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Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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FALLS PARK IN JUNE

We all heard about the heavy Sioux Falls June rains.
Here are some photos of "The Falls", in Fall Park.
Thanks to the many, many readers that sent photos, but
a special thanks to Glen '55 & Barb Hansen '56 Jamtgaard
for being the first to send photos to the O&B.

left Glen Jamtgaard '55 & right Barbara Hansen '56. Their WHS Senior Photos



Glen and Barb also sent some more very different views of the falls taken from a drone. If you haven't seen these views you will enjoy them. It shows how beautiful the entire park is. On Jun 24, 2014, at 4:51 AM, **Glen Jamtgaard '55** <glenjamtgaard@yahoo.com> wrote: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bz2BZkUEFuI>
Cool video of the Falls after the heavy rain, presumably taken from a drone.
Thanks again Glen and Barb.

On May 15, 2014, at 3:27 PM, MYRONWACH@aol.com wrote:
Hi Jack, Plan on doing another story for your next issue but I'm sending this incase your interested since we all grew up with Roy Rogers. I wrote this today for my web site and Facebook and also have a picture taken with Roy and a picture of the ticket. Myron



Myron Lee Wachendorf '59
Perhaps better known as
Mryon Lee & The Caddies.
WHS Senior Photo



Carole Fredrickson '57
Mrs. Myron Wachendorf
WHS Junior Photo

AN UNEXPECTED THRILL OF A LIFETIME

By Myron Lee

In February of 1996, Carole and I flew to Phoenix to join my sister Marlene and brother-in-law Larry for a little winter getaway. We rented a car and headed for Laughlin, Nevada for a couple days of relaxation at a hotel-casino. The next plan was to drive to Vegas, but it had snowed in the higher elevations and the road was closed, so we headed west across California to the coast and on to San Diego. Something happened along the way that turned into the thrill of a lifetime. We

were headed south towards Riverside when we saw a large billboard sign that read "Victorville Ahead – Home of the Roy Rogers Museum." We all became excited right away because when we were kids he and Dale Evans were our heroes. I saw all of his movies, bought his photos and even sent for a Roy Rogers ring with a secret compartment in it for secret notes, I guess. It cost 50¢ and a Quaker Oats cereal box top. My finger would turn green if I wore it too long. My Grandmother made me a Roy Rogers shirt with the frill on the front just like Roy wore and I had a holster to hold my six-shooter cap gun. I had cowboy boots too!

Roy's movies were at the Granada Theater on 8th and Phillips and the Saturday movie cost 9¢. What a neat way to spend a Saturday afternoon! Some of my friends thought Gene Autry was the King of the Cowboys, but I knew better ... it was ROY!

When we pulled off the highway at Victorville, it was around 10:00 a.m. It was breakfast time and time to fill up the gas tank. I was able to persuade everyone to go to the Museum first and eat afterwards because I said Roy might be there this time of the morning. They all laughed at me, of course, never dreaming that could happen, but I

won out. We pulled into the parking lot of the Museum and there were only two other cars there. The four of us walked inside and we couldn't believe our eyes because there he was, 50 feet away and sitting in a golf cart! His daughter Nancy was standing beside him, keeping an eye on him. There were four ladies talking with him and taking pictures. Taking pictures was fine, but he wouldn't sign autographs. His daughter Nancy later told me the reason for that was because of arthritis in his



writing hand. I was standing by the large glass case that had Trigger and Roy's dog Bullet in it when Roy came over and stood by me. For his age, he was slim and trim and looked great. He seemed in no hurry to get away from us and we had a nice conversation about him starting out with Republic pictures making \$75.00 a week. He also said that most of the early movies were filmed in the Arizona Desert. I asked him if he still lived on his ranch outside of town and he said he and Dale did but they don't have horses anymore because the kids are all grown up and not interested in that anymore. He also remembered pheasant hunting in South Dakota with Joe Foss. He said you live in that cold country up north. As we were ready to leave, I thanked Nancy, his daughter, and told her what a thrill it had been to meet her Dad and how he told me that they still lived on the ranch. She smiled and said that Dad tells everyone that but they actually live in a condo on the golf course down the street from here.

I think most people have heroes they look up to (bigger than life heroes), at least I hope they do and then if you are lucky enough to meet one, well, it's something you never forget. I wouldn't trade that time we spent with Roy for the same time spent with any President of the United States.

Roy died two years later. He's finally with Trigger and Bullet again and, oh yeah, Gaby Hays too, up there in cowboy heaven.

Editors Response: Myron, I thoroughly enjoyed your Roy Rogers' story and I am sure many of my other readers enjoyed it as much as I did. I also have a story about meeting Mr. Rogers and my story portrays him just as your's did, that of him being a super nice, kind, gentle and congenial gentleman.

Myron, I don't know if you know this or not, but after leaving USD in 1961 I began competing in rodeos, and for the next 16 years I competed in 70 to 100 rodeos a year. During that time I produced, hosted and competed in a weekly half hour syndicated TV show called, "*Rodeo USA*".

When I first met Mr. Rogers, the year was 1966 and "*Rodeo USA*" was running every Wednesday evening at 8PM throughout Southern California. I always competed in the Bulldogging, (or Steer Wrestling) event, and when I met Mr. Rogers I was competing at the San Bernardino County Fair Rodeo which is held in Victorville, CA. I was just headed for the contestant parking area to warm up my bulldogging horse when I heard someone call my name. I turned around and saw someone climbing over a fence and waving at me.

Well like you say, it was unexpected thrill of a lifetime. It was Roy Rogers himself! He told me that he had asked where he could find me so he could tell me how much he enjoyed watching "*Rodeo USA*". My show always ran opposite, "*Batman*", on Wednesday nights which was one of the highest rated shows on the air that year. So needless to say, I was always kind of surprised that anyone watched my little privately produced show.

But here was one of the biggest stars in the world climbing over a fence to say hello to me! WOW! Mr. Rogers walked with me to get my horse and we had a truly delightful and memorable conversation (memorable to me anyway), while I saddled my horse. It was truly a wonderful experience for me.

I was also a huge Gene Autry fan while growing up in Oklahoma before my family moved to Sioux Falls in 1947. I finally got to meet Mr Autry for the first time in 1973. Again, I found him to be as much of a class gentleman as I found Mr. Rogers to be. I had the opportunity to spend a lot more time with Gene and get to know him much better than I did with Mr. Rogers. One of my favorite stories about Gene was about an evening I spent with him in Oklahoma City and had the dubious distinction of putting him to bed after a night of drinking too much.

Jack Phillips '54



Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, 1964.

I didn't know either of them at the time but I was lucky enough to be present when the above photo was taken in "Nudie's Western Store" in North Hollywood. In the years that followed, Nudie and I became very good friends. He was "THE" western tailor for all of Hollywood's western stars, male and female.

Letters to the & B

Subject: Lettter to O&B from Jill Travers, daughter of Jon Sunde '56.

On Jun 29, 2014, at 9:02 PM, jtraver1@rochester.rr.com wrote:

Dear Jack,

What a beautiful tribute to my dad. He actually wrote his own obit, and you are mentioned in it. To print his obit in our New York paper would cost \$1000, and about \$600 in the Argus Leader for one day. Considering he said "Just pick the cheapest casket they have" when telling me his wishes - I knew almost \$2K for one day of his announcement would bring him back to life long enough to strangle me.

I am going to make cards with the obit that he wrote to give and send to people. I would be happy to send it to you, if you would like to add to your post in the Black and Orange (I can send you the digital copy). It's on my computer, so I can send tomorrow if you're interested. If nothing else, you can see your name in lights.

I am currently on my way to Sioux Falls to tend to the final loose ends. I meant to be there days ago; but, I have been really sick. I am on the mend now.

Again, I think what you posted is wonderful. I know he is loving it.

I will be in touch,

Jill D. Travers



**Jon Sunde '56
WHS Soph. Photo**

Sunde, Jon D.; Penfield, NY: Sunday June 22, 2014, at age 75, surrounded by his wife and daughter after a courageous battle with cancer. Predeceased by parents Mel and Tilly of Sioux Falls, SD. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Marilyn; daughter Jill (Terry) Travers; beloved GRANDson and namesake, Jon; two sisters, Deaun Andersen and Marilyn Nelson both of Sioux Falls, SD; brother, Will Sunde of Bothell, WA; and several nieces and nephews.



**Jon enjoying himself
at the 2010 All School Reunion**

Jon was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD, attended Mark Twain grade school, graduated from Washington High School in 1956, served in the United States Army from 1956-58, attended South Dakota State University from 1958 until the summer of 1963 graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in August of that year, following in his brother Will's footsteps.

Following graduation Jon joined the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis, MO as a test equipment design engineer working on the Phantom F4 Airplane. Lured by a faster pace, Jon joined the General Electric Company, Audio Products Division in Decatur, IL as Engineer/Manager of Quality Control. Again, the challenge of the market led him to join Hershey Malone & Associates, a Consulting Engineering firm in Rochester, NY for 17 years. He was then persuaded by a client of the firm to join Fairport Electric, their Municipal Electric System where he served as Engineer, Deputy Manager and General Manager prior to retiring in 2005.

Jon immensely enjoyed he and Marilyn's unique home in Penfield, NY, situated on a pond with nearby woods providing year round exchange of wildlife, including: ducks, geese, herons, deer, fox, and many other four legged creatures on a daily basis. He also enjoyed his computers, and maintaining contact with friends from all phases of his life. He especially appreciated Jack Phillips and his work on the Washington High School Orange and Black.

Jon comfortably co-existed with both prostate and lung cancer for over 15 years. He was still able to enjoy life, as well as travel the country. Three surgeries slowed the progress of both, perhaps snuffing out the lung cancer and delaying the prostate cancer for over almost two decades. All of which was done with the help of the talented and caring folks of Strong Memorial Hospital, the Wilmont Cancer Center, and those in the palliative/hospice care unit.

Jon's wishes were to have no services, and be "buried on the prairie" at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls, SD. Private interment in South Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to "Canine Companions" www.cci.org (Northeast Region). Miller Family Campus 286 Middle Island Road Medford, NY 11763. Note: "From Friends of July."

Jennings, Nulton & Mattle

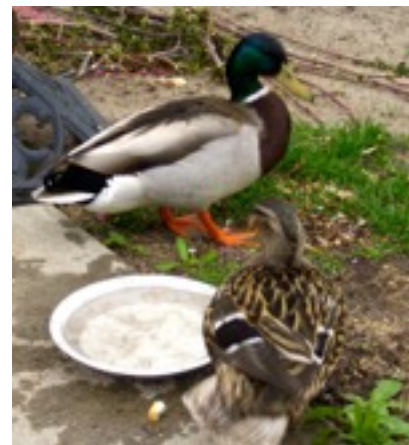
On May 20, 2014, at 9:39 PM, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Jack, here's a little story we have to share with you and the O&B if you wish to. It is also being shared with many others.

Here are our wild/tame ducks that are with us almost all day! They have returned every year for about 3 years. They are Mallards and are beautiful. Donald loves to peck away at my car tires and hub caps or the basement windows. Daisy just watches. Every morning about 6 am they are outside our bedroom window and let us know they are there to eat. We feed them corn, some bread crumbs, and make sure they have sufficient water throughout the day. Daisy had set one nest and had 8 eggs in the nest. However a dog or racoon found the nest and the eggs were destroyed. She will reset. When the duckys hatch, they will imprint on mama and, as she did last year, she will parade them down our side lot and head for the river. We follow them and stop the traffic on Kiwanis Avenue to allow the family to get across the street. They are truly a masterpiece of nature's art.



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo



Royce Adams '58

And we love the O&B you create. It is harder to open but we get it done.

Dee and Me

Sorry,
No Photo of
Jeff Kayl '69.
No '69 Warrior
available.

On May 22, 2014, at 4:20 PM, **Jeff.Kayl '69** [@everestre.com](mailto:everestre.com) wrote:

Jack, thank you so much for putting together this edition of the O&B. It's very inspiring; I shared with my grand kids. Ed Note: Jeff is referring to Issue #5-14 - WHS Living Heroes.

Jeff Kayl '69,
West New York, NJ

On May 22, 2014, **Vicki Brubaker '59** BRUBAKERCHEER@COMCAST.NET wrote:

Jack - Just a short note to let you know how pleased I was over our (really "your") latest O&B publication. I forget to tell you sometimes how much I enjoy reading the news from all. When I think how you first started this out and there were like 3 of us that wrote you a few words of encouragement and our appreciation and NOW - well now, every time I talk to a classmate via e-mail or phone etc. we always come around to talking about the O&B and that when I see that you've sent it, I feel just like I did on Fridays when the publication came out at school!!!! It was really cool then and you've made it really, really cool now Jack.



Vicki Brubaker '59
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks again. I particularly enjoyed this Memorial Day issue. I keep thinking I can come up with some stories of interest, but then I don't know how to transfer any pictures from my phone to the computer and then pass on to you #\$\$%^&*()&*())_ I get sooooooooooooo frustrated with myself and then really do a number on myself (like any 3 year old you see walking down the street knows how to do this Vicki, how come you can't do it????????????????).

Have a great Memorial Day; with thoughts of love to you and yours at this special time.

Vicki Brubaker '59

On May 22, 2014, **Elsie O'Connor Beck '50** [<az.popeye6@cox.net>](mailto:az.popeye6@cox.net) wrote:

Jack---Thank you so much for the great tribute to these two heros. Because I graduated in 1950, I did not know either of them but loved reading about their accomplishments. You do a great job for my old alma mater---WHS. Sincerely, **Elsie O'Connor Beck '50**



Elsie O'Connor '50
WHS Senior Photo



On May 22, 2014, **donald knutson '54** <dok@dslextre.me> wrote:
 Very nice write-up by Jack Phillips, the gentleman I call the glue that holds all of us classmates together. The caption under the picture of my F-86 Sabre jet is not from Vietnam but Williams AFB, AZ in 1956. My Vietnam tour started in June 1966. All else is right on the money. <WHS O&B #5-14 WHS Living Heroes.eml>
Don Knutson '54

left: Don Knutson '54, WHS Senior Photo.



On May 23, 2014, **paul anderson '56** <karslop@outlook.com> wrote:
 Loren Just read Jack Phillips article in the WHS O & B (Loren Little Story in Issue #5-14), about your Army life. An excellent article and well deserved. I do have one comment regarding the article. You sure were skinny then, and with lot more hair. I'll be up to Vegas shortly and if you want, I'll see if we can get Jack for lunch. **Paul Anderson[56]**

left; Paul Anderson '56, WHS Senior Photo.



On May 23, 2014, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:
 Nice edition, Jack. (Issue #5-14), I always enjoy it. I knew Whitey, Gene and Sam (and Gene's widow, who is the sister of a fraternity brother of mine) and am always proud to read about them.
 Thanks for helping to keep their memories alive.
Don Noordsy '58

left: Don Noordsy '58, WHS Senior Photo.

On May 23, 2014, at 4:34 PM, **Doug Aldrich '57** <doug.aldrich@comcast.net> wrote:
 Jack, Your Memorial Day issue is always touching. I told you some time ago that Sam Fantle and I were in Mark Twain's 3rd grade together all the way through 8th. We had different activities at WHS, but he was always a great person to be around. When he told me of his plans to go to U of Michigan in Ann Arbor, that was so far away....and then I lived in that state 30 years. Your pictures of our military's cemeteries around the world show places Americans should visit whenever the opportunity occurs. My father was killed in France while in Patton's army, and buried at Lorraine, which I've been to twice. My four children have been there too. You cannot believe the honor and reverence given to those interred and missing in action. It is a most moving experience, whether or not a family member is buried there.



Doug Aldrich '57
 WHS Senior Photo

Anyone with relatives or friends in those cemeteries can contact ABMC and arrange for flowers to be placed, especially on Memorial Day. A picture of the grave and a copy of the day's program will be sent to the donor. It was 70 years ago for my father's death, and my special donation this year was easy to accomplish.

You don't want to dwell too long on personal loss, but my mother moved us to Sioux Falls where I grew up, then attended SD Mines, there met my wife, and had our lives unfold wonderfully from there. But my family never forgets....

Doug Aldrich, '57

On May 23, 2014, at 4:43 PM, **Sally Taylor Bjorge '55** <sbjorge@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, I live not far from Arlington Cemetery. I live even closer to a little known cemetery called Alexandria National Cemetery where the remains of some identified and some unidentified Revolutionary War soldiers are buried.

In 2003 I was asked to help with the reception after the burial of the remains of a crew of Vietnam vets lost when their plane was flying over Laos. It had been trying to escape enemy fire and climb out of a valley, over the mountain. Instead, it crashed into that mountain and the crew became MIAs. Their remains were finally found and identified, some by the engraving on their wedding rings.

It was a truly humbling experience to attend their burial, then ...serve a light meal after the service. And my heart was torn when I learned that - because so much time had passed - some of those men didn't have family to remember them.

I was prompted to write a poem for those men, and others like them... it was read at the funeral. Then the chaplain asked if he could use it on other occasions. Of course my answer was yes. After reading the recent Orange and Black, it seems like an appropriate occasion to share the poem again. It is titled 'My Name is America.'

Sally Taylor Bjorge '55

Editors Note: Dear Sally, such a beautiful letter and beautiful poem! Thank you for sharing them both with us. And, thank you for the service you give to The Alexandria National Cemetery.

MY NAME IS AMERICA BY SALLY BJORGE

My Name is America. I have long shores, tall mountains, broad plains and few deserts.

My cities teem with people, my country sides are lush with trees and lakes and crops.

My people came from everywhere to work and smile. I blessed them with bounty.

Their children are so eager to learn and laugh as they dance the rhythms of life.

I teach them my many songs of freedom, and feed them hope for tomorrow.

I teach them lessons on life and liberty, what must be done to preserve it.

I tell them to look beyond themselves to seek justice and peace for all.

I sift all responses and call only those with ears to hear, eyes to see.

I plumb those young bodies to find that extra measure of courage.

I hold my breath as they go on the missions of peace and hope.

I shudder and weep when my precious child dies out there.

I remember each of their smiles, and all of their dreams.

They lived and they died so my hope would live within others.

I am America. I have long shores, tall mountains, broad plains and few deserts.

I am home to all who honor me and my freedom, all who give their lives to maintain me.

Welcome home my child, you were away too long. My green grasses and my trees missed you.

Now you rest deep within my bosom, safely within my peace, and I will cradle your passions forever.

MY NAME IS AMERICA.



On May 23, 2014, at 5:24 PM, **Ms Gail Norbraten '57** <gnorbraten@yahoo.com> wrote:



Your Memorial Day newsletter was much appreciated. The only one I knew personally was Sam Fantle. It makes me proud to be an American and a South Dakotan. Sioux Falls is the best place to be from and I miss it and enjoy your newsletters. You should print the stories of the men and women who went to war and survived. They all should know how much we admire them for serving our country. The families of the ones you wrote about today should know we weep for their loss.

Gail Norbraten '57 Gail, for stories on war survivors see WHS O&B #5-14.

left; Gail Norbraten '57, WHS Junior Photo

On May 23, 2014, **Duane O'Connell, Cathedral '60** <oconnellduane17@gmail.com> wrote:



Hi Jack, again thanks for the tribute to all of our people who gave their lives for us. We need to see and read about these people every year at this time to remind us who are real heroes are. Not some 7-1 jock dunking a basketball. As usual I (and everyone else) look forward to your editions and do realize what a great job you do for us. Thanks again Jack.

Duane O'Connell, Cathedral '60

On May 24, 2014, **Duane O'Connell, Cathedral '60**

<oconnellduane17@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi again Jack, I have been aiming to do this for a long time so here it is below. I did not consult you beforehand because you would have tried to talk me out of it. You can kick my ass when you come back this Fall if you want to. BUT I think this is such a unique thing you do and the time you put into it is mind boggling I think. I feel the readers of the Argus should be graced with a great personal home grown ol' 50's story and the camaraderie that still exists. Let me know what develops from this. Have a good weekend Jack.

Duane O'Connell, Cathedral '60

Editors Note: Duane, as always you are extremely thoughtful and I thank you. Just so you know, I have been contacted by Argus Leader reporter, Jill Callison '73, about doing a story on the Orange & Black. Hopefully the exposure will make lots more WHS Alumni aware of the O&B and increase the number of subscribers even more. You are a nice guy. Thanks, Jack

On May 24, 2014, **Laurice Houck Iseminger '55** <kmminger@sio.midco.net> wrote:



Laurice Houck '55
WHS Senior Photo

Thank you, Jack, for the wonderful edition for Memorial Day. It is well done. I knew Roger Axlund as he graduated with me and I also knew Gene Kimmel from Emerson school. He was a year younger than I am. I hate to admit I have a birthday coming up on June 1st. I graduated in '55. Chuck Houck was my brother as well as Roger Houck. Chuck still runs 1/2 Marathons. One of these days I will send you my story.

Laurice Houck Cook Iseminger '55



Chuck Houck '50
WHS Senior Photo



Roger Houck '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



On May 24, 2014, **Ramona Evans Wanger '56**

ramonadesignz@suddenlink.net wrote:

Jack, I need to tell you how blessed I was to read all the accolades for the men who have served our country and were graduates of WHS. They made me so proud to have known some of them and renewed my pride in my country the USA. Thanks again for this worthwhile endeavor you have undertaken.

Ramona Evans Wanger, '56

left: Ramona Evans '56, WHS Senior Photo



On May 26, 2014, **Lolita Johnson Larson '52** <llarson34@sio.midco.net> wrote:



Lolita Johnson '52
WHS Senior Photo

Jack – Since **Wally Klawiter '52, Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52**, and I recently reviewed and updated out class of '52 records, it seemed like a good time to check yours.
I'm sending 5 obits that fell through the cracks.
Also please note that your listing for Henrietta Rose is in the "H" spot in error. (Corrected, thank you.)
I'm enjoying your O&B and marvel at the time and effort it must take!
Lolita Johnson Larson '52



Wally Klawiter '52
WHS Senior Photo



Betty Holmoe '52
WHS Senior Photo

The Five Deceased Classmates Lolita Sent The O&B Are Listed Below.

All Five Names Have Been Added To The O&B's Master Deceased List For The Class of '52



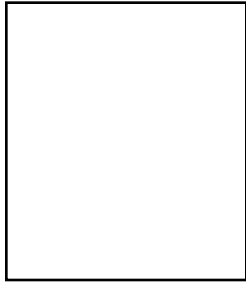
Dr. Richard Estensen '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



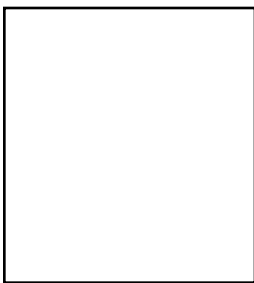
Della Oveson Hyllested '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Nancy Nystrom Koller '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Marjorie Jensen Curriere '52
No Photo Avail.
Deceased



DeVonna Hartsook Scott '52
No Photo Avail.
Deceased

Thanks so much Lolita!



Gary Peterson '58
WHS Senior Photo

On May 26, 2014, **Gary '58 & Jill Peterson** <getuorganized@verizon.net> wrote:

Jack, Just wanted to let you know there is another name to add to the deceased list for the class of 58. It is James Stewart. James passed away in a nursing home in Sioux Falls a few years ago. I'm sorry I cannot give you more details, but we were pen pals since the fiftieth reunion and when I did not hear back from my last letter, I called and they told me he had passed away.

Thanks again for all you do for the WHS classes of the fifties....

Jill Peterson, wife of Gary, Class of 58

Ed Note: Thanks Jill. I hear more from you than Gary. Please send me your senior photo from wherever you attended high school and I will run it with Gary's in the future. Jack



On May 24, 2014, at 7:01 AM, Chris '54 and Bev
<chrisnbev2@myfairpoint.net> wrote:

Jack. I can't thank you enough for the beautiful tribute you published to honor our fallen heroes and those who served our country. Yes, it brought tears to my eyes and we must always remember the sacrifices these brave men and women made for our freedom.

Thank you for this wonderful remembrance!

M.J. 'Chris' Christensen '54

left: Chris Christensen '54 WHS Junior Photo

On Jun 6, 2014, at 4:38 PM, **Glenn Gulbranson '54** g.gulbranson@juno.com wrote:

Jack, After sending a snail mail letter to John Frederickson's cousin, Clair, in Irene, SD on May 27, Clair called me last night and informed me that John passed away on 30 Dec 2013. He did not have an obituary for me, but he said he would send me one if he located one. Clair gave me the telephone number of his older brother, James (Jim) E Frederickson (born 1929). His number is 909-224-2293. This looks like an Ontario, CA cell phone number. Clair said we could call him for further information.

John Milton Frederickson, 79, of Nampa, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2014, at a Meridian hospital. A memorial service will be held at noon Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 8 S. Midland Blvd., Nampa, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of the

Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. 442-8171

Published in Idaho Press Tribune on Jan. 9, 2014

Glenn Gulbranson '54



Glenn Gulbranson '54
WHS Senior Photo



John Frederickson '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

On Jun 16, 2014, at 7:24 PM, **Keith Hill '50** <kwhill@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack... I believe I dropped the ball on Bob Beck's obit. Mary Ann asked me about it this evening!! Bob was living in Worthington, MN. and I don't believe the obit appeared in th eArgus.

Keith Hill '50

left: Keith Hill '50, WHS Senior Photo



On Jul 7, 2014, at 10:22 AM, **Paul Anderson '58** guypithecus@hush.com wrote:

Jack and Chris,

My cousin is the Donald A. in the Irving Grade School picture. His name at the time was Don Anderson and he lived on Spring between 7th and 8th Streets. His mother, my aunt, married a Paulson and his name changed to Don Paulson. He graduated from WHS and passed away a few years ago.

Paul Anderson, '58

left: Paul Anderson '58, WHS Senior Photo



On Jun 29, 2014, at 10:32 AM, **Robert Amundson '56** <amundson@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Bob Amundson '56 is writing about the passing of Jon Sunde '56

i first met this individual when i transferred from longfellow to mark twain and marveled at how much money he received in tips at christmas from his paper route as time goes by it is obvious that the type of person he was he earned these tips based on hie work ethics i also spent considerable time at pool hall with jon and the other outstanding citizens who played pill pool so you could feast at hamburger inn one last memory i have of jon as we followed our different career paths was when i hearing a case as a trial judge in sioux falls a fellow stuck his head in the door and at a recess came to my office in back of courtroom and said after 30 plus years i bet you don't remember me and i replied jon how could i ever forget you and even after this sad news i still will not forget the paper carrier i met in



Bob Amundson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Jon Sunde '56
WHS Soph. Photo
Deceased

1950.

Bob Amundson '56

On Jun 17, 2014, at 7:02 PM, **Chad Hoyme '52**

<cehoyme@icloud.com> wrote:

The Viehweg's, Frank's, Hoyme's
Chad Hoyme '52

Editor's Note: Photo was taken at Bar Harbor Restaurant recently on Gull Lake near Brainerd, MN.

seated l to r: Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54, Bill Frank '52, Sharon Johnson Frank '54.

standing l to r: Chad Hoyme '52, Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54, Dick Viehweg '53.



On Jul 2, 2014, **Duane O'Connell, Cathedral '60** <oconnellduane17@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, I have been meaning to contact you earlier about the passing of Don Kent who I think may have graduated from WHS in '53. I know he started school at CHS but ended up at Washington. I have seen a '52 yearbook of WHS and he is on the football team that year. I'm sorry I don't have the photos that you require but I think some people from that era would be interested to know of Don's passing. I wish I was as efficient as Don Noordsy but if I can supply you with a scoop now and then I hope that helps.

Don died June 3rd in Waukesha WI. and the obit is in the Milwaukee Journal at that time.

Have a good 4th and stay cool. We are trying to stay dry here. Take care Jack.

Duane. Any questions let me know.

Duane O'Connell, Cathedral '60



Duane O'Connell '60
Cathedral Senior Photo



Don Kent '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 29, 2014, at 5:35 AM, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57** <marlysanna@aol.com> wrote:



Marlys Ahrendt '57
WHS Senior Photo



Mavis Larson '55
WHS Senior Photo

Good morning Jack,
Some of these obits bring the tears . . . and this one did. I knew his older sister Deaun . . . have lost touch with her over the years also.
Joe Floyd has agreed to let the all-school reunion visit his car collection. We have had many e-mails back and forth. His daughter and husband gutted an old church in Canton and made it into a home - gorgeous the last



Sharon Frank '53
WHS Senior Photo



Joe Floyd '54
WHS Senior Photo

time I saw it. Joe has invited me to visit his daughter and husband this coming month as they are going to be in there and see the finished product! Canton was hard hit with flooding when 9" of rain fell. All roads to Canton were blocked and many basements were flooded. When his son-in-law got there this past weekend, he found 6" of water in the basement. The plans were to finish the basement - don't know if that was done however. Canton Lutheran Church, where I'm on the council, had 3' of water in the main basement and 6' in the boiler room. A big mess!!!! Since we now live in SF, I am going to resign and let the younger people figure this one out!!!

Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57

Ed. Note: Thanks to Marlys and several others like Mavis Larson Carl '55 and Sharon Frank Johnson '53 plans for the next ALL SCHOOL REUNION are moving right along. The dates are Sept. 18, 19 and 20, 2015. See story later in this newsletter. And,,, thanks to you Joe for letting us view your car collection. I am continually hearing how very impressive it is. Jack



Paul Anderson '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 7, 2014, **Paul Anderson '58** guypithecus@hush.com wrote:

Jack and Chris, My cousin is the Donald A. in the Irving Grade School picture. His name at the time was Don Anderson '55, and he lived on Spring between 7th and 8th Streets. His mother, my aunt, married a Paulson and his name changed to Don Paulson. He graduated from WHS and passed away a few years ago.

Paul Anderson, '58



Don Anderson '55
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 10, 2014, **Jim Redfield '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: I missed most of the last edition because of the interest in my non-survivor year group list, The article about Emerson & Ms. Linter really got my attention & jogged my memory as well. **Jean Ann** (Redfield Kraft '54) & I both went to Emerson and I really liked that old gal but was respectful of her. She was always fair & I had occasion to be sent to her "office" for something or other I'd done out of line. She did call on me when I was at Washington High School taking a class in printing when she needed immediate help in getting a graduation diploma printed that had been forgotten & not realized until the night before the ceremony. I went to my teacher,



Jean Redfield '54
WHS Senior Photo

whose name I've forgotten, & we fixed her up & I delivered it the next day - she was very grateful. Sometimes I remember things, with help!

Thanx Jack, Ed. Note: Jim, I always enjoy hearing from you. Thanks for writing. Jack

Jim Redfield '50

On Jun 20, 2014, at 2:31 PM, Dan Nachel <drachelnachel@frontier.com> wrote:



Beverly Barton '55
WHS Senior Photo

My wife and I were totally shocked when she discovered she was on the deceased list. My wife's maiden name is Beverly Barton and she graduated in 1955.

She married Dan Nachel, class of 51` in 1957. We moved from SF to Albuquerque, NM in 1958 and later moved to Brookings, Oregon in 1966 where we opened a photo studio. Over the years it grew into a full fledged camera and one-hour lab which we ran till we retired in 2003. We live the same house we purchased in 1969 which is located about 6 blocks from the ocean beach.

We discovered the error when I had gone to check on a close friend who I worked with at the Barrel, Dewey Floren. Unfortunately he was on the deceased list.

I'm sure my wife would appreciate a correction regarding her health.

Thanks again, Daniel J Nachel, PO Box 1238, Brookings, Oregon 97415.



Dan Nachel '51
WHS Senior Photo

Editor's Response:

Dear Dan and Beverly,

Beverly, I just can not tell you how sorry I am that your name has been appearing on the class of '55's deceased list in the Alumni version of the O&B that I publish. I have gone back through all of my records from the very beginning of me publishing the deceased list for the class of 1955 and unfortunately, your name has appeared on every single one of them.

In early 2010 I expanded my O&B coverage to include all ten years of the fifties decade and the first list for 1955 was mailed out on May 30, 2010 and your name was on it. Originally, the names for each class's deceased list was supplied to me by different individuals from each class and your name was on one of those very first lists.

I am just so terribly sorry, but I assure you I have happily already removed your name from the class of '55's list.

Please know that I take the responsibility of trying to maintain each class's list in a most serious and dedicated manner. I feel it is almost like a sacred trust and I do not take it lightly. Even though I truly regret the very few mistakes that have been made like this, it is one of my real joys when I have been able to remove a name from a list.

I hope you will understand and please forgive me.

Sincerely,

Jack Phillips '54

On Jul 16, 2014, at 8:26 AM, Elsie O'Connor Beck '50 <az.popeye6@cox.net> wrote:

Dear Jack---I have lost many dear friends lately but was especially sad to hear of **Dale Norstrum's** death. I have thought of him often in the past few years. He was one of my favorite people at WHS and a homeroom buddy in **Joy Hamrin's** class. Ms. Hamrin wrote to me often after retirement and mentioned Dale a few times. There are some people who make a real impact in your life and he was one of them. Sincerely, **Elsie O'Connor Beck 1950**



Elsie O'Connor '50
WHS Senior Photo

Editor's Note: Dear Elsie, I just wanted you to know that Dale Norstrom's last name was misspelled in the Special Edition I did on him. I took the spelling of, "Norstrum" for his last name from his senior yearbook and it was wrong. The correct spelling is "Norstrom". My apologies for this

glaring mistake and I thank all of you who wrote letting me know of my mistake. Sorry, but no photo is available of Dale.

Jack



Ms. Joy Hamrin
WHS Mathematics Teacher
From 1950 Warrior

On Jul 17, 2014, at 6:52 PM, **Jim Brown '56** <gidocjb@gmail.com> wrote:

Your mention of the Idle Hour brought back a lot of memories. I hung out there a lot and had my own cue , which I still have. My folks had Brown's Shoes across from the high school . I remember on the Monday and Friday evenings when the store was open I could take 25 cents and go to the Hamburger Inn and have a burger and a coke and have money left over to play the pinball machine and some times win some \$. After that it was snooker , billiards or pool. Life was good. Thanks for bringing up thees memories. **Jim Brown '56**

left: Dr. Jim Brown, WHS Senior Photo



On May 29, 2014, **Mary Sampson Bertschmann** Huguenot Society <hugsoc@verizon.net> wrote:

Hello:

My name is **Mary Sampson Bertschmann**. I was in the class of 1950 at Washington High School. I live and work in Manhattan, that's New York City, and am the Executive Director of the Huguenot Society of America, a Private Foundation. I was just speaking via telephone to my high school companion, **Marian Strain '50**, and we would both like to receive newsletters. I believe she will be contacting you as well. My e-mail address is mysbertschmann@gmail.com.

Thank you and kindest regards,

Mary Sampson Bertschmann '50



Mary Sampson '50
WHS Senior Photo



Marian Strain '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 6, 2014, **Betsy Adams Wright '58**

<lizw841@yahoo.com> wrote:

Jack, Thanks again for all you do in keeping up with all the information for the lists and newsletters. It is a wonderful service you do.

I graduated in '58 and noticed that my sister's name **Dorothy Adams** (Trindel) class of 1950 was not listed. Her husband probably did not send the information - I don't have an obituary for her but she passed on May 1, 2011 and was

born April 21, 1932.

Betsy Adams Wright '58



Betsy Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo



Dorothy Adams '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 6, 2014, at 10:31 AM, **Jim & Pam Damm '58**

<jldamm@cableone.net> wrote:

Jack, Thanks for your continued work on the O&B. Reading the **Myron Lee '59** articles bring back some great memories. I've often wondered what became of Myron Sax player whom I thought was very good, I think his name was **Barry Andrews '59**.

Stop anytime you are our way.

Jim Damm '58 Prescott AZ 928-533-6801



Jim Damm '58
WHS Senior Photo



Barry Andrews '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 6, 2014, at 12:37 PM, **Gene Tornow '52** <grtornow@sio.midco.net> wrote:



Gene Tornow '52
WHS Senior Photo

Hello Jack, I just read the current obituary list that you so graciously send out; it is always a pleasure to receive any and all editions of the Orange and Black. I would like to make one addition to the 1950 list:

Dale E. Norstom, a 1950 WHS graduate, died 27 June 2014 at the Morningside Manor in Alcester, SD. The funeral was held at the First Congregational Church, Sioux Falls, on 01 July 2014. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Dale's service was handled by Heritage Funeral Home in Sioux Falls; their website is: www.heritagesfsd.com. I'm sorry that I cannot send you an obituary card; don't have the facilities to do that.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Gene Tornow Class of 1952



Nancy Schneiderman '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 8, 2014, **Nancy Schneiderman Cummings '56** jonacum@sio.midco.net wrote:

Dear Jack: You forgot to add Joyce Ageton Nelson from Litchfield, Minn. Died 5-26-2014 to our class of '56 list. Ed. Note: Thanks Nancy for informing me of Joyce's passing. I have now added her name to the O&B's master deceased list for your class of '56. Jack

Nancy Schneiderman Cummings '56



Joyce Ageton '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

On Jul 10, 2014, **Vicki Brubaker '59** BRUBAKERCHEER@COMCAST.NET wrote:

Jack, AS ALWAYS, OUTSTANDING O&B STORIES! I don't know how you keep up with this project!!!! I so wish I could do something to assist you - but while you're in Vegas and I'm in Florida - it makes it a bit "distant".....Anyway, the articles and stories were so interesting....I love **Myron** (Myron Lee Wachendorf "59) - he was and still is a very kind man and his music was/is GREAT. I'm afraid I don't know anyone that graduated in the 60's --- was surprised to see an article in there...but that's ok - great to hear from anyone who graduated from WHS!!!!

I saw that darling **Ron Beck '57** was still in the guys of '57'....I saw that **Terry Robinson '57** was not pictured this time and I certainly hope it was only because he couldn't make it for their get together. Both those guys

are great. I wish I could contact Ron Beck and/or Terry just to say Hey - but you're not running a find a friend site here - but maybe they'll put their e-mail in the O&B, or get permission from you for me to send a note....great, fun memories with both those guys.

I definitely will be at the **All School Reunion in 2015**.....I plan on contacting Marlysanna at her e-mail and sharing some fun memories. Anyway, I've circled the date and I'll PLAN on meeting you at that time for sure! Jack - do you see what a wonderful project you've put together here??? You've brought together so many, many wonderful memories for all of us who attended WHS in the 50's. I guess it was truly a great time to be in high school as we produced guys like you who become "involved"....and CONGRATS ON YOUR HALL OF FAME INDUCTION!!!

Vicki Brubaker, Class of 59'

Ed. Note: Thanks Vicki. You always write such nice letters and I appreciate them. Who ever told you that I don't run a, "Find A Friend Site"? Totally untrue! I am so happy when I can put old friends together again and I get the opportunity about once a week. Ron's address is, beckparadoxr@speednet.com and Terry's address is, terryl39@aol.com. Jack



Vicki Brubaker '59
WHS Senior Photo



Ron Beck '57
WHS Senior Photo



Terry Robinson '57
WHS Senior Photo

Sorry, No
Photo
of Tom

On Jul 10, 2014, **TOM BATCHELLER '64** <tbatch@msn.com> wrote:
Jack...I always enjoy reading the O & B. FYI the WSHS Class of '64 is also having their 50th Reunion on September 5-7, 2014.

Tom Batcheller '64

Ed. Note: Thanks for this information Tom. Sioux Falls is going to be a busy city with reunions in Sept. this year.

Reunions the O&B is aware of: **Class of '54, 60th Reunion, Sept. 19, 20 & 21, 2014;**

Class of '59, 55th Reunion, Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 2014

Class of '64, 50th Reunion, Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 2014

**Go
WARRIORS!**



James Stenseth '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 14, 2014, **James '59 and Donna '59 Stenseth**

<cats41@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Did a Legion funeral this morning, and there across the road from us was a tombstone marked 'Honey.' I crossed over and checked it out. One of the headstones was for a Robert Honey, who was a classmate of ours. He died in 1967. I don't follow those things closely, but I didn't know that he had passed. He was a polio survivor or something, as I recall.

Jim Stenseth '59

Ed. Note: Jim, thank you so much for thinking of sending the info. on Robert. The only way I can even begin to keep up and maintain the ten deceased lists from the fifties decade is from the help you just offered. However, I already had Robert's name on the class of '59 list. But again, thank you so much. Jack



Robert Honey '59
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

On Jul 17, 2014, at 7:01 PM, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**

<marlysanna@aol.com> wrote:

Thought you might like to look at this. See how many items you remember!!!

Ahhh, memories. <http://safeshare.tv/w/FEDewZHZXu>

Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57

left: Marlys Ahrendt '57, WHS Senior Photo



Editor's Concern

I have a major concern that I would like to share with you. It concerns the time demands I am now feeling. Without a doubt the O&B takes the majority of my time during the month, but my other personal business demands have recently increased considerably and I am growing more and more concerned. I recently purchased a 43,000 sq. ft. shopping center in Modesto, CA and it is demanding much more time and attention than I had anticipated. In addition I still own my 1,500 person nightclub in Modesto, CA and Debra and I still own 13 residential units that we manage and maintain all of except for one. I simply have never felt the pressure of not enough hours in the day as I do now.

My concern is that I feel I am having to rush and take short cuts putting together all of the O&B mailings you receive. One example is that I am finding I just don't have the time to proof read each mailing as carefully as I use to and then later I am finding that I sent out items that contained many more mistakes than I will ever be satisfied with. I apologize to each of you for that. I also worry that I am frequently having to take much longer responding to your correspondence than I feel is acceptable and I apologize to you for that also. In short I feel I am just not putting out as good a product as I use to. By that, please don't think I have ever thought I put out anything close to an award winning product because I don't. But I just want the O&B to be as good as I possibly can make it and I don't feel that has been the case lately. My point is that I want you each to know that I am aware of the situation and I am sure you have noticed it too, but I want to thank you for your tolerance and not complaining about the mistakes too much. Jack

**October 11, 2014
WHS Athletic Hall of Fame
Banquet and Induction**

This years Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday evening, October 11, 2014 in Sioux Falls at the Washington Pavilion. More information will be forthcoming. The 2014 inductees from our decade of the fifties are Mike Gibson '56, in the, "Athlete" category, and Jack Phillips '54, in the, "Contributor" category. This is a most prestigious event. Make plans now to attend.



Mike Gibson '56
WHS Senior Photo
"Athlete"



Jack Phillips '54
WHS Senior Photo
"Contributor"

Class of '59 - 55th Reunion

Sept 5, 6 & 7, 2014

Register NOW!

See Orange & Black Issue #4-14 for all details.

Contact Shirley Kittelson Bock '59

605-290-3345 Shirleybock@gmail.com

Class of '54 - 60th Reunion

Sept. 19, 20 & 21, 2014

Register NOW!

See Orange & Black Issue #4-14 for all details.

Contact John Kittelson '54

kittelson@prodigy.net

2015 ALL SCHOOL REUNION

Sept. 18, 19 & 20, 2015

Reserve these dates on your 2015 calendar. More information will be forthcoming. Mick Zerr, ex WHS teacher and Chairman of the WHS Historical Committee, has reported *that there are efforts under way to organize an "All School Staff Reunion" in Sept. 2015. I think everyone is hoping the two reunions can be held simultaneously.*

Contact Marlys Ahrendt Hohman at marlysanna@aol.com for more information on the All School Reunion, or to help on the organizing committee. More help is needed.

Old Warrior Yearbooks Needed!

Almost every single day I refer to the old WHS yearbooks that you have helped me obtain. But I have a growing need for additional editions. If you have a WHS Warrior from any of the following years I would truly appreciate having them. Please send them to

Jack M. Phillips 2261 Lauren Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134. *Thank you, Jack*

I need 1941, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1948, 1949 and any edition from 1961 and later.



Bob Zimmerman '54
WHS Senior Photo

My Good Friend, Bob Zimmerman '54
Suggests This Might Be A Time

When It's Okay To use a 4-letter Word...

