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CLASS OF '54

65TH REUNION REPORT

Held At The Beautiful New Hilton Garden Inn Downtown
Right On The Sioux River In Sioux Falls, SD, Sept. 4, 5 & 6, 2019

Wednesday Night Cocktail Party

My apologies for not getting photos of everyone on Wednesday night! Wednesday night was the first event of our 65th Reunion and I was so busy enjoying seeing so many dear old friends I completely forgot that I was there to also work taking photos for the O&B. The event was almost over before I remembered I had a job to do and lots of my classmates had already left. Sorry I didn't get everyone's picture. Even though it might cost me my job as official photographer, I sure had a good time! Thank you all for coming and making it such a great reunion.



Reunion Chairman, Jack Kittelson '54 &
Beverly Kaiser, guest of Wayne
Gustafson, enjoying the perfect evening.



Marilynn Hill Viehweg '54, Judy Morstad, widow
of classmate Kent Morstad '54, Marietta Hansen
Shreve '54 & Bob Shreve '55



**Wayne Gustafson '54, Dick Viehweg '53,
Chad Hoyme '52**



Sandy Sona Ellis '54, Milton Riise '54, Bob Ellis



**Dick Sweetman '54, Connie Hammitt '54
& Anne Fuller West '54**



Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54 & Karen Gurley Brown '54



**Dick Viehweg '53, Chad Hoyme '52
& Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54**



**Jean Redfield Kracht '54 &
Lois Rossow Gellerman '54**



Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54 & Sandy Sona Ellis '54



Leonard Blue '54, Dick "Tank" Johnson '54, Worth Christie, Carolyn Berry Christie '54 & Lina Johnson.



Nancy Holm Renner '54 & Wauthena Nelson Brooks '54



Jack Phillips '54, Warner Brown '54 & Wayne Gustafson '54

Special Photo At Right
 Thursday morning, left to right, Les Larson '54, Bob Amundson '56, Wayne Gustafson '54 & Jack Phillips '54 got to visit our old friend and teammate, Don Renner '54, seated.



THURSDAY NIGHT BANQUET



Bob Shreve '55 & Marietta Hansen Shreve '54



Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54 & Chad Hoyme '52



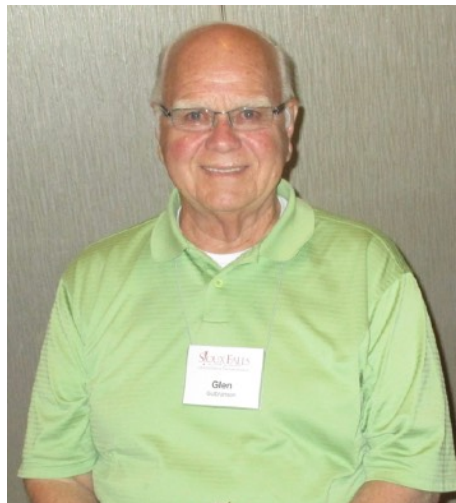
Sandy Sona Ellis '54 & Bob Ellis



Dick Viehweg '53 & Marilynn Hill Viehweg '54



Nancy Holm Renner '54



Glen Gulbranson '54



Milton Riise '54



Beverly Caesar Baartman '54 & Howard Baartman



Sherill Harvey Kinsley '54 & Richard Kinsley



Curtis Keenan '54 & Janet Keenan



Worth Christie & Carolyn Berry Christie '54



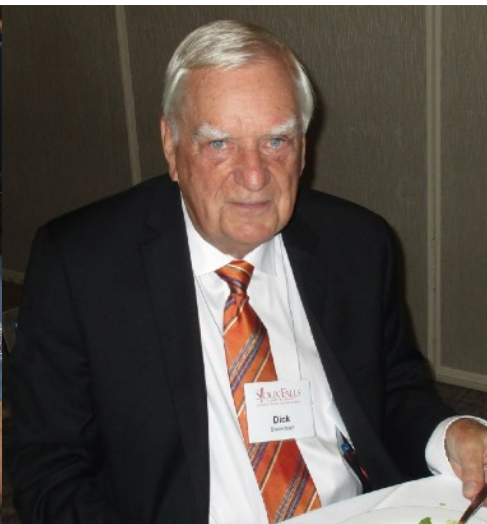
Dick "Tank" Johnson '54 and Lina Johnson



Doris Mitchell & Wayne Mitchell '54



Karen Gurley Brown '54 & Warner Brown '54



Dick Sweetman '54



Chairman, Jack Kittelson '54



Bev Kaiser & Wayne Gustafson '54



Bud Olson '54 & June Olson



**Lois Rossow Gellerman '54, Connie Hammitt
Zimmerman '54 & Jean Redfield Kracht '54**



**Jack Phillips '54 &
Joyce McFarland Howes '54**



Joyce McFarland Howes '54 & Tom Howes '53



Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54 & Judy Morstad



Anne Fuller West '54 & May Kay Houston Moen '54



Lenny Blue '54 & Beverly Blue



Dennis Luce '54



Karol Kittelson '56 & Joan Nason Kittelson '54



Marilyn Modica & Darrell Modica '54



Adrienne Grillet Hartman '54 & William Hartman



Carol Capen Reistroffer '54

LAST CLASS OF '54 REUNION?

Sadly, there was much conversation at our 65th Reunion that it most likely would be our last reunion. If it was the last it was truly a fun and memorable one.

MUCH THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE!

65th Reunion Banner



If it was our last reunion, it was most appropriate that our chosen leader from the very beginning, Wayne Gustafson, serve as our most capable Master of Ceremony. In 1953 we elected Wayne as our Student Body President and our Homecoming Marshall, two of the highest honors we could bestow on him. Now, he most ably served as MC for probably our last official function. Thanks Wayne for being our capable leader for 65 years.

And now, the end is near
And so we face the final curtain
We faced it all & we stood tall
We were the class of '54 & WE DID IT OUR WAY

We've loved, we've laughed & cried
We had our fill, our share of winning & losing
Yes, we faced it all & we stood tall
We were the class of '54 & WE DID IT OUR WAY

After everyone in attendance formed an unbroken circle and sang our old school fight song, “*Onward Sioux Falls*” and “*Auld Lang Syne*” for the last time this final toast was made.

A FINAL TOAST ¶

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TO THE COUNTLESS CHERISHED MEMORIES FROM OUR 4 YEARS AT WHS. ¶

TO OUR AGE OF INNOCENCE 65 YEARS AGO. ¶

TO THE NEVER-ENDING LOVE & SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES & TEACHERS ¶

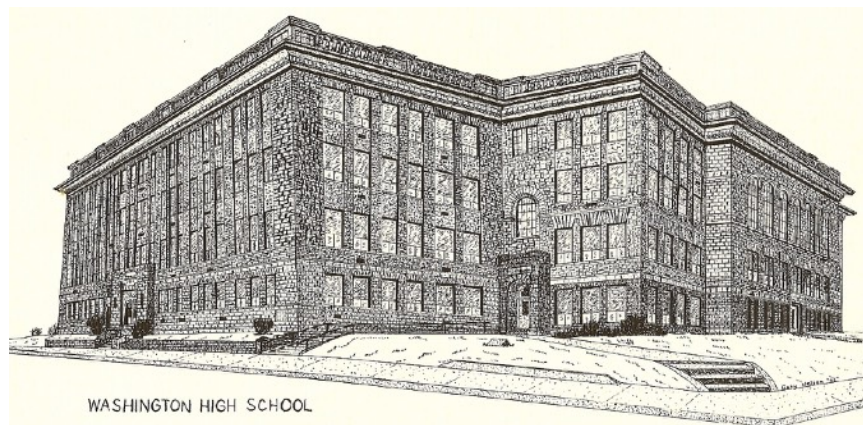
TO OUR LIFELONG BONDS OF FRIENDSHIPS & LOVES ¶

TO OUR VERY SPECIAL TIME & PLACE, THE '50'S & SIOUX FALLS, SD. ¶

TO ALL THE VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE ¶

WASHINGTON HIGH CLASS OF '54. ¶

AND NOW WE TOAST TO OUR SAD & FINAL FAREWELLS!



THE END OF THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK

Sadly it seems that there will be few, if anymore at all, WHS Class Reunions from the Fifties Decade. Thus, this seems to be the logical time to retire the Alumni Orange & Black that I have been publishing for almost 11 years.

I think we all agree that the '50s were a very special time and we were so very fortunate to have grown up and come of age during those magical years. But our numbers are dwindling and I see evidence that our intense interest and reader contributions of those truly special and wonderful years are diminishing.

Therefore, after a great deal of consideration I announced last week at the 65th Reunion of my Class of '54 that the last issue of the O&B would be printed within the next few months.

I sincerely wish to thank each of you for the support and the contributions you have made to the O&B. Just saying “thank you” is totally inadequate to express the deep appreciation I feel inside. I have never professed to being a journalist and have fully realized from the very beginning probably more than anyone of my limitations as a writer. But not one of you have ever pointed out my journalistic short comings. You have always accepted my limited writing skills and I have always greatly appreciated that more than you will ever know. I now thank you for your immense tolerance, acceptance and support.

Jack Phillips '54