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# Increased Patron Mary Larson Montoya '59



**Mary Larson Montoya '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Mary first became an O&B Patron on August 1, 2020 with her generous \$100.00 contribution.

I now sincerely thank Mary again for her very significant Patron increase.

At her request the dollar amount of her second most significant contribution will remain private.

Mary, as with all Patrons of the O&B, I truly **THANK YOU** for your continued support! Jack

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

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



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

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



On Apr 12, 2021, **William Lobe '59** <bill@wclobe.com> wrote:  
Jack,

Thanks for your message acknowledging your gratitude for what input my tech-savvy son, Josh, and I were able to offer in finding the best solution to your O&B publication issue with Constant Contact.

The purpose of this correspondence is to offer the attached composition relating to **Mary L. Larson, a WHS '59** alumnus and champion of charitable causes. This world could use more like Mary.

Best Regards,

**Bill Lobe '59**  
[bill@wclobe.com](mailto:bill@wclobe.com)  
[www.wclobe.com](http://www.wclobe.com)

Thanks Bill to both you and your son, Josh, for help with my O&B email problem. **AND**, for providing this wonderful story on, **Patron, Mary Larson Montoya '59. Jack**



**Mary Larson '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

## Reconnecting with Mary **Mary Larson Montoya '59** **WHS O&B Patron**

Throughout my life and predominantly in these later years, I've reflected on my past friends, especially those during the developmental period of my youth. Having had no siblings, my friends meant much to me growing up in Sioux Falls. One in particular was so special because unlike my male friends, on reflection, she was my first girlfriend before and beginning high school and that was 65 years ago. Having had no contact since then, about a year ago, I decided to find Mary Larson again.



Not being a Facebook enthusiast and only having a maiden name to work with, I put my Internet research skills to work. Because of marriage name changes, females are more difficult to locate than males. Having moved from South Dakota over 50 years ago, it made the search even more challenging.

My closest match was Mary Larson Montoya and an email address so I sent the following message to Ms. Montoya in July of last year:

*Ms. Montoya,*

*My name is Bill Lobe, age 78, living in Indiana. As a youth, I enjoyed the frequent company of a very special friend named Mary Larson, whose tolerant mother took the time to teach us some driving skills on rural South Dakota roads. In doing an Internet search, I thought you might have been the Mary I once had the privilege of sharing some of our youth together. In that search, I've also found you've been very productive in your life's activities and congratulate you on your many accomplishments. If you are not the Mary Larson I reference, I nevertheless wish you continuing success in your noble endeavors. If you are the Mary Larson I remember - what do you think of life so far?*

The next day, I received the following message:

*I am indeed your high school classmate. I was very surprised to hear from you because someone told me you died in your 40's. I am going to copy this to my home email address so you will have my home email and I will have your email. Today is my first day in prison after a 4 month absence.*

*Mary Larson Montoya*

This is where it gets interesting. Mary is not a prison inmate as her reply might seem at first glance, but rather, has served as an active volunteer at the South Dakota State Penitentiary for 21 years, full-time since 2006. You know, that large complex up the hill north of downtown that no one ever really talked about. Although Mary provides support for the entire prison population, Mary's emphasis in her volunteer activities is primarily focused on the spiritual and traditional values and needs of the Native American inmates.

Mary's knowledge of Native American customs and spirituality that she has shared with me is impressive and humbling. The understanding and insight I've gained of the plight of the American Indian today convinced me to urge Mary to allow me to document her prison experiences in her own words, my preference being a website as the best platform. For your enlightenment, visit [www.wawokiyewin.us](http://www.wawokiyewin.us). **(Editor recommends you opening and reading.)**

I learned that following graduation from Washington High School in 1959, Mary L. Larson, graduated from Creighton University and received her MBA in 1988 from the University of South Dakota.

In 1976 Mary became the 4th woman Certified Public Accountant in SD. She retired as a CPA on April 15, 2006. In 1992, Mary was appointed to the South Dakota Board of Accountancy by then Governor (and 1959 classmate), George S. Mickelson. Mary has served on numerous professional and charitable organization boards of directors including South Dakotans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Alternatives to Violence, and the St. Vincent de Paul Council in Sioux Falls, where she was the treasurer. She is a Vincentian, a Benedictine oblate, a CASA volunteer and a member of St. Mary's Parish in Sioux Falls.

It was in June 2000 that Mary became a chapel volunteer for the Native Americans at the SD State Penitentiary. She was honored with the 2002 AICPA Public Service Award for her volunteer work and the 2007 Humanitarian Award from the Sioux Falls Human Relations Commission. In 2015 she was honored by the Oglala Lakota Nation with a star quilt and given the name "Wawokiye Win" (woman who helps someone in need without asking for anything in return). She is very interested in racial reconciliation.

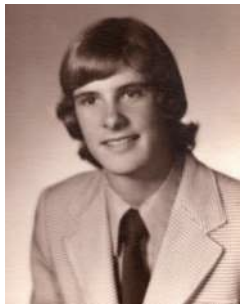
Mary is married to Leonard Johnson and has two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren from her first marriage.

Through our communications over the last nine months or so, Mary and I have discussed our memories of life we shared in the 50's. We've also discovered possible encounters with each other as children before we met based on neighborhoods we've both lived in including our grandparents' farms in the Parkston/Hutchinson County area. Besides our shared memories of Sioux Falls in the 50's, I've also been able to visit the city, the state and the mood as it is today through Mary's eyes.

Without having left my desktop computer, how's that for an adventure?

Bill Lobe  
WHS '59





**Jeff Herbert '74**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Apr 13, 2021, **Jeffrey Herbert '74** <herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote:

<https://www.keloland.com/news/eye-on-keloland/eye-on-keloland-students-the-senator/>



**Double Click here.**

Jack...this is my wife's production---we are very proud of her---her Dad, Duane Nearman is a '50 grad. of WHS----best wishes always---

**Jeff Herbert '74**

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**Sarah Nearman Herbert**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Oct. 29, 2020**

### **Local author publishes first children's book on late George McGovern**

MITCHELL – Sarah Nearman Herbert, retired teacher and now author, has published her first book in honor of the late Sen. George McGovern.

Herbert's inspiration for writing her book, "George McGovern: South Dakota's Legendary Legislator" came after McGovern's death in 2012. The book is a children's book, aimed at teaching young elementary-aged students about the significance of Sen. McGovern in South Dakota, the United States and around the world.

"I realize what an impact McGovern had on South Dakota and the United States and felt there was a need for elementary children to know more about his leadership," said Herbert. "I'm a retired fourth grade teacher, and as we were studying South Dakota history, the only material available to them on George McGovern was written at the adult level. They didn't get much out of it."

The book is written at a reading level for students in grades four through eight to assist in research when studying South Dakotans and politicians who made a big impact in the world. Students will learn that McGovern was an ordinary kid, just like them, growing up in Mitchell, who went on to do extraordinary things at the national and international level.



George McGovern was one of South Dakota's most accomplished politicians and one of Dakota Wesleyan University's most notable alumni. McGovern enrolled at DWU in 1940, however, World War II interrupted his education in 1943. He flew 35 combat missions as a B-24 bomber pilot in Europe, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the war, McGovern returned to DWU, graduating in 1946. He returned to DWU in 1950 as a professor of history and political science, where he became a beloved and respectful faculty member.

He was elected to congress in 1956 and reelected in 1958. In 1972, Sen. McGovern was selected as the Democratic Party nominee for president, the only South Dakotan to be honored in this way by any major political party.

McGovern died on Oct. 21, 2012 at the age of 90.

"McGovern's leadership and service to others should inspire Americans to carry on his legacy. His place in history should never be forgotten," said Herbert.

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#### About Sarah Nearman Herbert

Sarah Nearman Herbert is a retired educator and resides in Sioux Falls. She has taught gifted and special needs students, as well as students in fourth and fifth-grade classrooms. She received her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of South Dakota. She is happily married to her husband Jeff. Sarah and Jeff have three amazing children, Matt, Lindsey and Carson.

<http://amazon.com/author/sarah.nearman.herbert>

#### About DWU

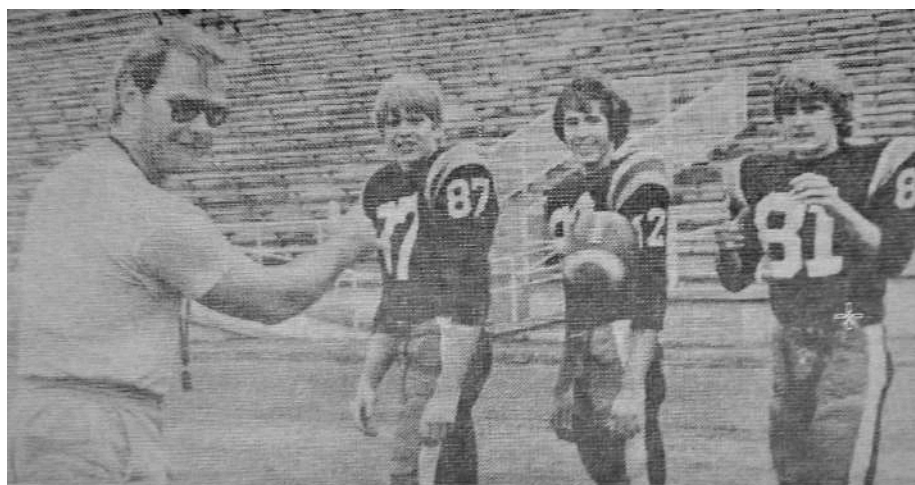
DWU is a private, liberal arts university associated with the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church, that is rooted in four values: lifelong learning, leadership development, faith exploration and genuine service to others. For more information about Dakota Wesleyan University, go to [www.dwu.edu](http://www.dwu.edu).

### **Editor's Note: The Jeff Herbert family Goes To Washington High School; THE HERBERT FAMILY IS DEFINITELY A WHS WOW FAMILY!:**

The Herbert family has a long and impressive record of service and devotion to the Sioux Falls school system and in particular to Washington High School. I now consider myself fortunate in that Jeff has become such a huge supporter of the 'Alumni O&B'. He not only continually submits news items to the O&B, but in 2017 he also donated six old WHS yearbooks that I use constantly. The following is a brief capsule list of the the Herbert family and their ties to WHS.

**Jeff Herbert '74** graduated from WHS in 1974. He was on the football, basketball and track teams at WHS and was a member of the homecoming royalty in his senior year. He continued his affiliation with WHS as coach and teacher for 28 years. After retirement he voluntarily served on the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and served as chairman in 2012..

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Washington High pass-catchers await a flip from assistant coach John Odney. They are, from left, Steve Schjodt, Mark Story and Jeff Herbert.

Jeff's wife, Sarah Nearman Herbert, is a teacher at John Harris Elem. School (4th grade). Her father, **Duane Nearman graduated from WHS in 1950.**

Jeff and Sarah Herbert's 3 children, Matt, Lindsey and Carson, all attended WHS.

Jeff's Mom, **Lois Herbert**, substitute taught at WHS from 1956 (Lloyd Dobratz first called her to begin a 50 year career of subbing and there were chances to go full time, but she chose to be a super sub--she often taught for Borghild Johnson and Annie Kleinsassar--and 100's more.)

Jeff's Dad, **Kenny Herbert '43** along with a few others started the "WHS Booster Club" in 1975.

Uncle, **Jim Herbert '49**, both graduated from WHS.

Jeff's grandfather, Charley Herbert lived on north Minn. Ave and lived to two months shy of 101--he was a retired Sioux Falls Firefighter-

Jeff's sister, Jill Herbert ? is a '83 WHS grad. She was OLD Royalty and a member of the "High Steppers",. She teaches Reading at Cleveland Elementary School. Jill's husband Chris ? teaches at Patrick Henry Middle School and is Athletic Coordinator They have three sons, Tryg, Jhett and Max, who all played multiple sports at WHS.



**Duane Nearman '50**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Kenny Herbert '43**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Lois Herbert**  
WHS Substitute  
Teacher 50 yrs.



**Jim Herbert '49**  
WHS Senior Photo

**AS ALWAYS, THE O&B NEEDS YOUR STORY!**

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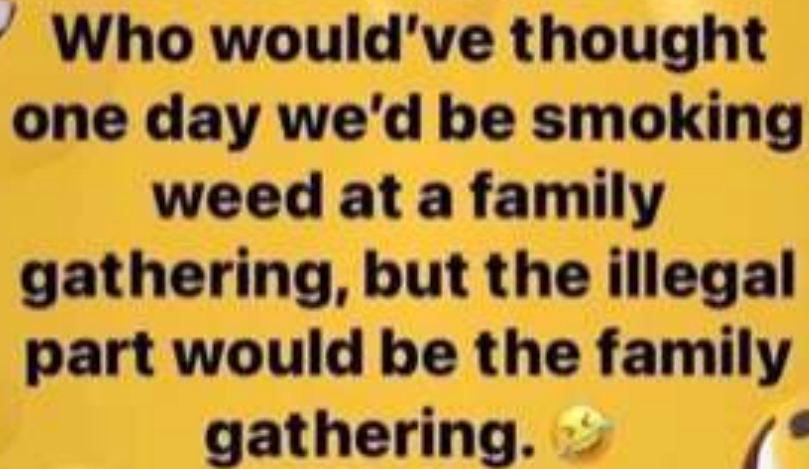
**EVEN IF IT IS JUST THAT YOU ARE STILL ALIVE AND YOUR CONTACT INFO., OF COURSE, PICTURES ARE ALWAYS MUCH APPRECIATED! YOU FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES WILL ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU.**

A drunk goes to court. The judge says, 'You've been brought here for drinking.'  
The drunk says, 'Great. Let's get started.'

An Irish Sense of Humor

**I swear if my memory was any worse, I could plan my own surprise party.**





**Who would've thought  
one day we'd be smoking  
weed at a family  
gathering, but the illegal  
part would be the family  
gathering. 😂**

**We all know  
mirrors don't lie...**

**I'm just grateful  
that they don't  
laugh.**

It's Masters Week!

A man had two of the best tickets for the Masters. As he sits down, another man comes along and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. "No", he says, "the seat is empty.

"This is incredible!" said the man, "who in their right mind would have a seat like this, the biggest golfing event of the whole world, and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife always would come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Masters we haven't been to together since we got married

"Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else. A friend or relative or even a neighbor to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head.

"No. They're all at the funeral."



# Letters to the



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**Don Noordsy '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 3, 2021, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack.....a very interesting issue.....and it came through perfectly. I was really touched by the article written by **Gary Roddel '59**, and his story about contracting polio. I, too was a patient of Dr. Ogborn in those days, and I know my Mother was very concerned about me getting polio, primarily because I spent so much time at the Terrace Park swimming pool and at the Emerson School playground that was across the street from our home on West Avenue. Fortunately, I did not contract polio, and I count myself very fortunate for that. Gary's article brought me back to those difficult days when we would learn of children getting the disease, seemingly ever day. It certainly was a major discussion item for our parents. I am relieved to know Gary defeated it and has been able to live a long, normal life.....and is able to sneeze !

Best,

**Don Noordsy, WHS '58**



**Gary Roddel '59**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Joan Newberg '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 17, 2021, Dwaine & Joan Thill  
<birdwatchers@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Hi Jack,

I was hoping to get a copy of the Washington High class of '58 obituaries.  
**Carolyn Mc Claim '58**, gave me your information.

Thank you,

**Joan (Newberg) '58 Thill**



**Carolyn McClain '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Debra Phillips**

From my wife, Debra Phillips, <deb-davey@cox.net> wrote:

"Three good friends went for a swim.

The one who was fat wished she was thin.

The one who was curvy wished she was clever.

The one who was clever wished she swam better.

The really great swimmer wished she was witty.

The one who was witty wished she was pretty.

All three friends thought the other two were just fine.

If only they could let their own bright light shine.

So throw on your swimsuit if you're fat or you're thin.

Enjoy fun and friendship. & love the skin that you're in!







Loren Little '59  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 20, 2021, **Dr Loren Little '59** [tpts1@aol.com](mailto:tpts1@aol.com) wrote:

Subject: **Sp Ed 4-20-21 Bill Simpson '53 #20-21**

Don't know if I had sent this to you b4 -**Bill Simpson '53** caring for a baby raccoon at Camp Tepeetonga.

Did you know his dad was the caretaker at Howard Wood Field ?

No names, except the counselor - **Bruce Qualset '57**, center on football team, dad was photographer for Argus Leader.

My counselor was **Bill Simpson '53**.

docL **Dr. Loren Little '59**



Bill Simpson '53  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



Bruce Qualset '57  
WHS Senior Photo



left: **Bill Simpson '53**, counselor & unknown raccoon.

below: Big young man on left, **Bruce Qualset '57**, counselor with his 7 unknown "Friendly Indians".





**Gary Roddel '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On May 1, 2021, **Gary Roddel '59** <mgrod@charter.net> wrote:  
Jack, Here is little story from my childhood in South Sioux Falls. Enjoy,

## **Gary Roddel '59** **Joe Goose**

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One summer when our family still owned our one square block of property in South Sioux Falls we were given a young, all white goose. This goose had been given as a gift to two young sons of a friend of Dads for Easter that year. The boys had named him 'Joe'. This family lived in Sioux Falls which was much more densely populated than the area where we lived, in South Sioux Falls.

As animals tend to do, Joe goose grew in size to the point where it wasn't convenient to keep him 'in town'. I would think a secondary reason that Dad accepted another animal mouth to feed was that it would eventually be thought of as a future Sunday dinner, not just as a pet. We were raising chickens both for eggs and meat at the time so it wasn't unusual for us to include a goose as part of our family. Dad fashioned a small, fenced in house for him, separate from the chickens.

Whenever I was at home during the day I was allowed to let Joe out of his enclosure so he could follow me around the yard. He was so tame he would allow me to pet him and of course he would eat right out of my hand when offered about any morsel that might be a tasty treat to him. If our dog came to close Joe would let her know in no uncertain terms that this was now his territory and not the dogs. So, Judy the dog didn't bother him at all.

Now, I cannot for sure say that the original owners would have been the kind of boys that would tease or abuse this goose in any way but we soon found out that Joe was not,,,,,, quite,,,,,, normal. Every now and again, for no apparent reason, Joe would go into a 'fit', or 'have a spasm'. While his body would still be upright, whether standing or sitting on the ground, his long neck would get all twisted and end up with his head being turned completely upside down. This was accompanied with very loud; continuous squawking and dancing around until somehow this spasm would pass. The only thing I can liken it to be is having a cramp in your foot which won't release until you stand on it.

I was thrilled to find out that when I was nearby Joe, as he was having a fit, would allow me to take hold of his neck and gradually get his head back into its proper, normal upright position. Now many decades later, I like to think that Joe tried to show his appreciation to me for straightening his neck during one of his 'episodes', by walking more closely beside me as we toured around the yard.

Speaking of walking, as Joe grew in size and stature he enjoyed going for a walk every morning. This was a time when everyone's pet dogs ran freely, without leash laws, around the neighborhood. Apparently Joe had all the neighborhood dogs trained not to mess with him as he would squawk loudly then flap his large wings and chase them away. So he could go nearly anywhere around the neighborhood and not be bothered. He had a habit of leaving our house, heading two blocks north to 33<sup>rd</sup> street; turn left for one block, then south for 2 blocks back to our original driveway to get back home. We learned of this only after neighbors on that route asked us if he was our goose.

The last surprise that I remember about Joe was when Dad found a gigantic egg under the bushes in the yard. He measured that egg and if memory serves me correctly it was between 4 & 5 inches long and 7 inches in circumference. Several more eggs were found in the yard after that. Dad was the one who baked angel food cakes for family birthdays. Now, an angel food cake uses 12 egg whites. Whether it was that egg or a later one, he used the egg white from that one goose egg along with only 5 chicken eggs to bake the next Angel Food cake.

From that time on Joe Goose was called Josephine.

