 23 years old. His brother, Duane, remembers that Eugene's death had a great impact on him as he was only eleven at the time. He wrote of his brother, "We were very close as I idolized him and followed him around when he would come home on leave. Hence he called me 'Shadow' for following in his tracks whenever I could."

Eugene's body was kept in cold storage and was shipped home for his funeral in Sioux Falls on July 15, 1953, at St. Joseph's Cathedral. The family was able to view Eugene's body through the hermetically-sealed glass covered coffin. They were comforted to be able to see him before burial; his brother said, "At least we knew we had him back." He was buried with full military honors at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Eugene O'Connell was awarded the National Defense Service Medal for his service to his country.

Currently only Eugene's brother, Duane, survives him.



Ruth with brother, Eugene, aboard the *USS Lipon* in 1953

Miranda Reed 8th grader at Spearfish Middle School in Spearfish, South Dakota, May 11, 2004, respectfully submitted this entry. Ms. Marilyn A. McCollar, cousin of Eugene, Sioux Falls, South Dakota provided information for this entry; information was also obtained by an application for a South Dakota bonus and by newspaper clippings. Additional information and profile approval by Duane O'Connell, brother.

Thanks Duane for all of your help. I hope we meet someday when I am in Sioux Falls. Jack

On May 29, 2013, at 9:24 AM, **Dorothea Edgington '56** <dorothea@goldenwest.net> wrote:
I was again reviewing the lists of deceased WHS grads, remembering so many from those 50+ years ago.



Dorothea Edgington '56
WHS Senior Photo

I came across the name of Marv Rimmerman ('53). His niece (or maybe she was a cousin) was in my class, and we all lived in the general area of the Veterans Administration. He worked in radio even as a student and was also active in school activities as you probably remember. Anyway, he was the BMOC and I had a crush on him. I remember as a sophomore having an emergency appendectomy, and Marv, knowing of my feelings toward him, sent me the nicest get-well card. Of course, once he graduated, I lost all track of him. Therefore, I decided this a.m. to track search for his obituary, a process which proved difficult until I discovered that he spelled his name with only one "m" rather than two. I found a picture of his tombstone in Sioux Falls which verified the spelling "Rimmerman." He was a professor



Marv Rimmerman '53
WHS '52/'53
OLD Marshall

of broadcast journalism at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro when he died.

Dorothea Edgington '56 106 Boot Hill Rd. Custer SD 57730 605-673-4882

Editor's Note: The Orange & Black sincerely apologizes to all of Marv's family and friends for the misspelling of his name on the Class of '53 Deceased List. Thank you Dorothea for pointing out the mistake. It has been corrected.

On Jun 16, 2013, at 2:47 PM, Vicki Brubaker <brubakercheer@comcast.net> wrote:

Thanks again Jack for your attention to all of these obits.

You had told me to let you know when I returned from my Sioux Falls and Rapid City trips. Well, I just returned from Sioux Falls - had a fabulous time - TWO birthday parties for me - one morning brunch - and an evening "Mexican" dinner with darling, wonderful girl friends in Sioux Falls that I went to school with. Shirley Kittelson and Connie Henline planned it perfect. They were all so good to me and again, so wonderful to see them all.



Shirley Kittelson and I proceeded on our "road trip" to Rapid City, where we met up with Deanna Anderson (another 59' cheerleader with us) and on to Mt. Rushmore. I have to admit I shed a tear or two, as that particular location was a "vacation must" almost every other year with my family when I was growing up. We had a summer cottage at Brandt Lake and the only time we went

any other place during the summers was vacations to Mt. Rushmore - or the East Coastline. Shirley tells me she will be sending some pictures, and in the meantime, I am attaching this one of us (**Deanna Anderson Peck '59** sitting down, I'm on the left side of the bar and **Shirley Kittelson Bock '59** is sitting on the bar on the right side)we always knew we were "saloon gals at heart". Laughed til we hurt! We had a fabulous time. Who says old gals can't have fun!? Yes, yes, I saw many other wonderful things in the Hills - but the best part was seeing all my friends and having some one-on-one visits! Shirley Kittelson and **Connie Henline Nelson '59**, (**Ron Nelson '59** too) were wonderful hosts to me. Tom and Linda Graham took me to dinner and Linda and I laughed til we hurt too (which is pretty normal when we get together). I also had some one-on-one time with **Sue Muilenburg '59**, whom I hadn't seen since the reunion, so it was just great to be with her too.

Our class IS having a reunion next year, so I'm sure I'll be going to Sioux Falls then. No details on the reunion as yet. **John Hegg '59** will be planning the reunion. Check with Shirley on some more crazy pictures.

Thanks Jack.

Vicki Brubaker '59'



On Jun 18, 2013, at 12:14 PM, **David Paulson '53** <ddpaulson@att.net> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Thanks again for keeping me on your e-mail list. Ya know I am always glad to see how well our WHS grads have done. Especially how they have lived their life. Nice people who do their best living their life. Great Midwestern values are evident.

Have a great 4th Jack. The best to you to you and your family. Stay safe.

Your Pal,

Dave Paulson '53



Dave Paulson '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 20, 2013, at 5:26 PM, **Richard Norbraten '54** <rnorbraten@att.net> wrote:
Editors Note of Explanation: Gary's letter below is in reference to the Letter to the Editor that appeared in the last issue of the O&B from Paula Jackson on behalf of her mother, Carol Capen Reistroffer '54, regarding their old home on S. Center Ave.

Hi: I'm Gary Norbraten from across the street, at 2310 S. Center Avenue. Of course, I've long since moved away from that location, but remember the times I spend with Carol, Leora Ann and yourself in your house. You were called "Donny," the little brother, back then. I just saw the latest Orange & Black newsletter and discovered your email address. Your father gave me my first taste of fresh, sliced tomatoes with sprinkled sugar on them. He grew them in his own garden by the side of your old house. I wanted to ask if you could just say "hello" to your sister Carol, as she was in my Mark Twain and WHS classes (same year). I last saw Carol in 1968 when my wife and family traveled to Sioux Falls from California to visit my wife's brother. We drove through the old neighborhood, I took a chance and knocked on your door and was greeted by Carol! I was also looking for Jimmy Adams who lived on 30th Street, and found out years later that he was living back East. He later retired to California but now lives in Texas. I'm retired also, and live in San Diego, California.



Gary Norbraten '54
WHS Senior Photo



Carol Capen '54
WHS Senior Photo

Gary Norbraten '54

On Jun 21, 2013, at 12:06 PM, **Richard Norbraten '54** <rnorbraten@att.net> wrote:
Jack: I received a reply from Carol Capen's brother Don. Note the unfortunate news about Mark Twain -- scheduled for the wrecker's ball!

From: donald.capen

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 11:18 AM

To: RichardNorbraten

Subject: RE: Carol Capen

Gary Norbraton! I' LL be darned. I will pass this on to Carol through her daughter, Paula kay. Carol has not yet joined the computer age. Also to leora. Leora and I were talking about you just a couple of months ago and over the years your name has surfaced with us. I was talking to the present owner of your house recently and told him he was living in the Norbraton house. All the houses in the neighborhood have the names of whoever live'd in them back in the day. I really appreciate the sliced tomatoes storie. I dont know if I ever had them. It would seem that I must have but I dont remember. I am going to try them now. Maybe it will jog my memory. Just as a note of interest, Mark twain is about to be demolished and a new school will be built in its place. I think name will remain same but I am not sure. City is combining it with another one of the schools so if you want to visis your old school, you better get back here quick. Well it is great to here from you.



Don Capen '61
WHS Junior Photo

Don. Capen '61



Royce Adams '58
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On Jun 20, 2013, at 5:36 PM, **Royce Adams '58**, Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Another superb piece of work in this issue of O&B. I also was glad to see my sister's picture, **Shirley Adams Harriman '54**, in it as even I have not seen a picture of her since I don't know when! Dee and I are enjoying our first grandson, David Nicolai Adams. It's been a long time, but we finally have a grandchild to spoil!!! Thanks again for the O&B. I look forward to each issue and enjoy reading everyone's addition to it.

Dee and Me (Royce Adams '58)



Mavis Larson '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 20, 2013, at 7:35 PM, **Mavis Larson Carl, '55** MCarl47071@aol.com wrote:

Hi Jack. I am surprised that Dale did not know Dale. **Dale Peterson Class of 57**, deceased went to Our Saviors along with **Dale Peterson, Class of 56**.

Dale (class of 57) had a brother Verlyn (55) Sister Muriel (53) and his older brother Glenn was a professor at Augustana.

Hope this helps Dale Peterson remember, his family Karen (55) Gary (58) ??? grew up just up the street from my family on South Norton Avenue. My family went to Mark Twain and the Peterson's went to Lowell but I think we all skated at the 26th Street Ice Rink.

Hope this helps

Thanks for the poem you sent me, I shared it with my family.

Great issue...

On Jun 24, 2013, at 8:01 AM, BRCOLORADO@aol.com wrote:

Jack, Thank you for keeping us all up to date. Please add me to your O&B mailing list. My e-mail address is: brcolorado@aol.com. As to my whereabouts for the past

55 years, the first four were spent at Augustana. After graduating from Augie there were a few more years in Sioux Falls working odd jobs, taking more classes and trying to decide whether I wanted to be a teacher, firefighter or Air National Guard pilot. Then a sick brother-in-law and a call for help from my sister took me east -- and to a life I never expected. After waiting another year to for my application to be processed and for a security background check, I spent the next thirty with the National Security Agency in Maryland, England and Colorado and the ten after that as an Officer and Wildland Fire Coordinator on a volunteer fire department and Unit Leader on Type 3 Incident Management Team in Colorado. The remaining six ave been more difficult. The first three were



Bill Rathburn '58
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spent as a caregiver after my wife was diagnosed with cancer and the last three trying to figure out what to do and where to live after she passed away. South Dakota is at least a part of the answer to the last question. I now spend the warmer months at a cabin on Big Stone Lake near Milbank. I haven't completely faced up to winters in eastern South Dakota however and when it turns really cold I retreat to Colorado for ski season.

Bill Rathburn, Class of 1958

PS: my thanks to Shirley Kittelson Bock for letting me know about the O&B.



Bill Rathburn '58, Sailing on Big Stone Lake

On Jun 29, 2013, at 5:40 PM, **Sheldon R. Songstad '56** <SRSongstad@msn.com> wrote:

Although I am not home much anymore, I still live at Buffalo Ridge West of Sioux Falls.

While still a student at WHS, I joined the S. D. AIR NATIONAL GUARD. I first met General Joe Foss while serving as his cook at the Air Force Base in Alpena Michigan. He later became S.D. Governor and the first American Football League Commissioner. Later i was asked to serve as a member of the JOE FOSS FOUNDATION which sponsored seminars in schools nationwide.



Sheldon Songstad '56
WHS Senior Photo

In June after our 1956 WHS graduation, I bought my first restaurant at age 17, then a drive in at 18 and then at 19 built the JOKER, a night club on West 12th Street.

Sold them all, and at age 20 married Barb Fitzgerald, Class of '58, who I had met at the Cottage Drive In when she was 13 and a car hop and I was 15 and a fry cook. We were married 25 years and now have 13 Grandchildren & 4 Great Grandchildren. I have been with Diane every since my divorce.

Now that I am older, I finally wrote an article about my birth and divine intervention. Now everyone will understand

why I have been blessed by God since the day I was born.

After getting married, I started South Dakota Fireworks, Inc which grew into a fairly large company nationally plus having 17 warehouse stores. After 25 years sold to Rich Bros. I then went on to start the Traveler Magazine (now run by son) and also World Famous Black Hills Gold which at its peak had 880 retail accounts nationally plus some retail showroom stores.

Politically I first ran for the legislature at age 29 and elected as one of the youngest ever. Then voted FRESHMAN LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR. I served most years from 70 to 88 finishing after eight years as the Senator for Sioux Falls. My image was I was the one who successfully helped keep the state income tax out of South Dakota.

I also served as President of both the Sioux Empire Fair & South Dakota State Fair. I served on too many boards and commissions to mention. I worked as a volunteer for Muscular Dystrophy while going to Augustana (degrees in Business, Political Science and Economics). I later served as National Vice President of MDA with Jerry Lewis as National Chairman.



Sheldon & Diane exploring
Mayan ruins in Yucatan.

I must mention my 20 years helping Ronald Reagan and my two good friends and his personal advisors, Lyn Nofziger and James S. Stockdale, Esq. (I was Best Man at his wedding). I helped them on many projects. (Such as getting Congressional approval to sell AWACS planes in the Middle East) I was the last political person to see the President before he died. I was doing a presentation at his library in Simi Valley, he was having a good day, so the Secret Service brought him up to the library and we got to spend some GREAT time together. I was the last and Bob Hope and Bob Dole were the last two before me too see him.

In the 80's I helped high profile attorney, Gloria Allred, in her program In California to find DEAD BEAT DADS. This was announced nationally on the TODAY SHOW. I provided and paid for

all the printed materials including window signs for California businesses and bumper stickers for statewide distribution.

Like I said before, I have had a very blessed life. I have worked in most countries in Asia and all of Europe from Slovakia in the east to Iceland in the west. (Many countries many times).

I am still doing International Advisory work. I just finished advising in the Presidential Race in the Congo (We got 63% of the vote on first ballot in 13 man race). Last week we got a contract approved in Moscow to build a chain store across Russia. I am presently working PRO BONO with a close Governor friend of mine on a probable huge theft of money from USA TO LONDON & SCOTLAND.

We want to retrieve it and apply it to our 16 Trillion national debt.

I must tell you of my proudest community service moments. Over the years I have produced hundreds of concerts with the biggest stars in the music world, who over the years many became good friends of mine. I also became a voting member of THE ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC and still attend the award show on CBS every year. When the State Fair went bankrupt, Governor Janklow asked me to go to Huron, pull my magic with my friends and save the State Fair. Wayne Newton donated his time and we paid orchestra expenses. Rick Springfield, at the height of his career, agreed to come to our little fair in SD. This next one you will



Sheldon Songstad, "Visiting with friends in Central America."

not believe. My good friend Johnny Cash came Pro Bono which really helped us become solvent in one year. We received world wide press from this. After Johnny Cash died, Bill Janklow told me we should have named the grandstand after him for what he did for South Dakota.

I received national publicity during the Carter Administration when I helped lead the fight against OPEC. Gas was rationed (20 gal), the price skyrocketed, lines at all gas stations and then most of them would run out of fuel. I originated the national slogan, A BUSHEL OF GRAIN FOR A BARREL OF OIL as we are the worlds bread basket. President Carter and Congress used this repeatedly. David Broder of the WASHINGTON POST first wrote a big article about me and my project. Then Newsweek Time Magazine and U. S. News also wrote feature stories on me and my project. This story was also used in most every large daily newspaper in the country.

I spend the balance of my time (about three months a year), in Cabo San Lucas (2 to 3 weeks at a time).

Senator Sheldon R. Songstad, Ret.

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