

# THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK

NEWSLETTER 

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## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade. Photos and Stories Requested!

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## ELEVEN NEW PATRONS WELCOME AND THANK YOU!



Bob Zimmerman '54  
Deceased  
WHS Senior Photo



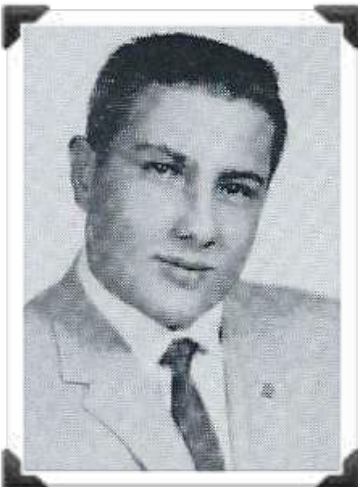
Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54  
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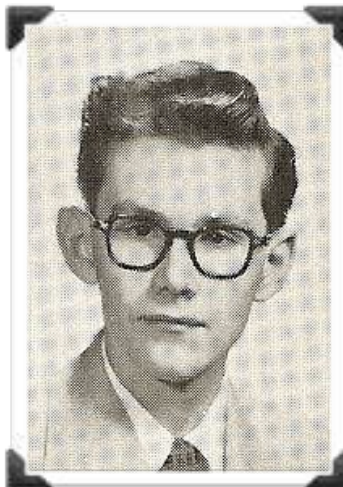
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Judy Morstad  
Sioux Falls, SD



Robert "Bob" Miller '57  
WHS Senior Photo



Joe Floyd '54  
WHS Senior Photo



Debra Philips  
Las Vegas, NV



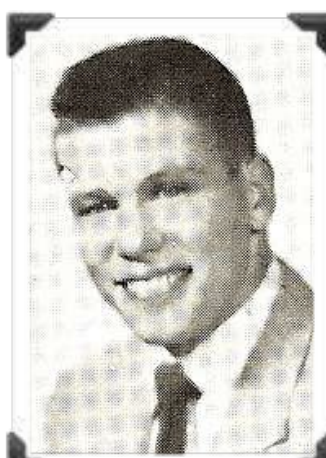
# NEW PATRONS CONTINUED



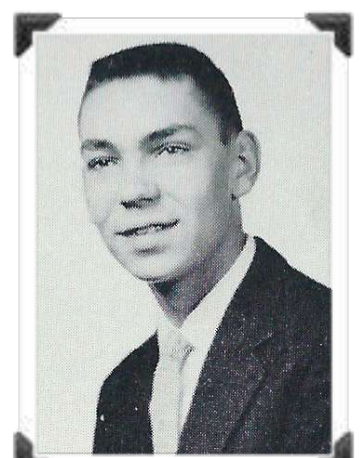
Sharon Johnson Frank '54  
WHS Senior Photo



Bill Frank '52  
WHS Senior Photo



Bud Olson '54  
Deceased  
WHS Senior Photo



Gary Robertson '58  
WHS Senior Photo

Hey Fellows, it's here:

**Back to the  
Campus!**

in a  
One or Two Button

***HOLLYWOOD  
MODEL***

**SUIT**

Gray, Blue and Rust Flannels

**\$45-4950-\$55**

Famous Jantzen Sweaters  
\$7.95 up

Famous Day Cords  
\$7.95

***Hecker's***  
MEN'S STORE

	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
1	1 Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	
2	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	3 Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
4	4 Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
5	5 Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
6	6 Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	March 11, 2020	\$50.00	
7	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	8 Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
9	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	10 Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
11	11 Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
12	12 Dr. Elliot Miller, '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
13	13 Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
14	14 Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
15	15 Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
16	16 James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
17	17 Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
18	18 Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
19	19 Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
20	20 Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
21	21 Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	
22	22 Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	
23	23 Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
24	24 Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	April 15, 2020	\$50.00	
25	25 Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield, Hills, MI	April 14, 2020	\$158.00	

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	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO 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 Thaelke '56 Gibson Reno, NV	April 18, 2020	\$50.00	
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	Marlene Rance '61 Sioux Falls, SD	June 11, 2020	\$100.00	
50	Lloyd '56 & Bernita Hagen '59 Greiner Loveland, CO	June 12, 2020	\$115.00	



	PATRON	DATE		DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	
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 Bymes '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	
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, 2020	\$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	
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

	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
76	SD Chief Justice 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	

**WOW!**

## THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR LOVE & OVERWHELMING SUPPORT!

OVER 250 of you have responded WITH YOUR EMAILS, GET WELL CARDS AND PHONE CALLS SENDING ME YOUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR MY SPEEDY RECOVERY. I ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE READ EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOUR EMAILS AND CARDS AND I SO SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND KINDNESS. I only wish I could ACKNOWLEDGE EACH OF YOU individually AND personally respond to each of you, but unfortunately that is not possible SINCE I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THAT I AM SUPPOSED TO CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS I SPEND WORKING ON A COMPUTER . HA, LOL!

However, there is one of you I feel I must SINGLE OUT and thank, and that is **Dr. Loren Little '59**. Loren has taken the time to first write me a long letter with his professional thoughts and diagnosis. He then spent more of his time on a wonderful phone call and another email sharing more of his thoughts and suggestions. I truly thank you Loren.



Loren Little '59  
WHS Senior Photo

You can see the O&B's Memorial Day tribute to Loren in O&B issue #9-20, dated May 23, 2020 ,entitled,  
*"The O&B Now Salutes The Last Known Living WHS Military Hero From The Great Fifties Decade. Lt. Colonel Loren Little MD, United States Army, Washington High School Class of 1959"*



Lt. Colonel Loren Little  
MD United States Army

**I Sincerely Thank All Of You For Your Love And Support.**

# Patron

## Chief Justice Robert “Bob” Miller Retired



Robert “Bob” Miller '57  
WHS Senior Photo



BOB MILLER  
12817 W. Ballad Drive  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
605-280-1211 (cell)  
[ram576163@gmail.com](mailto:ram576163@gmail.com)

August 26, 2020

Hi, Jack !

I regret being tardy in joining so many other WHS alumni in joining your Patron group. Please accept the enclosed and know that I am eternally grateful to you for all you have done and are doing to keep us informed and up to date. We were so blessed to be raised in the 50s and the reminders you and WHS alums provide are so special!

I was saddened to learn of your health situation! We hope and pray that the issues are speedily resolved. We all understand and appreciate that being an octogenarian can truly be an adventure!

Thanks, high regards and best wishes ! Be safe, my friend !!

Bob Miller ('57)

Thanking the honorable **Robert “Bob” Miller '57**, for his generous WHS O&B Patron donation is indeed an honor for me. I have known Bob since I was in the sixth grade at Emerson and he was in the third grade. I have always considered him to be such a genuinely nice person and good friend with an excess of admirable qualities such as, intelligence, kindness and compassion. He is soft spoken and truly liked and respected by everyone who knows him.

I am happy to say that I have been able to follow Bob's life and career in spurts over the last 72 years and have truly enjoyed watching his position, respect, character, confidence and success grow so immensely over the years.

Bob and I were both enrolled in the University of SD Business School in 1960-61 and were members of the business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi. I recall how impressed I was at how Bob had matured and was so focused on his future. After Business School he then graduated from the USD Law School in 1963. His impressive law and judicial career then began!

I know Ms. Lintner (our Emerson Principal) would be so very proud of him!  
I know I certainly am too!!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Phillips '54  
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**Anna Mae Lintner,  
Our Much Loved & Feared  
Emerson Principal 1950's**







***Chief Justice Robert A. Miller (Ret.)***  
Third District, Pierre

Retired Chief Justice Robert A. Miller was born August 28, 1939, in Aberdeen. He received his business degree from USD in 1961 and his law degree in 1963. After serving two years as an assistant attorney general, he practiced law for six years in Philip, serving as state's attorney and city attorney. He was appointed to the Sixth Circuit bench in 1971 and was presiding judge of the circuit from 1976 until 1986. He received his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1986 and was retained by the voters in the 1990 general election and again in the 1998 general election. He was elected to 4-year terms as Chief Justice by the members of the Supreme Court in 1990, 1994 and 1998. He retired in September 2001. Retired Chief Justice Miller has been President of the State's Attorneys' Association and of the Judges' Association and Chair of the S.D. Retirement System Board of Trustees. He serves as a Court Counsellor at South Dakota Boys State. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Chief Justices, and serves on several of its committees, currently chairing its Resolutions Committee. He is liaison between the Conference of Chief Justices and the national Council of State Governments and serves on the CSG Executive Committee. In 1998 he was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute and presently serves as chair of that organization. He and his wife Shirlee are the parents of five children.





### **Three Illustrious South Dakota Figures - All WHS Graduates.**

**Chief Justice Robert A. Miller '57**, swearing in **Governor George S. Mickelson '59**, (deceased) at his second Inaugural, with his wife, South Dakota's First Lady, **Linda McCahren Mickelson '59** holding the swearing in bible.



# Patrons

## Sharon Johnson Frank '54 & Bill Frank '52



Bill Frank '52  
WHS Senior Photo



Sharon Johnson '54 Frank  
WHS Senior Photo



Bud Olson '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



9/8/2020

Dear Jack,

First of all I want to tell you how much Bill and I appreciate all you do for us! More and more we appreciate friends and especially our long term friendships.

Just the other day as we were preparing to move into a senior apt., as I was going through old boxes of card etc., I ran across a card (Christina) from Bud & June with such a nice note. Also, I was admiring how artistic & talented Bud was.

Only a few days later we received your message about the death of our old friend.

Please accept this small gift in memory of Bud & in thank for you. →



# Patron

## Mary Larson Montoya '59



I have spent much of the last 20 years in prison at the SD State Penitentiary. I volunteer there for the Native American inmates.

My educational background is a BS from Creighton University in Omaha and an MBA from the U of South Dakota. I also took classes at Augie and the University of Sioux Falls and became the 4<sup>th</sup> female CPA in South Dakota. I was one of the founding members of KMWF & Associates, a CPA firm. Our

classmate George Mickelson appointed me to the SD Board of Accountancy while he was governor. I've also been involved with a number of volunteer groups and professional organizations over the years.

I still remember moving to Sioux Falls from Platte, SD, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1950. I was 8 years old and was very happy when my dad stopped to buy fireworks. I've lived here ever since except for college years in Omaha and 2 years at Mtn. Home AFB, Idaho. Sioux Falls has seen many changes since 1950! Where I live now used to be pastureland for the Lakeside Dairy on S. Minnesota Ave.

I've been married to Leonard Johnson for 36 years, have 2 children from my first marriage, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

My Facebook name is Mary Larson Montoya. I would enjoy hearing from my classmates!

**Mary Larson Montoya '59**



# Patron

## Wally Boersma '54

Dear Jack,



**Wally Boersma '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

I just came in from giving the chicken house a coat of primer inside and out. That was a two day job since I only work three hours a day. The afternoons are hot and I don't want to miss my after lunch nap. Last night I added up the amount invested to date. I will have to live to be 113 in order to recover the cost. I file a Schedule F and this will add to my net loss.

Your last O&B with the article on Coach Burns was an eye opener. We forget how special the people are we have known. He was an amazing person and an amazing coach. The whole school benefited from his talent. The obituaries constantly amaze me with just how special our classmates are. It was coach Burns and the other special teachers we had that gave us the resulting education and life time success. I remember Joy Hamrin, Fay Frick, Homer Thurston, and Ellen Skaff to name a few. If it had not been for Ben Rossow I am not sure where I would be today.

My son and his family just took a trip to the Black Hills and Mt Rushmore. At my request, they stopped by Sioux Falls and toured the high school. They were impressed with the city and were amazed with the high school. It is not only an edifice, but it is worthy to brag about. And I do.

I think Ford was president the last time I wrote a check, put it in an envelope and mailed it at the post office. Hope it still works.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wally".



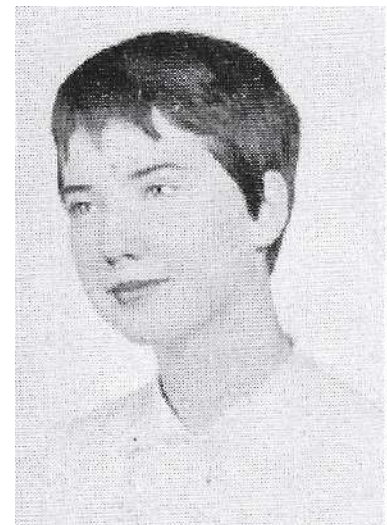
# Patrons

## Gary Conradi '57 & Kathy Rea Conradi '58

August 4, 2020



**Gary Conradi '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Kathy Rea Conradi '58**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Jack,

In appreciation and support of your dedication and efforts in continuing the "Orange and Black," for which we are so appreciative, accept this contribution with our thank you.

As freshmen at W.H.S. in 1953, we thought we needed our own newspaper. Here is our initial issue of the "Black and Blue."

I graduated in 1957 and my wife, Kathy Rea, in 1958. It wasn't until 1962 that we were married at Fort Holabird in Baltimore, Maryland, when I was in the Army and expecting to go to Vietnam. We celebrated our 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last February.

In 1961 I graduated from U.S.D. Kathy attended Mt. Marty College for two years. Later Kathy returned to college and this time went to U.S.D. where she received a degree in Anthropology in 1999. As a U.S.D. Foundation member, it usually raised some eyebrows when I was listed as a 1961 graduate and my wife was a 1999 graduate.

My career was basically at Raven Industries in Sioux Falls. I retired after 35 years as the Chief Administrative Officer. Kathy was a stay-at-home mom raising our four children and supporting my various activities.

In 2011, I was inducted into the SD Hall of Fame joining two other W.H.S. 1957 graduates, Dr. Frank Alvine and Peter Hegg.

In 2018, I was awarded the SD Governor's Individual Award for my contribution to SD History by the SD State Historical Society.

*Gary J. Conradi*  
*Kathy Conradi*



**Peter Hegg '57, Gary Conradi '57 and Dr. Frank Alvine '57,  
2011 inductees into the South Dakota Hall of Fame.**



**Gary Conradi '57 &  
Kathy Rea '58 Conradi**

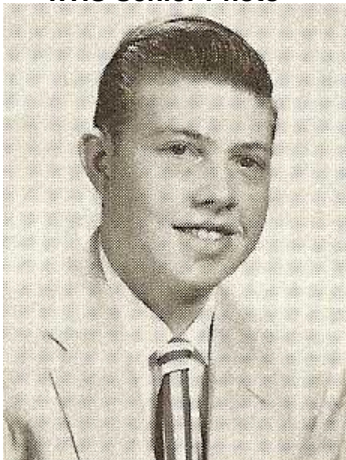


# Patrons

**Mavis Larson Carl '55, Ron Carl '54,  
Shirley Larson Wermers '54, Dale Larson  
'58, Lyle Larson '61, & Mary Lou Jewett '55**



**Mavis Larson Carl '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Ron Carl '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**

Hi Jack,

Enclosed is my contribution for the newsletter you have faithfully sent out all of these years.

This is a check in the names of my family. Shirley Larson Wermers- 1954, deceased, Dale Larson- 1958, Lyle Larson-1961, Ron Carl-1954,deceased and Mavis Larson Carl-1955.And my dear friend, Mary Lou Jewett 1955

I have spent most of my life in Sioux Falls and worked at Norwest Bank for 40 years. My sister Shirley spent all of her married life in the Chicago area running their sporting goods store and raising her family. My brother Dale settled at Lake Poinsett after taking the job as Superintendent of Hamlin County Schools and now fishes every day. Lyle worked for the State of SD in their disability division and has always lived in Sioux Falls. My husband, Ron Carl worked for Northwestern Bell until he died in 1980.

I am hoping the class of 55 can have a belated 65 reunion.

Thanks again Jack for everything you do and take care and stay safe.

Mavis Larson Carl



**Shirley Larson Wermers '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**



**Dale Larson '58  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Lyle Larson '61  
WHS Junior Photo**



**Mary Lou Jewett '55  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**

# Patron

## Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54



Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54  
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack,  
I thank you for the amazing gift of connection that you have given the 1950's graduates of WHS.  
I can't imagine anyone, but you taking on such a project that demands dedication and lots of fortitude!  
I have been blessed to have spent time in Arizona with many of the classmates of 1954. It had been great to age together.  
May this help to defray some of the cost of your giving project - the "Orange & Black".  
My love to your Debra.  
Lorraine Fremming Forslin

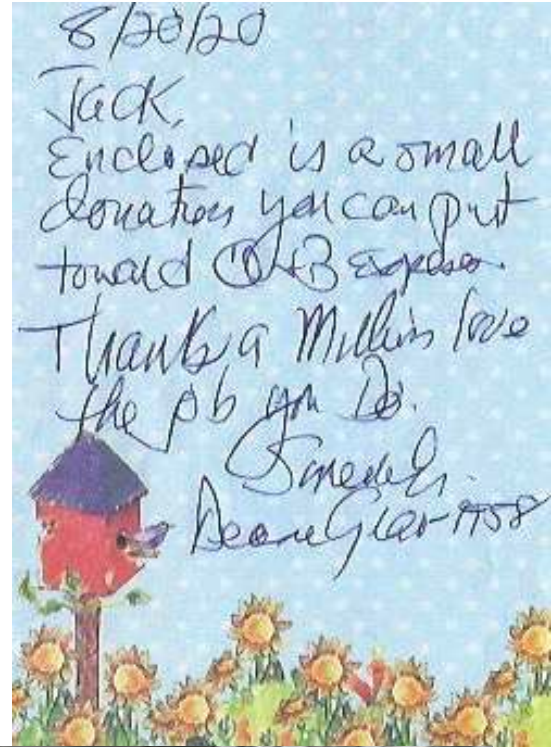


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## Deane Grav '58

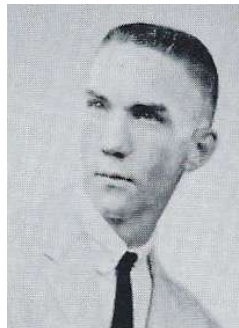


Deane Grav ;58  
WHS Senior Photo



50th Reunion - Class of '58

Gerald Knorr, Chuck Fritz, Deane Grav, Curt Robinson, Mark McDermott deceased





# Patron

## Romain Oliver Nelson '53



**Romain Nelsen '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Aug 3, 2020, **Romain Nelseng '53**

<nelsen.romain@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you again, Jack. Here, tardy as so often is my reply to your request for data. Although when we spoke, you mentioned that you now had me, with thanks to your lovely lady with the cheery smile in her voice, Deborah, I think if I've nto gotten it misplaced already in my creaking memoriy files. So, I am:

Romain Oliver Nelsen

Class of 1953

1745 Colorado Lane

Spouse: Pamela Mariea Anthony

NB: neither she nor I changed our names when we wed. Pamela is not of Sioux Falls.

Davis, CA 95616-6661

530 753 4041

Grade schools:

Whittier for 8th grade

Hawthorne for 4th through 7th

Bancroft beginning, transferring from across the river and through the woods to Beloit, IA

This picture is from 2015, a candid at an event at the University of California, Davis, where I served as a volunteer in various roles from 2005 through 2015, when the speed-bumps got bigger and closer together. I'll try for a narrative that pulls me together in a narrative proclaiming my great good luck, that notwithstanding a lifetime of ill-advised or just stupidity.

**Thanks Romain for all of  
your contact info. You  
don't know how much  
time it saves me later.  
Jack**



# Patron

## Gary Robertson '58

**Best Wishes & Congratulations  
To Rosemary & Gary!!!**  
Rosemary, welcome to the wonderful world of WHS!



**Gary Robertson '58**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Jack

I wanted to say thank you for your years of tireless service to the O & B Community. So well done and so instrumental in keeping us all informed of our friends and acquaintances as we travel through life. Or out.

I enjoyed our conversation about a week ago and wanted to follow up with a short story. I will also be sending a small contribution to the O & B but just as important I am adding \$2.50. This is to compensate you for 1/2 tank of gas (1954 prices) that was consumed while driving myself and a fellow DeVault Hi-Y member around in your trunk! The lessons learned during that educational trip were priceless and please thank your friend who accompanied you up front. She was delightful.

I wanted to share a bit of personal history as I got married a couple of weeks ago. Isn't that what most 80 year old widowers do? I am enclosing a picture of my bride Rosemary and me. How we met is a bit interesting. I was married to my wife Kathy for 53 wonderful years. She unfortunately passed in 2017. She had the same hairdresser for many years and during her declining health the gentleman would come to our house to do her hair. It was through this process that I was able to meet him and we became friends. About 6 months after her passing Danny (the hairdresser) called me and said he had a client that had a lot in common with me that I should meet. I said it was too early and I wasn't ready but thank you anyway. About 6 weeks later he called again and said I should really meet this lady and at least have a coffee. I decided to get him off my back and agreed. 3+ years later we just got married! She was married for 53 years as well when her husband passed. We now have 5 children and 14 grandchildren between us. Everybody is happy and I am



**Rosemary & Gary Robertson**

Thanks Gary for letting us all know of your recent nuptials. On behalf of all of your many, many wonderful WHS friends I extend our sincere congratulation to you and our very best wishes to Rosemary! May you bring each other great happiness and fulfillment in your future life together!

Please allow me to explain Gary's reference to me driving my "**Friendly Indian Hi-Y Basketball Team**" around. The story is that I was their Friendly Indian Basketball Coach and I would usually give a lot of the team members rides home after practice at the "Y". On the night Gary is referring to I had Gary & about 5 other of these darling little 12 & 13 year olds loaded in my car to take home. Well on this particular evening I had a brand new girlfriend that I had just started dating and coincidentally had to drive right by her house to take the boys home. I thought it would be nice to just stop and say hello, so I stopped my car about a block away from her home and put all of the boys in the trunk of my car with explicit instructions to "**NOT MAKE A SOUND!**"

Fortunately for me she was home and came out to my car. We were sitting in the front seat "smooching" a little when my 6 little darlings in the trunk started giggling. Obviously I then had a great deal of explaining to do to my new girlfriend as to why I had 6 little boys in the trunk of my car. Oh how I loved those little "darlings. Grrrr!". **Jack Phillips '54**

**p.s. To Rosemary;** Rosemary, I guess its a little late now, but for what it is worth, Gary was really a great "**Friendly Indian**"!!! Jack



# Letters to the & B

Trying to get caught up. Thanks for you patience! Jack



Hal Erickson '54  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 2, 2020, **Hal Erickson '54**  
<halerickson5@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack thought you might  
recognize that cute HS gal with  
my Jan.



Janice Johnson '54  
WHS Senior Photo



Kay Otten '54  
WHS Senior Photo



Janice Johnson '54 & Kay Otten



1950 Mark Twain Class.- Future WHS 1954 Class.  
Courtesy Richard Norbraten







**Dale Peterson '56**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 6, 2020, Dale Peterson '56 <dale1228@nwi.net>  
Good morning Jack,

Your carefully selected music arrived and autograph  
noted and appreciated. Your classic country was  
superb. They all brought back warm memories from  
the past. Thank you so very much.

Dale



**Camille Larson '61 Peterson**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Loren Little '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 7, 2020, at 3:31 PM, tpts1@aol.com wrote:

Very much appreciated the contribution by Jim Carlson @dedication of the  
H.W. M. F. - (Howard Wood Memorial Field) See full story in O&B Issue  
#14-20 published July 31, 2020.

Could not remember that happening - then the old scrapbook told me why:  
we lost the game !

Pic attached

**Loren Little '59**



**Jim Carlson '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



## Little Goes a Long Way

Loren Little, Washington High defensive  
back, goes a long way but overhauls Gary  
Creighton Prep fullback, and belts

him out of bounds on Warrior 30. Little pre-  
vented a touchdown on this one but the  
Omahans won 13-6.



Sorry but I don't know who or when someone sent this photo of 4 beautiful ladies from the class of '54 to me but it is sure worth passing on.

I. to r. Connie Hammitt Zimmerman, Karen Gurley Brown, Lorraine Fremming Forslin and Helen Eggers Olson deceased.



**Jeanette Aurit Johnson '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 14, 2020, **jeanette johnson '54** <jjavers@gmail.com> wrote:

I took care of **Mary Lou Jewett '55** deceased, when she was three years old . I was about ten at the time. I stayed at the house for many days while her parents worked or out of town. She had a boxer dog that was in a large pen; we could not go by him because he was a biter. I have many memories about Mary Lou. She was three when she fell into my father's saw, Took her to hospital and had stitches, my



**Mary Lou Jewett '55**  
WHS Senior Photo

father was so distraught that he couldn't use the saw for ever after that. We got up every morning at 6 to practice the piano. She became part of our family. Can't believe I have outlived her, Thanks **Jeanette Aurit Johnson '54**



**Myron Wachendorf '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

**Myron Wachendorf '59** <myronwach@gmail.com> wrote:

HOW MANY OF MY FACEBOOK FRIENDS HAD A CUSHMAN SCOOTER WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG? This picture of me would've been taken in about 1955. My best friend Chuck Molter also had one. Things were sure different back in those days. We would strap or shotguns on the back and head out west of Sioux Falls to Grass Lake in the fall to hunt ducks and geese in the morning and pheasants in the afternoon. Can you imagine what would happen nowadays with 2 15 year old



kids driving down West 12 street on scooters with shotguns on the back?

It wasn't long and I graduated to a Harley Davison 175 and I believe Chuck bought a Triumph cycle. After that it was a used 1947 Chevy and then one of my favorites, a 1949 Ford with gray primer. By now we were freshman in high school. We could drive around all night on \$.50 worth of gas. It's nice when you get old to have great memories like this.





**Roger Langdon '55**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Sep 8, 2020, **Roger Langdon '55** <RSLAN01@aol.com> wrote:

Hope your health sees some Sunshine soon, as a former editor of the Avalon Neighborhood Addn in Ft Wayne ,In and the Kailua ,Ha Jaycee News letter, I know it's a lot of work sometimes, but satisfying.

I enlisted in the USAF after graduation from WHS (class of 55). Went to Basic TRNG at Parks AB near San Francisco and thence to Biloxi,Ms (Keesler AFB) for Air Trfc Ctlr training and on to Kadena,AB , Okinawa for my first controller assignment leaving my new Bride , Willeen McDerrmot ,WHS 55, to attend Nettleton Business School.

When I rotated after an 18 month tour, we reported to Walker ,AFB in Roswell, N Mex to the Radar APCH Facility. I completed my 4 year Military career on Oct 11 1959 and returned to Sioux Falls,. Our first daughter was born at Sioux Valley Hospital on Oct 22,1959. I had returned to John Morrell & Co the week prior.

I used my Military experience to gain employment with the Federal Aviation Agency , with my first assignment being the Control Tower at Sioux Falls, S Dakota in April of 1960.

My 32 year career sent me on to Ft Wayne, IN, ,Honolulu ,Ha.. Oklahoma City, Ok (as an Instructor and obtained my Pilot license) ,Akron/Canton, Oh( as a Control Tower Supervisor), Chicago ,Il (as a Regional Office Staff Specialist),thence to Toledo,Oh as a Tower supervisor, thence to Minneapolis Tower and finally to Lansing,Mi Tower ,from where I retired in in May of 1991..... Now ,, 34 years of retirement

I Divorced and re married in 1984, Marlene Sue, we relocated to New Smyrna Beach ,Fl in 2009.

I have 2 daughters , 2 steps sons and 1 former wife living in the imediate area..... I son remains in Toledo,Oh,1 Step daughter in Clare ,Mi  
7 grandchildren - 3 great grand children

Regards

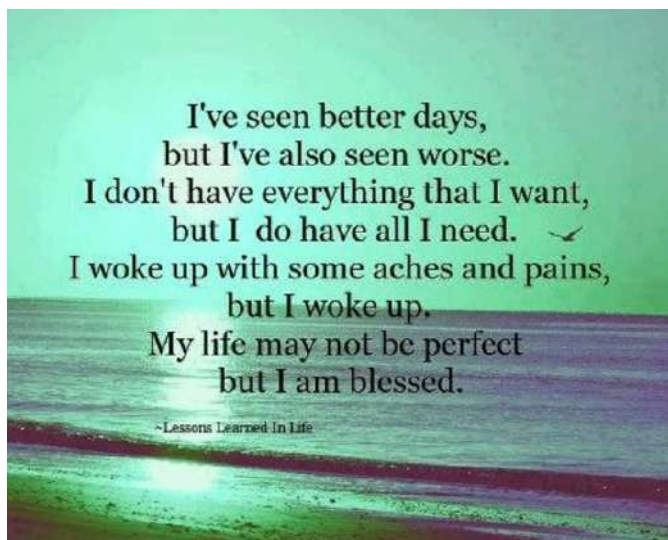
**Roger Langdon**  
**WHS Class of 1955**



**Bonnie Omer Larson '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Aug 8, 2020, **Bonnie Omer Larson '54** <boncharlie@live.com> wrote:

These were sent to me. I enjoyed them so much and wanted to share.



*Thanks Bonnie, from all of us.*  
*Jack*