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CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK TO THE

CLASS of
1954
65 year reunion

and

CLASS of
1959
60 year reunion

BOTH THIS WEEK IN SIOUX FALLS.

For info on '54 Reunion call Jack Kittelson at [605-334-3345](tel:605-334-3345)

For info on '59 Reunion contact Connie Henline Nelson at connienelson59@gmail.com

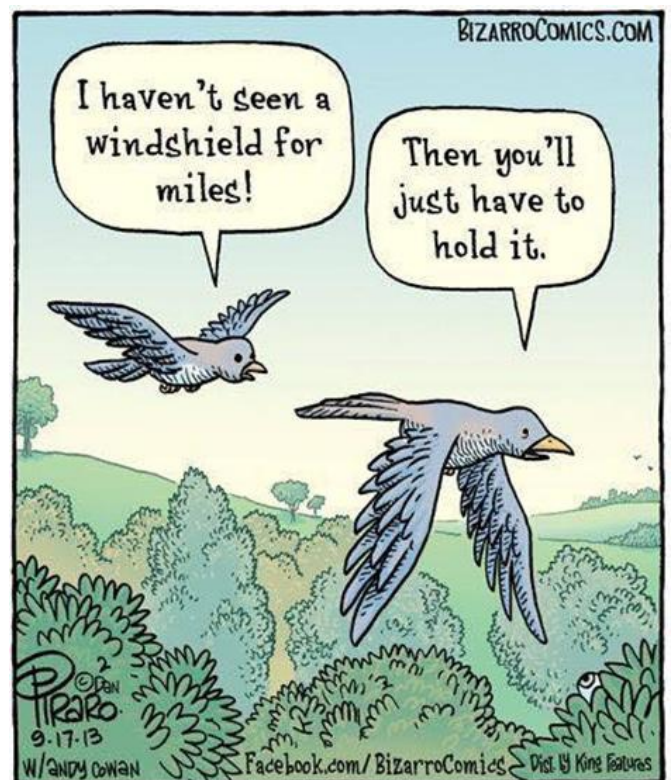
Friends

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. Days, months and years will pass until our contact becomes rare.

One day, our children will see our photos and ask: "Who are these people?"

And we will smile with invisible tears and say...

"It was with them that I had the best days of my life."





On Aug 18, 2019, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote: Jack....I thought you might enjoy this. You might consider the article for the O&B as well.

Don Noordsy '58

Just click this attachment:

<https://www.argusleader.com/story/sports/high-school-sports/2019/08/16/best-high-school-football-teams-south-dakota-washington-warriors/1797478001/>

Don Noordsy '58
WSH Senior Photo

Thanks Don for submitting this great Argus Leader story by the wonderful sports writer, Stu Whitney. You are correct as usual, I always thoroughly enjoy reading about the WHS football dynasty of the fifties decade. And as always, Stu Whitney has done a great job highlighting one of those great '50s teams, the undefeated team of 1956.



Letters to the  & B



Frank Owens '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 24, 2019, **Frank Owens '53**

<fowensfsd@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack, thought you may be interested in this story on Arden Fjellanger, WHS

Class of 1953. Thanks for your great efforts in keeping the class members

of the 50's informed. **Frank Owens '53**



Arden Fjellanger '53
WHS Senior Photo

-----Original Message-----

From: Doering, Durward V (Duke) NFG NG SDARNG (US)

[mailto:durward.v.doering.nfg@mail.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 9:16 AM

To: NG SD SDARNG List DISTRIBUTION A

Cc: Alholinna, Nathan B Col USAF 114 FW (USA); Hilmoe, Sara M SMSgt USAF 114 FW (USA); Johnson, Sonja

Subject: July 31, 1969 this date in SDANG history - Major Arden Fjellanger's emergency landing with an F-102 caused him to be late for work at the telephone company

July 31, 1969 history Maj. Arden Fjellanger has some excitement before breakfast in making an emergency landing with an F-102 .

This date in South Dakota Air National Guard history, a pilot's skill saves his life and a F-102 airplane at Joe Foss Field. An emergency landing of a South Dakota Air National Guard F-102 interceptor at Joe Foss Field was accomplished without serious damage to the plane or injury to the pilot.

Maj. Arden "Flip" Fjellanger of Sioux Falls was on a routine 6 a.m. training flight and was preparing to land his Convair "Delta Dagger" when he discovered the nose wheel would not lower into its proper, down and locked position. Due to his "excellent technique in landing," and the "quick response of the crash crew in foaming the runway," only slight damage was incurred to the single-engine aircraft, according to Lt. Col. Justin Berger, Commander of the 114th Fighter Group. Berger added, "the plane should fly tomorrow," and that parked on the ramp, "it is hardly distinguishable from the other planes." The reason for the malfunction inside the 12-ton, \$1.2 million dollar aircraft was never determined.

After Fjellanger filed his report he calmly drove, a little late and with a story to tell, to his civilian job for the telephone company.

Fjellanger had a long career with the South Dakota Air National Guard, flying everything in the inventory from 1954 to 1984. He retired at the rank of Lt. Col.



From: Ronald Veenker '54 <rveenker@ec.rr.com>**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2019

To: Doug.Aldrich@comcast.net

Subject: The Two Dorothys

To: Doug Aldrich (In response to Doug's letter in WHS O&B #7-19)

Doug, thanks so much for your fond memorial to the two Dorothys. They were "loyal to old Mark Twain" and still knew all the words to the fight song. Dorothy Lee lived very close to me in the early grades on south Fourth Ave on a property that had fabulous apple trees. Her dad (Wm. B. Lee Co.) built the Langley house at 30th and Dakota just south of the school and the girls became fast friends.

Every day after school one would call the other: "Hello, Dorothy. This is Dorothy." Then they would laugh at how funny that was. I lost touch with them when we moved downtown to WHS in 1950; that building was like a city to us.

Over the last ten years or so we have all come back together at reunions and it felt as though no time had passed. I very much enjoyed hanging out with the two Dorothys at the 60th and the All School in 2014-15. Also from the original 50s Luther League were Kaaren (Running) Holum and Peter Johnson.

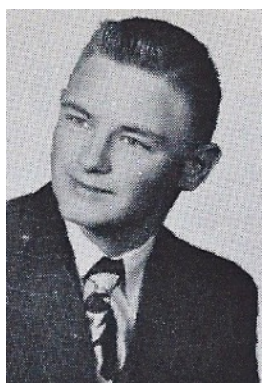
Ron Veenker '54



Dorothy Lee Swanberg Josephson '54 and Dorothy Lee Langley Carlson '54



'54 Kaaren Running Holum '55, Peter Johnson '55 and Dorothy Langley Carlson '54



Dean Mann '50
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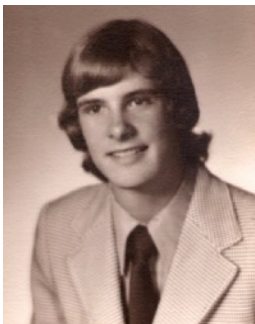
From: Dean Mann <dlmann@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019
To: jack jackmphilips.com
Subject: Jim Herbert



Jim Herbert '49
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

Jack: I enjoy reading the Orange & Black that you publish. I notice, however, that you do not receive many emails from the early 1950's. 1950-53. It's probably because of our age. I am now 87 years old, but still doing fine. I was in the class of 1950. In regards to **Jim Herbert**. I served with Jim on active duty in 1950-52. Jim was in the Medical Detachment. A very fine gentlemen and soldier. In the late 1950s and early 60s, my wife and I bowled on

a mixed doubles league against Jim and his wife. It was a fun time. I knew his brother quite well also as we went to the same church together—Hope Lutheran. Another very nice person. Also, I knew **Jeff Herbert's dad (Ken '43)** and mother very well. His mother substituted as a teacher at Washington High when I taught there (1957 to 84). His dad was an avid follower of WHS athletics. I then became the athletic director for



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo

the entire school district for nine years. **Jeff Herbert '74** was one of the finest young people I have ever met. I've known him from when he was a student/athlete at Washington High until the present. He was inducted into the **Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame** last year. It's a great event! **Ken Kessinger ('43)** and I were the first co-chairmen of the Washington High Hall of Fame. I believe I have attended every annual banquet since.



Ken Herbert '43
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

I could write you a book about my military experience, but that would be self-serving. I retired after 34 plus years in the South Dakota National Guard, which included four years of active duty during two conflicts. I was an enlisted man for four years and retired as a Brigadier General. I was also the State Director of Selective Service for South Dakota for a few years. I hope we all continue to pray for all the men and women serving on active duty in these troubling times.

Dean Mann '50

Ken Kessinger '43
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Elliott Miller '50
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From: evmiller <evmiller@massmed.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 12:38 PM
To: jack jackmphilips.com
Cc: BECK Elsie; TOLLEFSON Hanci; HINES Barbara
Subject: WHS REUNION SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Jack,

I support having a WHS reunion in September 2020. I do not have strong feelings about the two alternatives i.e. 1) An All School Reunion or 2) a reunion for 1950-1959. I do have two sisters who fit the second option which would be nice if they could attend. I also will stir the pot by sending this note to three of my classmates. Considering I have lasted this long, I expect I can last the next 16 months.

Thanks again for your diligent and gifted work in keep WHS alumni so well informed - fun and interesting.

Cordially,
Elliott

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PS I don't remember if I told you that I delivered what amounts to the commencement address last year at Harvard Medical School. I thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Dear Elliott, As always, thanks for your email and your support of our "All School Reunion". Since no one has come forward to chair it I am very concerned and disappointed. WOW! Delivering the commencement address at Harvard Medical School!!! I assure you that every WHS Alumni joins me in congratulating you. What an outstanding honor! Each time I learn of someone from WHS receiving such an outstanding honor I find myself hoping that all of our wonderful & dedicated WHS faculty are somehow proudly aware of how their devotion and lifetime work paid off. Jack



JJ Anderson '53
WHS Senior Photo

From: Alma Anderson Johnson '53 <jayne_johnson35@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
To: jack jackmphilips.com
Subject: Re: WHS O&B #7-19

Hi Jack and Debra, as always I truly enjoyed all the articles written by the different class members, however I don't know anybody. I did not really do much when in high school because as I told you it was different for "us." But I still have good memories of my life in Sioux Falls. I was going to write an article on my military family because my grandfather was a Pvt in the Civil war from Kentucky but fought for the North. That's just one. About the reunion I would just go for the classes of the 50s and anybody else who wanted to come would be welcome. I would to meet you and Debra and I really don't remember too many others just by names because they were popular! Doing well and again you are off the charts when it come to keeping everybody informed. I will be going to Detroit to see my brother, Virgil, who fought in France during WW2, he is 92. However he will not talk about that experience except it was bad and he was not treated nicely by the other. You know some of those stories I'm sure. Any way I appreciate you. Take care and stay safe. Excuse all errors.



Doug Sorensen '56
WHS Senior Photo

From: Doug Sorensen '56 <sorensen.jdoug@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:09 PM
To: jack jackmphilips.com
Subject: Thanks

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jd Sorensen <sorensen.jdoug@gmail.com>
Date: May 27, 2019 at 2:57:18 PM EDT
To: jack@jackmphilips.com

Subject: Re: Sp Ed 5-27-19 Dorothy Lee '54 #31-19

Jack. Thanks for all you do. Special thanks for Memorial Day edition.
(John) Doug Sorensen. '56. (US NAVY 1960-63)



Laurice Ellis '55
WHS Senior Photo

From: Kenneth Iseminger <kmminger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 1:59 PM
To: jack jackmphilips.com
Subject: Fwd: Pic

Enclosed is a picture of Elaine (Ellis) Moore and me, Laurice (Houck) Iseminger, friends since Kindergarten at Emerson school celebrating our 82nd birthday. I don't think many people can claim that that long of a relationship. We graduated from Washington High in 1955.

Kenneth and I moved into Dow Rummel Village in a nice 2 bedroom

apt. **Laurice (Houck) Iseminger '55**



Elaine Ellis '55
WHS Senior Photo



Laurice (Houck) Iseminger & Elaine (Ellis) Moore.

It is suggested that you read the next three letters in reverse order. See more on the Herbert family in the “Dean Mann” letter on page 7 and 8.

From: jeff herbert <herbertj@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 10:46 AM
To: jack jackmphilips.com
Subject: Re: Info on Class of 1949 (Jim Herbert)

Jack..thank you for connecting Nona and me! We had a very nice visit and some very good memories of Jim were shared—she seems like a lovely person! The connections you help make via the *ORANGE AND BLACK* are wonderful...so appreciative of all the work you do and the product! My very best wishes...

Jeff Herbert '74

From: [Jack Phillips](#)
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 11:51 AM
To: [Nona Wumkes Dubbe](#)
Cc: [Jeff Herbert](#)
Subject: Re: Info on Class of 1949 (Jim Herbert)

Dear Nona,

Thank you for the nice email. I am glad you enjoy the O&B.

In regards to your inquiry about your friend, Dr. Jim Herbert, Class of 1949, I am sorry that I must confirm his death on April 5, 1977. Dr. Jim Herbert's nephew, Jeff Herbert, WHS class of '74, was the son of Jim's older
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brother, Kenneth, WHS class of '43. Kenneth Herbert is also now deceased. I called my friend, Jeff, and he confirmed that Jim is deceased.

I told Jeff of your inquiry about his uncle and he graciously indicated that he would be glad to speak to you about the passing of his uncle. Jeff's email address is herbertj@sio.midco.net if you would like to contact him.

Sincerely,
Jack Phillips '54

On Jun 1, 2019, at 9:27 AM, Robert Dubbe <dubbe7215@nc.rr.com> wrote:



Nona Wumkes '50
WHS Senior Photo

Jack, Can't thank you enough for all the time and effort you put into keeping us up-to-date on my class of 1950. The veteran info was especially heartwarming. My husband Bob is retired from the air force as well as our daughter, Debbie Dubbe Gray who retired after 26 years as a navigator. She was in the first class of women to attend the AF Academy and retired in 1996 as the Vice Commander there. Do I sound like a proud Mom? Do you know how I could find out info on an old friend from Class of 1949---Jim Herbert? I had lost contact with him after I graduated and moved to California. I had visited him at Colorado Springs, CO when he was stationed there in 1951. We stopped to see him while we were in Sioux Falls visiting relatives in later years but I can't recall the year. He was a dentist and had an office on So. Minnesota Ave. I teased him as he had no family pictures in his office. I worked in a

dental office at Ft, Bragg for 10 years and said all dentists displayed family pictures in their offices! When we attended my 50th class reunion, someone said he had committed suicide. I was shocked and heartbroken. Stopped to visit his mother, but don't think she remembered me. At least gave my regards. Have a lot of happy memories. Don't know who he married. Just reminiscing..... Perhaps you knew him and would know the date of his death or any particular info. Have a wonderful day.

Nona Wumkes Dubbe, Class of 1950

On Jul 18, 2019, **James Ward '53** <j-cward@charter.net> wrote:
Hi all, I've got an offer you can't refuse.

My library consists of about 3000 volumes and it is time for me to cull it – drastically. My usual practice in this regard is to give books to libraries that I think might use or need them. With some books, however, I am more anxious for the volumes to find a “happy home.” Such is the case with my books about Sioux Falls and South Dakota. I have attached a list of the volumes on my shelves. While it is hard to part with them, I am offering them to you – first come, first served.

If you would be interested in having any of these books, drop me a line and I will send them along to you – be sure I have your mailing address.

I hope this finds you well and enjoying life. As you know, I enjoy corresponding, so keep in touch.

Jim Ward '53

PS I also have a vintage 1940s “illustrated” map of Sioux Falls and a couple bumper stickers from Wall Drug Store. Anyone interested in owning these?

Jim Ward’s list of books on Sioux Falls & South Dakota

All-class reunion photo memory book - 1992

Challenge - the South Dakota Story - Karolevitz (history w/ photos)

Cruisin’ Cuisine - Drive-ins of Sioux Falls - pamphlet w/ photos

Dakota, a Spiritual Geography - Norris

Dakota Panorama (Dakota Territory Centennial Commission) - large history of South Dakota with photos

Dillinger Robbery of Security Bank of Sioux Falls - pamphlet

History of Old Sioux Falls Washington High School 1908-1902 pamphlet

History of South Dakota - Schell

History of Woodlawn Cemetery - 1905-1990 - pamphlet - (2 copies)

Mount Rushmore Past-Present & More - Bailey & Bailey

Reveille for Sioux Falls - WWII Air Force Tech School - Oyos -

Sioux Falls - Images of America Series (photos of early Sioux Falls)

Sioux Falls - the City and the People - Reynolds (1994)

Theatre in Spite of Itself - a Century of Action on Sioux Falls Stages - L.R. “Barney” Kremer

When Lilacs were in Bloom - Growing up in the Heartland in the 30s and 40s - Darold Dick Fredricks

When Coffee Was a Nickel - Ardyce Habeger Samp

Where the Sioux River Bends - a Newspaper Chronicle - Fanebust (history of Sioux Falls)

WHS Sports Heritage 1899-1989 - Ken Kessinger

Heres Hoping You Have A Safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend